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CITY VALUATIONS JUMP \$20 MILLION

WEATHER

Hazy afternoon sunshine should follow this morning's low clouds, according to the Weather Bureau, which predicts a high temperature today of near 80 degrees and the same sort of weather tomorrow in Torrance and vicinity.

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Torrance's assessed valuation for 1954-55 tax purposes totals \$83,522,360. It was revealed this morning by City Manager George Stevens. A year ago it was \$61,313,410.

The valuation totals, which includes personal property and utilities, is considerably higher than the estimates used to prepare the city budget earlier this year, Stevens said.

Extra funds made available by the increased assessed valuation should be put in the general fund to care for salary increases and other expenditures which have not been budgeted, Stevens will recommend to the Council tomorrow.

A tax rate of \$1.19 will be necessary to carry the city budget for 1954-55, Stevens says. He will recommend the following tax rate:

General Fund\$1.000
Retirement105
Library050
Bond Redemption050
and retirement035

A meeting of Councilmen to discuss the tax rate for the year has been called for 7 p. m. tomorrow preceding tomorrow's Council Meeting at 8 p. m.

Judge Fines Dresser \$50

A \$50 fine on a charge of practicing architecture without a license was levied against James S. Dresser, former city building inspector, in South Bay Municipal Court last week by Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett. Dresser paid the fine.

Two other charges against Dresser were dismissed. He had been charged with another count of practicing architecture without a license and with practicing engineering without a license.

Torrance Owl

When a legislator says he is going to do something about hidden taxes, I always wonder if he means he's going to hide them better.

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Friend Trial Due Aug. 26

A preliminary hearing has been set for Aug. 26 for Howard Dean Friend, 30, of Lawdale, who is charged with assault with intent to commit murder on his wife, Patricia, 25, last Aug. 2.

An impassive Friend heard South Bay Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett read the charges against him Friday.

Friend was returned from Wichita, Kans., late Thursday by sheriff's deputies. He had gone to Wichita after the shooting, and surrendered to law officials there.

Local Building Pace Ranks High

In a survey of Western building from Denver to Honolulu, made by the Daily Journal of Commerce and Construction Record, Torrance ranks 19th on a list of 25 leading construction jurisdictions for the month of July, topping not only cities of larger size but entire counties as well.

The "City of Industrial Opportunity" has a building record exceeding all of San Mateo and Contra Costa counties and the larger metropolises of Long Beach, during the month.

Construction here jumped from a valuation of \$2,892,880 in June, 1954, to \$3,279,039 during the past month. This exceeds by more than \$1,500,000 the building record here in July, 1953.

The 25 leading construction jurisdictions of the West report totals for July, 1954, and comparative months as follows:

	July 1954	June 1954	July 1953
Los Angeles	\$41,886,816	\$41,169,145	\$36,970,718
Los Angeles County	28,222,300	28,215,010	28,411,425
Seattle	10,503,103	6,742,200	6,599,270
Denver	9,657,300	8,848,843	8,178,060
Orange County	8,905,922	8,180,992	5,184,151
San Francisco	8,470,808	7,100,107	3,691,190
San Diego	6,594,494	4,662,153	13,257,141
King County	5,263,942	7,799,147	4,507,550
Honolulu	5,156,605	3,384,103	3,515,934
San Bernardino Cnty.	5,098,750	3,251,910	5,574,481
Alameda County	5,013,624	4,610,792	2,341,105
Sacramento County	4,838,875	6,853,584	2,245,374
San Mateo	4,822,415	2,832,979	856,772
Salt Lake County	4,534,375	3,396,693	1,310,469
El Segundo	4,169,980	333,600	255,327
Portland, Ore.	4,099,080	4,634,435	5,585,320
Spokane	4,037,572	2,666,302	3,625,240
Santa Clara County	3,421,330	3,513,956	11,519,006
Torrance	3,276,639	2,892,880	1,687,440
San Mateo County	3,216,665	3,138,130	1,282,631
Fullerton	3,206,655	3,722,617	263,425
Riverside	3,162,889	2,260,791	1,335,998
Long Beach	3,013,290	4,354,155	3,427,170
Contra Costa County	2,780,235	4,631,239	5,349,441
Pomona	2,704,839	796,609	716,069

\$186,645,880 \$182,817,415 \$153,691

Husband Awaits Eisenhower's OK

President Dwight Eisenhower will sign his name within two weeks to an Act of Congress that will reunite a Torrance man and his Canadian wife, who have been separated for 13 months by a legal technicality.

