

SLATED FOR HILL CITY . . . Construction on a new city hall for Palos Verdes Estates will commence early this fall. The building, in traditional Spanish style with mission tile roof, has been designed to blend with the motif of the famed residential city. The new building will house both fire

and police departments on the first floor, and the homes association and city offices on the second floor. It was designed by Architect Carrington H. Lewis, A.I.A., of Palos Verdes. It will cost about \$350,000.

Local Insurance Man To Attend Conference.

Oscar Burke, 21330 Anza Ave., will attend an insurance career conference in Santa Barbara, Sept. 16-18.

Burke will join other agents and company executives for educational work in life underwriting, accident, and sickness and employe protection insurance.

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Burning Ban Near

Torrance householders will be stuck with a piece of useless equipment Oct. 1, when the ban on incinerator burning goes into effect.

Air Pollution Control District Officer Smith Griswold warned Friday that there would be strict enforcement of the no-burning regulations after Oct. 1.

In Torrance where wide-ton, Ohio, spread collections of rubbish began July 1, householders will soon receive instructions for the local pick-up as well as bills for \$3 for the past three months' collections. Cost of the pick-up will be \$1 per month.

Local residents will be informed of the days on which the pick-ups will be made by 12 trucks. Assistant City Manager Don Mansfield said that the city will study the operation closely to see how it works. Changes will be made, if needed, he said.

Chemical Plant Fire

An explosion of a pressure pipe at the Union Carbide and Carbon Co. Thursday caused a small fire which was quickly contained by the firm's firemen.

Torrance firemen stood by while the employees quelled the flames, which did little damage, and turned off the pressure in the exploded pipe.

Schools Hit Record

On Jan. 19, 1950, Torrance residents were startled to learn that the Torrance Unified School District had enrolled its 4000th student, quite a milestone in the development of the small city.

Friday, seven and a half years later, South High Principal Bruce Wagner welcomed the 20,000th student in the Torrance Unified School District, 15-year-old Susan Peterson, daughter of Col. and Mrs. C. M. Peterson, 404 Calle Mayor. She moved here from Day-

Youths Nabbed Here

Four San Pedro youths were arrested early Thursday morning on charges of attempted burglary.

Police said the group was taken in custody after a window had been broken at Wal-teria Drug store, 3776 Pacific Coast Hwy.

New Building Permits

Building permits in Torrance during August totaled \$1,487,701, bringing the year's figures to \$11,905,534.

The month's largest permits went to the Coleman Engineering Co. for its new plant at 3500 Torrance Blvd. The \$305,600 in permits were for a production building, industrial office, and garages.

Civic Group Elects

John G. L. Crain was named president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., Thursday night, succeeding John K. Kesson, who has headed the group for the past two years.

Other new officers of the group include Jack White, vice president; Margaret Clark, secretary; Herma Tillim, treasurer; and Vivian Warren, auditor. They will be officially installed at a gala inaugural ball slated on Sept. 23.

Knights Name Queen

Miss Jean Marie Spies was crowned Queen of the Rancho San Antonio Fiesta in Los Angeles Friday night by George W. Schneider, president of the Southern California chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

Queen Spies will reign over the annual barbeque and fiesta to be held at Rancho San Antonio "Boys' Town of the West" on Sunday, Sept. 15. The Rancho is located in San Fernando Valley at Chatsworth, and is sponsored by the Southern California chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

Car Clouts Busy

Samuel Ayola, 20619 S. Vermont Ave., reported to police someone had taken a pair of glasses and four hub caps from his unlocked car.

The glasses and hub caps were valued at \$100.

Home Business Hit

The Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday night indicated that it may pursue a tougher policy in acting upon requests for business licenses in private homes.



DISCUSSING AIR SALUTE . . . Making plans for local observance of the 50th anniversary of air power are (l. to r.) Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Col. Dean Hess, famed Air Force officer; and Jack Dabbs, who is aiding with local plans for the celebration. (Herald Photo)

End to Double Sessions Forecast Within 18 Months

Double sessions in Torrance schools should be virtually a thing of the past in less than 18 months, according to a report prepared for the Board of Education.

Although the city now has 6284 students on half-day sessions, completion of six new schools and several classroom wings should virtually wipe out double sessions by February, 1959, according to the report. With fingers crossed, Dr. Warren Hamilton, director of special services, indicated that the report would be accurate unless there were major zoning changes, a sudden cut-off of state building funds, or long construction slow-downs.

Strike Delays Double sessions, which first reared their troublesome heads in 1950 here, reached their peak in 1955 when about 7000 students were going half days. They are up about 200 this year, mainly because a building strike delayed construction of South High School. South High students are using part of Torrance Elementary School which placed the 792 students there on double sessions. Within six months, however, the number of students on double sessions is expected to

drop to 4000, due to the completion of South High School, set later this year, and the scheduled completion of new classroom wings to house 726 children at six schools—Anza, Arlington, Hillside, Riviera, Sepulveda, and Flavian. (Each new classroom takes two classrooms off double sessions.)

