

# CITY UPS ANTE FOR NEW COURT

## Council Offers To Help County

The city offered to put something in the pot this week if needed to insure that temporary sessions of the new branch of the South Bay Court were held in Torrance.

Action of the city council followed hints that the court may be established in Redondo Beach on a temporary basis until completion of the new courthouse on the civic center, not slated until the end of next year at the earliest.

To the county's notice that it would cost \$12,000 to repair the old city hall in Torrance for use as a courtroom, and that the county legally could spend only \$8000, the city offered to ante up the remaining \$4000 if necessary.

At the same time, the city offered the use of its present council chambers on the civic center for court purposes if the county desired.

### City Startled

The city was startled last week end to hear from the County Administrator's office that it would cost \$12,000 to fix up the old city hall on Cravens Ave. for court purposes.

"When we first offered the building to them, the officials from the administrator's office were very enthusiastic," City Manager George Stevens said. He reported that they thought the quarters were ideal, and that they rated very high in comparison to some of the quarters they were forced to accept for temporary courts as a result of the recent appointments to new judgeships.

### Picture Changes

The picture suddenly changed this week, however. The CAO notified the city that it would not be able to use the city hall without expending at least \$12,000. On the other hand, the city was told, the county had a chance to rent a Redondo Beach bank building for \$275 a month which would cost only \$1500 to put into shape.

At this Councilman Willys G. Blount exploded. "No one has shown me how they can convert a bank building into a courtroom for \$1500 when they say it will cost \$12,000 to use quarters made for court purposes," he told newsmen after the council meeting Tuesday.

### Politics Blamed

"I think this is a political move to keep the court in Redondo as long as possible," he added.

In the meantime, the new judge of the district, Donald Armstrong, has assumed the robes of his office, but has no courtroom to use.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who was instrumental in obtaining the third court here, told city officials this week he would work with them to establish the temporary court in Torrance.

## Rivets Reports

Today's weather should be sunny and a trifle warmer, The HERALD weatherdog, Rivets, reported, wagging his tail joyfully. "Just remember, every dog has his day and this is mine," he declared. "They're installing a new fire plug on my corner."



High and low temperatures for the week included Sunday (77-57), Monday (77-68), Tuesday (76-56), and Wednesday (77-58).

## Lady Says 'Apple A Day' Proverb Full of Baloney

An apple a day didn't keep the doctor away and almost brought on the mortician, Mrs. Charlotte E. Lewis, 2445 Ward St., reported Monday.

Mrs. Lewis was eating an apple at her home Monday when she choked and got a piece of the fruit caught in her throat. Torrance firemen rushed to the scene, removing the apple and treating her for shock. She was reported recovering.

In other action, firemen were called to the aid of Michael Montgomery, 3, 4710 Reynolds Dr., who accidentally stepped on a hoe, cutting his foot badly.



NEW STEEL OFFICIAL . . . Paul Sullivan, newly appointed district director of public relations of the Pacific Southwest district of the U. S. Steel Corp., arrived yesterday in Los Angeles to take over his duties. He succeeds Joseph H. Jordan, who will retire Sept. 30. Sullivan held a similar capacity in Chicago for the past three years.

## Our Want Ads Bring Results—Internationally

Torrance HERALD want ads bring results, even on an international level.

Mrs. T. R. Clark, 21722 Orick Ave., reported Monday that she had sold her old washing machine to a Norwegian sailor, Carl Carlson, who plans to take the appliance back home for his wife to use. He paid \$20 for the wringer-type machine.

Carlson told the Clarks that washing machines were not common in Norway and predicted that his wife would be delighted. He was also intrigued by the Clark's water heater and said his wife would have to heat the water before putting it in the machine. They have no automatic heater, he said.

Some friends of Carlson's saw the ad in the paper and told the sailor about it.

## New Judge Says Oath of Office

While more than 100 distinguished visitors and members of his family looked on, Donald Armstrong received the robe of his office, and became the third judge of the South Bay Municipal Court District in ceremonies at the Torrance city hall Monday.

