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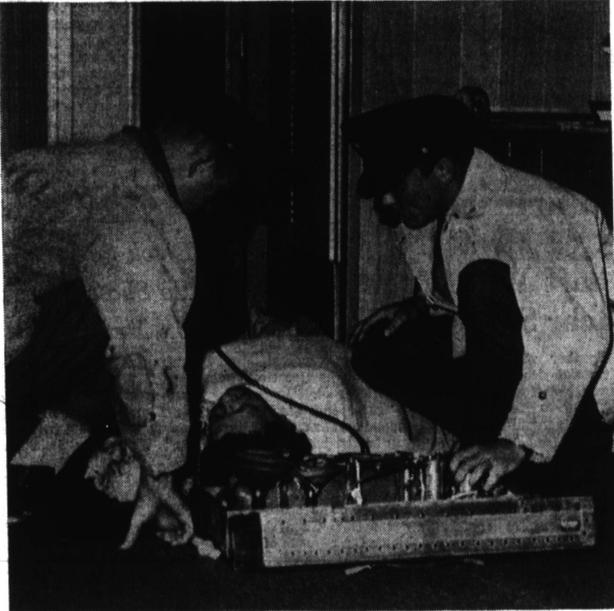
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DRESS CAUGHT FIRE . . . Two Torrance firemen attempt to resuscitate Mrs. Myrt Andeweg, whose housecoat caught fire Thursday as she was lighting a cigarette. The accident occurred about 11:45 a.m. in her mobile home in Torrance. Mrs. Andeweg is in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital, with burns over much of her body. (Press-Herald Photo)

Congressman Praises Skills Center Program

Navy Officials Launch Center

A bottle of champagne broken over a bulldozer plow provided an unconventional christening Friday morning for the unique Southern California Regional Occupational Center.

When completed some time next February, "SCROC" will be the only public school of its type in California dedicated to training both young people and adults for skilled jobs. The multi-million dollar center will be located in Torrance at 2300 Crenshaw Blvd.

Featured speaker at the groundbreaking ceremony was Congressman Alphonzo Bell, whose 28th District includes four of the six school districts backing the center. Bell spoke of the "myth" that vocational education is the province of "second-raters" in society and stressed that this myth is being disproved all over the country.



ANCHORS AWEIGH . . . Capt. Charles Gardner of the Long Beach Naval Station breaks a bottle of champagne over a bulldozer plow, "launching" the Southern California Regional Occupational Center at Friday's groundbreaking ceremony. Observing the traditional Naval rite is State Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend, whose legislative efforts make the center possible. The job training school, to be built at 2300 Crenshaw Blvd., will open to 800 students in February. (Press-Herald Photo)

\$2.1 Million Issued In Building Permits

A total of 230 building permits were issued in Torrance during September, according to John J. McKinnon, superintendent of building and safety. Total valuation for the proposed buildings is listed at \$2,097,895.

McKinnon's report indicated that ten permits were issued for single family dwelling units, at a total valuation of \$238,200, and that no permits were issued for multiple dwellings.

Eight permits were issued for new commercial buildings, valued at \$686,386, and additions, alterations, and repairs to present buildings will amount to \$403,585.

ADDITIONS, alterations, and repairs to industrial buildings is estimated at \$470,770.

One permit was issued for a new industrial building. Magnavox Research Laboratories plans to build a warehouse and office onto its present industrial building at 2823 Maricopa St. Value will be \$123,650.

The Riviera Methodist Church, 375 Palos Verdes Blvd., will erect a church sanctuary and social hall, costing an estimated \$365,000.

PERMIT WAS issued to A research Manufactur-

ing Co. to erect an accessory manufacturing building at 2525 W. 190th St., costing \$166,000.

A retail furniture store will be constructed at 2700 Sepulveda Blvd. by the 2700 Sepulveda Corp., costing \$126,780, and the Church of the Nazarene has received permission to build a sanctuary, education building, and fellowship hall at 700 Maple Ave. The church and social hall will cost \$120,000 and the classrooms will cost \$70,000.

Total valuation of building permits issued since January is \$21,924,300.

Bus Trip Scheduled For Musical

"Happy Time," a musical comedy starring Robert Goulet, is the production selected for the November theatre bus trip sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

Buses will leave from the Torrance City Hall at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 and take travelers directly to the Ahmanson Theatre in the Music Center. The return trip is scheduled for 11:30 p.m.