Sprucing up his 1522 Beech Ave. home this week in preparation for his wife's homecoming is Thomas Allen, a maintenance electrician who has worked at National Supply Co. for 12 years.

His wife, Dorothy, who had entered the United States on a visitor's visa in 1938, returned to Canada last year to make proper entry into the country but was stopped by immigration officials who said her first entry was illegal.

Appeals to King After exhausting all courses of action, Allen appealed to Congressman Cecil R. King to intervene and he introduced House Resolution 8244 "for the relief of Mrs. Dorothy Nell Woolgar Allen."

This week Allen received the following telegram from Congress:

"Am delighted to advise you have been successful in getting Senate approval of our bill for the relief of Mrs. Dorothy Allen. Will do all that is possible to expedite clearance following President's signature, which may be expected in approximately two weeks. Kindest regards to you both.

"CECIL R. KING."

Faced With Selling Home Registration intervention was the only way that Allen could bring his wife home, Immigration officials told him. If the Congressional action had failed, Allen was prepared to sell his Torrance home and move to Canada.

But the bill passed. It admits Mrs. Allen to the United States "for permanent residence."

Helping Allen in his efforts were John Shidler, Judge of South Bay Municipal Court and the Rev. Arthur E. Bello, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, who furnished the re-

Planners Study Three Shopping Area Proposals

Recognizing that Torrance endeavor must "branch out or fall," Planning Commission Secretary George Powell has presented proposals to Planning Commissioners that would give Torrance three "downtown" areas.

Powell's plan is to set aside large areas of now undeveloped land strictly for commerce and retail sales. This land would be reserved in North Torrance, South Torrance and Central Torrance to cater to shoppers in those areas.

The Secretary's suggested commercial spots include four in North Torrance, four in South Torrance and one large acreage in Central Torrance. Some of the areas suggested to be rezoned for commerce include the large parcel along Hawthorne Blvd. between Torrance Blvd. and Sepulveda; and the Airport triangle, between Crenshaw Blvd., 101 Hwy. and the Torrance city limits.

Map Due Sept. 1

Planners will weigh Powell's suggestions during the next two weeks and pool their thinking at the Sept. 1 Commission meeting to prepare a map for presentation to the City Council.

Powell believes that downtown stores, which have difficulty luring customers from outlying areas of the city, will have to establish branch stores in the new commercial areas.

When Commissioners have agreed on the sections to be rezoned, required hearing dates will be set.

Try to Catch Industry

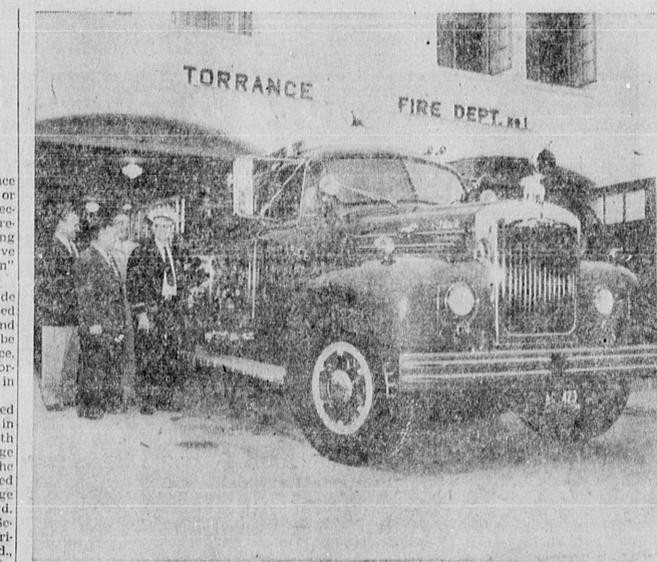
The drastic rezoning is an effort to keep Torrance's commercial enterprises up even with its industrial expansion, with the accompanying tract home development.

