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COLLEGE SITE WINS BOOST

Objection to Site Denied By Santa Fe

Fears that officials of Santa Fe and its affiliated companies might oppose selection of a site at Crenshaw and Sepulveda for the new four-year state college were erased yesterday in a letter to the city from R. D. Shelton, vice president of the rail firm.

Following up on a personal visit to the area last week, Shelton wrote Mayor Albert Isen stating that he had discussed the city's request for an expression that the company would have no objection to locating the college here.

"We do not now have nor have we ever had objection to the college being located in Torrance," Shelton said.

HE ASKED only that the firms concerned be compensated for the surface acreage taken, that they be permitted to retain mineral rights, and that they be paid for the expense entailed in slant drilling from nearby drilling sites.

"This announcement demonstrates that the Santa Fe railroad officials are good citizens, interested in community betterment and cultural advancements," Isen said on receipt of the letter yesterday.

"It clears the air of any doubt," he added.

ISEN SAID there had never been any question about just compensation for the properties involved.

"After reviewing the situation with me last week and seeing the progress in our residential districts, our schools, and our industry, Mr. Shelton could readily see that South Bay State College is necessary to round out the picture," Isen added.

The Santa Fe official placed the value of land at \$30,000 an acre and said it would cost an additional \$4,200,000 to slant drill and operate the wells from off-site platforms. These figures have been accepted in the computation of costs right along, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said yesterday.

CITY OFFICIALS generally agree that Shelton's letter is a great psychological boost for the city's drive to obtain location of the new state college here.

"It probably means that Santa Fe will not fight the site acquisition through the courts and it could be a large factor in selection," Remelmeier said.

A meeting of the city's steering committee for the college will be called soon, according to Remelmeier.

City Gains 21,527 New Dwelling Units in 1962

Dwelling units for 21,527 new families were provided in new construction in Torrance during 1962, according to year end compilations of the city's building department.

The swing from large single-family subdivisions — which have marked Torrance growth over the past decade — to the apartment development is shown vividly with the 1962

permit totals which revealed that the city authorized construction of 373 new single-family homes during the year while authorizing 2,126 dwelling units in multiple dwelling projects.

An additional 14 permits during the year for duplex dwellings added the final 23 dwelling units to the city's new total.

The permits for dwelling construction made up a large part of the \$38,363,697 valuation placed on new construction permit, during the year.

Sixty-three permits for commercial construction with a total valuation of \$3,514,925 were issued during the year, and another 15 permits with a valuation of \$1,635,985 were issued for industrial construction.

Council May Clamp Down On Conflicts

A closed-door meeting of the City Council to discuss membership on the city's Planning Commission was called for 7 p.m. next Tuesday following charges before the council meeting Tuesday night that a conflict of interest was present many times on matters coming before the group.

Councilman George Vico touched off the discussion of planners during consideration of a request for a variance submitted by attorney Harold Thomasian to permit construction of a five-story office building at 3559 Torrancia Blvd. with less than the required off-street parking.

Vico contended that the matter should not have come to the City Council if it did not meet the city's requirements.

Suit Charges Firms Split School Jobs

A suit charging six Southern California building hardware firms "fixed prices and rigged bids" on hardware for many public buildings, including two Torrancia area schools, has been filed by Attorney General Stanley Mosk and L. A. City Attorney Roger Arnebergh.

The firms, along with four officials who were named in the criminal anti-trust suit filed Monday, were charged with alleged conspiracy stretching over a period of several years in which construction jobs were allocated among the various suppliers.

Among the public projects allegedly involved in the conspiracy, according to the suit, were West High School which was opened here last fall, and the Caroldale school, a Los Angeles elementary school in this area.

The suit is directed at stopping bid-rigging on public contracts, according to Attorney General Mosk.

THE COUNCIL set the Thomasian building decision over until Jan. 22 after agreeing informally to grant the variance if the builders can provide 187 parking spaces for the building which will have 30,000 square feet of usable space.

At the same time, the Council (Continued on Page 2)



FIRE TRAGEDY . . . Firemen work to control a fire which broke out Sunday afternoon at the home of Lois Ford, 22014 Western Ave. Smoke, right, billows from an adjacent structure. Los Angeles city fire equipment responded. (Herald Photo)

Torrance Destined to Be Third Largest in County

Torrance can expect an average population increase of 5,000 per year through 1970, making it the third largest city in the county, Chamber of Commerce Manager Don Reining said this week.

Reining told the HERALD that no analysis has been made of the population growth

of the other leading cities in population so it is hard to say when Torrancia will attain the third spot, however it is expected before 1970.

The chamber manager made his report to the Torrancia Kiwanis Club on "Marking Time or Making History." Torrancia by 1979 will be a leader in job opportunity, retail sales and construction, he pointed out. As the superior court building nears reality we predict more high-rise buildings, he said.

REINING announced that representatives of banks and utilities will tour Torrancia in industrial sites in March. The representatives will be given copies of an economic base study recently completed by the chamber Industrial Development Committee.

Pointing out how Torrancia is working to attract industry, Reining said that next month a plat map inventory which contains land descriptions of undeveloped industrial land is expected to be completed.

