



PERMITS TAKE \$693,000 JUMP . . . Here is Homer Bale, extreme left, presenting City engineer G. M. Jain and his assistants with a check for \$1764 in building permit fees for 126 homes in Torrance Manor calling for \$693,000 worth of construction. Looking on, left to right, are President Reed H. Parkin, of the Chamber of Commerce which organization has devoted most of its time to promoting residential expansion of Torrance; C. R. White, assistant secretary of Torrance Manor Corp. Jain, Doris Watson and John Patrick, assistant city engineer. (Torrance Herald photo).

TORRANCE POSTOFFICE TO START IMPROVED SERVICE ON DELIVERY HERE OCT. 1

Most of North Torrance will become a part of "Torrance, Calif.," in the eyes of the United States Post Office department, Oct. 1 when Torrance Rural Route No. 1 is rearranged to include the North Torrance area, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner.

Heretofore it has been necessary for residents of the area north of 190th st., while in the City of Torrance, to have mail addressed to them as if they lived in "Redondo Beach" or "Gardena." This is because Redondo Beach and Gardena postoffice rural routes have served the territory.

The picture changes on Wednesday, when on the petition of residents of North Torrance, a new Torrance Rural Route No. 1, starts service in the area above 190th st.

Early morning delivery is promised by the postoffice.

Margaret O'Toole, veteran rural mail carrier, will leave the Torrance postoffice at 9:15 a.m. and will travel north to 190th st.

Her route will be as follows: West on 190th to Arlington ave.; north to 182nd st.; west to Crenshaw blvd.; north to 174th st.; west to Yukon ave.; south to 177th st. and return to 174th st.; west to Prairie ave.; south to Hickman drive; west to Bailey drive; south to 182nd st.; east to 3300 block (Costa Dairy); back to Prairie ave.; south to 190th st.; west to Hawthorne blvd. and south to Huntington ave.

Mrs. O'Toole will deliver and pick up mail, issue money orders, accept registered mail and parcel post packages, and sell bonds and stamps.

Other persons living at points adjacent to the new North Torrance rural route can be served by writing to the postmaster at Torrance for such service, it was said.

In addition to the new Torrance service, which will be expanded to take in other areas now served by Redondo Beach and Gardena postoffices, the Torrance postoffice has improved routes as follows:

Vista Highlands gets city delivery service; the section along 221st, 222nd and 223rd st., from Normandie ave. to Western ave., gets city mounted delivery; Hamerton tract, 214th, 215th and 216th st. from Main to Figueroa, Shearer, Archibald, Carol Dale and Monte are granted city mounted delivery.

The section from 203rd st. south to take in the new tract on Torrance blvd. just east of Western ave., will be served by city delivery as will the territory in the area bounded by Vermont, New Hampshire, Del Am and West East road.

Edith Thatcher, Civic Leader, Expires Here

Mrs. Edith Evelyn Thatcher, 3908 Newton ave., wife of George P. Thatcher, died yesterday evening at the Torrance Memorial hospital.

The Rev. O. Theodore Goodwin, San Jacinto, and the Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, will conduct the services to be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Gamby chapel. Interment will be at Inglewood Park cemetery, near the grave of her mother, who died last week.

Mrs. Thatcher was born in Torrance on Oct. 14, 1902 and was the daughter of Charles H. Quandt and the late Mrs. Quandt.

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J. D. Spalding Leads Panel At Foremen's Meet



J. D. Spalding, works manager of the National Supply Company, Torrance, was a discussion leader at the twenty-fourth annual convention of the National Association of Foremen Sept. 18 and 19 in Los Angeles.

Dr. L. A. Dubridge, president.

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Out-of-Town Bus Lines May Serve Torrance

That out-of-town bus lines will be asked to serve Torrance unless the City of Torrance acts to expand its local lines and properly serve the community was revealed this week.

J. E. Smits, superintendent of Harbor General hospital, said that lack of transportation was seriously hampering his efforts to hire sufficient help to man the hospital, and he told the Chamber of Commerce that he is writing to Long Beach City Lines asking that they extend their service to the Torrance hospital. Smits has been asking for a Torrance Municipal Bus line route to Long Beach for months, and it has been promised in connection with the proposed line to Inglewood and North Torrance.

