

NEW FIRE, POLICE STATIONS TO COST LESS THAN FIVE CENTS PER MONTH, PER HOME

It will cost the average home owner less than the price of a package of chewing gum a month to pay for the new Torrance fire station and for renovation of the old permanently condemned central station into police and city court headquarters.

And the site for the new North Torrance fire station will be thrown in for good measure.

This was revealed during the past week as the \$185,000 bond issue coming before the voters on March 18 was analyzed by tax-studying groups.

The cost to the average renter here, who has a voice on the bond issue but pays nothing toward retirement of the bonds, while enjoying the protection of the fire and police departments, will be nil.

In breaking down the cost of the new central fire station and renovation of the abandoned building into police and court quarters, tax experts offered the following figures for the consideration of the man who has the final voice in the matter, the voter.

Torrance has an assessed valuation of \$30,000,000. It has a bonded indebtedness of less than \$30,000, approximately one percent.

Approximately 85 percent of the taxes of Torrance are paid by industry, and industry has endorsed the bond issue for its share of the cost.

The remaining 15 percent is split among the residential property owners of the city, and when broken down to a point of interest and retirement of the bonds, the cost is only 54 cents per home per year.

Since all this is taxed only to the owners of real property, the man with a wife and family or the individual who rents and owns no property, but at the same time has a vote on the question of the approval or rejection of the bond issue gets all the fire and police protection involved in the bond issue at absolutely no cost.

Speaking of this fact, Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. declared that the cost of the fire and police protection offered in the bond issue is of such little consequence to the average voter that the bonds should be approved by a 100 percent vote.

"There should be no opposition to this bond issue," Mayor Sherfy said.

"We all realize the value of adequate fire and police protection, and there is not a man nor woman in Torrance who would not spend many times the amount of the cost of this bond issue to protect his own from the ravages of fire or crime.

"It seems to me, as mayor of the city and as an owner of substantial property here, that the building of this fire station and the renovation of the condemned station into police and court headquarters is of such great importance to the health and safety of every man, woman and child in the community that no voter would risk raising his voice against the \$185,000 bond issue. The cost is trivial, and it will be saved many times over in lower insurance and more adequate

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Chamber Annual Dinner Program Stage Is Set

The stage is set for the Annual Chamber of Commerce dinner, Monday evening March 24 in the Civic auditorium, at which time business and industry of Torrance will have an opportunity to welcome and get acquainted with the many new industries and their executives who have selected Torrance as their future home.

With a motive of "Salute to Industry," the affair is a fitting and timely event, according to President Reed H. Parkin.

The American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will start construction of their new \$2,600,000 plant soon. Dates Expanded Steel Co. of Chicago, Ill., have plans in the making. The American Rook Wool Corporation is already expanding and the Anderson-Carlson Co. are now manufacturing electrical products. These and others are helping to make Torrance the outstanding industrial community of Southern California.

Some of the above firms are already making local purchases and have indicated that they will spend more money in Torrance as soon as they can get acquainted with those who have materials and services to fit their requirements, he said.

Sponsored tables for eight persons at \$20.00 per table are now being assigned.

Supervisors Grant Site in Alondra Park for New El Camino Junior College

Trustees of El Camino college, backed by civic leaders of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Inglewood and other cities of the college district, Tuesday won their battle to have a tract of land in Alondra park set aside as a site for the institution's campus, but on a lease-purchase basis, not as a gift.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, in whose district the college district and park are located, sought to the last to obtain an outright grant of the land, but other supervisors opposed such a transaction.

As a result, the college district gets possession of 60 acres, adjoining Torrance city boundary at Crenshaw Blvd. and Redondo Beach Blvd., on a five-year lease at \$100 a year with an option to buy.

An appraisal of the property will be made immediately and a price at which the county is willing to sell the tract to the college district fixed shortly after by the supervisors.

Supervisor Darby also sought to delay fixing the sale price until the end of the five-year lease option agreement.

The Darby proposal to deed the property to the district free of charge was opposed by his colleagues on the ground that similar schools would ask the county for the same thing.

Federal surplus buildings from Santa Ana airport will be moved to the site at once, officials of the college said, and classes will be undertaken at Alondra park in September.

Provision will be made for (Continued on Page 6-A)

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Southwest Homes Area Wins Fight For School Bus

Residents of the Southwest Homes area, in the Los Angeles shoeing strip east of Western avenue, won their battle with the Los Angeles schools to obtain transportation for their children to the 186th st. school. It was announced this week.

Children had been transported to the school by the Gardena Municipal bus lines, and when the Gardena transportation system announced that it was doubling its fares from five cents to 10 cents, the parents balked and declared they would not pay. To some large families, it was pointed out, it meant a transportation bill of as high as \$1.20 a day.

