

ARMY RELEASES AIRPORT TRIANGLE, SEEKS SITE FOR GUIDED MISSILE BASE

Officials To Visit Hill Area

Robert Trent Jones, prominent golf architect, flew here from New York yesterday and will make a survey of the proposed golf course in the Great Lakes area of Palos Verdes hills today, Great Lakes Carbon officials have announced.

The area, on the southwest corner of the company's 6800-acre holding in Palos Verdes, could become one of the finest and most scenic golf courses in the west, company officials claim. They plan to construct a championship course on the site.

Civic officials, developers, and others will tour the site this morning with Jones. The site of the golf course is part of the area put up by Great Lakes Carbon Corp. for annexation to Torrance.

Brochure Studied

Meanwhile, city and school officials continue to study the brochure presented last week by Ivar Hanson, general manager of the Rancho Palos Verdes Corp. The mass of information compiled by Great Lakes in its effort to convince the city that it should annex the huge chunk of the Palos Verdes hills is still being broken down figure by figure.

City Goes Slow

No quick decision on the annexation proposal is expected on the part of the City Council. Members of the Council have maintained a "go slow" attitude throughout the discussions and warmed up only slightly following the elaborate presentation last week. Some have admitted that Hanson made the proposal sound "a lot better" than previous offerings.

Before the city makes a final decision on the matter, two public hearings before the Planning Commission and one before the Council have been ordered.

Planners OK Off-Street Parking Plan

A new off-street parking amendment to the city building code by which additional space will be required for all businesses built in the future was recommended for approval Wednesday night by the Torrance Planning Commission.

The ordinance, being studied by the city council, is designed to insure sufficient parking for all commercial enterprises, in contrast to crowded conditions at several present facilities.

Four new ordinances were presented to the commissioners for consideration by Secretary George Powell. They include:

1. A new off-street parking regulation.

2. Twenty-seven foot service roads or lanes which are built on easily accessible streets or service roads. This is primarily designed to insure easy access by fire equipment, moving trucks, and other vehicles.

3. Front-yard setbacks figured from the center of the street in order to eliminate confusion over where the setbacks should begin.

4. Automatic zoning of light agricultural zones when new subdivisions are approved.

Pistol Toter Found Insane

Carl Tanow, charged with assault with a deadly weapon after calling on Carl Graper Nov. 21 and then shooting at him, was found not guilty by reason of insanity by Superior Court Judge Joe Ravecraft Wednesday.

He was ordered sent to the Mendocino State Hospital after commitment to the Department of Mental Hygiene.

Graper, who lives at 26029 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, told sheriff's deputies that he answered his door to find Tanow on the porch. Without saying a word, Tanow fed at him, he said, narrowly missing Judge Ravecraft and Tanow guilty of the time, but that he was not guilty because of insanity. Tanow lives at 2338 W. 254th St., Lomita.

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Kissel's Plans Returned to Him

Developer Harry Kissel's revised plans for a southwest Torrance tract below Pacific Coast Hwy. were sent back to him Wednesday night by the Torrance Planning Commission, with a list of the group's objections to original plans.

The objections included:

1. No park site is shown on the tract map. The Recreation Commission, after studying the area, reaffirmed its desire for a five-acre site adjoining Riviera School.

2. Only one narrow access road, coming out on Newton St., is shown on the revised map.

3. Streets should be at least 30 feet in width, instead of a proposed 24 feet.

Front yard setbacks on Kissel's map are inadequate.

Kissel Must Act

Further action on revising maps must be taken by Kissel before the tract is approved, according to the Commission's action.

A debate was held over a tract proposed by Ernest Giese, for 38 lots north of 182nd St., between Crenshaw and Casimir. Disagreement over whether the area should have two dead end streets caused postponement of action for two weeks.

A tie vote on the location of a service road delayed approval of a service station proposed by Kelton and Bellenbacher at Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvd. The Commissioners voted 4 to 4 on a four dead end streets, with Commissioner John Mulvihill, a new member, abstaining.

Commissioners could not decide whether the service station should have a service road running into Sepulveda or running into a parking lot.

In other action on tracts, the proposal of Hazel F. Norris for 37 lots on Almsworth Ave., north of 174th St., drew an OK from the Commission.

Also approved were Milton Kauffman's plans for 45 houses southwest of 182nd and Hawthorne Ave.

The proposal of the Stanford Construction Co. for 39 lots between Redondo Beach Blvd. and 168th St., and 500 feet west of Yukon Ave., was referred to committee.