Presented to the court presided over by Judge Paul McCormick, former federal district judge here, received his robe from William B. Keene, president of the South Bay Bar Assn., and former deputy district attorney for this area.

Judge McCormick administered the oath of office to the new jurist after welcoming him to the bench, saying that trial courts are under great stress and strain.

"A tremendous obligation rests on the trial judge," Judge McCormick said. He said it was important that no man be robed as a trial judge unless he measures up to the highest principles.

Requirements given prerequisites listed for the post by Judge McCormick included integrity, humanism, knowledge of the law, and experience in the general practice of his profession.

In accepting his office, Judge Armstrong said it was a happy occasion for Torrance, and a happy occasion for the South Bay Bar Assn. And "it is a happy occasion for me," he said.

"All my professional life, I had hoped some time to occupy the bench," the new judge said.

Judge Armstrong introduced members of his family: Harry Plough, his new clerk; Norman Larson, bailiff, and Supervisor Burton W. Chace, whom he credited with making the addition to the court possible.

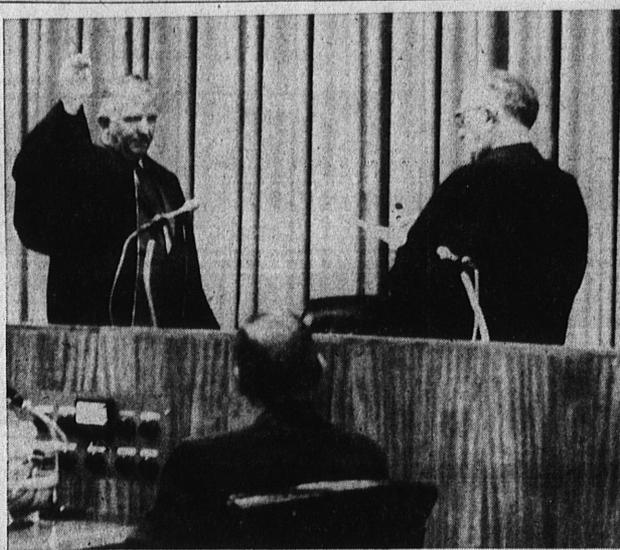
"I want to publicly thank Supervisor Chace right here for making possible a third court in Torrance," the new judge said.

Others visiting the ceremonies included District Attorney William B. McKesson, Judges John A. Shidler and Otto B. Willett of the South Bay Court, Clerk Ernest W. Stout of the court, and most of the court personnel, and city officials and civic leaders from the surrounding area.

The new jurist will assume the duties of his office as soon as facilities are made available.

## NO COUNCIL SESSION HERE NEXT TUESDAY

There will be no meeting of the Torrance city council on Tuesday, Sept. 24. With all the members of the council and 11 city officials in San Francisco next week for a meeting of the League of California Cities, the council has been adjourned until Oct. 1.



TAKING THE OATH . . . Judge Donald Armstrong (left) takes his oath of office from Judge Paul McCormick, before whom he tried his first case. Judge Armstrong was robed in ceremonies at the Torrance City Hall Monday, becoming the third judge of the South Bay Municipal Court District.

## Torrance School Enrollment Hits 21,100 Tuesday

Torrance's school enrollment passed the 21,100 mark Tuesday as late students continued to enroll.

Most schools were filled to capacity, with all but five elementary schools on double sessions. Initial enrollments were a little heavier than expected at Anza and Edison Schools, but somewhat lower at Carr, Newton, Sepulveda, Seaside and Torrance Elementary Schools. A pre-school prediction of 21,300 students probably will be reached in a month or two.

Enrollments include 17,304 elementary and 3786 high school pupils, with about 5500 on double session. Growth since last September totaled about 3000 students.

