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ALONDRA REFUSES MERGER

City's Bid to Annex Addition Defeated by Housewife Drive

Supervisors Laud Civic Officials for Achievements

Ten years of progress resulting in the fastest-growing city in the county, community pride and an aggressive municipal administration were lauded this week as the County Board of Supervisors presented commendatory plaques to the Torrance city government and the Chamber of Commerce.

Supervisor Burton Chace and Kenneth Hahn made the presentations to Mayor Albert Isen, representing the city, and Richard Fitzgerald, on behalf of the Chamber.

The plaques read as follows: "Whereas the city of Torrance has been the fastest growing major community in the county of Los Angeles in the past ten years, with a 50 percent increase in this period to its present population of more than 100,000;

Whereas the creation of 18,000 new jobs in Torrance in the past eighteen months and a retail sales increase

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HONOR FOR TORRANCE—The County Board of Supervisors this week praised Torrance for its aggressive municipal government and community pride which has seen the city grow the fastest of any Southern

California community in the last decade. Here Supervisor Burton Chace presents a plaque to Dick Fitzgerald, Torrance Chamber, and Mayor Al Isen.

Efforts on the part of El Camino Civic Association and a group of eager residents in the Alondra Addition to annex their area to Torrance came to an abrupt halt this week as the City Council unanimously voted to cancel all annexation proceedings.

Appearing before the weekly councilmanic meeting Tuesday evening, scores of

Alondra Addition residents proposed annexation was when she read it in the newspapers.

"We got block captains, volunteers in each block, to circulate these petitions," she declared. There are 2200 parcels in the entire area, Robert Beverly, counsel for the group, announced.

Earlier, William Sterling, 15427 Corday St., president of the El Camino Civic Association, had presented the city council with 947 verified names, seeking to annex the territory to the City of Torrance.

The Alondra Addition is bounded by Prairie Ave. on the west, Compton Blvd. on the north, Van Ness Ave. on the east, and Manhattan Beach Blvd. on the south.

A connecting strip running along the east side of Crenshaw Blvd. from Manhattan Beach Blvd. to Redondo Beach Blvd., the northerly boundary of Torrance, would have made the area contiguous to the present Torrance boundaries.

Voicing the entire opinion of the city council, Mayor Albert Isen declared "If the people in Alondra Addition do not want to annex to Torrance, that is their privilege. We are not trying imperiously to take in any territory."

Annexation to Torrance would mean extension of numerous civic services, fire, police and traffic, to the 4030 registered voters and property owners of the area.

Both Lawndale and Gardena have expressed desire to annex the area.



MRS. EMILIE PALMER
... Hundreds of Petitions

Architects Hired to Submit Plans for Juvenile Hall

Preparations for the area's newest civic addition, a 3½ million dollar Juvenile Hall, to be built on a 20-acre plot at Harbor General Hospital, were underway this week.

Approving architect services for schematic plans for the structure, the county board of supervisors this week engaged architects Albert Criz, Maurice Fleishman and Herman C. Light for the initial work.

The new detention home, approved by voters in a 14½ million bond issue in 1956, will provide living units for 90 boys and 80 girls. An administration building, court facilities, school building, kitchen, storage, garage and recreation area are added features.

The new Juvenile Hall has been delayed for a year, pending studies between the chief administrative officer, county engineer and the probation officer "to effect economies," L. S. Hollinger, administrative officer, announced.

Located near Carson St. and Vermont Ave., the new detention home will replace some of the old buildings now on the site.

Ground Breaking for New Plaza Due Friday

A major Torrance ground-breaking will be held tomorrow, 9:30 a.m. at Rolling Hills Plaza, at the Northeast

corner of Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway, according to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Civilian Planes Ordered Grounded for Defense Test

The wings of America are to be clipped from 11 a.m. Sept. 9 to 5 a.m. Sept. 10, as all commercial planes are grounded for the six-hour period during an air defense test.

This is the first time in the history of aviation in the United States that all commercial flights have been grounded for such a test.

The "Sky Shield," including Canada and the United States, is expected to affect nearly 37,000 passengers on about 1,000 U.S. commercial flights.

Travelers planning flights during the days of the defense test have been urged to check their reservations early with their airline or travel agent.

Invited to "turn earth" are Torrance Mayor Albert Isen and City Councilmen J. A. Beasley, Willys G. Blount, Victor E. Benstead, Nicholas O. Drale, George A. Bradford, George Vico; also Chamber President R. S. "Dick" Pyle, Abe and Ben Schwartz, owners of Foods' Co. Markets; Carl Hinnewinkle, project contractor and James Stewart, Architect.

Current leasing plans for the center, according to Leasing Agent Neal Howard, Neal Howard Company, include a J. J. Newberry Department Store and garden shop of 40,000 square feet, a Thrifty Drug Store of 17,000 square feet and a major bank, occupying a 10,000 square foot building.

In addition there will be more than 270 front feet of specialty shops. Lease negotiations are being concluded with Florence Yardage & Draperies, Beck's Children Shop, Quality Shoes, La Verne's Fashions, Jonnie's

Sports Shop, Trend of Fashion, House of Hawaii, Herman's Men's Shop and a major jewelry chain.

Construction will start in early 1961 on a number of other stores, according to Albert Levitt and James S. Bowers of the developing Jefferson, Inc. These will include beauty and barber shops, paint stores, hardware, cleaning and laundry shops in addition to a separate building for professional offices. Plans also call for a 2-story medical center early in 1961 and another 200 front feet of specialty shops, making the 36-acre Rolling Hills Plaza one of the area's largest and best equipped shopping centers.

