

\$98 Million in Building Logged

While 10 of 14 counties from Fresno to San Diego fell behind 1966 figures, building activity increased by almost \$17½ million in the Torrance-South Bay area.

Figures released today by the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce Statistical Department showed 11 South Bay cities registered a total of \$98,043,483 in new construction. During the same 12-month period the valuation of building permits in all 14 counties of central and southern California dropped more than \$38 million and Los Angeles County decreased \$7.7 million.

The largest increase among area cities was registered by Manhattan Beach and El Segundo—with increases of almost \$13 million and \$10 million respectively. The other two leading cities, Torrance and Redondo Beach recorded slight losses from 1966. The four communities accounted for \$80,096,752 of the recorded \$98 million.

THE ONLY appreciable drop was a \$5 million decrease in Gardena. Lomita, Rolling Hills Estates, and Hermosa Beach recorded gains, while Palos Verdes Peninsula, Lawndale, and Rolling Hills were slightly behind 1966 results.

December was a banner month with more than \$6 million in building permits—an increase of \$2.4 million over December, 1966, figures.

In Southland building activity, only Fresno, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, and Tulare counties showed an increase. Chamber President James B. Wood pointed out that Fresno County was almost \$20 million behind Torrance-South Bay figures for 1967; San Luis Obispo County was \$73 million behind and Tulare County was \$67 million back.

COUNTIES behind their 1966 figures included Los Angeles, Orange, Imperial; Inyo, Kern, Kings, Riverside, San Bernardino Santa Barbara and Ventura. Of these 10—only Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino led Torrance-South Bay area, wood said.

Following are building permits and construction figures for 11 South Bay cities for December 1966 or 1967 and for 12 months:

RANK CITY	DEC. '67	DEC. '66	TOTAL '67	TOTAL '66
1. Torrance	\$ 1,728,815	\$ 1,286,558	\$ 26,877,178	\$ 29,851,480
2. El Segundo	2,091,700	229,988	15,852,861	8,907,758
3. Manhattan Beach	596,124	180,083	17,058,497	4,119,294
4. Redondo Beach	999,283	193,487	15,838,218	16,791,546
5. Palos Verdes Estates	217,279	618,475	4,152,254	4,594,557
6. Lomita	204,668	5,980	3,937,383	1,495,577
7. Gardena	79,634	51,647	3,083,548	8,971,781
8. Rolling Hills Estates	831,570	3,465	2,898,917	2,272,178
9. Hermosa Beach	120,882	6,510	2,344,820	1,502,362
10. Lawndale	80,200	57,350	1,198,525	1,373,653
11. Rolling Hills	20,852	70,500	949,778	875,580
	\$ 8,189,288	\$ 2,832,820	\$ 98,043,483	\$ 80,096,752

Manufacturer's Council Will Meet Next Tuesday

The Torrance Manufacturer's Council will meet Tuesday to discuss future objectives of the group, it was announced by chairman Nelson Rucker.

The council, which is comprised of interested manufacturing firms in the Torrance area, will consider a number of objectives which are important to the over-all interests of manufacturers and the community.

Among the items to be considered are how the council may work:
• To promote and coordinate the common interests of Torrance area manufacturers.
• To provide a clearing house for the exchange of ideas, practices and procedures of value to manufacturing firms.

• To provide a medium for coordinated effort in solving mutual problems of area manufacturers.

• To acquaint members with services and equipment available from other Torrance area manufacturers.
• To provide the opportunity for manufacturers to meet and know each other.

In the past, activities of common interest have been coordinated between the council and the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. Representatives of interested firms are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held at noon at the Indian Village Restaurant, 4020 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Birch Leader To Speak Here
Rex Westerfield, western director of public relations for the John Birch Society, will address a public audience Tuesday at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Pacific Coast Highway and Avenue D, Redondo Beach.

State Pays Street Tax To County
Capitol News Service
SACRAMENTO—State Controller Houston I. Flournoy reported today that Los Angeles County's share of highway users taxes distributed in December was \$3,849,759. In addition, Torrance received \$91,991.

Statewide, the distribution totaled \$49,052,362, Flournoy said. This included \$26,887,397 for the state highway fund for expenditure on state highways; \$12,711,448 directed to the counties and \$9,453,517 to the cities.
The total available for distribution was delivered as follows: gasoline tax, \$45,768,364; diesel fuel tax, \$1,789,567; by transfer from the Motor Vehicle Transportation Tax Fund, \$1,493,710; and the balance from miscellaneous sources.