The group petitioned the schools for a free bus, and supported by a delegation of sponsors of the petition, they won the contest and the free school bus was provided.

'Equitable' Union Contact Asked By Drug Chain

The Sontag and Whelan drug stores, closed since Feb. 11, will not be moved from Torrance as long as there is a hope of signing "an equitable contract" with the Retail Clerks union.

The San Pedro Business Men Associated Tuesday afternoon were given this assurance by a Sontag official, said R. S. Kimball, secretary.

Clifford H. Marker, regional personnel director of Rexall-Owl-Song, conferred with Julius Eichhorn, San Pedro Business Men Associated president; Earl Stone, a director, and Kimball.

The San Pedro business group last week offered its services to the chain drug stores in negotiations to reopen the stores in the harbor area.

Marker said that in the next two weeks he plans to invite the secretaries of the nine Retail Clerks unions in Southern California to meet with him to discuss coming negotiations as related to chain drug stores.

Marker said the chain drug stores will conduct contract negotiations as a group.

The Los Angeles area chain (Continued on Page 6-A)

First Pipe For North Torrance Due On Saturday

The first consignment of pipe for the North Torrance water system will be received about March 15, and immediate construction of lines to serve subdivisions along Crenshaw Blvd. will be undertaken, according to Water Department Manager William Stanger.

The pipe was bought on the open market to assure fast delivery, as one of the new subdivisions was reported ready to start its home development program immediately after the water is supplied.

The consignment consists of 400 feet of 12-inch pipe and 2000 feet of 10-inch pipe.

Stanger said that the Metropolitan Water District connection at 190th st. and Crenshaw Blvd. will be installed about May 1.

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South Torrance Sewer Deal Gets Many Protests

Hundreds of protests were submitted to the City Council Tuesday night against development of a sanitary sewer system in South Torrance, and it is predicted that the whole project may have been "protested out" despite the County Sanitation district's report that conditions are such that construction of the sewer system is mandatory.

Representatives of large oil leases and companies were leaders in the contest, supported by many home owners in higher areas. It was predicted that the Council may be able to alter the proposed district boundaries to take in the lower areas where few protests developed.

City Engineer C. M. Jain said that, the protests against the Waters system probably were not sufficient to constitute a block against further proceedings. A few large land owners objected to the district there.

Helicopter Mail Route To Torrance Assured As Project Wins CAB Okay

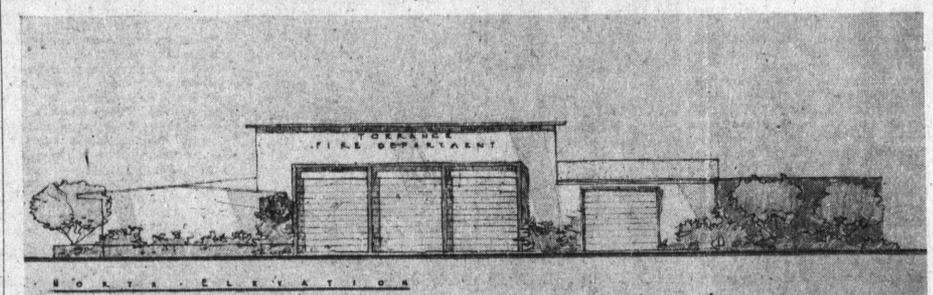
Helicopter mail service for Torrance has been assured by the recommendation of the Civil Aeronautics Board examiner, backed by the Post Office department, that a three-year contract for the system be issued to one or more private contractors.

Two are bidding for the contract, Southwest Airways, Inc., and Los Angeles Airways, Inc.

It is expected that the recommendation of the examiner, Ferdinand D. Moran, will be approved by the C.A.B. at once.

Helicopter mail service—the first authorized by the C.A.B.—would extend to an area within a 50-mile radius of Los Angeles, under recommendation of Examiner Moran. The routes suggested in Moran's report follow:

Los Angeles Municipal airport—Torrance, Wilmington, San Pedro, Long Beach, Santa Ana, Orange, Anaheim, Fullerton, Norwalk, Downey, Compton, Los Angeles Municipal airport.