THE CHAMBER is also evaluating the type of industry that should move to Torrancia and when the industries are identified the chamber plans

Plane Buzzes Area Homes, Police Told

Investigation of reports of an airplane buzzing a home Sunday afternoon in the vicinity of 169th Street between Gramercy and Western is under way by Torrancia police.

Police contacted the control tower operator at the Torrancia airport but because of heavy traffic at the time the plane could not be definitely identified.

While police were in the tower a light airplane answering the description of the craft given by complainants in the area landed. The all-yellow aircraft reportedly came within about 100 feet of the ground.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think about all digit telephone numbers?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. Gene Douglass, 4143 W. 175th Place:

"I have one and can't remember it. It is difficult to teach four youngsters the number when you cannot remember it yourself. I definitely would rather have the prefix system."

Hank Lucero, 5112 Sharynne Lane:

"It's all right. It doesn't bother me. Like any other change, we can get used to it. To me it's not any harder to remember. Some people have already mentioned to me that it is more difficult for them to remember."

Miss Vickie Esposito, San Pedro:

"I like them. I think they are easy to remember. I work for a finance company which has them. All you have to remember is the three numbers plus the four. It's easy for me. I haven't heard any of my friends say they are having trouble remembering them."

Mrs. Harold W. Baker, Inglewood:

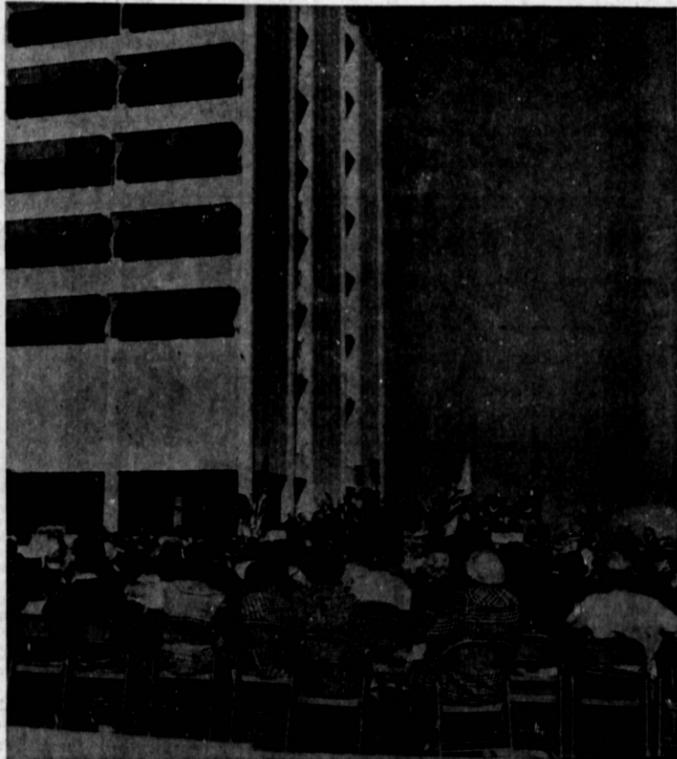
"I don't like them. I was a switchboard operator, and as an operator I would find it far more difficult to remember all the company numbers. I dread the day when they switch all telephone listings over to all numbers."

Mrs. Michael Snelson, San Pedro:

"When we moved here from Anaheim we got an all digit number. We have to go along with progress although we will have to change our way of thinking. I definitely think all numbers are harder to remember. They are especially bad if you are trying to give a number to someone who is trying to write it down."

Bandit Simulates Gun, Takes \$128

A bandit simulating a gun in his right hand pocket took about \$128 recently from Albert Childres of 12351 Cheshire. Childres told police he was parked at the rear of 1623 Cabrillo Ave. when the holdup occurred.



HOSPITAL DEDICATED . . . More than 500 county, city, and civic officials joined hundreds of hospital staff members and area residents Monday at dedication ceremonies for the new Harbor General Hospital acute unit and outpatient clinic at Carson Street and Vermont Avenue. The units will be occupied on the weekend of Jan. 27 and are scheduled to be in full operation by Monday, Jan. 28. (Herald Photo)

Councilmen Offer Help To Ryan Aero

Tentative schedules which call for the closing of the Torrancia plant of Ryan Aeronautical Co. about May 1 drew offers of help from members of the City Council Tuesday evening.

"Ryan has been one of our best citizens," Mayor Albert Isen said when offering any help the Council could give to keep the firm operating in Torrancia.

Night letters to Congressman Cecil King and other state and federal representatives were authorized by the councilmen when Chamber Manager Don Reining explained that the Ryan closing was being brought about because contracts on which they had been working were not included in the national defense budget.

Ryan employed 1,100 persons here two years ago, cut to 600 by last year, and currently employ about 450, officials said.

Cancellation of the Skybolt project had little effect on Torrancia workers, Reining told Councilmen.

Armed Bandit Takes Money From Station

About \$100 was taken by an armed bandit Monday from a service station attendant at Carson and Western.

Attendant Garnet Haley said the bandit displayed an automatic pistol and said "if you don't do as I tell you, I'll kill you. I want to kill somebody anyway."

After giving the money to the bandit the thief ordered Haley to "start running over that way" pointing out the station driveway. The attendant walked eastbound on Carson Street to a nearby telephone booth and called police.

At one point the bandit menaced Haley when he cocked the gun by sliding back the slide mechanism, Haley said. The robbery occurred about 5:30 a.m.

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