

Population of Torrance Tops 114,000, State Says

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DAIRIES WIN OUSTER DELAY

Deadline for Closing Put Off 6 Months

Torrance's shrinking dairy industry was given another six months grace Tuesday night when the City Council agreed to the extension because the city had failed to follow its 1958 ordinance by holding public hearings to determine the facts of the dairy industry operation in the city.

Tuesday night's postponement of the deadline, set several years ago at Jan. 1, 1963, followed a recommendation by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier. He said it "would be a mistake to go ahead and oust the dairies before the public hearings and a determination of the facts."

Appearing on behalf of the Torrance dairymen was Attorney George E. Atkinson Jr., Paramount, who has spent several years seeking to solve the growing dairy problems to Los Angeles County.

ATKINSON said he thought the city should proceed with the public hearings and make a determination on the matter, but asked for a delay in the enforcement of the deadline ordinance.

"Economic factors will govern the outcome of this," he said. He pointed out that land is becoming too valuable in Torrance to be used for dairy operations, and that owners were going to be forced to sell their land for other uses.

"It's going to happen to all of them," he said.

MAYOR ALBERT Isen criticized administrative officials who had permitted the public hearings called for in the 1958 ordinance to slide by until now.

City Attorney Remelmeier said he had been notifying the planning director and city manager during the year that such hearings were necessary, but that nothing apparently was done.

The city, with a new city manager and new planning director, now has started the required proceedings, he reported.

DAIRIES which were supposed to be out of Torrance by next Jan. 1, now have until July to move, and may win

an extension if progress on the required hearings and their own efforts to solve the problem are bearing fruit, it was indicated informally.

A firm extension until July was approved, however. Attorney Atkinson would not accept a stipulated agreement that an extension be granted with the understanding that all dairies would be gone at the end of the period.

He indicated, however, that dairymen were anxious to avoid a court battle on the ouster, and would work hard to settle the matter.

Hearings will be scheduled before the Planning Commission and then the matter will be returned to the City Council early next year.

Accidents Take Toll On Streets

Mary Edith Harper, 41, of 2646 Grand Summit Rd., was charged with misdemeanor drunk driving Sunday after her car was involved in a collision with another vehicle in front of 2646 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Driver of the other car was Eulalo Almazan Gonzales, 37, of San Pedro. A passenger in the Gonzales car, Carmen Gonzales, 36, suffered major injuries and was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Two persons, both in the same car, were injured about 2:45 p.m. Monday in a two-car accident at Western Avenue and 190th Street.

TAKEN TO Harbor General Hospital was Nancy Caledica Linton, 44, of 1667 W. 204th St., a driver, and Dorothy Howen, Gardena, a passenger in the Linton vehicle. The driver suffered minor injuries and the passenger major injuries, police said.

Driver of the other sedan involved was Charles Vincent Wright, 29, Gardena. Both cars were northbound on Western Avenue when the Linton car collided with the rear of the Wright sedan, police said.

Three persons were injured in a two-car collision about 3:15 p.m. Tuesday on Western Avenue just north of 203rd Street.

GAIL STARKWEATHER, 16, passenger in a sedan driven by Virginia Bonn Starkweather, 45, both of Redondo Beach, was taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital where she was treated for minor injuries. The driver also suffered minor injuries and was taken to a private physician by her husband.

Driver of the other car was Mary Wheeler Todd, 64, El Segundo, who suffered minor injuries and was treated by a private physician.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

5,400 Added To Torrance In Past Year

Torrance had a population of 114,300 as of Monday, it was reported to the City Council Tuesday night by City Manager Wade Peebles. The population count, an official estimate of the Department of Finance in Sacramento, marked an increase of 5,400 since the Nov. 1, 1961 special census count of 108,900, Peebles said.

Peebles explained that the official estimate by the state office would entitle the city to receive additional "in lieu" funds from the state which are distributed on a per capita basis. He said the immediate effect would be the payment of about \$45,000 more to the city in motor vehicle "in lieu" taxes.

He added that the \$45,000 represented only about half of the increase the city could expect eventually because the state had already paid out such monies for two quarters of the fiscal year.

Residents Petition For Street

THE OFFICIAL notice of the added population count gave impetus to the city's drive to secure location of the proposed four-year state college for the area on a Torrance site.

Concurring in a recommendation of the Torrance Steering Committee for the college, the City Council authorized allocation of funds to send Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Dralle to Chicago in the near future to discuss availability of property at Sepulveda and Crenshaw with the president of the Santa Fe Railway Co. Plans now are to seek a meeting with the Santa Fe executive about the middle of January.