Business license applications were approved for:

Al's Plumbing Co., 4043 W. 174th St.

Torrance Building Maintenance, 3877 W. 220th St.

Rich Washer Co., 17088 Ermanita Ave.

Commissioners John Mulvihill and Alvan Hill voted against granting these licenses.

Lots Divisions Studied

On requests for division of lots, the commission took the following action:

The application of Leroy Johnston, 2760 Gramercy Ave., for the northeast corner of Gramercy and Sepulveda, was delayed for further discussion.

Lester I. and Shelly A. Foster's request for southwest corner of Date Ave. and Sonoma St., approved if present setbacks are retained.

The request of William E. Kilgroe for Lot 2, Meadow Park Tract, recommended for approval.

Clifford L. and Ethel L. Nelson's plans to divide lot at 2085 W. 166th St., approved providing they pay for sidewalks, give 20 foot easement for a V-shaped private road for transportation and drainage, and make each lot 5,000 square feet.

Leo S. Girard's request for Lot 24, La Fresa tract, was referred to committee.

W. Fred McDonald's preliminary sketches, for Lots 59 and 60, McDonald tract, sent to committee.

HULL SAYS

City Will Pay If PV Annexed

After studying figures which "seem to be fairly accurate" on the proposed Palos Verdes annexation, Superintendent of Schools, J. H. Hull still doesn't think Torrance would be wise to take the territory.

He at first declined comment, but released his views Friday.

"We'd still be paying their bills," he declared. "I have no reason to believe that the figures they presented are not accurate, but I can't see that it changes the ratio of financial responsibility."

At first, residents of Torrance virtually would be paying for new schools in the area, he said. Even at the end of 10 years when the Palos Verdes area

reached an assessed valuation of \$65 million as estimated Torrance's valuation probably would have doubled from its present \$33 valuation, he declared.

Tax Bill Too Heavy

This would mean, Hull said, that Torrance taxpayers would still be footing a disproportionate amount of the bill for the school population of the new area.

While the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., which is proposing the annexation, figured on a \$1 per \$100 valuation over-ride tax for 10 years, the proposal which will go on the May 19 ballot calls only for a five-year tax, Hull pointed out.

One cost apparently not included in the company's figures was the cost of transportation, which would amount to about 28 cents per pupil per day, he said.

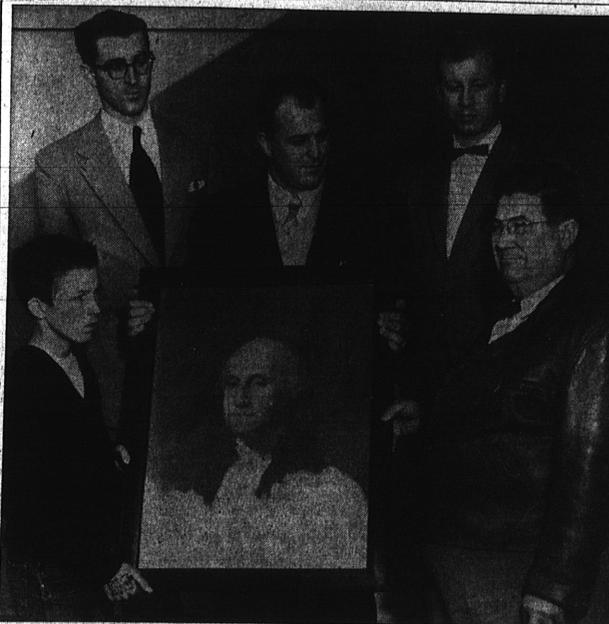
In presenting the company's plans to the City Council, General Manager Ivar Hanson admitted that there would be some stress on the educational system, but claimed the area would be self-supporting school-wise.

Plans Delayed

At the same time, Harry Saunders, supervisor of senior high school planning for the Los Angeles School Board, indicated the group would wait to see whether the area is annexed before making any more plans for a \$3,100,000 high school in the area.

Since the area is presently in county territory, the Los Angeles schools had been planning for a needed high school, probably in the territory in question.

If the building were built and Torrance annexed the territory the Los Angeles School Board would have to turn it over to this city without cost, officials indicated.



SCHOOL GETS HEIRLOOM . . . A portrait of George Washington, which is at least 70 years old, was presented last week to the Walteria Elementary School by Harry Cork, (right) of Walteria. Shown receiving the portrait for the school is Robert Butcher, president of the eighth grade class. In the rear are Rod McDaniel, eighth grade teacher; Principal Alfred Arturo; and the school's new vice-principal, Webster Smith. The painting has been in the Cork family for at least 70 years.