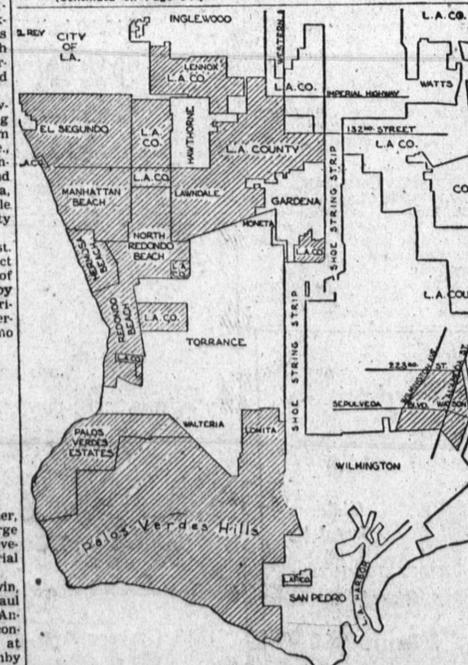
A new transit line has inaugurated service in Redondo Beach, the Redondo Transit Co., augmenting Sunset Stages service, and many residents of North Torrance and Southwest Torrance are talking of petitioning for them to extend lines into Torrance.

Should either of the lines be successful in establishing service to Torrance, a matter which would have to be approved by the State Public Utilities Commission and the City Council, it would mean taking business away from Torrance which legitimately belongs to local business houses.

Weather Report

Sept.	Maximum	Minimum
17	85	52
18	78	50
19	81	50
20	84	53
21	74	53
22	80	53
23	80	61

PRECIPITATION
Storm Total (Season)
17 .01 .02
21 .01 .02



NEW WATER DISTRICT

Shaded areas above show the municipal water district being formed to join Metropolitan Water District and thus assure adequate supply for future expansion. Torrance, San Pedro, Wilmington and the Shoestring strip already are in Metropolitan. Other unshaded areas, such as Gardena, Hawthorne and Inglewood are being left out of the new district. Petitions to call an election to form the district now are in circulation.

Torrance Building Hits \$5,476,113 For Year As Permits for 160 New Homes Are Issued in One Week

Building in the City of Torrance for 1947 reached \$5,476,113 in valuation Tuesday as Homer Bale took out, in one block, 126 building permits for homes to be constructed in Torrance Manor. The new tract is being developed at 174th st. and Crenshaw blvd., the first new subdivision to actually get under way in that area.

Bale's permits called for \$693,000 worth of home construction, and since he has lumber and building material interests, they will be rushed to completion without delay. He presented City Engineer G. M. Jain with a check for \$1,764, permit fees.

The tract has full F.H.A. approval, and veterans preference rights prevail.

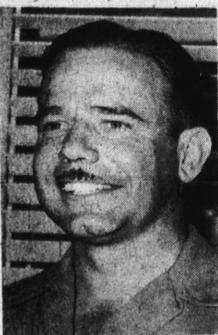
Contributing this week to the increase in Torrance building permits was the California-Nevada Properties, Inc., which took out 29 permits for new homes valued at \$204,500. Other permits for the week totaled \$51,755.

The California-Nevada permits increased to 165 the number of homes authorized in the corporation's Riviera tract. Permits there have amounted to \$1,164,100 this year.

The Bales homes will be of five and six rooms, and in all, 180 will be constructed immediately. Bale said that permits for the balance of the homes will be taken out in the near future.

Contractors are laying curbs and gutters at a rate of 1,400 feet a day on the new tract. Streets, walks, sewers, Metropolitan

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HONORED HERE . . . Dr. Rollin R. Smith, new zone chairman of Zone B, Bay Region, Lions International District 4-D, who was honored by District Governor Arthur Bellevue, of Alhambra and members of the Torrance Lions Club, of which Dr. Smith is immediate past president, at a dinner held here Saturday night. (Torrance Herald photo).

ELECTION FOR UNIFICATION OF SCHOOLS PROBABLY TO BE HELD IN TORRANCE JAN. 15

The election calling for unification of all Torrance schools under one Board of Education and administration, thus saving costly duplication and providing for coordinated education from kindergarten through high school, will be held on January 15, according to arrangements worked out by J. Heinrich Hull, superintendent of Torrance city schools and Dr. C. C. Carpenter, assistant county superintendent of schools.

