

Loranger Re-elected Chamber of Commerce Head

GOVERNMENT TO CLEAR OIL, MINERAL RIGHTS ON AIRPORT, COUNCIL TOLD

WEATHER

Clear weather today and tonight, with little change in temperature and a high near 67. Temperatures yesterday ranged between 35 and 63.

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Hill Area Closed to Officials

Federal Officer Elmo J. Buttle ran into one of the "iron curtains" thrown up by communities south of Torrance here Monday while inspecting the Torrance Municipal Airport and surrounding area.

Touring the areas surrounding the airport with City Manager George Stevens and City Attorney James Hall, Buttle attempted to enter the Rolling Hills but got no farther than the Rolling Hills Road gate house.

A guard at the gate staunchly stood his ground and refused to admit Buttle, who is chief of the surplus real property division of the General Services Administration.

Ignores Rebuff
Despite his rebuff at the Rolling Hills gatehouse, Buttle indicated to city officials that he would make a favorable report on the city's request to clear the oil and mineral rights on the airport's 36-acre triangle at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Hwy.

The area is now under option to Store Properties, Inc., a subsidiary of the Coldwell, Banker and Co. development firm, and a regional shopping center which will include a major department store is being planned for the area. Buttle's approval of the city's request will clear one of the big hurdles which has prevented development of the property to date.

Announcement Due
All that remains now, City Attorney Hall reported to the Council Tuesday night, is the clearance of the reversion clause in the federal government's deed of the property to the city. This portion of the city's request has been approved by the Department of Defense but must still be approved by the Army, which operated the airfield during World War II. A decision on the matter should be announced Jan. 17, Hall said.

Miles W. Blaine, executive of the Coldwell, Banker Co., told the HERALD yesterday that his company would be ready to make an announcement about the plans for the area within a few days of any government decision to clear the property.

'Young Man' Award Slated By Jaycees

Torrance's "Outstanding Young Man" will receive a distinguished service award tonight at the Junior Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting commemorating the 35th anniversary of the national group.

The award winner will be announced at the meeting, to be held at 7:30 in American Legion Hall.

Mayor Nicholas O. Dralle has proclaimed Jan. 14 to 21 as "Junior Chamber of Commerce Week" in Torrance, to focus attention on young men and their activities.

Awards to the ten outstanding young men in the country will be presented in Louisville, Ky., on Jan. 22.

Today's HERALD Boasts Another Forward Stride

Another step in the growth of this newspaper as promised in a front page editorial on Jan. 3, 1955, is the publication of an color page which appears on the back page.

Other mechanical improvements are planned for future months in keeping with the HERALD's pledge to offer a quality newspaper to residents of this area. Improvement of the editorial and advertising content of this newspaper is being planned to go hand in hand with the mechanical progress, all designed to give readers and advertisers of this area the finest product possible.

Eastham Named Loranger Aide

Paul D. Loranger was re-elected to serve a second term as president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of directors held Monday afternoon at the Chamber headquarters.

Loranger accepted re-election on assurance from the directors they would help him make 1955 a year of outstanding achievement. Press of private business made him a reluctant candidate, but a nominating committee, headed by Dean Sears of the Bank of America, insisted his outstanding record during his first term and familiarity with affairs of the organization made him a logical choice.

Dr. Gerald Eastham was named first vice-president; D. M. Soule, of National Supply, second vice-president, and William A. Zoeller, treasurer. Dale Isenberg is executive secretary. Carrying out Loranger's program of making Torrance more "cohesive," new directors representing various residential units of the city also were named to the board. They are: Walter A. Garrabrant, Hollywood Riviera; Milton Hunter, North Torrance; Paul Roettiger, Seaside - Sepulveda; Edward Karlow, Kettler Knolls; and Loring Bigelow of Walteria section.

Other Business
Included also on the agenda of the meeting were reports from the several committees including Citizen Award, headed by Marvin Schwab; Palos Verdes Annexation, with Attorney Donald R. Armstrong as chairman, and Chamber Leaders Work Shop, scheduled for Jan. 25 at the Huntington hotel in Pasadena.

The directors also decided to refrain from sponsorship of the Community Fair this year and suggested the event might be turned over to the Junior Chamber. At the same time they agreed to local sponsorship of the "Mrs. America" contest, a national promotion to be sponsored by the National Gas Association nationally.

The annual banquet will be held March 3 when the "Citizen of the Year" will be presented the W. L. Laughon - Grover Whyte trophy.

