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FOR AULD LANG SYNE—One year ago tomorrow, little Debra Lee Campbell made her debut into this world. It's a puzzling life but Debra Lee faces the new year bravely with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Campbell, 21401 Evalyn Ave.

## PROSPERITY FORECAST

Community leaders today forecast a bright and prosperous 1960 for Torrance. Predictions of growth and economic well-being ranged from thoughtful optimism to considered enthusiasm.

Only one somber note sounded in a survey of community feeling. That was the steel strike situation.

Otherwise, the unparalleled optimism was supported by hard facts and figures, as spokesmen of industry, business, and government made known their views today.

Mayor Albert Isen said: "1960 will be the greatest year in the history of Torrance in practically every aspect of activity. Industrial and commercial will forge ahead while residential building will skyrocket.

"Torrance will at last be recognized as one of the country's important cities with a population of over 100,000. The 1960 Federal census will prove this beyond all doubt."

Mayor Isen further predicted that the population increase will show a new upsurge for Torrance in 1960. The Mayor said that the population increment has slowed down during the last two years but that the new year will add at least 500 new citizens a month.

"Torrance will get a bigger share of the sales tax monies as new retail shopping centers go up," Isen concluded.

City Manager George W. Stevens heartily agreed with Mayor Isen. "It looks like a big year ahead for Torrance," Stevens commented. "New jobs will be created wholesale in the coming year as recently constructed industrial plants go into operation.

"The trend toward multi-unit dwelling construction will go far toward alleviating that sort of housing shortage."

Stevens expressed the opinion that the Walteria Lake project, when resolved would give another big boost to Torrance's economy.

Chamber of Commerce President J. H. Paget joined his voice to the chorus of confidence. He predicted that retail trade will jump at least 25 percent in the coming year. Paget pointed out the development of new retail areas in Torrance, a steady increase of population in Torrance, and the growth of fringe areas to substantiate his statement.

"All of Torrance will benefit from this retail trade surge," Paget asserted today. He cautioned that there may be a brief period when retail establishments develop faster than the population influx. If this happens, it will be but a temporary situation, according to the Chamber of Commerce president.

Paget concurred with Mayor Isen in that the city will receive a proportionate increase in sales tax revenues as more retail areas open and as more citizens spend their dollars in Torrance.

One somber note was heard as Alex McJannett, president of United Steel Workers Local 1414, commented upon the steel strike deadlock. McJannett emphatically stated his opinion that the strike would not be amicably settled at the end of the Taft-Hartley injunction period and that Jan. 26, 1960 would see area steel workers out on strike again. The gloom of this prediction was dispelled somewhat by McJannett's declaration that the Steel Worker's Local musters sufficient financial resources to defray worker's pressing money obligations.

"Nobody will go hungry," McJannett said.

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## Aviation Pioneer A. K. Peterson Dead

A varied and colorful career ended Sunday with the death of Albin K. Peterson, 67, Mr. Peterson, of 3325 Newton St., died after an extended illness.

Long active in aviation circles, Mr. Peterson co-founded the Zenith Airplane Co. in Santa Ana in 1927 and helped organize the Longren Aircraft Co. in Torrance in 1940. He was associated with Longren Aircraft until his death.

Peterson's interest in flying began in the early days of aviation when he achieved pilot status in the U.S. Navy in 1919. As a member of the Navy's fledgling air arm, Peterson developed aviation photography techniques. In 1921, he participated in Billy Mitchell's demonstration of air power, photographing the sinking of the ex-German warship Ostfriesland by U.S. Army bombers.

Leaving the Navy in 1927, Peterson co-founded the Zenith Airplane Co. and designed, built, and flew a large transport aircraft the Albatross. New world's record endurance flights were made with the Albatross in 1928 over the Imperial Valley.

In 1935 and 1936, the pioneering flyer shifted his scene of operations to Africa where he made the first aerial survey of the giant Firestone Rubber Co. plantations in Liberia. Incidental to this survey, he supervised the construction of Liberia's first airfield.

In recent years, Peterson acted as Chief Engineer for the Longren Aircraft Company in Torrance, devising new methods for the stretch-forming of aluminum aircraft parts.

A native of Wadena, Minn., Peterson was a member of Arcana Lodge No. 187 of Minneapolis as well as Aviator's Post No. 350 of Los Angeles, the Executives' Dinner Club of the Torrance Area, and the Torrance Lion's Club.

