

# 28 City Acres Devoted to PLAY ZONES



**SOFTBALL GAMES . . .** are equally as popular with Torrance youngsters as regulation hardball games. This chap shows promise of developing into a good underhand.

**POLING OUT A LONG ONE . . .** With every facility for good physical training, boys in Torrance are strong and alert. Sports of every kind are promoted with success.

**HE STOPPED IT! . . .** Competent, experienced recreation workers supervise an extensive schedule of activities for children here. Handicraft is not forgotten on the program.

**K-NOT THE CASE HERE . . .** Instead of youngsters having to enjoy their games thru a knothole, boys and girls of Torrance participate, either as spectators or players in every sport.

## Outdoor Sports Facilities Offer Wide Range of Activity in City Limits for Every Resident

NOT a week in the year goes by in Torrance without some recreational event being staged for and by local residents at one or more of the excellent playgrounds for which this city is noted. All forms of sport—except mountain climbing, horse racing, golf and winter activities—may be enjoyed within the city limits.

And those which are not available here are but an hour or so away.

There are at least eight sites for adults and children's recreation in Torrance. Three are developed on large tracts, primarily for the use of children. The others are in connection with smaller schools.

In all, the local playground area embraces about 28 acres. Largest of the recreation spots is the municipal park where nine of the 19 acres in the tract are set aside for play and equipped with apparatus for the enjoyment of all.

### Fine Picnic Facilities

The enclosed baseball field, topped with powerful floodlights for night play, attracts fans from all over the Harbor District. Games are played every Sunday afternoon and the field is in use nearly every evening.

Other sports provided at the municipal park are grounds for archery, quoits, horseshoes and, on occasion, the ball field has been transformed into a football gridiron. Fun for children is provided by swings, horizontal bars and seesaws.

Nearby are attractive public fireplaces and a huge barbecue pit—large enough to roast a whole steer at one time. Adjoining are shady picnic pavilions, a concert band shell for public gatherings and beautifully landscaped walks.

### Industrial Playing Fields

Playgrounds at Torrance high school, recently enlarged with a special area for girls, and the Torrance Elementary school cover about five and seven acres, respectively. Here are running tracks and playing fields on which Torrance boys develop strong bodies and alert minds.

Smaller in area but well equipped are the playgrounds at other local schools—Fern Avenue has about three acres available for games, Perry school has more than an acre "for health and happiness" and the Walteria grounds were improved this year to provide better recreational facilities.

### Several industrial plants have

### DEEPEN GOLD MINES

State division of mines reports indicate deep lode gold mining is reaching new levels.

their own athletic fields, the largest of which is located at the Columbia Steel company.

### Two Pistol Ranges

Torrance beach, a half mile strip of Pacific strand extending from Hollywood Riviera—all within the Torrance city limits—offers surf-bathing and sun-tanning free from the crowds that swarm to the more widely-known ocean resorts.

There is no golf course within the city limits but the sporty links at Palos Verdes is "just over the line." For followers of the bang-tails, the Hollywood Turf club is only 10 miles away.

Two pistol and rifle ranges are included among the city's recreational points of interest. The Torrance Pistol club range is a model establishment just south of the principal business

and industrial district while the new Harbor District Pistol and Rifle club range is located off Highway 101 on the Weston Ranch property in the Walteria area.

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