

## Hall Resigns, Full-Time City Attorney Under Study

The possibility of employing a full-time city attorney and deputy city attorney, who would serve as city prosecutor, was discussed at a budget meeting of the City Council Monday.

This action followed the resignation last week of City Attorney James Hall.

Hall, whose resignation was accepted by members of the council "with regrets," stated as his reasons the "ever-increasing burden of my own personal law practice" and the need for a full-time city attorney.

Hall served as city attorney on a part-time basis since December 1950. By agreement with the council, his resignation will become effective June 30.

Deputy City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier will serve as city attorney in a temporary capacity pending a civil service examination to establish an eligibility for the top legal post.

**Boom Period**  
Hall has been the city's legal advisor through a hectic period of boom, headaches, and progress. He was instrumental in obtaining a lifting of governmental restrictions on airport land (the triangle) to be developed for shopping purposes; he guided the city through involved legal proceedings during serious negotiations dealing with the annexation of 10 acres of land between Rolling Hills and Palos Verdes; and he supervised the revision of numerous city ordinances as well as being instrumental in getting them codified and published.

Hall is a member of MacFadden, Browne & Hall of Redondo Beach.

**Background**  
Hall attended Manual Arts high school in Los Angeles where he was student body president in 1933. He attended

UCLA, SC, Southwestern University, and is a graduate of the Pacific Coast College of Law.

He was admitted to the bar in 1944 while still in the Navy. After World War II he joined the legal department of Union Oil company, then served with the State Department in Washington, D.C., for a year, returning to Union Oil company in 1947.

He first opened his law offices here in November, 1948, when he became associated with Judge John A. Shidler and Boris S. Wooley. He resigned from Union Oil at the time.

He later joined the firm of Dolley, Knight, Woods & Hightower in Los Angeles where he specialized in petroleum and corporate matters.

In 1951 when the Navy issued orders recalling him for duty in Naval intelligence as a lieutenant commander. He was granted a 60-day deferment on the request of Mayor Bob Haggard, and the orders were later rescinded.

### POLIO VIRUS

Scientists have obtained the first photographs definitely identifying the human polio virus for the first time. Research was made at the University of California, Berkeley, supported by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

# Drainage Plan Proposed To Eliminate Flooding

A master plan for solving Torrance's flood problems was submitted to the City Council last week for study. The storm drain program which would provide 13 major drain projects would cost \$7,500,000.

The plan, prepared by John Patrick, assistant to the city engineer, would provide drainage for all remaining low areas of the city.

It is designed to tie into the major drain projects now being constructed through county bond funds.

The drain plan calls for the following projects:

The largest project calls for the tunneling out of the Watteria lake area so that water could be dumped into the ocean

near the foot of Ave I in Redondo beach. Estimated cost of the project would be \$4,393,335, according to Patrick.

Proposed projects are as follows:

No. 1—A drain from Torrance boulevard along Post avenue to Arlington, on Arlington to El Prado. It will carry water into the huge storm drain now

being laid along Border and Torrance boulevard.

No. 2—A drain along 171st street from Glenburn to Yukon, along Yukon from 171st street to 172nd street, then to Ainsworth, then south to 176th street and west to Prairie.

No. 3—A drain along Eldorado from Maple to Elm with laterals draining low areas south of Eldorado at Greenwood, Fern, and Elm.

No. 4—A drain starting at Crenshaw and Dominguez, south of Maricopa, west to Maple, south to Sonoma, and into areas now served by two sumps, which would be eliminated.

No. 5—A drain east on 190th from Crenshaw, south on Arlington, and east on Del Amo for 700 feet.

No. 6—A drain from Madrid to Engracia on Torrance boulevard.

No. 7—A drain beginning at Sepulveda and Ocean, going south to approximately 232nd street, west to Calle Mayor, south to Pacific Coast highway, then through highway easements in a tunnel to the ocean. This would drain Allied Gardens sump, Paseo de Gracia, and others.

No. 8—A drain along Rolling Hills road from Crenshaw boulevard to Pacific Coast highway. This would eliminate open drainage ditch.

**South Area**  
No. 9—A drain from Pennsylvania and 236th street east to Walnut then south to join Lomita avenue drain, now installed.

No. 10—A drain along Crenshaw boulevard from Dominguez channel to Redondo Beach boulevard.

No. 11—A drain from Prairie and 182nd street east to Glenburn, then north tying into Glenburn avenue drain recently installed.

No. 12—A drain along Elgar avenue from 168th street to Crenshaw, then into Dominguez channel. This would drain area flooded earlier this year.

No. 13—Would replace present open Madison avenue drain from a point on the hill south of Newton street to Pacific Coast highway.

Councilman Robert Jahn suggested that the project be delayed at least 30 days so it could be tied in with the master plan being designed for Torrance Municipal Airport.

Financing of the project would have to be by a bond issue, it was indicated at the Council meeting.

Patrick emphasized that he estimates he presented included no costs for right-of-way acquisition should that be necessary.

## Torrance Fifth In Building Activity Among 76 Cities

Torrance emerged fifth among 76 Southland cities in building activity for the first five months of the year, and third for the month of May.

This was revealed by a table prepared by the research department of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles. Ahead of Torrance for the first five months of the year were Los Angeles, San Diego, Long Beach, and Puente, respectively.

During the month of May Torrance was surpassed only by Los Angeles and San Diego in building activity.

