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## EDITORIAL PAGE

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### Time to Think of Council Salary Hike

The question of expense account spending by city officials has arisen in the heat of the current election campaign and the Torrance Press would like to take this opportunity to clarify its editorial position in this matter.

Appearing in our columns, clearly identified as PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISING, was an ad item alleging that an amount in excess of \$12,000 had been used by the incumbent mayor for personal expenses. We believe that this item needs clarification.

The amount should not be considered as personal in the sense that it was used to defray costs incurred in the line of duty. It was used for purposes and expenses necessary to the position of the mayor of Torrance.

#### AVERAGES

The amount was incurred over a period of eight years, which averages out to about \$130 per month. This is certainly not an excessive amount to be used for such items as travel mileage, use of office and home for city business, telephone expenses and dinners and functions attended as a representative of the city.

Truth of the matter is, \$130 a month is NOT enough to do the job efficiently. Other sideline expenses, incurred as a part of the job, have been quietly absorbed by all of the councilmen.

We have known the incumbent mayor for many years and, in our opinion, there is no question concerning his honesty.

We think that now is the time for residents of Torrance to start thinking about increases in salary and expense accounts for all of the council.

The city is growing, and the expenses of governing it efficiently are increasing.

It is certainly enough that councilmen should give of their time in the performance of their duties.

They should not be forced to pay the expenses of the office, too!

### Slate Opening, Name Cashier for Torrance Bank

Announcement was made today by D. P. Loomis, president of South Bay's new, independent Guaranty Bank, of the election of Paul A. Jones as cashier.

Prior to his post with Guaranty Bank, Jones was associated with San Fernando Valley Bank, United California Bank, and Good Year Tire and Rubber Co. A resident of California for more than ten years, Jones, his wife Sally and three children live in Long Beach.

Bank will formally open on April 12 in interim quarters at Hawthorne and Sepulveda, just south of the Del Amo Shopping Center in the City of Torrance. Ground is expected to be broken soon for permanent quarters of 8,000 square feet. The permanent building will be located on the southerly section of the same property.

Until the establishment of new Guaranty Bank, Torrance has for the last eight years been without the services of an independent bank. The bank will be managed to serve local interests throughout the South Bay area.

#### SEAT BELTS

Information concerning approved seat belt installations for sale in California is available from the California Highway Patrol.

### Torrance Airport Celebrates 19th Birthday in Oct.

Torrance Municipal Airport will celebrate its 19th birthday this year.

Originally devoted to agricultural activity, early photographs show the area bisected by a stream and containing crops and ranch buildings.

The stream, formed by a junction of two washes, flowed from the Rolling Hills on the South.

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the State of California, through the Bureau of Public Roads, bought the land and started construction of an airport. The airport was originally named the Lomita Flight Strip.

The facility was one of many constructed on order from the state as a defense measure in the early months of the war.

Before construction was completed, ownership of the strip was transferred to U.S. Army Air Force. The completed portion of the work was completed under the supervision of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Because of the possibility of the airport being flooded by the runoff from the slopes of Rolling Hills, large quantities of fill material were brought in to raise portions of the existing grade. Drainage channels and concrete box sections under the runways were constructed to replace the natural stream bed crossing the property.

Upon completion of construction in late 1942, the pressure is being placed on hospitals to become accredited. To the patient accreditation means that better care is provided by a competent staff using adequate diagnostic and therapeutic equipment, an accurate record of their illness is kept, and shorter hospitalization is achieved through efficiency, proper organization and professional skill. To the doctor it means assurance of an efficient physical plant, good diagnostic and therapeutic equipment, qualified technical personnel, proper recording and indexing of all case records, educational conferences, and the privilege of being on the staff of an approved hospital.

When the war ended the Army Air Force vacated the field. Ownership fell to the War Assets Administration until 1948 when the City of Torrance bought the strip.

The actual management and operation of the airport during the years following the war is obscure.

A Civil Air Patrol group was based at the field and private pilots were allowed to base their aircraft on the field.

E. Y. Tarkington managed the affairs of the field and was named airport manager. He held this post until April, 1949, when, on open bid, the management was awarded to Collins-Dietrich Air Services Inc.

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VIRGINIA GENTRY Assistant VP

### Torrance Marina Savings Branch Gets New Manager

Virginia Gentry has been made assistant vice president of Marina Federal Savings and Loan Association, it was announced by Russell C. Chase, president and chairman of the board.

Mrs. Gentry will manage the Torrance office of the association.

Her background includes an extensive career in financial institutions with special emphasis on the loan and escrow activity. Early

training started when she entered the savings and loan industry in 1952 with duties of general clerical nature in the loan department. From this her work progressed specifically into foreclosure and loan services.

Five years ago she joined Marina Federal Savings as an escrow officer, and the main office in Westchester and the branch office in Torrance for the past two years have come under her supervision in Loan, Insurance, and Escrow services.

Marina Federal Savings and Loan Association has seen steady growth in its Federal service to citizens across the Marina-South Bay Peninsula, with the first office established in Westchester and later two branch offices in Torrance and another in Lawndale known as the South Bay office.

### Local Physician Named to Board Of Riviera Hosp.

Herschel S. Kopp, M.D., of Torrance, has been appointed to the board of directors of the non-profit, inter-denominational Riviera Community Hospital, according to David B. Dickey, M.D., president of the Hospital Board.

Action was taken at the board meeting last week, and at the same meeting J. R. Bloomfield, M.D., David B. Dickey, M.D., and John N. Steward, M.D., were re-elected to the board for three year terms.

Hospital by-laws were amended to increase the board to 15 members. Members will be drawn from local leaders in business, industry and medical fields.

Other present board members are: Albert W. Hinz, Corporate Industrial Relations' director, Harvey Aluminum Corporation; Harold G. Frenz, manager, Torrance Branch, Bank of America; Howard A. Wood, M.D., Paul L. Bower, M.D., and Joseph E. Scallon, M.D.

### Political Rally, Picnic Set for Next Sunday

An old fashioned Political Rally and picnic will be held at the Torrance City Park next Sunday, from 12 noon until dusk.

Local and congressional candidates running for office will be present. All candidates, their supporters, clubs and interested persons are asked to assemble at the Del Amo Shopping Center at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday for a motorcade through Torrance to the park.

The affair is sponsored by the Torrance Republican Club, Inc.

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### Little Company of Mary Hospital Receives Three Year Accreditation

Little Company of Mary Hospital announced recently that it has just received full three-year accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

Mother M. Patricia, Hospital Administrator, reported that the hospital was inspected by the Joint Commission on Jan. 22, and that notification has been received that full approval has been granted. "We feel very pleased," Mother Patricia stated, "that full three year approval has been granted as a result of our first inspection. Equally gratifying is the fact that this has been achieved after only two years of operation. When we first contacted the joint Commission in June of 1960, we were notified that there would be an eighteen month wait for inspection due to the large number of hospitals applying for accreditation. Consequently, we feel very fortunate to have achieved this distinction when the hospital is only two years old."

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