FOR SERVICE . . . Members of the medical staff at Riviera Community Hospital have presented a 15-inch color television set to Earl Alderson (at right) of Torrance, who has served on the hospital's Board of Directors for the past five years. Making the presentation are Dr. D. W. VandenBrink and Dr. G. Kenneth Wood A pharmacist, Alderson has owned his own pharmacy in Torrance since 1946. He is a past president of the South Bay Pharmaceutical Association and presently is active in the USC School of Pharmacy educational programs. (Press-Herald Photo)

Obituaries

Addie Martin

Funeral services for Addie Green Martin, of Rolling Hills, will be conducted in Coleman County, Tex., with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of local arrangements. Mrs. Martin, who died Monday, was born July 9, 1880, in Tennessee and had lived in this area for about three years. She is survived by a son, L. G. Martin of Rolling Hills.

Rico Dec. 10, 1904. She died Wednesday.

Surviving are a daughter, Marie Mendez of Wilmington; a son, Manuel Anthony Torres of Van Nuys; two sisters, Antonia Garcia and Jovina Negron, both of New York; and four grandchildren. Burial was in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Leonard, both of Torrance; a daughter, Lori of Torrance; her mother, Emma of Detroit; and a brother, Henry Hertz of Detroit.

Burial will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

Paula Torres

Funeral services for Paula Torres, 9314 S. Budlong Ave., Los Angeles, were conducted Friday at the Faith Tabernacle Church by the Rev. Robert Harms. Stone and Myers Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Torres, a resident of the Southwest area for 16 years, was born in Puerto Rico Dec. 10, 1904. She died Wednesday.

Gladys Oldwin

Funeral services for Mrs. Gladys D. Oldwin, 20912 Avis Ave., will be conducted at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. E. W. Dierker, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, officiating. Mrs. Oldwin, a native of Detroit, Mich., was born Dec. 16, 1922, and died Friday. She is survived by her husband, Leonard, of the home; three sons, Rodney of the U.S. Navy, and Kenneth and

Edyth Lee

Funeral services for Edyth Morphet Lee, of 23608 Oakrest St., Harbor City, will be held in Lincoln, Neb., with Halverson-Leavell Mortuary in charge of local arrangements. Mrs. Lee, a native of Nebraska, died Tuesday. She was born Aug. 27, 1878, and had lived in Harbor City for the past 10 years. Surviving Mrs. Lee are four daughters, Violet Phillips of Harbor City, Bernice Cunningham of Woodland Hills, Calif., Evelyn Letson in Nebraska, and Donna Bierman in Virginia; and seven grandchildren.

Nurse Is Implicated In Theft

A male nurse suspected of taking \$785 worth of stock certificates from an elderly Torrance invalid is currently being sought by police.

The victim, William Russell Leddy, 67, of 2550 Pacific Coast Hwy., noticed the loss last October when he turned

over his important papers to his son. The male nurse had been employed at Leddy's trailer park home at the time. Wednesday, the suspect dropped in at the Leddy's

mobilehome just to "check up on old friends." He asked Mrs. Leddy where the couple banked and how their money was holding out.

Thirty minutes later, the Leddys received a call from their bank, informing them that the suspect was there trying to cash the certificates. The suspect left before action could be taken.

Forum

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Safety Council; Officer Ted Bradley, California Highway Patrol; Dean Spence, Automobile Club of Southern California; and Sgt. Tom Woodridge, Torrance Police Department.

Faculty advisors are: Miss Mary Montgomery, North High School; Marilyn Muse, South High School; James Lackner, Torrance High School; Mrs. Kay Denney, West High School; and Jim Arnaiz, Bishop Montgomery School.

Parade

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The annual Armed Forces Day celebration is scheduled here May 17 and 18 and will include a giant fireworks show and the traditional parade. George S. Wing, chairman of the board and president of Hi-Shear Corp., is general chairman.

EXPENSES RISE

Although 1968 gross farm income is expected to exceed 1967, farm production expenses will continue to rise and may be largely offsetting.

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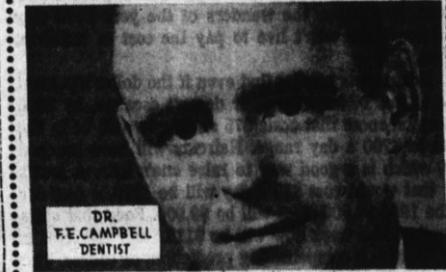
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Adjusting to Dentures Key to Problem, says Dr. Campbell

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"Just as some people hesitate to see a doctor for fear they'll find something wrong with them, so denture wearers often hesitate to see a dentist when they need changes in their dentures", Dr. Campbell said. "Your facial contour may change as a result of shrunken gums. Your ability to chew will change. You can guard against premature appearance of old age by having new dentures when you first need them."

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