Building figures for the first 20 cities are as follows:

	May 1956	May 1955	5 Months 1956	5 Months 1955
Los Angeles	\$38,230,934	\$33,948,451	\$186,307,790	\$172,751,746
San Diego	7,549,243	6,535,232	37,244,131	35,908,947
Long Beach	4,085,935	6,865,975	30,573,430	33,022,260
Puente	4,769,410	3,727,110	24,341,380	24,677,164
Torrance	5,048,774	4,651,259	23,806,732	18,727,302
Anaheim	3,644,740	9,003,660	18,267,276	26,215,732
San Dimas	2,072,480	6,130,445	12,559,661	20,551,485
Fullerton	2,151,913	9,764,918	12,206,617	22,817,808
Pomona	3,779,829	2,994,107	11,328,923	8,828,828
Glendale	1,497,593	1,236,554	9,335,478	6,169,524
Santa Ana	801,880	1,568,271	8,878,461	9,916,399
La Habra	1,651,454	713,836	8,810,030	1,978,532
Pasadena	1,320,343	2,188,843	8,444,352	8,110,076
Burbank	1,814,754	1,861,402	7,905,562	5,564,448
Buena Park	982,222	3,731,981	7,699,015	12,220,654
West Covina	1,301,480	4,579,980	7,557,385	14,314,589
Hawthorne	483,491	2,494,900	7,528,097	6,934,462
Costa Mesa	1,502,609	412,750	7,409,780	3,482,850
Ontario	1,284,908	879,401	6,886,818	5,037,110
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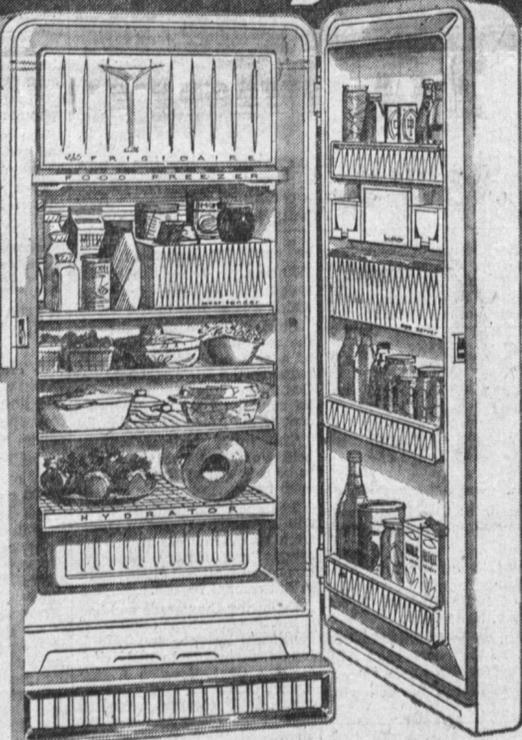
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## Community Fair Queen

Ronee LeMaster, 17, winner of the "Miss Community Fair" contest, will now compete in the "Miss Southern California" contest to be held in Oceanside. Ronee will be sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Runners-up in the local contest were Karen Brunel, 16, 2nd place, and Gaye Wilson, third place.

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### FOR THE CHILDREN

Volunteers for Children contributed a child-size wheel chair to the children's wards at Harbor General hospital. Standing (l-r) are Mrs. Millie West, 1st vice-president VFC, A. L. Thomas, hospital director; Mrs. Marguerite McAllister, volunteer coordinator; and Virginia Stoddard, VFC president. Sitting in the wheel chair is Gail Wilson.—Press Photo.

## Children Given Wheel Chair By Volunteers

The presentation of a shiny, new, child-size wheel chair and four high chairs was made Monday to the pediatric wards at Harbor General hospital by Volunteers for Children. "This is one of the most gratifying accom-

plishments of VFC to date," Mrs. John Stoddard, president and founder said. "However, with the continued support of our many friends we hope this is just the beginning of what we hoped for when the organization was first formed."

Doctors recognize a mental and physical deterioration in hospitalized children. Mrs. Stoddard stated in explaining her group's work. They are growing and they need interests, activities, human contacts and affection to grow fully and develop normally. Without such an environment, a child's growth can be stunted and his future warped.

The purpose of VFC is to provide tender, loving care to the sick, lonesome and confused children confined to a hospital bed or ward. VFC defines tender, loving care as diverting the child's attention from his illness and pain. Volunteers accomplish this by acting as substitute mothers. They play with the children, read to them, and generally add to their happiness and emotional well-being by just being near when they are needed—just like a mother is near when her child wants or needs her.

They take care of the offspring of loving, as well as unfeeling parents. No matter how attentive a mother may be, Mrs. Stoddard said, hospital regulations prevent her from visiting her child except one hour on Wednesday and another single hour on Sunday.

Any organization interested in this program or any women interested in joining VFC may obtain further information by contacting Mrs. Donald Smith at DAVIS 9-3813.

### Scout Troop 610 Elects Officers

The Scout Mothers club of Troop 610 held their June meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green.

Mrs. Charles Garrison, chairman, conducted the business meeting, during which the summer activities for the various patrols were discussed and planned.

After the business meeting, election of officers for the year 1956-57 was held, as follows: Mesdames Donald Franklin, president; Laurence Sargent, secretary; Ivan Calton, transportation chairman; Florence Turner, financial chairman; and Lyle Fenn, publicity.

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