"Too many subdividers have been coming in without regard for reserving land for shopping areas," Powell said. The city is seeking to reserve lands that are "obviously" good for retail business before it is too late.

This should have been done to the downtown area many years ago, Powell stated. Now, it is too late and Torrance will have to divide into a city with three "central" locations for shopping rather than one.

Homers Spark Rally in Bluebird 10-2 Victory

Pitcher Tom Vanderpool and shortstop Jim Murphy blasted home runs in a six-run eighth inning rally that broke up a close ball game and gave the Torrance Bluebirds a 10-2 victory over the Downey Cardinals yesterday at Torrance Park.



NEW FIRE TRUCK... Fire Chief J. J. Jenner, City Manager George Stevens, Mayor Nicholas Drake, and Councilman Victor E. Bonstead Jr., inspect the city's new \$21,000 fire truck. The new truck, which will be on display in Long Beach this week, will pump 1250 gallons of water per minute.

Man Killed When Car Overtakes

A 47-year-old Hollywood Riviera man died Thursday night following injuries received when the car in which he was riding overturned near 103th St. and Crenshaw Blvd., throwing him out.

Joe Clarence Evans, of 300 Paseo de la Playa, was thrown out of a car driven by Charles David Huber, 41, of the same address.

Huber, going west on 166th St., was trying to stop the auto for a stop sign at Crenshaw, when he struck a dip. He lost control of the car and it traveled about 100 feet through the air overturning and throwing Evans out.

No injuries were sustained by Huber, although the car he was driving was severely damaged.

Evans died in Harbor General Hospital several hours after the crash.

The victim was employed as an aerodynamicist at Douglas Aircraft. He is survived by his widow, Halle.

Remains were shipped to Cameron, Texas, yesterday for funeral services. Evans had lived in Hollywood Riviera for three years and was born in Texas.

Two-Lighters Lose Out

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Recognizing the need for some type of child care to supplement the service being closed, the committee proposes:

1. That the Board of Education maintain a directory of individuals who have licensed homes for child care;
2. That this list of licensed homes be made available to parents in need of extended day care for their children;
3. Since additional homes will be needed, other individuals who are interested in providing child care service in their homes for a nominal sum should list facilities with the school district office at 2335 Plaza del Amo. (FAI-fax 8-6540)

By using licensed homes for child care purposes it is felt that the need of a greater number of Torrance families would be served in their own school attendance area or one near to their homes.

Lomita Teacher Taking 23-Day, Expense-Paid Air Tour of Globe

The dream of every school teacher came true for Mrs. Cleone Isom, a sixth grade instructor at Lomita Elementary School, when she left Saturday night by Pan American Airways for a 23-day jaunt around the globe, with all expenses paid.

The mother of five, who lives at 25300 Feliza St., Lomita, won her coveted prize on the Art Linkletter NBC television and radio program, "People Are Funny."

Asked to give a word with an "ave" sound that is spelled "ough," she came up with "thought," defeating Joseph Littlefield, another Lomita elementary school sixth grade teacher, in the finals of the TV word game recorded for show-

ings in October. "I was hoping for the consolation prize, a trip to Mexico City, and was very surprised and thrilled when I learned I would fly all around the world," she said.

Mrs. Isom left Saturday at midnight from Los Angeles International Airport for Honolulu. Her trip will take her to Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, New Delhi, Beirut, Rome, Paris, London, New York, Chicago, and home.

An added "gimmick" the teacher will carry with her is a small mystery chest, heavily padlocked. At each airport on her journey she is to say a French word over the field's public address system, and at one of the stops a man is supposed to appear with a key to open the box.



(Herald Photo)

READY HOUSE... Thomas E. Allen, who learned this week that the Senate had approved his wife's re-entry into the United States from Canada, gets the house ready for her homecoming.



(Herald Photo)

READY FOR OPENING... Workmen are busy this week unloading thousands of marine specimens which will have a new home at the Marineland when it opens Saturday. Here a shark is unloaded for the new oceanarium.