Torrance Has Population Of 14,248—County

Torrance has a population at present of 14,248, a gain of more than a thousand over the 13,160 which the U. S. Census Bureau officially gave Torrance early this year, according to estimates of the County Regional Planning Commission.

The population estimate is periodically made by the commission on all Los Angeles County cities.

According to that estimate, Torrance will exceed 15,000 population early next year, as some 400 homes of 800 now under construction in Torrance will have been completed and occupied by that time. Each home has an estimated 3.1 persons, it is said.

With the completion of the 800 new homes it is estimated that the population of Torrance will reach nearly 17,000 persons.

NEARBY CITIES IN DRIVE TO FORM WATER DISTRICT

The drive for "water" for Lomita and the South Bay cities got well under way this week, and it appeared that Lomita itself may be able to furnish more than 500 names on the petitions calling for an election on forming a municipal water district to join the Metropolitan Water District.

The district as approved by the Metropolitan Water District would consist of Lomita, Palos Verdes hills, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, North Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Los Angeles county territory of Lomita, Lawndale, El Nido, Tracts 2985, 3218 and 3458, just west of Torrance, the county section north of 190th st., and west of the Shoestring strip, and city territory between Lomita blvd. and 223rd st., Wilmington ave. and Alameda blvd.

Torrance and nearby Los Angeles city territory already are in the Metropolitan district. Hawthorne, Gardena and Inglewood are omitted from the new plan, as well as county territory east of Torrance.

Some 9,000 names are needed to call the election throughout the district.

In the first election to form a water district to join Metropolitan, South Bay cities approved it overwhelmingly, but Inglewood, Gardena, Hawthorne and certain county territory served by Dominguez Water Co., were able to muster enough support to defeat the proposal, which was dependent upon a favorable vote from throughout the proposed district.

The South Bay cities are faced with a critical problem due to the inroads of saline into water wells serving the area.

Council Conventions; No Meeting Until October 14

That million-dollar corporation known as the City of Torrance, with its 14,248 stockholders, will have been in operation for one full month without a meeting of its "Board of Directors," under terms of adjournment pronounced Tuesday night by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Not one City councilman was on hand for the regular meeting; not one was in town, he said.

So, under authority vested in him, he adjourned the meeting to the regular assembly of Oct. 14.

The last meeting of the Council was on Sept. 15. Several matters of "unfinished business" of extreme importance are left undecided.

One is the appointment of a councilman to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of G. V. Powell.

Another is the city transportation problem, which has the community virtually "up in arms."

The councilmen were conventioning in the north Tuesday night, it was said.

One city manager advocate asked—"Do we need a City Council?"

TAXPAYERS SAVE MONEY IF CITY BUYS BUSES TO AID SCHOOLS' TRANSPORTATION

Immediate action by the City Council to acquire additional buses to augment local transportation and supplement school transportation was asked this week by at least five organizations.

The Council has had a dozen proposals called to its attention, but has failed to act on any, despite the fact that four more new buses can be secured on a lease-purchase plan approved by attorneys expert in municipal law for less money than now is being paid for two buses.

According to Councilman W. H. Tolson, a deal has been worked out where the City of Torrance can acquire four more new buses; refinance the two buses secured a few weeks ago and pay for all six at a rate of \$1400 a month.

The city now is paying more than \$1600 a month for the two buses.

Superintendent of Schools J. Heinrich Hull yesterday said that experience the first week of school shows that the schools must have two more buses unless the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines can provide public transportation to outlying sections of the city which children can ride to and from school.

The school buses cost about \$9,000 each, about the same as regular public transportation equipment.

If the schools have to buy the buses, it is pointed out, the taxpayers of Torrance will be paying \$18,000 for equipment at once, and they will be a complete drain on tax resources since all children are hauled "free" and the buses are in use only four hours a day.

If the City of Torrance will provide buses to serve various parts of the city including North Torrance, Seaside Ranchos, Waldoria, Hollywood Riviera and the new California-Nevada tract along the Torrance-Palos Verdes Estates boundary, they will pay for themselves, and can be available for service virtually 24 hours a day, or as required to adequately serve the people of Torrance. In addition, they can be used to pick up school children along the routes, an immediate source of patronage and revenue.

