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Civic Center Dedication

CITY CELEBRATES!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUG. 11, 1956
 10:30 a.m.—Parade. Line of march from Torrance blvd. and Sartori ave. to Torrance blvd. and Maple ave.
 11:30 a.m.—6 p.m.—Barbecue—civic center grounds.
 12:45 p.m.—1:15 p.m.—Band concert at war memorial site.
 1:15 p.m.—1:30 p.m.—War memorial presentation.
 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.—Civic center dedication ceremonies.
 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.—Rodeo.
 2:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.—Open house of new civic buildings.
 7:00 p.m.—8:15 p.m.—Aquacade at new swimming pool (admission free).
 8:30 p.m.—12 p.m.—Community dance with Harry Babbitt's Orchestra (admission free).
 2:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Exhibit of original paintings by Torrance Art group.

SUNDAY, AUG. 12, 1956
 1:00 p.m.—2:15 p.m.—Aquacade at new swimming pool (admission free).
 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.—Rodeo.
 2:30 p.m.—6 p.m.—Open house of new civic buildings.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Saturday, Aug. 11, 1956
 12:45 p.m.—1:15 p.m.—Band concert by Torrance Area Youth Band, James Van Dyck, conductor.
 1:15 p.m.—2:45 p.m.—2. a. Presentation of War Memorial merce—Phil Lisman, past president.
 b. Placing of wreath of memorial by Mrs. Gertrude Dobson, president of Gold Star Mothers, escorted by guard of honor.
 c. Benediction by American Legion chaplain—C. J. "Paddy" Ryan.
 d. Taps.
 3. Raising of flag by guard of honor as the Torrance Area Youth Band plays the Star Spangled Banner.
 4. Thomas Mitchell, star of Screen and Television.
 5. Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz introducing A. H. Bartlett, city clerk.
 6. Pledge of allegiance led by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.
 7. Invocation by Rev. Freeman A. Brunson, president of the Torrance Ministerial Association.
 8. Expression of welcome by Mayor Albert Isen.
 9. a. Presentation of the keys to the new police station to Chief Willard H. Haslam by R. E. Payne, general contractor.
 b. Presentation of the keys to the new city hall to City Manager George W. Stevens by Marion J. Varner, A.I.A. architect.
 10. Acceptance by City Manager George W. Stevens.
 11. Presentation by City Manager George W. Stevens of Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.
 12. Congratulations by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.
 13. Introduction of guests of the City Council.
 14. a. Councilman Robert B. Jahn introducing Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.
 b. Councilman Nicholas O. Drale introducing Supervisor Burton Chace.
 c. Councilman Victor E. Benstead introducing Charles J. Smith, Director of District 38, AFL-CIO United Steelworkers of America.
 d. Councilman Willys G. Blount, introducing Major General Homer O. Eaton, Jr.
 e. John Ebbinghouse, president of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, introducing Charlton Mewborn, president of Torrance Unified School District.
 f. Bob L. Haggard introducing former mayors.
 g. Presentation by Don Wil-

Municipal Buildings Win High Acclaim

Thousands of residents are expected to participate in the exciting two-day celebration honoring the new million dollar civic center, which has been scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday, August 11-12.

Included among the many colorful activities are a giant parade with hundreds of entries, a thrilling-chilling-breath-taking rodeo, a delicious barbecue, a water festival initiating the new Olympic-size swimming pool, dancing under the stars, and, of course, the dedication of Torrance's modern and attractive new civic center.

Location
 Dedication ceremonies will be held Saturday from 1:30-2:30 p.m., with Harold J. "Butch" Powers, lieutenant governor of California, giving the main address. He will speak on "Local Government."

Visitors will have a chance to inspect both the police station and the city hall during open house Saturday from 2:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and Sunday

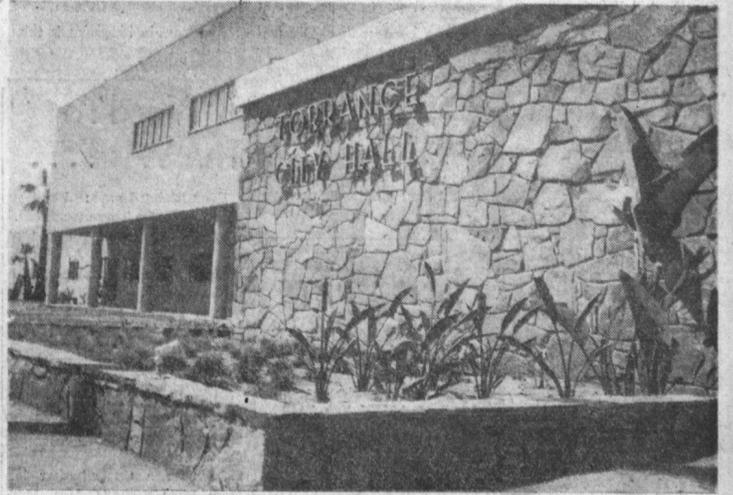
from 2:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Both buildings were designed by Marion J. Varner, A.I.A. General contractor was R. E. Payne.

Plans called for a two-story city hall containing 20,000 square feet and a one-story police station containing 10,000 square feet.