Adequate Schools

Hamilton foresaw few, if any, double sessions in either elementary or high school classes after February, 1959. Completion of South High facilities should handle the influx of students until West High School is completed in two or three years.

Completion of five new schools within the next school year is expected to decrease double sessions to slightly more than 1000 by October, 1959. They are Calle Mayor, just north of South High School; Hamilton, 182nd and Ardath Ave.; Jefferson, near Carson and Ladeene Ave.; Magruder, 186th and Amie Ave., and Yukon, 178th and Yukon.

New School Set

Predicted completion of Lincoln School, 188th and Arlington, would virtually eliminate the double session problem within 18 months. All six new

schools, except Yukon, would have an initial capacity of 594 students. Yukon would house 396. To meet growth problems at existing schools, officials have been erecting portable classroom units, which can be moved to other locations, if needed.

Since double-sessions started in 1950, two new high schools and 16 new elementary schools have been built, with an increase from 4000 to 21,000 in enrollment.

By February, 1959, there will be approximately 25,000 students in school here and by 1962, some 30,000.

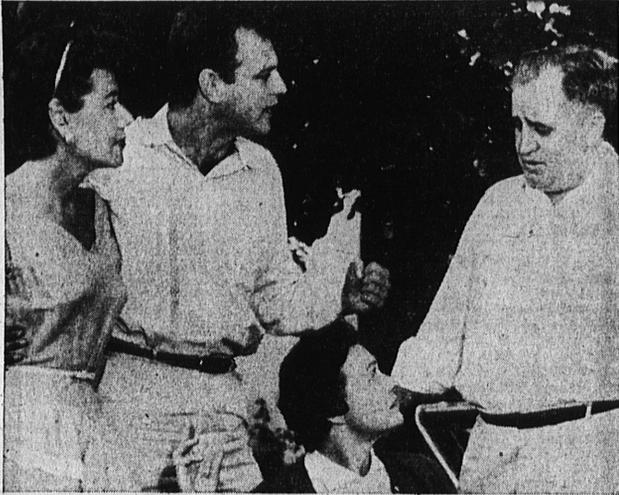
Growth Slower

Growth of the city is expected to be more gradual than the rapid pace it maintained during the past seven years. Few more huge subdivisions, which bring thousands of children to school, are foreseen by officials.

One school problem might be the rezoning for residential purposes of the Victor Tract, recently annexed to the city. It is now zoned for manufacturing, and is expected to remain that way. A change in policy, however, could give the schools some extra problems.



DEFIES A HEX . . . Okay, so tomorrow's Friday the 13th, supposedly a day one should be extra careful. But lovely TV Actress Sue England flaunts the age-old superstitions by collecting ladders, open umbrellas, broken mirrors, salt, and other sure-fire hex items. And, if she's been harmed by it all, it isn't obvious.



FINAL REHEARSAL . . . Top cast members of Hampton Players' next production, "All My Sons," go through final rehearsal before tomorrow night's opening in Redondo Beach at Players' Theater. Featured in leading roles are (left to right) Margaret Middleton, Bill Burroughs, Patricia Coates, and Carl Rogers. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Hampton Players to Open 'All My Sons' Tomorrow

The Hampton Players of Redondo Beach will present the 1948 Drama Critics' award-winning play "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller at the Players Theater, 129 South Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach, beginning tomorrow.

Featured in the leading roles are Carl Rogers of Hollywood Riviera as Joe Keller and Patricia Coates of Palos Verdes as his wife, Kate Keller. Others in the cast are Bill

Burroughs of Manhattan Beach, Dorothy Tunis of Hollywood Riviera, Dick Dugan of Redondo Beach, Miriam Wilson of Manhattan Beach, Norm Fordyce of Santa Monica, and Nicky Rogers of Hollywood Riviera.

"All My Sons" is being directed by Bob Farnsworth of Redondo Beach, assisted by Barney Browne of Manhattan Beach. Farnsworth has had 32

years of varied theatrical experience. Among other plays he has directed for the Hampton Players are "The Country Girl" and "Affairs of State." The play will run for four consecutive weekends. Curtain time is 8 o'clock.

Six Local Boys Attend State DeMolay Meeting

Six Torrance boys attended the state DeMolay convention at the Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach.

Leading the delegation was Kent Jackson, master counselor. Others attending were Master Counselor-elect David Rhine, Charles Johnson, Tommy Ball, Jimmy Meyer, and Danny Slack.

The Torrance Unified School District was forced to go into the state building program in 1956, due to failure of its own funds, to build enough schools to reduce double sessions. Although seven new schools were completed during the year, the number of children on double session was reduced only slightly.



A CROWD PLEASER . . . Felix Adler, internationally famous clown, will be one of an army of clowns entertaining during the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona beginning tomorrow. The grandstand attractions will continue through . . .