PROPOSED NEW CENTRAL FIRE STATION . . . Banked with shrubs, trees and flowers and with adequate park areas surrounding the structure, the proposed new Torrance central fire station to be located at Craven ave. and El Prado will appear as depicted above in an elevation drawn by the architects retained by the city for designing the structure. The station, of one story, will be of sufficient size to house six pieces of equipment and



\$60,000 NEEDED FOR RENOVATION . . . Here is the old and condemned fire department as it will appear in relation to adjoining city buildings when rebuilt to house the Police department and city court. The cost of this project is \$60,000, provided for in the March 18 bond issue. Not only has the fire department found it necessary to abandon the building, on orders

of City Engineer G. M. Jain, but it will be unable to reoccupy the structure in its present condition. Since the police department and courts likewise are inadequate, the funds are being asked to place the structure in shape to house the two departments. Illustrations of the present central fire station appear on page 5-B of this edition.

Famous Comic Features Appear In Torrance Herald Starting Today

Introducing: "Reg'lar Fellers," the true to life experiences of a bunch of youngsters and their dogs; "Mopsy," and the humorous adventures of that teenage gal; "Bobby Sox," with the antics of the bobby-sox brigade, and "Star Gazer," interesting and entertaining messages derived from the Zodiacal signs, all wrapped up in one bundle for Torrance Herald readers.

Starting with this edition of the Herald, these cartoon features will appear each week under a new contract just completed with big national syndicates to bring the works of the famous artists and authors to the pages of this newspaper.

This is an innovation among weekly newspapers, as these are daily strips, utilized for the Torrance Herald readers by special arrangement.

"Reg'lar Fellers" has been followed by millions for years, and the comic will find ready reception among children and grownups. Gene Byrnes, himself as a youngster, lived the life of a "reg'lar feller." His was an unpampered childhood, endowed with a happy spirit that knew when to pitch in and help the family purse by working. He began to draw at 16 when he broke his ankle playing handball, and a year later his first drawing was published, and he has been at it ever since.

Gladys Parker, who draws "Mopsy," started studying to be a dancer at the age of seven but, when she was 14, she gave up the idea and turned to drawing cartoons. A successful designer of clothes for the "sub-deb," she not only understands the younger girl, but she looks and lives her character. "Mopsy," five-foot two, weight 95,

with a mop of red hair that looks like an exploded coconut. "Bobby Sox" is drawn by Marty Linkis, a native of California, young enough to know the hopes, habits and frustrations of the bobby-soxers and yet old enough to see them through an adult eye. She's 28. She mingles with teenagers at soda fountains and juke boxes, and uses them as models. What she sees and hears, she passes along to the millions who follow her famous cartoons. She, too, got her start drawing junior fashions.

Clay R. Pollan, through "Star Gazers," makes a sincere effort to give the average reader proper guidance and authentic astrological information. A student of astronomy, geology, meteorology, he is a protégé of the world-famous French astrologer, Trouve. He became interested in astrology as a boy in his native Ozark mountains where the natives told the time of day by the sun, planted crops by the moon and read their fortunes by the stars.

The Torrance Herald is happy to offer these features knowing that their reception here will be as enthusiastic as that given these artists and their products in hundreds of daily newspapers throughout the country.

Turn to the inner pages.

Tract Maps For Three Projects Given Approval

Final tract maps of three new Torrance subdivisions were approved by the City Planning Commission Tuesday night.

They are: Metro Construction Co. tract, a development of some 66 homes contemplated for immediate construction at 185th st. and Crenshaw Blvd.

Kettler Knolls, at Sepulveda Blvd. and Narbonne ave., where ultimate plans call for more than 100 new homes.

Property Management Corp., the northeast corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and 174th st., where 188 homes will be built.

The maps are subject to minor revisions, it was explained by City Engineer G. M. Jain, and go to the City Council for final action.

NEW LEGAL ACTION AIMED AT L.A. SCHOOLS SYSTEM TO PRESERVE PROPERTY HERE

The right of the Los Angeles Board of Education to sell real estate located in the City of Torrance, to remove bungalows and equipment from the schools of this city was challenged anew this week when a Citizens Committee engaged the services of S. V. O. Pritchard, well-known expert in school law, to prosecute a restraining action against the Los Angeles board.

The charge will be similar to that one already filed by City Judge John Shidler, as a taxpayer, and probably the two will be joined later.

Under the provisions of the education code, the new district is entitled to the real estate, buildings and fixtures of the previous district, and the intentions of Los Angeles to sell the 15-acre Gardena high school farm, located in Torrance, the Fern Avenue park property, to remove bungalows and fixtures will be vigorously challenged.

The case is being followed by attorneys with extreme interest and may go to the highest courts before final adjudication is made since the particular code section upon which the group of Torrance taxpayers is sponsoring the action never has been tested. It will have the immediate effect, however, of preventing removal of property from the local schools, it was said.

Pritchard has for ten years been attached to the County Counsel's office assigned to school legal matters, and retired to enter private practice a few years ago.

