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SIGNING PLEDGE . . . Leo M. Harvey (seated), chairman of the board of Harvey Aluminum Co., Inc., signs a pledge for a \$100,000 contribution to the Torrance Memorial Hospital building fund. Watching as the veteran industrialist signs the pledge are Mrs. Boris Woolley, president of the hospital board, and John Nursall, M.D., a former chief of staff at the hospital. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new hospital are slated next Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at 3330 W. Lomita Blvd. (Press-Herald Photo)

From Harvey Aluminum

Torrance Hospital Gets \$100,000 Gift

An \$100,000 pledge to the Torrance Memorial Hospital building fund from the Harvey Aluminum Co., Inc., was announced here yesterday.

Mrs. Boris Woolley, president of the hospital board, said notification of the gift was received from Leo M. Harvey, chairman of the board of the aluminum firm.

Harvey, a member of the Torrance Memorial Hospital board, is heading up the hospital's Special Gifts Committee.

num-producing firm in 1914 and is the holder of more than 100 patents on special machinery, metalworking equipment, and metal processing.

Harvey is a member of the Foreign Trade Advisory Committee, as well as numerous business, technical, and social service groups.

THE NEW Torrance Memorial Hospital, a nine-story

complex, is the result of a merger between Torrance Memorial and Riviera Community hospitals. A \$3.2 million state-federal grant to finance the complex has been awarded to the hospital. The remainder will be financed through a fund drive and private loans.

Kemp Brothers of Whittier will construct the facility under a \$6.4 million construction contract signed last week.

GROUND-BREAKING ceremonies for the \$8 million, 250-bed hospital are to be held at 1:30 p.m. next Tuesday. The site is located at 3330 W. Lomita Blvd., about a half-mile east of Hawthorne Boulevard.

Harvey, in announcing the company's \$100,000 pledge, said he hopes the gift will set a precedent for other industrial firms to follow.

"Those of us who head up industrial firms here know the importance of supporting our local community services," the veteran industrialist said. "Torrance Memorial Hospital has long been a leader in the hospital field. Many of our employees use their services. We are happy to take an active part in this community project with personal involvement, as well as financial support."

HARVEY, founder and chairman of the board of Harvey Aluminum Co., Inc., was named to the hospital board in June, 1967.

He organized the alumi-

Planners Get Go-Ahead For City Master Plan

72 New Faculty Positions Given Board Approval

The hiring of 72 additional certified employees for the 1968-69 school year was approved by the Torrance Unified District Board of Education Monday night.

The additional staff will be used to improve the educa-

tional program and to handle an estimated increase in enrollment of 400 students.

The preliminary budget for instruction of \$18,778,718 will finance the additional teachers.

New Policy For Naming Aides Set

Political overtones of the City Council's commission appointment system were abolished Tuesday night when councilmen met to institute reforms in the controversial selection method.

Commission members will now be selected in personnel sessions attended by all seven councilmen. The first applicant to receive a majority vote of those present will be appointed.

The new policy stipulates that the mayor shall appoint the commissioner, as a formality, with the approval of the City Council.

THIS SYSTEM abolishes the former method of giving each councilman absolute authority to appoint one man to each of the city's commissions.

Under the new system, (See AIDES, Page A-2)

The board approved the addition of one counselor for Shery High School, but a request for a vice principal was turned down.

SHERY HIGH Principal Howard Schoen will have two counselors on his staff. A proposal to use one of the counselors as a vice principal was rejected, 3-2, along with the proposal to hire a fourth person to serve as a vice principal or counselor.

Schoen defended his request for additional personnel by exposing the excessive counselling required for the continuation school students.

Shery High has grown from 70 to 250 students and 300 is the anticipated enrollment next year.

Ten non-instructional employees are among the 72 people to be hired.

Among the 62 teachers are 13 instructors in the seventh and eighth grade departmentalized program. Their assignments are: physical education (4); reading (2); math (2); social science (2); and fine arts (1).

After a lengthy discussion, the board approved the 13 teachers by a 4-1 vote.



GEORGE M. EBERT
Chamber President

Ebert To Head Chamber

George M. Ebert, a management consultant, was installed Friday night as president of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. Ebert succeeds Larry Bowman, an attorney, in the post.

Installation ceremonies were held at the Proud Bird Restaurant.

Six new vice presidents were installed. They include James P. Becker of the Southern California Gas Co., area coordination; Dan E. Butcher, a contractor, civic affairs; and Alan D. Smith of the Smith Brothers Indian Village, community development.

Other vice presidents in-

General Plan May Be Ready In 12 Months

City Councilmen have decided to shift into high gear in regard to the development of a general plan for the City of Torrance.

At Tuesday night's regular session, the seven lawmakers voted acceptance of the master plan idea and gave Planning Director Charles Shartle free reign in assigning two of his top assistants to the project.

The vote concurred with strongly-worded recommendations from both the city's Planning Commission and the Citizens Advisory Committee.

FOR YEARS, city planning officials have been hacking away at a general plan, but the project has always been considered a low-priority item until now. Shartle said he believes his two assistants can complete preliminary plans within 12 months, if they are free from other assignments.

