

# City Considers Pioneer Senior Citizen Village

## Plan Would Be First in United States

Rentals of \$6.50-up Weekly Planned in Modern Dwellings

A Village for Senior Citizens, to be situated on 20 acres on Del Amo Blvd. at Anza, Tuesday night was held three weeks for study by the City Council.

The project, which would be a model for the nation, was given approval by the city Planning Commission in April.

Dr. Joseph M. Applegate, appearing for the promoters who are working under guidance of four church groups, explained the village to councilmen and displayed renderings of beautiful and modern structures planned for the facility.

Councilman Victor E. Benstead expressed interest in the type of structures being planned, declaring he has a keen interest in problems of the aged and wanted to make sure they would not be thrown into a bunch of shacks, as so often is the case.

Applegate assured the council the development is going to cost \$3,000,000, and the buildings and quarters will be bright and appealing.

In answer to misgivings that rezoning M-1 property might result in a tax loss, it was pointed out that only churches and parish houses are exempt. Property owned by charity organizations pays taxes.

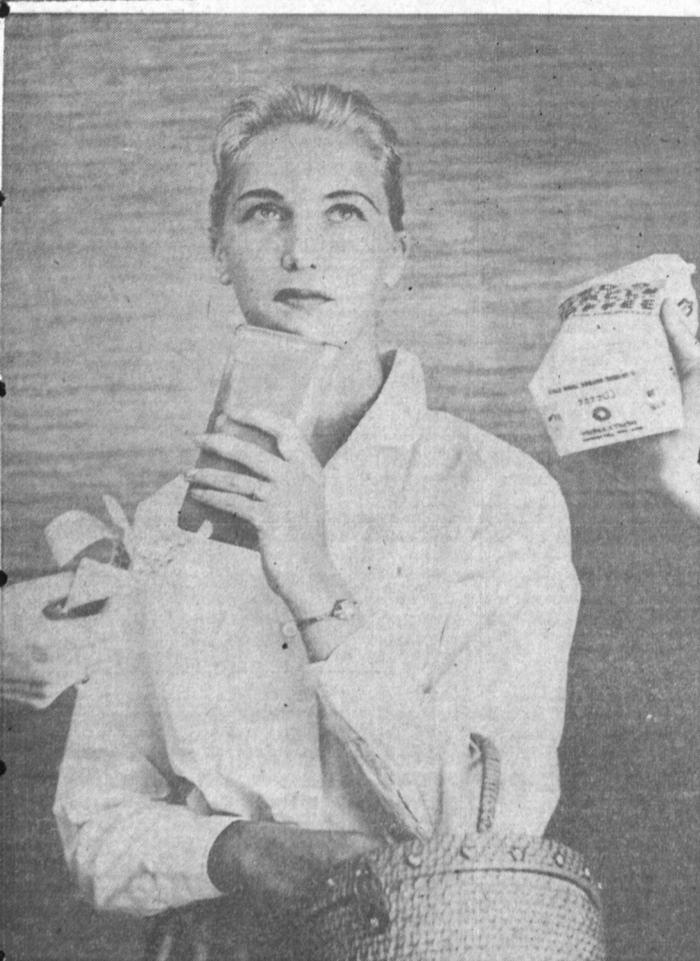
The village will be non-profit, and the lowest rental will be \$6.50 a week. The project will have as tenants persons 62 years old and over, who are living strictly from their Social Security pittance.

The buildings, which will be duplex, triplex, and fourplex, are to be artistically designed and furnished and maintained on a 40-year program.

The promoters want the facility on manufacturing-zoned land, rather than agricultural, because many of the old people may want to work, at least part-time, and commercial plants in the neighborhood might give them that opportunity.

The entire council was interested in the fact that the nation has created a problem out of oldsters, with Social Security and compulsory retirement now in vogue.

Since this could be the pioneer pattern for the entire country to follow, the council wants to give it every attention. Therefore it was voted to take plenty of time in its consideration.



WHAT WILL YOU SAVE?—Stamps or money? That's the question pondered by this shopper and many others. How are trading stamps affecting the cost of living? Does the consumer get a break? Would we be better off saving money than stamps we may lose or never cash in? The Press will answer this and other questions about trading stamps in a new series to begin next Thursday. It will throw light on the stamp battle.

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# Council Won't Act on DeArmitt Case



ATTORNEY JOSEPH TABACK (LEFT) AND CLIENT

## City Accident Rate Falls Over Holiday

Chief Thanks Public for Fewer Injuries Than Most Weekends

Torrance enjoyed an extremely safe Memorial Day weekend, compared to other cities in Los Angeles County and across the nation.