Shoestring Street Jobs Announced

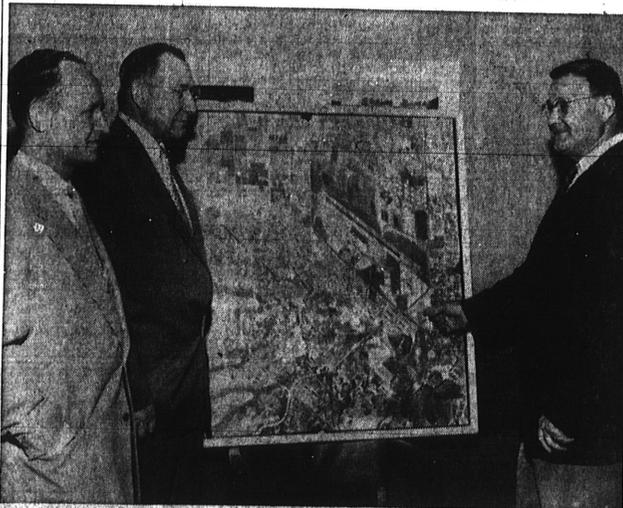
Two more street improvement jobs, one of them a record in time required for processing, have been ordered in the Shoestring Strip area, Councilman John S. Gibson announced yesterday.

Largest of the projects is the Plaza Del Amo Improvement district, which also includes 228th St. is one of long standing. This project was delayed pending the construction of sanitary sewers in the same area.

Warren-Southwest Co. on a low bid of \$20,103 has been awarded the contract for the job, which will include paving of Plaza Del Amo and 228th St., and grading of Harvard Blvd. from Plaza Del Amo to 228th St. Sidewalks are included for both streets. The bid, lowest of six submitted to the Board of Public Works, was 34 per cent below the engineer's estimates.

First such improvement, to be processed from petition to contract in less than two years was the sidewalk construction on Hallidale Ave. from 209th to 211th St. Warren-Southwest also was low bidder on this job with a proposal of \$1,813 which was 32.6 per cent below estimates.

Work is expected to begin on both jobs in about three weeks.



STUDYING AIRPORT AREA... Elmo J. Buttle (center), chief of the surplus real property branch of the General Services Administration for this area, inspects an aerial view of the airport area with City Manager George Stevens (right) and City Attorney James M. Hall. Buttle was here Monday to look over the site of a proposed commercial development on the airport property.

Yo-Yo Meets Set Saturday

Three playgrounds will start competition in the city-wide yo-yo contest Saturday.

Sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, the contests will be held at Evelyn Carr School, Torrance Park, and El Retiro Park at 10 a.m., and in Walteria Park at 2 p.m. Information on requirements can be obtained from the playground director.

Many youngsters have signed up for the contest, Les Breitenfelt, director, said.

Soil Pipe Stolen
A quantity of soil pipe was stolen from a yard at 1890 Torrance Blvd., Harry Rosenbaum reported to police.

Recreation Program Changes Told by City Department

Certain changes have been made in the recreation program on the parks and school grounds to take effect this week and continue through the next two or three months, the recreation department revealed yesterday.

McMaster Park program will be discontinued during the afternoon and evening hours except on Monday nights, when the Norvean Club meets. This change was necessary due to the muddy conditions of the park.

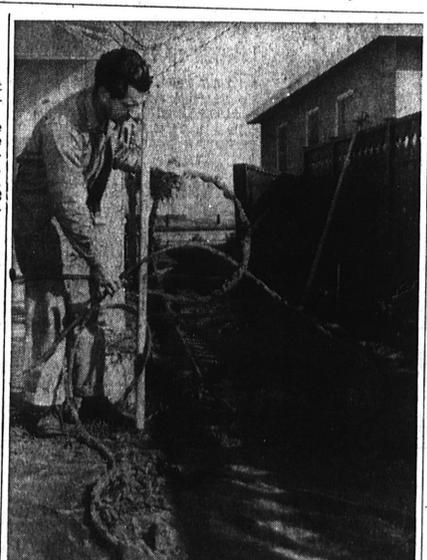
Evelyn Carr School, however, will have a recreation program on Saturdays, from 10 to 4 o'clock.

Walteria Park program at night will be discontinued for the "wet" season, but there will be a program there every afternoon from 4 until 6 p.m. Also, a program will be carried on at the Walteria School on Saturdays only, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lack of Facilities
These changes, it was indicated, were made necessary because of the lack of adequate facilities on which to carry out a recreation program during the cold and wet winter months.

Seaside School will continue on with the same after school program as carried on throughout the fall months, from 3:50 to 5:30 and no program on Saturdays.