Tickets, including trip insurance and a theater seat, are \$6.50 per person. Reservations must be made at the Joslyn Center not later than Oct. 24.

THE REPUBLICAN congressman praised the center's program as "truly a partnership undertaking between industry, business, labor, and education."

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Petition Campaign Renewed

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State Funds Approved For Purchase of Beach

Supervisor Burton W. Chace has announced that the state has approved a \$150,000 grant to Los Angeles County for purchase of a half-mile of shoreline south of Torrance Beach.

The allocation was made under the State Beach, Recreational, and Historical Bond Act approved by voters in 1964, Chace said.

The money will be used to acquire privately owned land between the existing Torrance Beach and the city limits of Palos Verdes Estates. The land to be purchased extends from the base of the bluff on the east to the average high-tide line.

The site is just south of a beach widening project scheduled between Topaz Street in Redondo Beach and the southern limit of Torrance Beach. This proposed acquisition

will be added to the beach which is administered by the state for the federal government.

Chace said the purpose of purchasing the beach land to place it under public ownership so that the area can be properly maintained and supervised.

The state bonds are to be matched by a grant from the land and water conservation fund, a source of revenue.

Trash Crews Get Day Off . . .

Rubbish collection crews in Torrance will observe Columbus Day Thursday by not making their usual rounds, according to Walter M. Nollac, director of public works for the city. Those collections normally made each Thursday will be made Friday this week, while Friday collections will be made Saturday, Nollac said.

Measles Shots Planned . . .

Elementary school students in Torrance will begin receiving measles immunizations Tuesday. Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, supervising school nurse, said purpose of the immunization campaign is to permit all youngsters to meet new state requirements that all public school children be immunized against measles. Those students who have been immunized may present proof at the time the measles clinic is scheduled at their school. The clinics will begin Tuesday at Wood and Adams Schools and continue through Feb. 14, 1968. Students in kindergarten through the sixth grade will be immunized.

Teachers Plan Protest . . .

Torrance teachers have scheduled a meeting for Wednesday evening at South High School to protest the refusal of the city's Board of Education to approve higher salaries. Teachers have been turned down twice by the board in their efforts to gain salary increases following the approval of an additional \$1.6 million in state funds. The protest meeting was scheduled last Wednesday, but was postponed because faculty members from one high school had not met to discuss the proposal. Purpose of the meeting it was reported, is to "protest the lack of meaningful negotiations on the part of the Board of Education."

Torrance Marine Dies in Vietnam

A 20-year-old Torrance Marine has been killed in Vietnam, the Department of Defense reported Thursday.

Marine Pfc. Mark W. Judge



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Killed in Vietnam

son of Max O. Judge of 2433 W. 236th St., was one of six Southern Californians listed as killed in action Thursday.

Private Judge reportedly was part of an advance element which was ambushed by Viet Cong.

Memorial services for the youth were held Thursday in Ft. Wayne, Ind. His body reportedly has not been recovered.

Private Judge was born in Indiana and attended schools there. He attended El Camino College for one year before joining the Marine Corps in late 1966.

City Now Ranks No. 4 in County

Torrance's population last July 1 was 7,433 less than it was Jan. 1 and the city has dropped from No. 3 in Los Angeles County to No. 4.

That, at least, is the way the Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission sees things in its latest report.

The commission, in reducing the city's population, took note of a special state-conducted census which surprised city fathers when the count came up at 131,981 — considerably less than the 150,000 anticipated.

The census was never certified, but the Regional Plan-

ning Commission used that figure in its quarterly report showing estimated population of the county as of last July 1.

Glendale was awarded the No. 3 spot on the latest list. Glendale's population was estimated at 137,048 as of July 1, up from 136,620 last Jan. 1.

Total population of Los Angeles County was estimated at 7,057,720, an increase of 13,000 during the second quarter of the year and a gain of 24,782 since the first of the year.

Smallest of the county's 76 incorporated cities is Vernon, with a population of 218. It

has remained unchanged from the first of the year.

Estimated population of surrounding cities includes: Gardena, 44,402; Hawthorne, 47,902; Hermosa Beach, 17,980; Lawndale, 26,153; Lomita, 20,024; Manhattan Beach, 36,329; Palos Verdes Estates, 12,985; Redondo Beach, 58,153; Rolling Hills, 2,026; and Rolling Hills Estates, 6,073.

Most of the area cities showed only slight gains, while Lomita lost two persons and Hawthorne showed a decrease 896 due to a special census conducted by the state.