Both structures have made use of an economical combination of reinforced brick and pre-cast reinforced concrete panels.

Variety of Wood
 The council chamber, located on the second floor of the city hall, is paneled in matched wood from South America. The council room and mayor's office are paneled in African cherry. The attorney's office is of black walnut; that of the city manager's is of brown ash; the paneling in the assistant city manager's office is of birch while the pew seating in the council chamber



Rodeo and Barbecue

Some of the best bronco-bustin' cowboys in the business will come to Torrance from all over the West to participate in the exciting professional rodeo which will be held here Saturday and Sunday from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The thrilling rodeo will be one of the many activities celebrating the dedication and formal opening of Torrance's new million dollar civic center.

Tickets to the rodeo are being sold by members of the two sponsoring organizations — the Torrance Mounted Police and the Torrance Lions club. Tickets are also available at some of the downtown stores and will be sold at the rodeo grounds.

The rodeo will be held in a large open arena on the civic center site at Torrance blvd. and Maple (between Crenshaw and Hawthorne blvds.).

A barbecue dinner will also be served on the civic center grounds from 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday. This event is being sponsored by the Civitan club and tickets may be obtained from members or at the time of the barbecue.

When the action explodes in the arena of the Tor-

rance Rodeo this weekend (August 11-12) area fans will see another professional edition of the roughest competitive sport in the world.

As one of the 500-odd rodeos approved each year by the Rodeo Cowboys' Association, the Torrance Rodeo will be in the sport's major league, conducted under nationally recognized rules that assure the spectators of the best stock in a hard riding contest open to the best cowboys in the business.

Like all RCA rodeos, the contest here will be built around the five standard professional events, bareback bronc riding, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling and brahma bull riding. To tempt the top hands to bet their skills against their entry fees, the rodeo has put up a purse of \$750, \$150 for each standard event.

All entry fees will be added to the purse and every dollar won in competition here will count one point in the standings for the annual world's championships.

In addition to the standard events, there will be team roping for a jackpot purse.



Giant Parade

Everybody loves a parade and those who have been working on the civic festivities are willing to guarantee that everyone will love the spectacular parade scheduled for 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon Saturday.

In fact, it's been called the biggest, most colorful parade ever to be held in Torrance.

The parade will follow a straight line of march down Torrance blvd. starting at Sartori ave. and ending at Maple ave. (the civic center site).

(Residents north of Torrance blvd. on Cravens, Arlington, Portola, and Sartori are asked to keep their cars off the streets between 9 a.m. and 12 noon Saturday because the parade will form there.)

There will be four major parade divisions plus a parade prologue. Included in the prologue are the daredevil, stunt-riding members of the Huntington park motor corps and a group of Pomo Indians.

A 125 entries have signed up in the three divisions, each entry containing from one to 35 individuals, according to Torrance Police Lt. D. C. Cook, parade coordinator.

There will be about 500 horses and costumed riders including the Torrance Mounted Police, at least two

bands and seven floats.

Famed Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz will lead the parade as grand marshal.

One of the highlights of the parade will be the National Guard contingent. The day not only celebrates the dedication of the civic center but has also been declared National Guard Day.

Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, commander of Company E (Engineers) of the 40th Armored Division will lead his National Guardsmen who will leave by motor convoy for their two-week summer encampment at Camp Roberts following the parade. They will leave directly from the civic center.

Also participating in the event will be Major General Homer Eaton, jr., commander of the 40th Division of the California National Guard.

One of the features of the military division will be a truck-mounted guided missile (Nike) which will be brought in by members of the 47th AAA Brigade who will be stationed at the Nike site on the Torrance airport when the installation becomes ready sometime in October.

The parade will also feature tanks and other mechanized equipment.



Water Festival, Dance

A water festival followed by a dance under the stars will top off the civic center festivities Saturday night.

The water festival will celebrate the official opening of Torrance's new \$250,000 Olympic-size swimming pool, located on the new civic center.

The pool is located on Torrance blvd. corner Madrona.

A special dedication ceremony will be held at the pool Saturday evening at 7 p.m. to be followed by the swim festival from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

This will be followed by a dance featuring Harry Babbitt and Darrell Brown's orchestra.

Admission to the water festival as well as the dance is free.

The water festival will be repeated Sunday, August 12, from 1 - 2:15 p.m.

The open air pool also features a bath house and roof terrace where spectators may sit and watch. The bath house may be used for club meetings, drama ac-

tivities, arts, crafts and dancing during the months when the pool is not in use.

The pool's capacity is 644 swimmers, according to Harry VanBellehem, director of recreation.

A Hawaiian theme will be used for the water festival. Following the dedication headed by Herma Tilling, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the water festivities will begin.

Local talent has been used for everyone of these activities, marking this the first all-Torrance aquacade.

Included among the acts are: Navy Visits Hawaii; Crowning of Mr. Muscles and Miss Curves; Water Ballet; Sword Dance; Clown Diving Act; Louray Cowley Dancers; Water Safety Demonstration; Going Fishing? — Hawaiian Fishing Song; Vocal Soloist; and Finale.

A pool-side dance which is open and free to the public will follow.