The planning director explained that isolated general planning attempts to date were nothing more than land-use charts. (Plans have been made for South Torrance Oil Fields, the Marble Estates, Victor Precinct and other individual areas).

However, these land-use surveys don't necessarily reflect the long-range goals and general ideals of the people, Shartle said. A master plan, in the classic sense, must deal with ultimate population and its distribution. Such a plan would chart the percentage of multiple dwellings and

single-family residences, high- and low-priced housing, for example.

IDEALS concerning open space and recreational facilities, the balance between commercial and residential areas, city landscaping, schools, flood control, and sewer systems are a few of the many areas that would be reflected in a general plan.

Planning Commissioner George Brewster told councilmen that the establishment of definite, long-term community goals should be the first step in the formation of the plan.

Councilman Orin Johnson underlined the need for the master plan and agreed that ways should be found to obtain the views of the man-in-the-street in determining these goals.

COUNCILMEN also expressed pleasure with the idea of having general plans drawn up within the city by present city employees, avoiding the necessity of hiring additional staff. Councilman Jay Beasley noted that some cities have laid out huge sums to have general plans prepared, only to file the plans and forget about them.

Mayor Albet Isen injected that work already completed toward the plan is commendable and should not be underestimated. He also stated that he can't think of a single community condition that is the

Madrona Avenue Extension Approved

By NATALIE HALL
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City Councilmen have moved one step closer to making Madrona Avenue the city's second major north-south arterial, in order to relieve traffic on Hawthorne Boulevard.

At Monday night's special meeting, councilmen voted unanimously to extend Madrona Avenue north from Lomita Boulevard to a point just short of 229th Place.

However, councilmen postponed the possibility of extending Madrona even further north to Sepulveda Boulevard, where it would link up with another segment of Madrona.

In order to make the newly-approved stretch of Madrona useful as an arterial, the City Council also voted to extend 235th Street west of its present terminus at Maple Avenue. When the new streets are completed, traffic will flow north on Madrona, turn

right onto 235th Street at the new junction, and then continue north again on Maple.

In another amendment to the city's master plan for streets and highways, councilmen voted unanimously to extend Garnier Street northward from its present terminus at Lomita Boulevard to 235th Street.

Garnier Street, located to the east of the Maple-Madrona arterial, will also help relieve north-south traffic congestion, councilmen believe.

The council requested the city engineering department to prepare an economic feasibility report for the Garnier extension.

Councilmen prefer a plan which would extend Garnier along the boundary between the Edison Co. property on the east and the Dan Butcher property on the west, taking half the land needed for the

84-foot street from each owner.

However, there is some question as to whether or not the Edison land will be available for the purpose. Councilman Jay Beasley stated that Edison has refused to give an inch for Garnier Street and that the company may have priority. The city must prove that the street is a more important public use in order to claim the land.

Garnier Street would also nip off portions of property owned by Ray Watt developers (at the corner of 235th Street) and R. G. Harris (at the Lomita Boulevard intersection).

Harris objected to the proposed route because it would cut through his property at an odd angle and leave a small triangular parcel on the east side of the street. It would be hard to find a use for this valuable parcel, Harris said.

City Engineer Walter Nollac said it was necessary to cut through at an odd angle to make Garnier Street match up with the existing segment that runs south of Skypark Drive.

Planning Director Charles Shartle added that thoroughfares leading to the area between Lomita Boulevard and Skypark Drive were absolutely essential in future years because of vast development predicted for the area.

Shartle said that the proposed Torrance Memorial Hospital and industrial plants in that vicinity will soon bring thousands of cars daily.

Councilmen noted that no funds have yet been put aside for the street extensions voted at Monday's meeting and that actual construction is probably several years in the future.

Madrona has long been considered the most likely major

Wilmington Marine Killed . . .

A Wilmington Marine was listed yesterday by the Department of Defense as killed in action in Vietnam. Pentagon spokesmen identified the Marine as Lance Cpl. Jesus G. Escobar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benito O. Escobar of 1617 E. Colon St. He was one of six Southland servicemen listed Tuesday as killed in action.

O'Brien's Mother Guilty . . .

Mrs. Bettye Lee O'Brien, mother of condemned murderer Jerry Lee O'Brien, has been placed on three years probation following her conviction on a charge that she harbored her fugitive son from the time of his escape from a state prison farm until he shot and killed a Torrance police officer. Mrs. O'Brien was found guilty of the charge by Superior Court Judge Newell Barrett. She was acquitted of a charge of aiding her son's escape. O'Brien, 34, is under a death sentence for the murder of Police Officer David N. Selbert, who was shot during a market robbery Aug. 10, 1967.

Trash Crews Get Holiday . . .

Trash collections in Torrance will be advanced one day this week to give collection crews a Fourth of July holiday Thursday. Trash ordinarily collected Thursday will be picked up Friday, while Friday's collection has been put off until Saturday. Banks and most commercial firms will be closed, as will the Press-Herald offices.