Local Merchants Offer Back-to-School Bargains

With downtown merchants in Torrance cooperating in an all-out effort, downtown shopping will gain a new impetus this week.

Torrance's "Back to School" sales are offered by leading merchants, as well as residents welcomed to ride inbound free on the city-operated cream and green buses during sale days.

The Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, led by its president, Abe Robinson, assures Torrance citizens "genuine sale prices" on a great variety of back-to-school items available in every store. These items can be purchased at "extraordinarily low prices."

Shoppers are promised not only to save by riding the city buses downtown free, but in addition they will receive substantial savings during this great sale, today, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8, 9, 10.

Merchants are also sponsoring a Back to School contest for residents and area shoppers.

Downtown merchants, cooperating to make this Torrance promotion a "huge success" are offering a \$50 merchandise certificate to a boy and a girl to help with their back to school shopping needs. Entry blanks are available in downtown stores.



QUICK HAUL—Officer Tom Lloyd checks over guns stolen from Paramount Builders by two youths early Sunday morning. The young men were nabbed before they got a block away.

Youths Robbing Paramount Builders Nabbed 'Pronto'

Jack Phillips, 2053 Osage, owner of Paramount Builders, 3437 Torrance Blvd., showed up at his hardware store after the long holiday and discovered his place had been burglarized. However, the young robbers just made it out the front door before they were nabbed.

Cruising the area at 4 a.m. Sunday, Officer Tom Lloyd spotted a 13-year-old Buick without a tail light making a U-turn at Madrona Ave. and Torrance Blvd.

He stopped the vehicle, and discovered Paul Richard Butz, 19, 1895 E. 20 St., Long Beach, and 22-year-old Gary Marshall Balchin, 22733 S. Main St., Torrance. The

youths had a back seat full of pellet guns, rifles, cans of pellets, cigarettes, and a bag containing \$32 in loose change.

The boys had spent two hours looting the hardware store. Yesterday they were arraigned in the South Bay Municipal Court.

Young Guitarist Strums to Fame at San Jose Musical Contest

Elvis Presley has nothing but a few years on twelve-year-old Larry Carlton, guitar player and singer for Melody Music Studios, who made five trips to the stage to claim awards at a recent music convention held at San Jose.

Carlton won a triple A award, three double A's, and a single A rating. The youth, who has been playing the Spanish guitar and singing for five years, resides at 25207 Doria St., Lomita.

The musician, who added he is now taking up the steel guitar, which he has played for 8 months, shrugged that he practices an hour daily.



LARRY COLTON
... Presley's Competitor

KACY, KUDU, and KFOX radio.

Studying under Slim Edwards for five years, the musician has played for dances, talent shows, appeared on TV with Doyle O'Dell, and been special guest on KFOX radio.

Car Thieves Take Two Autos Here in Overnight Haul

Two automobile thefts early Wednesday morning were reported to Torrance police.

Mike Darbealan, 3776 Redondo Beach Blvd., reported he had borrowed a 1957 Chevrolet 4-door sedan from his friend, Henr Maag, 4627 Dom Zarmbo, Los Angeles. When he awoke, the car, parked in front of his home, had disappeared. License number is MTF 962.

A Torrance visitor, Francis Richards, reported his 1960 Ford Thunderbird was stolen from in front of the home of his host, Hilda Blahay, 948 Calle Miramar. The Ohio license plate number is J 15061.

Legitimate 'Hot-Rodding' Taught Police Officers

There are many ways to drive a car, but when you are a police officer and must blast out in traffic chasing a law-breaker, you must know much more than merely pushing a button to shift. In addition to their other duties, Torrance police officers are learning the fine points.

Sent off to pursuit-driving school, an innovation conducted by the Sheriff's department, eight men this week joined other Southern California policemen in this new school.

Public Utilities Office Refuses City Bus Hearing

The California Public Utilities Commission has denied a rehearing of its recent decision authorizing Cross-Town Suburban Bus Lines to make several route changes and extensions in the South Bay area.

The changes included the rerouting of a portion of the No. 7 line along 174th St. to the South Bay shopping center at Hawthorne Blvd. and the extension of lines 2 and 6 to serve the Del Amo shopping center at Hawthorne Blvd. and Carson St.

The changes were protested by the City of Torrance on the grounds that the Torrance Municipal Lines would be adversely affected financially.

Other tests centered on reaction timing, depth perception and practice parking in a limited area. Driving at various speeds, siren usage, and methods of building containment were also taught the men.

Participating in the two-day classes were Officers Paul Edward Findley, Jerry Snyder, Art Fuller, Darrell Latham, Jim Foster, Jim Bell, Lee Graber and Jim Popp.

Additional officers will be selected for the training at a later date, according to Police Captain John Maestri.



YOUNG HUSTLERS—Out bright and early, members of Cub Scout Pack 732 sell new 50-star flags to Torrance residents to raise funds for outings and operating expenses. Here Councilman Nick Drale buys a flag from the pack. Onlooking are (left to right)

Robert Figueredo, 1775 Calamar, cubmaster; Philip Roeder, Jimmy Yates, Ken Wilson, (front row) Tony Figueredo, Wayne Griffith, Cliff Toman, Richard Lopez and Angel Lopez. Standard flag kits, \$4.25, may be ordered thru FA 8-2019. Pack numbers 42, age 8-11.

Special Section Sparks Fall Opening

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