Traffic accidents numbered 20, which is about average for a weekly period between 5 p.m. Friday and midnight Monday.

Injury accidents declined over Memorial Day weekend, with occurrence of only five, the Police Traffic Division showed in a report by Lt. Don Nash.

The glowing holiday report here resulted in a statement of thanks from Police Chief Percy G. Bennett to the public.

"We want to thank the citizens," said Bennett. "No amount of enforcement or engineering is effective without the cooperation of the public in driving safely. The credit for our low accident rate over the holiday belongs to the citizens of Torrance."

## Fire Department Delegation at State Convention

Members of the Torrance Fire Department are joining about 350 delegates from throughout California at a state Fire Fighters convention in Sacramento today through Sunday.

The Torrance delegation will be headed by Capt. Mill Langum, who is representing the California Fire Fighters.

Others to attend are Engineer Donald H. Lamb, Fireman Bill Orr, Engineer Sam Martin, and Fireman Dick DeArmitt, president of the Torrance Fire Fighters.

Many bills due for state Legislature consideration will be discussed at the gathering. Among them are issues affecting bargaining, rights and grievance procedures for municipal employees and a 56-hour-a-week measure for firemen in cities of more than 100,000 population.

## Values Will Rain Today

It will be raining ping-pong balls over Torrance today from 2 to 3 p.m.

The spheres will contain bonus certificates worth from \$1 to \$5 at downtown stores. It was disclosed by Abe Robinson, chairman of the sponsoring Downtown Merchants' Association.

Downtown stores are featuring special value attractions during this Summer Shower of Values today, tomorrow and Saturday.

## Windows Smashed

Vandals broke 37 windows in Carr School here over the holiday weekend, authorities complained to police Tuesday.

## Civil Service Suspension Put on File

Group Starts 'Public Employees Week' Off With a Dull Thud

The City Council Tuesday night voted to observe "Public Employees Week" by giving Fireman Richard DeArmitt a week off without pay.

The Civil Service Commission's conclusions were presented for council consideration, but the council concluded by abstaining from considering.

In essence, the Civil Service group found DeArmitt guilty of violating a city ordinance and state law by plastering his truck with stickers favoring three candidates in the April city election.

Basis of the finding was DeArmitt admission that he campaigned to this extent.

Feeling the fireman could not go entirely unpunished for the violation, the board gave him a week's suspension.

The body further recommended that the city manager attach to each city employee's pay check, 60 days before each city election, a reminder of the law against active participation by the city staff.

It also ordered that no action be taken against other employees who admitted participating in elections in the past and who testified as defense witnesses at the hearing last month.

The council found it difficult to obtain a meeting of minds. On one side was Councilman Nick Draie, who favored no penalty whatever and moved to modify the commission's ruling.

On the other side was Mayor Isen, who declared he was sorry it had to be DeArmitt, but an example had to be made. He was for concurring with the Civil Service board.

Councilmen Victor E. Benstead and George Vico thought the rules should be observed but not to the extent of taking bread out of a man's mouth.

On a motion by Isen to concur with the findings, Benstead, Draie, and Vico voted no, and Councilmen J. A. Beasley and George Bradford voted with the Mayor. Willys Blount was absent, which created a stalemate.

Draie got nowhere on his motion to modify the penalty. A motion to file the findings finally carried by a 3-2 vote, with Benstead abstaining.

Later on the agenda, the council approved a proclamation designating June 6-12 "Public Employees Week" in recognition of the many services rendered to the citizens by the public employees.

## Monthly Polio Clinic Scheduled Tuesday

The monthly polio clinic sponsored by the M.D. Group of Lawndale will be held Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at 4193 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. Shots cost \$1, with a maximum of \$5 for a family.

## Angry Attorney Waits Word, Praises Civil Service Board

Joseph Taback, attorney for Fireman Richard DeArmitt, does not yet know what penalty has been visited upon his client.

Oh, he knows, all right, but not because anyone in city government took the trouble to apprise him. He had to read it in the paper, after being told the finding would be confidential till it was presented to the City Council.

The outraged Taback yesterday was suffering an admixture of fury and bewilderment, bordering on apoplexy. He felt he should have been the first to know.

"Never in my experience have I seen a proceeding concluded in this fashion," he said.

Asked about his next step, he told The Press, "I would assume we shall appeal. I haven't talked with Mr. DeArmitt, since he will be out of town until next week."

It had been their understanding, up to the end of last week, that any penalty more severe than an acquittal would result in an appeal. "If the city ever has the courtesy to send me its decision, I'll know better," he said. (Continued on Page B-2)

## Belasco, Former Opponent Backs Barker in Water Post

Councilman Jack Belasco of Hermosa Beach has endorsed re-election of Charles D. Barker as director of the Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District in an election to be held next Tuesday.



