

City Needs \$15 Million in New Storm Drains

A storm drain deficiency study for Torrance indicates the city needs \$15 million in additions to its present system to provide adequate minimum protection, a report compiled by City Engineer Walter M. Nollac reveals.

Making the survey at the request of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Nollac found that a continuation of present systems without elimination of retention basins would pass the \$15 million mark.

Were retention basins to be eliminated by tunnels and lateral storm drains to the ocean and to Bixby Slough in Harbor City, the cost would climb above the \$32 million mark, the engineer estimated.

In compiling the city's storm drain needs, Nollac used the city's master plan of drainage needs prepared by the engineering firm of Koebig & Koebig in 1960, and expanded that report to reflect changed conditions, and to incorporate consideration of problems not foreseen in the earlier report.

At the Flood Control District's request, a priority list has been established under three classifications:

- (1) those described as urgent and critical now; (2) those needed to protect currently developing areas, and (3) those which will be needed for expanded or future development.

Many of these projects described by Nollac, if carried to a conclusion, would benefit areas outside of Torrance, he said in the report.

First priority in the city was given to a drain system near Arlington and 231st Street, second to the area of Crenshaw and 236th Street, and the third to Walnut and 238th Street.

The drainage needs include nearly every part of the city and extend to areas outside of the city, he reported. Other new retention basins proposed as the Phase I project would provide drainage for the Sepulveda-Crenshaw area, the Crenshaw-Lomita Boulevard and airport areas, the Victor Tract, and the area north of Torrance Boulevard between Hawthorne and Madrona.

The City Council has been working toward pro-

viding several of these drains, particularly those in the Torrance oilfield area and the Victor Tract.

If the retention basins are to be eliminated, Nollac said, drains would be needed linking the Del Amo Shopping Center area with the Walteria Lake area and then a tunnel taking this accumulation to the Pacific Ocean under Hollywood Riviera. This project has been discussed for several years as the ultimate solution to the problem of eliminating the heavy water runoff from the Palos Verdes Peninsula and southwest Torrance areas during major storms. The huge Walteria Lake retention basin built during the past year is designed to care for this at the present time.

Another tunnel originating north of the airport near Lomita Boulevard would collect water from the airport, South Torrance oilfield area, and Lomita area and carry it into Bixby Slough which opens into the Los Angeles harbor.

Draining the northwest area of the city would require a tunnel from the Entradero Sump area and going

to the ocean through Redondo Beach. This tunnel also would collect storm waters from the Victor Tract area.

North Torrance needs the least in the way of major projects, although a number of additional lines are needed to carry water into the Dominguez Channel.

The principal North Torrance line would collect water in the El Nido area, carrying it generally through 182nd Street and Prairie Avenue to about 171st Street then easterly and northward into the channel. The study does not call for retention basins in North Torrance, generally the area north of 190th Street.

Construction of the tunnel in West Torrance would eliminate five retention basins at a cost of \$7,546,000. The tunnel through Hollywood Riviera would eliminate four retention basins at a cost of \$15,724,000; and the tunnel to Bixby Slough would take out four retention basins at a cost of \$9,220,000.

Inclusion of these projects in a countywide bond election appears to be the only hope of financing the major parts of them, The HERALD was told.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

Classes have started, but before they did, the Pennies photographer asked five new teachers in Torrance: "Why did you choose teaching as a career?"

Sherron Sherrard, UCLA, 6th grade:

"I chose teaching because I think it is a good profession for a woman. It is a secure job and the working conditions are good. My main reason, though, is that I enjoy working with children and I feel that I have something I can offer them."

Charles Newton, East Washington State, 7th grade:

"It is a wonderful profession. I enjoy working with children and I feel that I can offer them something that will help them to cope with problems that they might face. It is a challenge that I meet with the best of my ability."

Anne Rose, Purdue University, 8th grade:

"My major was science and because many children seem to be interested in science today, I feel that teaching is a career where I can work and make the most of what I have been taught. I enjoy the opportunity to work with children."

Vernon Brewer, Fresno State, UCLA, San Jose State, German and World History:

"I chose teaching because I like languages and social studies. I think it is important for people to know a foreign language because of its cultural implications. Languages provide a broader outlook and more understanding. It is important to know what is nap-

Civil Rights Forum Slated Here Friday

A public forum on "Problems of Integration in the South Bay" will be held at Torrance High School auditorium Friday evening at 7 o'clock. The forum is sponsored by the Centinela-Bay Human Relations Committee. An Aug. 17 forum at the auditorium was disrupted by a group of 35 or 40 persons who heckled the speakers. South Bay Bar Assn. President Charles F. Catterlin, moderator of the discussion panel, blamed the disruption on members of the John Birch Society.

Criminal charges against three persons who were said to have led the hecklers have been filed by the city prosecutor.

A NUMBER of Torrance police officers will be present at tomorrow's forum. They will be paid by the sponsoring organization, and will make citizen's arrests when asked to do so by a representative of the Centinela-Bay Human Relations Committee.

Arrangements for the police officers were being made yesterday after the City Council adopted a policy statement on protection for public meetings. The policy, drafted by City Manager Wade Peebles, City Atty. Stanley Remelmeier, and Chief of Police Percy Bennett, calls for the city to provide protection when requested, provided wages for the officers are paid by the sponsoring group.

The sponsors must also assume the responsibility for possible false arrest charges if arrests are made. Carl B. Pearlston, chairman for the Friday forum, said, "When it comes to enforcing the law, it is the job of the law enforcement agencies. The city is putting the responsibility on the private citizen."

Pearlston said the group has asked for five officers and will pay them.