Mother, Held on Abuse Charge, Gets Probation

Mrs. Elizabeth Bernice Remington, 23-year-old Lomita mother who police charged slammed her 6-week-old boy against a chair, fracturing his leg, was referred to a probation officer for consultation by Judge Otto B. Willett, Thursday.

Appearing before Judge Willett in South Bay Municipal Court were Mrs. Remington and her young sailor husband, who obtained emergency leave to come to the trial.

Court attaches said the charge was reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor and the judge recommended conferring with a probation officer to help solve any possible family problems.

ELKS INSTALLATION SLATED FEBRUARY 19

Torrance Elks officially will have a lodge of their own Feb. 19, when officers and dignitaries from the state and local lodges will conduct installation services for the lodge and its officers.

The ceremonies will be held in the Civic Auditorium, with institution of the lodge in the afternoon and installation of officers. New members may still join and become charter members, officials said. The rolls now include about 250 members.

Area Options

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THE FIRST NOMINATION . . . Postman Eugene Frederick delivers the first nomination for Dr. William Laughon-Grover C. Whyte trophy, to be given to the man adjudged the Outstanding Citizen of 1954. Receiving the letter is Mervin M. Schwab, last year's recipient and chairman of this year's award committee. E. S. Fyle, chairman of the award banquet to be held Mar. 3, looks on. The trophy is shown on the counter.

'Little Red Schoolhouse' Class Planned

Many people fondly recall the ivy-covered "little red school house," with its room full of giggling youngsters of all sizes, a prim old-maid school teacher, and a child-sized history stick.

Cpl. Banks Graduates From Army NCO School

Corporal Elmer A. Banks recently was graduated from the Seventh Army's Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in Munich, Germany. At the academy, he studied administrative procedures, leadership, and the latest military techniques, according to the Army.

New Stripes Received By Robert W. Patton

Robert W. Patton, son of Oscar H. Patton, of 241 E. Dominguez St., recently was promoted to sergeant at Fort Lewis, Wash., where he is serving with the 2nd Infantry Division.

This system wasn't a pretty good idea. The experiment, strictly voluntary for both parents and teachers, will place selected groups of students from three grade levels in one classroom for one semester. It will be tried only at one school for students in grades one to six.

Based on ideas in a doctoral study now being made by Walter Rehwald, director of instruction, the experiment will test whether there is any improvement in learning under mixed grades, as well as other factors. Rehwald believes it will show improvement.

MAN PINNED UNDER TRAILER IN CRASH

A 22-year-old Torrance motorcyclist was injured late Thursday when the vehicle he was driving collided with a truck trailer. He was pinned under the trailer for about 30 minutes.

It is based on several theories generally accepted by modern educators.

1. Within each given grade level, there are at least five levels of ability. For instance, a fourth grade teacher might have students capable of sixth grade work and others capable only of second grade work.

2. It often does more harm to hold a child back in grade level, thus placing him with smaller children.

3. A child should be taught as fast as he can absorb the material.

The plan will compare the achievements of the children who are in regular single-grade classrooms. The experiment will be tried in several classes in one school.

Parents will be contacted before any child is placed in the program, Superintendent J. H. Hull said, and only teachers who are willing will conduct the classes.

New Site For Nike Sought

A clear title to the 35-acre triangle on Torrance Municipal Airport has been promised the city by the Defense Department but use of another 45-acre site on the airport for location of a guided missile center has been requested by the Army Corps of Engineers.

In an announcement made in Washington last week, the Defense Department said that the Sixth Army, which has its headquarters in San Francisco, had agreed to releasing the airport triangle at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd. to the city for commercial development if the city will make available another site on the 385-acre airport for the Nike installation which would complete the ring of such installations for the defense of metropolitan Los Angeles.

The Army is asking for about 45 acres of land for the Nike, a guided missile capable of searching out its target and destroying it.

No Site Named

The Army has not specified a location on the airport for installation, but would consider any reasonable site that is offered, according to the Defense Department.

City Attorney James Hall and City Manager George Steven conferred with Corps of Engineers officers in Los Angeles Thursday on the Army's request to survey the airport for possible use as a guided missile site. Both city officials said they were told the nature of the installation was to be treated as confidential. But Washington sources identified it as a Nike launching site, one of several in the Los Angeles area.

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