CHARLES D. BARKER

Last November Belasco was Barker's opponent for the same office. At that time Barker was elected and has since served as director and secretary. Barker long has worked effectively with water problems of the West Basin as a Director of the West Basin Water Association.

Elected to the board of the newly formed replenishment district in November, Barker drew a short term at the new board's formation meeting, and he is now standing for election for a full four-year term.

To obtain continuity of direction and management of a district, the law requires, after a simultaneous election of all five directors upon formation of a new district, that no more than three director's terms shall expire at one time.

This is accomplished by

drawing lots at the first board meeting.

Thus it was that in the case of the newly formed Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District, Barker was one of the two drawing a short term.

Belasco who is the Hermosa Beach representative to the West Basin Water Association said, Barker's knowledge of the experience in water matters prompted him to endorse him.

## Inside the Press

Teachers go informal and share their special talents, hobbies, and avocations with pupils at Calle Mayor School. Today The Press photographer takes you in for visits with students enjoying extra dividends in learning things from photography to puppets. This and other school news on Page 3-C.

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## Graduation Time Nears

196 Diplomas to Be Awarded at Adult School

School Board President Walter A. Garrabrant will award diplomas to 196 graduates of Torrance Evening High School Monday at Torrance High School auditorium at 8 p.m.

Adults, ranging in age from 17 to 52, will get diplomas they earned attending night school.

Average age of the 114 men and 82 women is 28 years.

Garrabrant and School Superintendent J. H. Hull will officiate at the ceremonies, with Principal R. E. Collins making the presentation.

The South High Concert Band, led by Glenn Hawley, will play, while the Rev. Milton Sippel, pastor of the First Christian Church, will give the invocation.

Speakers of the evening will be the Rev. Hugh Percy pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Of the graduates, 139 are married, and the group has a total of 254 children and 17 grandchildren. They have lived in Torrance an average of six years. The group represents 42 different states and three foreign countries.

College or further education is the aim of 109 graduates. The class includes six husbands and wives, one set of twins, one father and daughter, and two women whose husbands previously were graduated from adult school.

Graduates are: Grace Acalin, William Albinoer, Thomas Alexander, Gilbert Allen, Dolores Androsches, Avis Arnold, Carrol Aulitt, Janolin Augsburg, Judith Azzaro, Josephine

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## Otto C. Ledford Wins \$2600 National Supply Scholarship

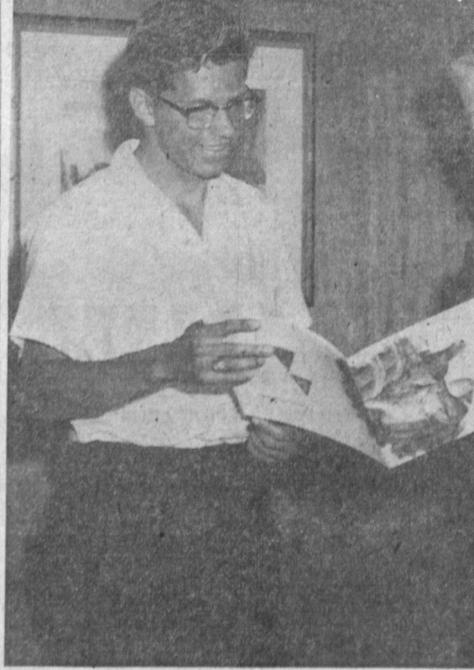
Otto C. Ledford, son of Col. and Mrs. Otto C. Ledford, of 5210 Calle de Arboles, has been named the winner of a scholarship under the Arco Steel Corporation's community scholarship plan.

The scholarship, valued at \$2600, covers four years' education, in science or engineering, at the college or university of the winner's choice.

Ledford, who is 18, is a senior in South High School. He won his varsity letters in track and cross-country, was president of the Rocket Society, treasurer of the Boys' League cabinet, and participated in the Los Angeles County Museum's natural-science workshop.

His father is deputy director of the Titan Missile Program for the United States Air Force.

The scholarship here is one



TORRANCE WINNER—Otto C. Ledford, J. D. Spalding, works manager of the National Supply, after presentation of award.

## U. S. CENSUS GIVES CITY 100,603

Get ready for a bit of a come-down from the estimates we've been laboring under this past year. We'll be awhile climbing to our most recent estimate of 105,000.

The unofficial U.S. Census figure for Torrance is 100,603.

The amount was released today by Robert S. Reese, district supervisor for the federal census.

Although the official figure may be slightly higher, it will be no lower than this, Reese told The Press.

# Prizes Rain on Torrance Today

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