Peterson is survived by his wife, Lottie J.; a daughter, Mrs. Theodore C. Spandau of San Diego; a son, Lt. Cmdr. Richard J. Peterson, USN, San Diego; and a granddaughter and four grandsons as well as two brothers and four sisters.

Services were held Tuesday at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary with interment in the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego.



CAREER ENDED—Death took the life of Albin K. Peterson, Torrance industrialist and aviation pioneer. Peterson, who long was active in local aviation circles, was instrumental in organizing Longren Aircraft Co., now Aerona Manufacturing, a division of Longren, in Torrance.

## Torrance Rose Parade Entry Receiving National Acclaim

### Local People Safe—Jailed!

At least some Torrance residents will be kept off the streets this evening, free from heavy New Year's Eve traffic. They can thank Torrance Police for this.

The residents are all law-breakers who will spend the holiday behind bars in the city jail. The violators are in jail on misdemeanor offenses.

Watch your step or you may find yourself added to the relatively "exclusive club" in the clink or the morgue if you get behind the wheel under the influence of alcohol this evening.

### Marina Federal Savings Opens New Offices

Marina Federal Savings is planning one of the biggest "open house" celebrations in its history for Monday, Jan. 4, according to an announcement made by Russell C. Chase, president.

The occasion is the completion of the association's new branch office in Del Amo Center, Torrance.

This new office is located at 22200 Hawthorne Blvd. in the heart of one of the South Bay's most rapidly developing areas. In making this move, Marina Federal will be leaving its present Torrance location on Marcelina Ave.

The new Marina Federal building has been constructed at a cost of more than \$250,000 and features the very latest construction and operational ideas. A two-story structure, Marina Federal will occupy the entire lower floor and sub-lease the upper floor.

The entire building contains approximately 10,000 square feet and is entirely air conditioned. Other innovations include piped-in background music, employee lounge and kitchen and the most modern electronic computation machines designed for financial transactions.

William Richardson, assistant vice president, will manage the new Marina Federal office. Plans for open house on Monday, Jan. 4, include the appearance of professional organizers who will play in the lobby of both the branch office and the main office in Westchester, a circus clown who will entertain at the Peninsula Office, free refreshments and gifts.

Richardson said the association is going "all out" to see that everyone who comes to the open house has a good time. There will be a free drawing for grand prizes at both offices every working day up to and including Jan. 11.

These prizes include a milk stool, portable battery and transistor-powered TV, motor-driven go-cart and an electric organ. In addition, Marina Federal will also offer free gift selection for all new savings accounts opened or additions to existing accounts through Jan. 11.

Marina Federal recently announced an increase in the rate it will pay to savers effective Jan. 1 for the period ending March 31. This new rate is 4 1/2% per year, payable quarterly.

### Council Asks for Supervisors' Help in Purchasing Sump Site for Project

Los Angeles County Supervisors today have a plea from the Torrance City Council to expedite the final selection of the sump site for the Walteria Lake project.

At the regular council meeting Tuesday night, councilmen approved a resolution requesting the L. A. Board of Supervisors to hurry the selection, purchase, and construction of the sump site and sump itself.

Momentary opposition arose in the form of a protesting citizen but objection dwindled when the councilmen and the citizens discovered they were talking about two different things.

A second reading of the ordinance providing for unlimited parking on city owned parking lots passed smoothly. This is the measure which will allow parking on the lots with the purchase of a \$4 monthly permit. Decals are now on sale in the Business License Office at the city hall.

In other actions, the Torrance City Council approved an appropriate resolution of thanks and appreciation to be presented to retiring Senior Structural Inspector John Russell. The resolution to be perpetuated. A special meeting of the council was also called for on Monday, Jan. 4 in order to consider other pressing matters.



FINISHING TOUCHES—Torrance's Tournament of Roses entry is being finished by float builder Dan Dolim. The pretty girl watching is Beverly Thomas of South High School in Torrance. The 16-foot choir boy,

called "A True American," is in strong contention for parade honors, according to float chairman George A. Bradford of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

### Vertical Float of Choir Boy Scales 16 Feet

Torrance's float, which will appear in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade tomorrow is attracting nationwide publicity, according to Chairman George A. Bradford of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Bradford said wire-service has already sent photos nationwide of the unique entry which is a 16-foot Choir Boy. The float is designed straight up and down—not the customary usual lengthy, flat-bed type. Last year's entry captured a first prize award, and the previous entry a third place award.