FRIDAY'S meeting, according to Pearlston, is not a debate or rally. "Rather, we want to present in a rational manner facts on the legal, eco-

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Petitions Filed for Carson Area

Petitions asking for the incorporation of part of the Carson area as the City of Carson were submitted Tuesday morning to the clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

R. B. Keith, chairman of the group seeking to incorporate the area, said the petitions contained more than 1250 signatures representing in excess of \$1.5 million of the assessed valuation. The group needed 900 signatures and approximately \$1,160,000 in assessed valuation.

The petitions must now be checked to validate the signatures. A protest hearing also must be scheduled by the Board of Supervisors.

Keith believes an election in the area may be held early next year, "depending on how fast the petitions are processed by the county."

The area is located in super-superior Hahn's and Chace's districts. It is approximately two square miles in area.

Council Upsets Planners, Rezones Industrial Tract

A large chunk of industrial land located east of Hawthorne Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Spencer Street was rezoned for single and multiple residences Tuesday evening after a long hearing on the case.

The rezoning petition had been recommended for denial by the city Planning Commission. During the hearing, 13 residents of the area south of the large tract paraded before the council to go on record favoring the rezoning. The petition had been opposed by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and its Industrial Development Committee.



FILE PETITION . . . Members of the committee seeking to incorporate a part of the Carson area as the City of Carson turned in their petition Tuesday to chief deputy clerk of the Board of Supervisors James S. Mize (right). The group, Manuel Gonzalez, treasurer; Sak Yamamoto, secretary, and chairman R. B. Keith, said the petition contained more than enough signatures. After a check of the petition, the Board of Supervisors will schedule a hearing on the matter.

Orientation Session Held as Classes Open

Torrance Unified School District's teaching staff of 1,100, gathered in the gymnasium of South High for the annual school orientation Monday morning, heard Dr. J. H. Hull prescribe a program for the 1963-64 year that will emphasize the teaching of American history and the American free enterprise system as well as keeping pace in all fields with our "moving, aggressive society."

In return for the Board's recent action raising salaries 2.5 per cent and providing a duty-free lunch period, Dr.

Hull suggested the teachers could best show appreciation "by doing a top quality job in the classroom."

The superintendent then covered a wide field of subjects ranging from re-emphasis on discipline, rising costs of education, improvement of student and parental relationships, and study by the teachers in familiarizing themselves with the complexities and costs of the school system.

"IT COSTS \$25 more per pupil to educate a child each year than it did the previous year in most California school districts," he stated. "These extra costs each year are built into the system. You get 3 or 4 per cent in normal increments. Then you get 2½ per cent in additional raises bringing your increase over last year to 5½ to 6½ per cent," he continued after noting \$12 million out of the \$14 million budget will go for salaries.

"How long the taxpayer will continue to shell out another \$25 per year (\$750,000) is a moot question . . . our only solution is an increased override tax for operating revenue. You and I must know our problem

the drainage problems in the area and expressed concern over dangers to small children in the area. . . . THE COUNCIL approved the zone change from M-1 and M-2 to R-1 and R-3 on motion of Councilman Nicholas Drale. The motion provided for the dedication of sufficient land for a sump. In other matters, the council: • Rezoned the southwest corner of 182nd Street and Van Ness Avenue from C-2 to R-3 to permit development of a condominium; • Approved the precise plan

Council, D.A. Seeking State Investigation

Both sides in the brewing controversy between Torrance City and police officials and Chief Deputy District Attorney Manley J. Bowler have asked Attorney General Stanley Mosk to aid in the investigation of the Torrance Police Department.

The outbreak came after Bowler's forces bypassed Torrance police Friday in a raid of several Torrance area bars and restaurants. Ten persons were arrested on various vice charges by the district attorney's officers and Los Angeles and Sheriff's officers.

Early statements—later denied—on the raids carried implications Torrance police might be involved, and Mayor Albert Isen and other city officials did not like it.

BOWLER, WHO WAS on the receiving end of a blistering verbal attack by Isen Tuesday evening, revealed yesterday morning he had asked the Attorney General to aid in the investigation. He said he had been considering such a request since an offer of aid was made over the weekend, but he was unable to contact the Attorney General's office until late Tuesday.

At the City Council meeting Tuesday evening, Isen said the early statements by Bowler were "reckless and irresponsible" and "could have no purpose other than to smear and slander the good name of the City of Torrance."

HE OPENLY accused Bowler of using the investigations for political reasons. Isen also told the council, "Bowler has diligently sought to give the impression that 10 midnight arrests are the equivalent of (making Torrance) Vice Town, USA."

Bowler told The HERALD yesterday he would turn all his files over to the Attorney General. He also said, "I don't think I should dignify his (Isen's) comments with a statement." The deputy district attorney said his office would not withdraw from the investigation "unless the Attorney General asks us to do so."

The mayor told The HERALD Wednesday he felt Bowler's request for aid was "real terrific." "We want everything cleaned up if there is anything wrong," Isen said.

Fork Lift Overturns, Man Killed

A 58-year-old Long Beach man was killed in a Torrance industrial plant Monday when a forklift he was operating overturned, pinning him under overhead crash bars of the machine.

Pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital following the accident was Ralph DeLozier, of 2511 Easy Ave., who was operating the forklift at the Reynolds Metals Co., 2315 Dominguez St.

Police officers called to the plant reported that DeLozier had been moving the forklift toward a loading dock when it began to tip. They said he apparently tried to jump clear of the tipping truck, but was caught by the crash bars over the driver's seat and pinned to the ground. About eight fellow workers lifted the truck to free him.

Long Beach police were called to notify his wife, Edna. She reportedly went into shock when she learned of her husband's death and was placed under the care of a physician. The accident victim's body was taken to Dilday Family Funeral Directors in Long Beach.

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