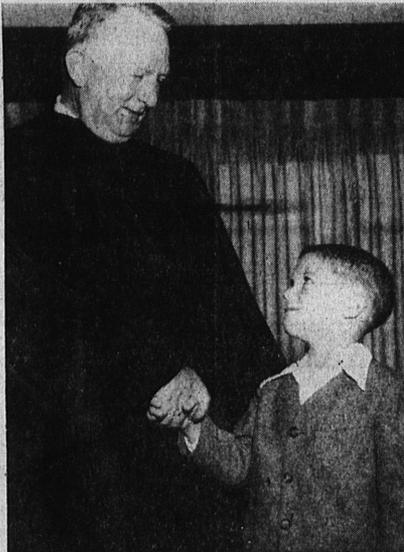
As usual, kindergarten was the largest single class, nearly five times larger than the high school seniors. By classes, enrollments were as follows:

Kindergarten, 2769; first grade, 2268; second, 2009; third, 2097; fourth, 1894; fifth, 1804; sixth, 1673; seventh, 1369; eighth, 1332; ninth, 1232; tenth, 1096; eleventh, 849; and twelfth, 566.

North High School had 1848 students, while Torrance Torrance High had 1143 and South High, 787.

Elementary school enrollments were:

Anza, 633; Arlington, 813; Carr, 912; Casimir, 1091; Crenshaw, 867; Edison, 888; El Nido, 286; Fern-Greenwood, 876; Flavian, 616; Hillside, 631; Madrona, 695; Meadow Park, 1101; Newton, 643; Parkway, 619; Perry, 907; Riviera, 761; Seaside, 1166; Sepulveda, 626; Steele, 823; Torrance Elementary, 882; Waleria, 751; and Wood, 896.



CONGRATULATIONS, GRANDPA . . . Young Chris Hall, grandson of Judge Donald Armstrong, was an interested spectator at Monday's ceremony marking official entry of the Judge to the bench. Young Chris wants to be a judge himself someday, he said. He was there with his mother, Mrs. E. B. Hall, daughter of the Armstrongs.

## FORCED TO STEAL, TWO BOYS CLAIM

Sheriff's deputies Monday were investigating stories by two Lomita boys, 9 and 11 years old, that they were forced to steal by a 14-year-old boy who threatened them with a knife.

The 11-year-old boy was picked up at the Narbonne Market, 25102 Narbonne Ave., by owner Sam Bornstein, who said the boy had four model airplane kits in his possession. The boy and his companion claimed that the older boy had threatened them with a knife if they refused to steal small items for him. They said they would go into a store to find what he wanted and send the smaller boys in afterward to steal the items.

The older boy forced them to keep the stolen goods at their homes because he didn't want his parents to know about it. The 11-year-old showed deputies a puncture wound in his back which he said was made by the knife of the older lad.

Deputies confiscated a nine-inch homemade stiletto from the older boy.

## 3 Collisions Cause Minor Injuries Here

Three accidents resulted in minor injuries for three persons in the Torrance area this week.

Yovan John Popovich, 27, of 421 Camino Del Campo, collided with a truck driven by Bill Albert Ladd, 24, of Los Angeles, at the intersection of Cabrillo St. and Lincoln Ave. Tuesday. Leldon Van Wood, 20, of Lakewood, was taken to a private doctor by Ladd.

A three-car collision at Western Ave. and 204th St., involved cars driven by Eugene Lester Clemson, 1203 W. 161st St.; Raymond David Quignon, 1860 Torrance Blvd.; and Opa Mary Greer, 2608 Martha St.

William F. Clemson, 17 months, sustained minor injuries. Also on Sunday, cars driven by Clyde Richard Anderson of the USN, Long Beach, and Leslie Charles Brosch, 19, 1926 W. 259th St., collided. Arlene Weber, 17, of Redondo Beach, a passenger, was injured slightly.

## New Catholic High Opening Reset Monday

Opening of Bishop Montgomery High School, new Catholic high school on Torrance Blvd. at the Redondo Beach boundary, has been delayed until Monday due to construction delays, the principal, Father Michael J. McNulty said yesterday.

Originally scheduled to open on Sept. 9, the opening was postponed until last Monday and had to be delayed another week by last-minute construction work. Work on the new structure was delayed this summer by a construction strike.

The new school will house some 285 freshmen students during the first year.