Titled "A True American," the Choir Boy was designed by Mrs. Isabella Coleman who has won more awards than any other decorator in the long history of the Parade.

Bradford said Torrance's entry will cost almost \$5,000 reportedly the second lowest price in the parade. The theme is designed to show to the nation that Torrance residents are dedicated to faith in God.

Volunteers, headed by Chairman Margaret Clark and Co-Chairman Jeanne Gerald, are working to complete the float by midnight this evening.

Chamber officials pointed out that the Torrance entry, the only one in the South Bay Area, is one of the few floats that use volunteer decorators and is financed entirely by public subscription.

Chamber President J. H. Paget said "It certainly shows the type of civic-consciousness embodied in our citizens when we can build and decorate a float entirely through community spirit." He added that no City tax funds are used for the entry.

## Busses Going to Parade

Torrance Municipal busses will leave City Hall for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade at 7 a.m. tomorrow.

Round trip fare to view the yearly spectacle is \$2.75.

Tickets are available from bus operators, the bus office at 20466 Madrona Ave., the Chamber of Commerce at 1511 Cravens Ave. and from the City Hall located at 3081 Torrance Blvd.

The busses have scheduled additional stops at the intersections of Gardena Blvd. and Vermont Ave. at 7:10 a.m. and at Imperial

## Police Prepare for New Year's Eve

Police will crack down hard on errant New Year's Eve drivers, Torrance Chief Percy G. Bennett warned today.

All shifts will be out tonight in full force with instructions to watch for drunken, erratic, or speeding motorists. Chief Bennett advised that the same stern measures applied during last week's Christmas weekend will apply this New Year's holiday weekend.

Chief Bennett urged all drivers to make it a safe and sane New Year's Eve for all. Inebriated motorists will receive no mercy, the chief said, although if a tipsy celebrant is apprehended before climbing into his car, he will be given the opportunity to take a taxi home or spend the night in jail as a common drunk.

Other law enforcement agencies in the area are also set for an all-out effort tonight. A spokesman for the California Highway Patrol said that every available man will be used from 12 noon today through 12 noon Monday.

Los Angeles county Sheriff's units are ready for maximum law enforcement on the streets and highways over the long weekend holiday.

## Redondo Police Responsible for Own Prisoners

Beginning tomorrow Torrance Police will no longer have the responsibility of harboring Redondo Beach prisoners.

Redondo law violators have been under lock and key in the Torrance Police Station for the past two years for misdemeanor offenses.

This resulted from condemnation of the former jail facilities in the beach city. New police and jail facilities for Redondo Beach are now available.

## BIRDS FLY THE COOP

Day time bird watching is all right but night watching is for the birds—at least, without proper shelter befitting a man.

So today aviary owner Michael Thomas is still losing rare birds to nocturnal thieves.

Thomas, who operates a rare bird aviary at 4400 Del Amo Blvd., appeared before the City Council and requested permission to establish a sentry box in the form of a house trailer on the aviary grounds. This way, his caretaker could watch his feathered friends at night and so prevent them from flying the coop.

Councilmen listened with sympathy until the question of sanitary facilities arose.

It turned out sanitary facilities were non-existent or extremely rudimentary, depending upon your point of view.

The rare birds were never identified but they're still taking it on the wing.

## First Baby of 1960 Sponsored by Press

Continuing its annual tradition, the Torrance Press again will sponsor the First Baby of 1960 Contest.

An official entry blank, as well as rules of the contest and list of prizes, is contained in today's issue of this newspaper.

Purpose of the contest is to determine the first baby born in the new year. The contest is open to all expectant mothers who reside in the Torrance Press circulation area.

It will take only a few moments to have the entry blank filled out and return it to our office, 1406 Cravens Ave., Torrance.

Although the baby may be delivered anywhere, records must be easily available for verification. The publisher and editor of the Torrance Press will be judges and their decision will be final.



NEW DECALS—Torrance residents using city-owned or controlled parking lots will need the new city parking decal on their windshields to do so after today. The city parking ordinance goes into effect tomorrow. The decals may be obtained in the city business license office in City Hall. Cost of the parking permit is \$4 per month.