

NEW RENTAL PROJECT WILL GET BACKING OF TORRANCE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Torrance City Planning Commission will be besieged with letters, petitions, postcards and oral testimony supporting the million-dollar rental housing project at Carson st. and Dominguez ave., when the matter comes up for final hearing on July 1.

This was revealed yesterday by Reed H. Parkin, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, who said that the civic, industrial and commercial life of Torrance was shocked when residents of the area attempted to kill the critically needed project of Jack Fine at the first hearing on June 3.

Counter petitions of residents in the neighborhood will oppose those of the protestants, Parkin said.

Formation Of Torrance P. T. A. Council Urged

Establishment of a Torrance Parent-Teacher Association Council at the earliest possible date is being urged by J. Henry Hull, superintendent of Torrance City schools.

In a letter to Mrs. J. S. Bruce, president, First District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, Superintendent Hull suggested that there will be four elementary Parent-Teacher organizations and possibly five in Torrance as of July 1. The high school will comprise a sixth organization if included in the Torrance Council.

Three associations are necessary to form a council, and since Torrance elementary, Fern avenue, Perry and Waveria organizations already are functioning, the minimum requirement for a council has been met, he told Mrs. Bruce, who resides in Long Beach. The fifth association would be comprised of parents and teachers of seventh and eighth graders who will attend classes in Torrance high school buildings, under a separate principal.

Hull stressed that the formation of a Torrance council will greatly aid the schools in setting up their program for the coming year.

Hull further said: "Presumably, the high school will be a member of this council at a later date, after our unification vote has been accomplished."

Heretofore, Torrance has been in the 10th district, comprised entirely of Los Angeles schools, which has separate high school and elementary councils.

G. P. Announces New Industrial Relations Plant

The General Petroleum Corporation today announced plans for the immediate construction of the first unit of an industrial relations building at its Torrance refinery. The initial segment will contain 5,000 square feet of floor space and cost approximately \$100,000. Ultimately it will be expanded to a total of 8,000 sq. feet, the company stated.

The building, located on 190th st., will house a complete modern industrial hospital including facilities for surgery, physiotherapy and x-ray work, as well as a complete industrial relations organization for the company's manufacturing unit at the Torrance plant.

Albert C. Martin and Associates are the architects and construction will begin very soon, the announcement said.

STANDARD OIL IN OFFER TO INSTALL CITY GAS PUMP

The Standard Oil Co. has offered to install a gasoline pump at the city yard for buses and city equipment and allow the City of Torrance to pay it off at a rate of one cent a gallon.

The matter was referred to the Council as a whole for consideration.

Black Given More Time To Vacate Airport; Tarkington Signs Contract

N. E. Black, operator of a gasoline truck and an aircraft and engine business on Torrance Municipal Airport Friday night won a 17-day stay of his "eviction" from the airport by E. Y. Tarkington, manager.

Tarkington had asked for and received permission of the City Council to order Black off the field as "not the type of person we desire here." Black contested the order stating Tarkington had been uncooperative and that his demand that Black be off the field by June 13 was unreasonable.

He asked for sufficient time to locate a place on another airport and to remove two planes which he owns, his tools and equipment and was given until July 1.

Meanwhile, Tarkington has signed a temporary contract with the city for operation of the airport. He will pay the city 80 per cent of gross receipts and two cents a gallon on gasoline sold there.

Black had sought such a contract. He brought the first civilian planes to the airport and is known by all fliers operating on the base. There were 110 planes based on the port, but the number has dwindled considerably in the past two weeks.

Palos Verdes Council Closes All Streets Leading Into Torrance Tract

After a meeting during which Torrance witnesses were deprived of the chance to testify, the Palos Verdes Estates City Council Tuesday night adopted a resolution vacating all streets leading into Torrance from Palos Verdes Estates, except Hawthorne blvd. and Catalina ave.

The effect of the order is to throw the burden on the California-Nevada Properties Inc. of building a new road to reach their 211-home building project on tract 10306, adjoining Palos Verdes Estates in Southwest Torrance.

The law firm of O'Connor & O'Connor reported yesterday that a petition for an order restraining Palos Verdes Estates City Council from enforcing the proposed vacation ordinance will be filed in Superior court at once.

The vacated roads were the only dedicated ones open to reach the tract, according to City Engineer G. M. Jain. All property surrounding the tract is un subdivided, and permission to construct the new road had to be obtained from other interests, he said.

The building of the new road will delay construction of the new homes, it was pointed out.

Jain said that the petitioners were within the tiny office of the Palos Verdes City Council and the Torrance representatives protesting the ordinance were "outside." Before they could be heard, the ordinance had been adopted closing the streets, according to Jain.