The citizens group backing the move includes Fay Parks, (Continued on Page 6-A)

CITIZENS AROUSED AS L.A. CONTINUES ATTEMPTS TO REMOVE SCHOOL PROPERTY

Interest in the March 18 election of the first Torrance Board of Education was heightened this week as citizens began to realize the gravity of the situation with respect to removal of property from the various school grounds in Torrance by the Los Angeles school district.

Reports were heard that Los Angeles was preparing to move several additional bungalows from the Torrance elementary school grounds even as Torrance children were being sent to Lomita schools on the claims of "overcrowded" conditions at the Torrance institution.

Ground Breaking Of New Pottery To Be March 11

Ground will be broken on March 11, at 2:30 p. m., on the big American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation plant in Torrance, it was revealed this week.

At that hour, according to Blaine Walker, secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Waale-Campan Co. & Smith, Inc., general contractors, not only will turn the traditional "first shovel of dirt," but will start actual excavations for the \$1,500,000 Torrance pottery which will provide jobs for some 600 men.

Participating in the ground-breaking program will be many officials and civic leaders who had a part in bringing American-Standard to Torrance, including Dave Porter, industrial department of the Pacific Electric Co., from which company the 46-acre factory site at 203rd st. and Crenshaw Blvd. was purchased; Reed H. Parkin, president of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and chamber directors, Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy, Jr., and the official city family; Chairman Raymond V. Darby, of the Board of Supervisors, aid leaders of Torrance industry, including Dave Faulkner, of the National Supply Co., Otto Kresse, of Columbia Steel Co., Wm. H. Bratton, of the Pacific Electric Co., and others.

Rosemary DeCamp, popular movie actress and in private life Mrs. John H. Shidler, will officiate in the ceremony in which the first dirt will be turned to begin construction of the vast plant.

Assisted by Fay L. Parks, City Judge John Shidler and others, the Charter Committee group has taken issue with the Los Angeles school system in the courts to save upwards of \$500,000 worth of property which Los Angeles has threatened to remove from Torrance school grounds.

One legal action has been filed by Judge Shidler, and a second is about to be filed by (Continued on Page 4-A)

Local Hospital Needs Subject Of Conference

A delegation of more than 20 Torrance citizens will join the business and civic leaders, medical men and hospital administrators of 20 communities in the western part of the county to discuss hospital deficiencies in the area enumerated and seek a solution for the problem, in a meeting at 8:00 p. m. Wednesday in the Horace Mann school auditorium, 126 S. Armac drive, Beverly Hills. The delegation will be headed by R. R. Smyth, publisher of the Torrance Herald, vice president and building committee chairman of the Torrance Hospital association.

Chief speaker at the meeting will be James A. Hamilton who has been conducting the Los Angeles County-wide hospital survey, which has been in progress since last spring.

Hamilton will list the shortcomings of the region in general and special hospital beds, and recommend a long-range building plan to overcome the shortage in facilities.

Robert L. Smith, administrative chairman of the Los Angeles County-wide hospital survey, will preside at the meeting.

Hamilton will also speak at a special technical meeting for chiefs of hospital medical staffs, chiefs of dental staffs, public health officers and hospital administrators, at 4:30 p. m. the same day in the Beverly Hills Hotel.

The Los Angeles County-wide hospital survey, due to be completed in April, is being conducted to provide an overall blueprint for badly needed expansion of hospital facilities.

In a preliminary report, Hamilton declared that Los Angeles county has less than 10,000 general hospital beds and should have 20,000 to care for its current population, and will need 32,000 beds to care for its population by 1970.

The Torrance group will seek support in its effort to secure financial allocations to help build the proposed maternity wing for Torrance Memorial hospital.

Second Redondo High School Site Approved

Location for a second Redondo Union high school campus has been approved by the County Regional Planning Commission.

According to commission spokesmen, the proposed site consists of 40 acres west of Peck st., and north of Gould ave., and in the development of the site provision for an adequate service road on Gould avenue also known as Redondo Beach boulevard should be included.

Redondo Union high school district includes Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach, and the new campus was provided for in a recent bond issue voted by the people of the district.

Torrance will be a part of the Redondo district until the Torrance Unified School District is formed. Torrance is in no way obligated for the bonds for the Redondo improvements, it is pointed out.

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Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau			
TEMPERATURE			
Feb. 26	Maximum	Minimum	
26	65	52	
27	64	51	
28	64	46	
29	64	45	
March 1	64	45	
2	61	55	
3	61	44	
4	61	44	
PRECIPITATION			
Feb. 27	Storm	Total (Season)	
March 5	.08	9.39	