THE STATE College board of trustees delayed a decision on the site for a period of 60 to 90 days after indicating it might announce a choice for the college site at a meeting last week.

Also under consideration is a site in the Palos Verdes hills. (See editorial, page 32).

Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta was named an alternate for the Chicago mission in the event Mayor Isen or Councilman Dralle is unable to attend. The Santa Fe has opposed selection of the Crenshaw-Sepulveda site where it has extensive land and oil field holdings.

YMCA Campaign Passes \$40,000

The Rev. William Smith pastor of the Evangel Pentecostal Church, 2147 W. 237th St., made a modest donation to the Torrance Family YMCA this week, and the gift was enough to boost the local youth-serving group past its 1962 campaign goal of \$40,000.

Smith has been a regular sustaining member of the YMCA for a number of years. At one time, his church used the local "Y" building for their Sunday services.

YMCA Board Chairman Allen Pyeatt commended the Rev. Mr. Smith for his concern for the 6,000 Torrance and Lomita youth served by the YMCA.

IN MAKING the announcement, Pyeatt stated that this success of the YMCA will do much to encourage the leadership teams who are readying the upcoming 1963 current support campaign for the Torrance YMCA.

THIRTY-SEVEN members of the Torrance YMCA Board of Managers attended the last meeting, held on Dec. 8. Following the meeting, the Board visited a number of prospective sites. Needed is a piece of land 250 feet square.



CAROLS FOR SHUTINS . . . Some 1,000 Campfire Girls from all levels of the program, singing in groups of 50 to 100, will bring Christmas carols to shutins at hospitals and nursing homes in the area Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Getting in practice are, left to right, Donna Rumney, a Blue Bird; Nancy Davis, a junior high school Camp Fire girl; Janeen Hogue, Camp Fire girl; Linda Kern, Horizon Club; Suzanne Mach, Blue Bird, and Kristin Johnson, junior high Camp Fire girl. (Herald Photo)

Raphael Masterpiece in 'Madonna Row' Collection

Madonna Row, El Camino's "Christmas card to the community," will again take its place on the front lawn of the college's Administration Building on Crenshaw Boulevard from Friday to Jan. 1.

Originated in 1949 by Miss Mildred Walker, art instructor, Madonna Row is a series of reproductions consisting of eight oil paintings, two mosaics, a stained-glass window and a medieval tooled book cover.

New to the "outdoor gallery" this year, is a nine-foot in diameter, round, oil painting by Raphael. Entitled "Madonna of the Chair," the work is the product of art students Maurizio Barratucci and Jack King under the direction of Miss Walker.

SCHEDULED to be unveiled today, the "Madonna of the Chair" will feature corner designs by students of El Camino's craft classes under the supervision of Richard Oliver.

Highlighting the art display is a stained-glass window taken directly from the Blue Madonna of Chartres Cathedral in France. Using glass imported from France, the window was "fired in the true tradition of gothic craftsmen," Miss Walker said.

Appraised at \$7,000 by experts, the window is almost the exact of the original in France.

REPRESENTING the Spanish Baroque artist, El Greco, is

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FOR MADONNA ROW . . . Raphael's "Madonna of the Chair" is the latest reproduction to be added to El Camino's Madonna Row. Annual Christmas display of the world's greatest Christmas scenes will be opened Friday and continue through Jan. 1 on the Crenshaw side of the campus.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think children get too much for Christmas these days?"

Mrs. Henry O. Bary, 1029 W. Carson St.

"Yes, indeed they do. Lots of time I think we want children to have what we didn't get. Christmas has become too commercial, however, we did give away gifts to the needy this year. My little son said somebody will enjoy this."



Miss J. E. Cagle, 22307 Kent

"I think they get entirely too much. They expect it because they get more. More parents are working more and they can buy more for their children—they are spoiling the children."

Mrs. Fredericks, Wilmington

"Yes, I think they get too much all of the time. We have one son and he gets too much. There seems to be appreciation, though. As a rule, I don't believe they appreciate it. I think it's the era in which we live."



Mrs. Fred Bunge, Victoria

"Yes, I do. I think sometimes more than is good for them. We live in a different age. There are more toys and everything in general. Working mothers also contribute a lot. Because they can't give the children time, they give them material gifts."

Mary Kenmuir, Gardena

"Yes I sure do. I am only going on my own experience with my family. They made Christmas so commercial. There is more merchandise and this makes it possible to give more. Many people save up all year in Christmas clubs to buy gifts."



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