The engineer said that roads approaching the tract from Hollywood Riviera were dedicated and some traffic has passed over the unsubdivided area, but it has been in the category of "trespassing."

RETURNED HERE... The Rev. Clyde E. Ruckman, pastor of First Methodist church, Torrance, was returned to the local ministry for his third year by the annual conference in San Diego this week.

KETTLER PURCHASE OF GENERATOR SET OF CITY APPROVED

John E. Kettler, who is developing the new home tract at Narbonne ave. and Sepulveda blvd., has purchased the city's O.C.D. motor generator for \$1000.

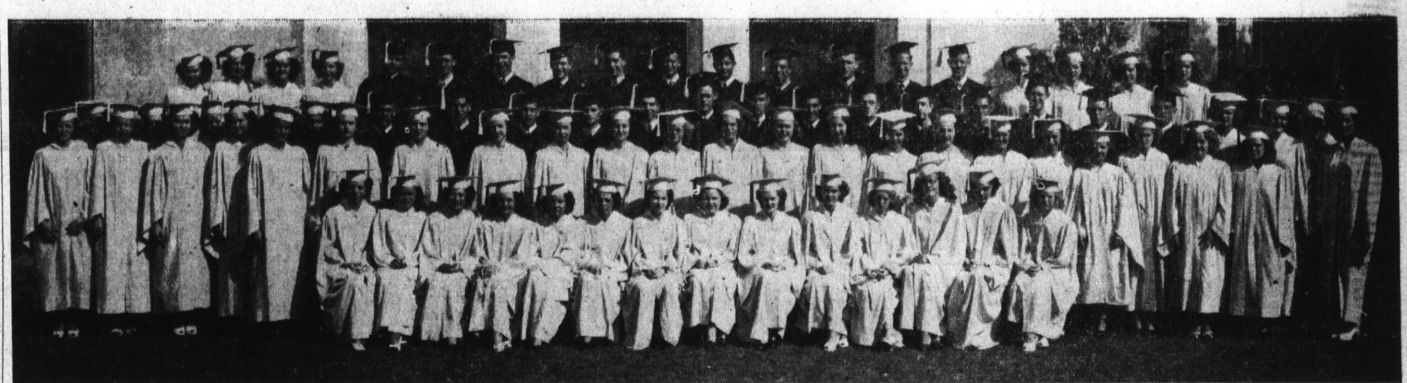
There were no other bidders, the City Council announced, and the rental of \$170 a month which Kettler has been paying for the set was ordered applied on the purchase price.

No. 1 Area For Growth Includes City Of Torrance

Supervisor Roger W. Jessup of Glendale said that the entire development program of county authorities is geared to the expectancy that the population will reach a total of 6,000,000 persons by 1965.

Jessup said the following areas will see the greatest growth and expansion during the next decade:

1. The area lying between Los Angeles proper and San Pedro harbor, which includes Torrance.
2. The area beginning with Pasadena and extending to Pomona and including the San Gabriel Valley and Foothill communities of Monrovia, Azusa, Alhambra, Monterey Park, El Monte and others.
3. The area starting with Glendale and Burbank and extending into the San Fernando valley.



LAST SENIOR CLASS UNDER LOS ANGELES... Pictured above are graduating seniors of Torrance High School who will receive their diplomas tonight in the school auditorium, the last class under Los Angeles jurisdiction. Redondo Union High School takes over Torrance until unification of the Torrance District. (Photo by Dixie Lee)

Ruth McKenzie Pleads Guilty To Manslaughter

Ruth (Sunny) McKenzie, of Torrance, who is charged with the fatal stabbing of her fiancé Jack C. Floyd on the night of March 12, pleaded guilty this week to a charge of manslaughter.

Miss McKenzie previously had admitted the stabbing, but contended that it was accidental.

In an agreement with the District Attorney's office she was allowed to plead guilty to the lesser charge before Superior Judge William R. McKay, who set July 9 as date of sentence.

The young woman faces one to ten years in prison.

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Commencement Exercises For 92 Torrance High Graduates

The commencement program of the Torrance high school graduation class of 1947 will be conducted this evening in the high school auditorium starting at 8 o'clock.

The last class to graduate under the regime of the Los Angeles school system, will parade down the aisle to the strains of Sir Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," played by the commencement orchestra.

Rev. Clyde Ruckman will give the invocation, following the "Recessional" sung by a double quartet, consisting of Lella Hocott, Diane Licht, Stewart Cooke, Milton Jones, Harriet Bender, Dorothy Morris, Eddie Findley and Eugene Northway. The A-12 choir will present "The Lord's Prayer."