El Retiro Park will remain open from 1 to 5 o'clock, Monday through Fridays, and on



PLENTY OF MUD... John William Bill, of 4944 Pacific Coast Hwy., pulls his garden hose out of the mud in his back yard. As a result of week-end rains, part of the dirt from excavations on the new Pacific School flowed into Bill's back yard and those of surrounding homes, covering lawns and flowers up to a depth of six inches. A dirt bank has been erected behind the homes which were flooded.

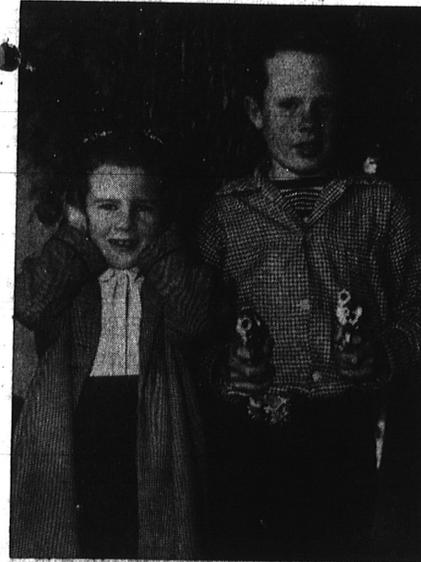
Jobless Show Slight Rise, But Far Below Year's Peak

Torrance's fluctuating list of unemployed persons rose slightly during December, but was considerably lower than the year's peak, according to a report from the local Department of Employment.

The 886 unemployed persons included 317 women and 569 men, 36 per cent of whom are veterans. In November, 802 persons were jobless, while more than 1000 sought jobs last summer.

Increases in the number of clerical, labor, and skilled and

Category	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.
Professional	19	15	25
Clerical	142	131	164
Sales	31	33	43
Service	97	96	106
Agriculture	29	27	35
Fishing	186	173	180
Skilled	156	146	166
Semi-skilled	212	179	180
Labor	212	179	180
Totals	886	802	899



LOTS OF NOISE... Diane Jones holds her ears to shut out the loud walls of the Civil Defense siren in Lomita Park, while her brother, Gordon, stands with pistols in hand, ready to defend her if the enemy should come. The "super" siren was tested for the first time Tuesday as part of a county-wide program. The two youngsters are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jones Sr., of 2054 Reynosa Dr.

Chace Seeks Tidelands \$\$\$ For New Beach Development

Development of the county parks and beaches from Malibu to San Pedro at a cost of more than \$25 million, including a sizeable slice of funds for work on the Torrance area beach, was asked this week by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace asked fellow members of the Board of Supervisors to spend State Tideland Oil funds for the project, and advised they present detailed plans to the State Beach and Park Commission at its Jan. 25 meeting in Sacramento.

The program outlined by Chace, calls for expenditure of \$17,673,400 for the acquisition and development of beach areas in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county. It also recommends that \$6,620,000 be spent for inland park acquisition and development.

In all, Chace has asked for a whopping \$26,193,400 from the Tideland coffers.

The beach program requests that \$2,740,500 be spent for beaches in the South Bay area, and \$5,624,000 for the Malibu area. It also recommended that \$1,750,000 be spent for beach acquisition and development on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Commenting on the proposal, Chace said: "While this is a great amount of money, we must realize that in the acquisition and development of our beach areas, we are providing a great recreational asset, not just for the present, but also to take care of the tremendous growth forecast for this county within the next 25 years."

Drawings for New Center Nearly Done

Working drawings for the construction of recreation facilities approved by voters in a \$150,000 bond issue last spring, have been completed and the architect is in the process of completing the final specifications, it was revealed yesterday.

Certain changes still must be made by the architect, William Woollett, before the Recreation Department will accept the drawings, but they are minor, it was stated.

Harry Van Bellehem, director of recreation, is meeting with the architect to iron out these final points.

Proposed is a municipal recreation center, with swimming pool, at Torrance Blvd. near Madrona Ave., on the site of the new civic center.

Annexation Discussion Set Monday

The strength of the support of El Nido annexation will be tested Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. when El Nido Civic Assn. will hold a meeting.

Albert Tillman, County Sports Director, and a representative of the Torrance Planning Commission will attend the meeting, as will a representative of the Central Little League. Plans to locate the league field in El Nido Park will be discussed. The meeting will be held in El Nido School.

HERALD Offers Opportunities To Earn Money

A few choice spots are still available in a community-wide program sponsored by the Torrance HERALD. It was announced yesterday.

The program, to begin Jan. 26, will employ a limited number of local residents for eight weeks in part or full-time work. Any club, church, or other group desiring to raise funds may find the program attractive. Substantial money can be earned.

Groups interested in further information should contact W. M. Shutt at the HERALD, by calling FA. 8-4005 or by calling at the office, 1619 Gramercy Ave.