The school district now is

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RENT CONTROL BOUNDARIES ANNOUNCED

Boundaries of the jurisdiction of the County Rent Advisory Board in this area were announced this week by Bronson C. Buxton, temporary chairman of Board No. 15.

The area of control of Board No. 15 includes all area west of Vermont ave. from Rosecrans ave. to Anaheim st., and all area west of Western ave. from Anaheim st. south to the Pacific ocean. The communities involved in the jurisdiction of Board No. 15 are: Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Gardena, Shoestring strip, Palos Verdes Estates, Palos Verdes hills, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Lawndale and other county territory west of Vermont and south of Rosecrans.

The area of control of Board No. 14, takes in all territory east of Board No. 15's jurisdiction, to Long Beach, including Wilmington, San Pedro, Compton and County territory.

Board No. 15 will meet in Long Beach rent control office, 110 E. Anaheim st., the evening of Oct. 15.

Landlords, tenants and members of the general public who wish to appear before the boards, or to submit their cases for consideration by the boards, should first make application through the rent control office on a regular form which may be secured at the rent control office after which board consideration will follow as a matter of procedure, Buxton said.

The duties and responsibilities of the boards are divided into two categories, it was said. They are:

1. Each of the 16 boards will consider the individual cases of tenants and landlords who appeal to them. In these instances, each board may make its own recommendation to the Area Rent director.
2. On policy matters, such as the decontrol of the defense-rental area or any portion of it; on the adequacy of the general rent level of the area; or on operations generally of the rent control office and with particular reference to hardship cases, the entire 16 boards will meet and vote on such subjects and their recommendations will be made direct to the Holding Expediter in Washington, D. C.

Navy Will Not Abandon Depot In Torrance

Lt. Comdr. C. J. Kurzawa, special assistant to Rear Adm. J. J. Manning, chief of the U. S. Navy bureau of yards and docks, declares the Navy is not even remotely considering the elimination of the San Pedro depot and its companion supply dump at Torrance.

Kurzawa did say, however, that the Navy was reducing the scope of its operations at Torrance and San Pedro in view of the Navy's current economy drive.

He did not amplify how extensive the proposed reductions would be, but it was learned that the Navy is curtailing activities as much as possible at all of its supply depots.

In the Navy's post-war planning, San Pedro will continue to be the export supply base while Torrance will remain an inland supply depot.

Meanwhile, the Navy has not completely abandoned its plans to construct a permanent supply depot on the lower reservation of Fort MacArthur.

Colville New Kiwanis Club Leader Here



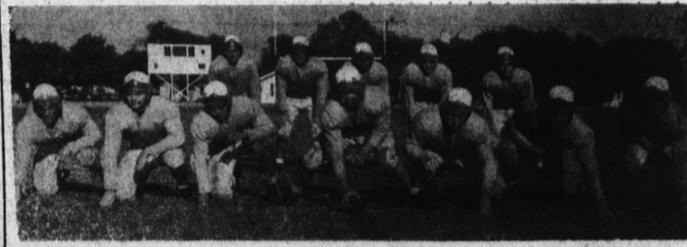
DAVID COLVILLE Elected Kiwanis President

David Colville, sales representative of the Union Oil Company, unanimously was elected president of the Torrance Kiwanis club at the meeting of the club on Monday evening.

Colville will succeed Edwin B. Brown, business manager of the Torrance Herald, to the presidency of the Kiwanis club on Jan. 1.

Dr. Howard A. Wood, physician and surgeon and president of the Torrance City Board of Education, was elected as first vice president, and Bob Haggard,

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MEET THE TEAM

Here is the first independent version of the Torrance Tartars, lined up in what is a probable starting team for the season opener tomorrow night against Covina High. Kneeling left to right are Captain Jack Hood, c.; Gene Stirling, r. t.; Onal Harris, c. g.; Ed Fortin, c.; All Stephenson, l. g.; Dom Donaton, l. t.; and Bob Jones, l. e. In the backfield are Bob Turner and Dick Taylor, alternate right half-backs; Tom Farn f. b.; Dick Ruppert, c. b.; and Bill Morgan, l. h. Community interest is running high, with the Rotary club and others in indicating that they will be at the Redondo Bowl at 8:00 p. m. to see the kick-off of the practice game. (Story on Sports page) (Torrance Herald Photo).