## If You're In a New Home, Watch Gimmick Pushers

(This is the second in a series of articles entitled "Don't Be A Sucker!" In the first article, it was pointed out how buying blindly from an unscrupulous salesman can cost an unsuspecting buyer plenty of money, or possibly even his life.)

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Chances are that you're a fairly new citizen of Torrance. Chances are, too, that you're young (the average age is 27), a parent, and a homeowner. You're likely to have moved into your new tract home here just recently. (Some 80,000 persons have become new citizens of the city since 1947, 10,000 of them within the last year.) You're probably still getting your house into shape.

Your doorbell jingles. When you open the door, you are greeted by a smiling man.

Sales Pitch  
"Good afternoon," Mrs. Jones, he may remark cheerily. "Your name has been recommended to me by your friends and neighbors as one who might be interested in a

special money-saving offer."

Your ears perk up. He knows your name, so he must have talked to some of your friends. (Actually, the information can usually be obtained easily from the neighborhood kids or from lists which are available.) More than that, he is going to help you save money and everybody's in favor of that. You invite him in.

You're pleased with the world and this happy salesman, it seems to you, is here to make your dream castle even better. Even better, you don't have to go to the store to buy his product, because he'll take care of you right in your own home. This nice man couldn't possibly be dishonest, or so you think.

Looking for Suckers  
That's where you're wrong. He could be. There are many legitimate salesmen with legitimate offers, but there are some who are just looking for suckers, one of which may be you.

One family recently purchased new insulation for their home at a price that seemed

like a real "steal." The salesman performed a test for them which seemed to prove that his product was superior in fire resistance to any other on the market. The eager homeowners signed the contract at once, hastening to act before their "friend" escaped. The insulation was duly installed.

The homeowner was so delighted with the product and the price that he decided to repeat the test for some friends. He went to his attic, took a handful of the material, and started to repeat the salesman's test. He put it in his hand and applied a match. To his chagrin, the insulation blazed merrily, and he suffered a badly burned hand.

Implied Protection  
What this homeowner didn't know was that the test which he had seen had to be set up in a certain way for the material not to burn. In thinking back, he recalled that the salesman had never said that the material was fireproof, although he implied it strongly.

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## A Penny for your Thoughts

With more and more women entering the field of business, less time is available for doing housework and many men have found themselves doing some of the household chores.

Today's HERALD reporter interviewed a group of Torrance residents to discover their feeling about the question:

"How much help should a husband give to his wife with work around the house?"

Mrs. Gordon Goodwin, 1020 Maple Ave., city minutes clerk:

"I think the man should do the gardening and maybe help with the dinner dishes, but he should do no housework. However, if the woman works, then he should join in and help with the housework."

Leo Martin, 1638 W. 223rd St., plumber:

"If the wife doesn't work, she should do all the housework, the husband should do all the outside work. Exceptions may be made for moving furniture, heavy cleaning, and such. In these cases, the man should help."

Mrs. Bernice Lane, 1539 W. 227th St., waitress:

"The husband should not help around the house unless he wants to. He should do some of the yard work, but the wife should help with this, too. Husbands, however, should help with the children in the evening."

Larry Harrington, 4523 Talisman Ave., freelance photographer:

"I think the hubby should help around the house. It depends on whether the wife is working as to how much he should help. He should at least help with the heavy work and the yard. I do the dinner dishes and don't mind a bit."

Bob Merkle, 2274 Earl St., security guard:

"My wife works and there's quite a few things I do around the house. We share each other's work and find we're more congenial that way. My wife appreciates the help I give her."

## Council Approves Library Branch in El Retiro Park

Plans for a branch library in El Retiro park in Hollywood Riviera received the approval of the city council this week on the recommendation of the city's library commission.

The library, slated to be about 3000 square feet in size, has been planned in this year's city budget, and will cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to build.

On a motion by Councilman Willys G. Blount, a member of the library commission, the

council approved plans to put the new facility in El Retiro Park, and ordered the city engineering department to begin plans for the structure.

"The area has needed a library for a long time," Blount told the HERALD after the council meeting. He said the decision to put the facility in that area came after residents and officers of the area's homeowners had worked for months outlining the need for the library.