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TWO NEW SHOPPING CENTERS TO BE CONSTRUCTED HERE

New Shopping Centers In Line With Growth

Evidence of Torrance's rapid growth and development was apparent today when it was learned that two more huge shopping centers will be constructed here within the next few months.

The two new centers are in addition to the \$40,000,000 Hawthorne-Sepulveda center and the recently completed South Bay Shopping center.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS
And according to Lee Schlens, Superintendent of the Building Department, the new centers will bring important business organizations into the area not yet contemplated for the Hawthorne-Sepulveda center or the South Bay Center.

190th and Ingleswood
The first of the two new centers is located at 190th Street and Ingleswood and will be approximately 9 acres long. This is the area just south of the El Nido Annexation just inside the Torrance line between Ingleswood and Anza Streets.

Plans have been approved for a new \$350,000 Food Giant Market and a \$178,000 Sav-On Drug Store. Other firms, according to Schlens, will also be established in the center as soon as plans have been approved. The area is being developed by the Dominguez Estate Company. This center is expected to serve Hawthorne and Redondo Beach areas.

Second of Two Centers
The second of the two centers, although smaller, is located on the South side of the Pacific Coast Highway near Crenshaw. It was estimated that this center was about half the size of the Ingleswood-Anza center. However, it was learned that approval has been given by the building department for the construction of a \$350,000 Shopper's Market in the area.

Schlens said also that other establishments will be going in to the area also. However, at the moment, the names of these organizations, all well known, have not been revealed.

It is expected that this new center besides serving Torrance will also serve the Lomita and Waverly areas also.

Other Developments
Elsewhere, the building department announced that preliminary plans have been submitted to the Department for the Container Corporation to be constructed north of the present site of the City Hall, on Maple Avenue. At present, plans are being cleared through the zoning department.

The new corporation is expected to make containers of all shapes and sizes used in business and industry.

Lakewood Plan Studied By Area Officials
Area municipal officials and civic leaders met yesterday to look for possible inequities in the "Lakewood Plan" of city government.

The session was called by the Torrance and Redondo Chamber of Commerce after leaders in the areas have indicated that older cities and their taxpayers might be paying for some of the services extended to recently incorporated municipalities by the county.

Paul Moore, president of the Redondo Chamber of Commerce presided at the meeting. Members of the study group are: Councilman Robert Jahn, of Torrance, Mayor Leroy Center of Redondo Beach, Councilman Wilburn Baker of El Segundo, Councilman Thomas Foye of Manhattan Beach, Councilman Al Nemmann of Hermosa Beach, Mayor Thomas Ware of Gardena, Dick Fitzgerald of Torrance, and Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance. The group will probe the plan and all of its ramifications.

BUS LINE VETOED BY COUNCIL

City Manager George Stevens told the City Council Tuesday night that direct municipal bus service between Waverly and Hollywood Riviera will cost the city an additional \$4800 annually in operation losses.

Armed with this information the City Council instructed Stevens to deny the service to the region.

M. A. Chamberlain, superintendent of the Municipal Lines said that there would be little problem in merging the present Waverly and Hollywood Riviera Lines but that it will mean a loss of revenue from side trips which would have to be abandoned.

At present, Waverly residents who wish to make the three mile trip to Seaside Ranchos have to make a 20 mile detour and transfer in the downtown Torrance bus terminal.

STATE RISE IN EMPLOYMENT
Sacramento, October 4—Employment in California rose seasonally in August to an all-time high, and unemployment dropped about 11 percent from July, two State agencies announced today.

Ernest B. Webb, California Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, reported that civilian employment increased by 53,000 from July to a record 5,748,000 in August, this was 10,000 higher than the previous record established last September and 115,000 above August a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN
H. W. Stewart, Director of the Department of Employment, announced that unemployment totaled 188,000 in August, down by 23,000 or 11 percent, from July. The drop from July was somewhat less than usual because of lagging demands in construction and the secondary effects of trade disputes. Unemployment in August represented 3.2 percent of the California labor force, which was under the national rate. The corresponding California figure for August a year ago was 2.6 percent.

Webb explained that although employment was at a record in August, the year-over-year margin was smaller than for any month in 2½ years. Furthermore, the July-August employment increase was less than for any similar period since 1953. Seasonal increases in food processing and several other industry groups were partially offset by strike losses in construction and cutbacks in aircraft manufacturing.

Both employment and unemployment were higher this August than last, reflecting California's increased population and larger labor force. Employment was 115,000 above August 1956, and unemployment 40,000 higher.

Man Hurt
Joe Augustine Clements, of 21425 Anza, suffered a possible broken leg yesterday when his auto smashed into the rear of auto driven by Glenda Bell, 19 of 1450 West 220th street.

Police Nab Assault Suspect

Redondo Beach Police late yesterday picked up a fugitive wanted here on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Held on a felony warrant in City Jail is James Norwood Willoughby 35, formerly of Torrance, however, police say the suspect gave his home as Encino.

Victim Hospitalized
According to police, the suspected is wanted for allegedly striking a fellow employee of the Longren Aircraft Company on Carson Blvd., several months ago. His alleged victim is Charles Livingston, 27, of 1103 Grand, Redondo Beach, who was hospitalized in serious condition from the alleged attack.

Working Side By Side
Captain Ernest Ashton of the Torrance Police said Willoughby and Livingston had been working side by side at the aircraft company on the night of the alleged attack. Willoughby, according to Ashton, had been in an argument with Livingston while at work.

Hit With Tool
Livingston, according to witness, turned to walk away from the suspect when he was struck on the head from behind by the suspect with a pneumatic Burr-ing Tool.

Willoughby told reporters he was in a fight, but does not remember hitting anyone over the head. He was held in lieu of \$1,500 bail and will be arraigned today.

No Gambling For Lomita
If incorporation is approved on October 29th one of the first official acts of the new City Council will be to pass an ordinance prohibiting any type of gambling within the municipality.

That was the assurance given local voters this week by 12 out of the 13 candidates for city councilmen who were recently "sworn in" as executive members of the Chamber of Commerce Civic Committee for incorporation.

Spiking recently spread rumors that Gardena's so-called "legal" draw poker parlors would be welcome in Lomita under incorporation, the councilman aspirants pledged themselves publicly to adoption of an air-tight law which would specifically close the doors to any such evasive operations within the new city.

Meeting this week with the Steering Committee For Incorporation, the same councilman candidates also completed a detailed examination of an exhaustive and fully documented analysis of "receipts and expenditures" of the new city government and announced that in their studied opinion, incorporation positively would not result in any increase in local property taxes.

After carefully checking the authority for all estimated revenues and confirming from official sources the cost of all major services which will be supplied under contract by the County, the council candidates stated they were convinced that without any city property taxes there would be sufficient annual income from NON-property tax revenues to operate the new city and leave a substantial unappropriated reserve.

"Any of us who are elected are going to have to live with this statement and therefore, we did not come to such a conclusion lightly," a spokesman for the candidates declared. "Furthermore, all of us are property owners, ourselves, and we would certainly not support any program which would increase our own taxes."



JAMES NORWOOD WILLOUGHBY

2 Polio Cases here

The Los Angeles County Health Department reported two cases of polio here in Torrance, yesterday.

Dr. B. A. Kogan, the District Health Officer said however, that both cases were not of the paralytic type. It was not immediately determined whether or not both patients had received Salk Vaccine shots.

Discuss Elections At Dinner

Organizational leaders of all Torrance fraternal, civic, church, educational, and labor groups are invited to attend a "No Host" Dinner at the Villa Capri, 2700 Redondo Beach Blvd., Torrance, at 7 p.m., on Monday Oct. 7, is announced to day by Mayor Albert Isen.

Rattler Bites Youth On Thumb in P.V.

An 11 year old boy was resting comfortably in Riviera hospital here yesterday following treatment of a bite from a rattlesnake.

John R. Morley II of 2845 Via De La Guerra, Palos Verdes, yesterday was bitten on his thumb while pulling weeds at a residence near his home.

Attorney To Speak On Lomita Annex
Los Angeles Attorney Edward J. Skelly will speak on annexation laws in a meeting sponsored by the Lomita Civic League which is open to the public.

Well Known Torrance Man Dies

Funeral services were held on Tuesday for Adolf Lynn, 79, 2666 Torrance Blvd., at Hillside Memorial park with Rabbi Al. Dred Wolfe officiating.

Mr. Lynn passed away on Sunday September 29. A native of Germany, he had resided in Torrance five years, and was former health commissioner of Mt. Vernon N.Y., and a member of the planning commission of Torrance.

He was a life member of the following organizations; the Elks Lodge, Masada Lodge, Mecca Temple of Shrine, and Scottish Rite.

Mr. Lynn is survived by his widow Lena, and four sons, Bert M. Howard, Leslie and Adolf Jr.

Ticket Sale Gets Underway

Mrs. George Blahnik and Mrs. Bill Wood sell the first ticket to the Fireman's Ball to fireman Robert Ward. The Ball will be held on October 12, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the American Legion hall, 1109 Border ave. Mel Coates and his Swingsters will provide the music for dancing. Proceeds will go to the Fireman's Widow's fund. Press Photo



Girl Kidnaped, Raped Here Sunday Night

Torrance Police late last night were still checking into the story of an 18-year-old switch board operator who told police she had been kidnaped and raped late Sunday night.

LIONS CLUB SPONSORS LECTURES

A concerted effort on the part of the Lions Club to sponsor lectures dealing with the evils of narcotics was revealed today by Ernest W. Stout, Clerk of the South Bay Municipal Court.

"The idea of the program," said Stout, "is to get as many programs on narcotics into the high schools in this area. We want to hit PTA groups, civic and social organizations who can aid us in the fight against the use of dope."

Lions Clubs throughout the whole South Bay area will be aiding in the effort.

Stout, who is zone chairman of the Lions, said qualified personnel from the narcotic squads of the Police and Sheriff's office will conduct the classes.

"The reason for all of this," Stout added, "is that the narcotic problem has become acute among our youth. We've got to instigate a program designed to provide adequate information and education on the subject. This is our best weapon against the problem."

Mayor Offers Trip Tips

One of the things Mayor Albert Isen learned while on his motor trip back East might just prove satisfactory right here in Torrance.

At Tuesday night's session of the City Council, Isen said that throughout the Southwest part of the U.S. all the way to New York City, most of the towns he went through had the "Chinese Lantern" type stop signals such as we have here in Torrance.

"However," the Mayor said, "there was one basic difference—they were painted a bright yellow."

He asked the Council and the traffic bureau to look into the possibility of experimenting with painted signals here in Torrance. He suggested that a test be made of the signals at several key points in the area to determine their effectiveness.

Raped by 3 Men
According to police, the girl was criminally assaulted by three men whom she failed to identify. She told officers she was forced into their auto after she got off a bus at Torrance Blvd. and Hickory Ave. here.

The victim said she was taken to an isolated garage in Hollywood and attacked by two of the men after submitting to one of them while en route there.

No Escape Attempt
According to police the victim made no attempt to notify a service station attendant of her predicament when the men stopped for gas and water. She was made to lie on the floor but, she made no attempt to cry out. Later, she told police, the car in which they were riding came within a few feet of a police car, and the girl refused to call for help.

One Attacker Leaves
After being assaulted in the garage by the men, one man left the other attackers to "get a bottle of 'Bourbon.'" When he failed to return, the remaining two men then drove the girl back to Torrance and released her a few blocks from her home.

She admitted to police that the men threatened to shoot her if she resisted but that no weapon was seen by the victim.

Attending Governor's Conference
Martia Jack, 2435 Border Avenue, is attending the eighth annual governor's traffic safety conference in Sacramento this week.

The purpose of the conference is to develop understanding of and support for ways and means to combat the constantly increasing loss of life and property due to traffic accidents.

Jack will attend the education section of the conference as representing the California Driver Education Association.

He will be accompanied by his daughters, Elizabeth Ruth and Mary Ellen. Elizabeth Ruth plans to attend the teen age section of the conferences.

Title to Land Near Airport Given City
Title to the triangle property adjacent to the Torrance Municipal Airport was received Tuesday by the City Council of Torrance.

The release was granted by the Civil Aeronautics Administration after three years of litigation.

James M. Hall, special council for the city, said that the release by the Federal Government will increase the value of the land substantially.

A shopping center, it was learned, is being negotiated by the city on the property. Conditions in the release prescribe that the city must not permit construction of buildings which would interfere with airplane traffic, or do anything which would create hazardous conditions to the operation of the airport.

New Chief Scores High In Tests

It's now official. Percy Bennett is the new Chief of the Torrance Police Department.

Amid applause, Mayor Albert Isen announced at the City Council Tuesday night that Chief Bennett had successfully passed his civil service tests, scoring highest among a field of four examinees.



CHIEF BENNETT

The new chief has been acting in the capacity of "acting" chief of the Torrance Police Department for some months now.

Bennett, 55 years of age, has a wife, Addie and 2 sons, Melvin, 29 years and Warren 22 years. Melvin is a police officer and Warren is employed at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's boys are college graduates.

Born in London England, Bennett came to the U.S. at the age of 5. He has lived in California since 1924. After leaving high school he attended all FBI police science courses held. With the TPD since 1932, he worked as a Patrolman, Sgt., then Asst. Chief and spent 3 years in the US Navy.

He belongs to several Fraternal and Civic organizations. Included are, Elks-Redondo, Masons-Torrance, Honorary member of the Waverly Business Mens Assoc. and the Torrance American Legion.

This morning, the new Chief appointed Mervyn H. Porter as the Asst. Chief. M. H. Porter, who is 42 years old lives at 157 Via Los Altos, Redondo Beach. He is married, Porter has been with the dept. since Sept. 1946, and worked up from Patrolman to Sgt. to Lt. He spent 7 years in the US Navy.

Fire Danger in Hills of Torrance
Firemen today issued a warning to residents and motorists to be extra careful with fires in the hill areas of Torrance.

Assistant Fire Chief Bob Lucas said the wooded area around the outskirts of Palos Verdes, Lomita is extremely dry at this time of the year. He added that motorists especially should be extra cautious about throwing cigarettes from vehicles.

Valuable water sheds in this region could be ruined and severe damage to property could result during the winter rains if a fire should occur in the area, Lucas said.

"It's just a matter of taking extra precautions at this time of the year," he said. "Always, just before the rainy season starts, the fire hazards is more pronounced in the wooded sections of Torrance," he concluded.

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