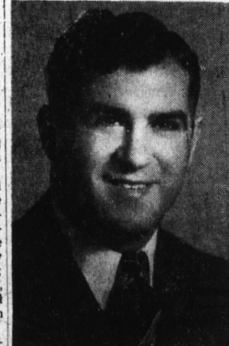
The student speakers will carry out the graduation theme "Pioneers of the Future," by discussing pioneering in the following fields: Education, Arline Wood; mechanics, Peggy Stucke; science, Shirley Severin; sports, Bill Tolson; democracy, Polly Robinson; continental world, Colleen Thomas. Merwin Jarratt will act as interpolator.

The choir will sing "O Pioneers" by Stuart Bliss Hoppin, and Eugene Williams will give the tribute to the members of the class in the armed forces.

Edwin Findley, class president, will present the class, followed by the singing of the Alma Mater.

Diplomas will be presented by Miss Helen Jewett Rogers, principal, Miss Elizabeth Parks and Mr. Duncan Powers, the names being read by Jay Stroh and Patricia Kaphs.

Flower girls will be Beverly Browning, Beverly Crook, Idella



COUNCIL PRESIDENT... Don C. Moshos, M.D., recently elected president of the First District Welfare Council.

Chief of Police John Stroh will attend the meeting of California peace officers at Avalon, Catalina Island, next Wednesday.

The session is required by law and was called by the attorney general's office.

Students Show Great Interest In New Bulletin Of El Camino College

Considerable interest is being shown among Torrance students in the Bulletin of Information of El Camino College just issued by the Board of Trustees of the college, copies of which are on hand in the office of the Torrance Herald.

The college will open its fall semester on Sept. 15 on the new campus at Redondo Beach blvd. and Crenshaw blvd., North Torrance. The classes will be housed in semi-permanent buildings to be moved here from Santa Ana Air base, where they had been used for educational purposes.

The college bulletin outlines various courses being offered, according to Forrest G. Murdock, president.

Twenty-nine English courses will be offered. Three composition courses as well as public speaking, journalism, English literature, Shakespeare, American literature, modern literature and literature of modern life will be included in the curricula.

In the social science department can be found western civilization, economics, world geography and airline transportation, American political institutions, United States history, history of the Americas and comparative.

Mathematics, including algebra, geometry, trigonometry, differential calculus, engineering mathematics and plane surveying will be offered.

A wide variety of science courses are being offered. Physics, biology, chemistry, physiology, geology, zoology, anatomy, physiology, bacteriology and public health.

Spanish and French are being offered in the language field.

Business courses include accounting, business English, sales and advertising, shorthand, typing, business mathematics, business law, business marketing,

Ground Breaking For El Camino College Monday

Ground-breaking exercises for El Camino college, at Alondra Park, will be held Monday at 2 p.m., Forrest G. Murdock, president of the college, announced yesterday.

The exercises will be held on Redondo Beach blvd. and Crenshaw blvd., with civic, educational and political dignitaries present.

The buildings being moved from Santa Ana air base, to house 17 classrooms for the college, will be moved onto the site early Monday morning, Murdock said.

A permanent plant to cost several millions of dollars is being planned, on the 81-acre site provided by the County of Los Angeles on the park. The \$1,000 an acre being paid by the district to the county for the site will be reinvested in a stadium for the college and a general public use, it was said.

Two semesters of psychology are offered.

There will be nine fine art courses to be given. They will be survey of creative art forms, color and design, freehand drawing, elementary advertising art, life drawing, water color, advanced advertising art, fashion illustration and oil painting.

Food preparation and nutrition, clothing, home nursing, nursery school technique, child psychology, growth and development of the child, and family relations will be found in the home economics department.

The music department will offer softgoggo, harmony and music history and appreciation.

Engineering drawing, descriptive geometry, machine drawing, architectural drawing, materials of construction, testing of materials and statistics of kinematics can be found in industrial education.

Physical education, hygiene and first aid are also part of the curriculum.

Preparation for accounting, airline hostess, architecture, aviation, banking, business (general), fine arts, home economics, letters, and science (college preparatory) pre-engineering (A.A. degree), pre-dental, pre-legal, medical, pre-nursing, music (A.A. degree), music (college preparatory), secretarial, and trades will be in the curricula, and their respective subjects and unit requirements are included in the new booklet.

Complete List Of High School Teachers Given

Teacher hiring for Torrance high school has been completed, and Superintendent W. K. Cobb, of Redondo Union High School district, which takes over the local high school next year, yesterday released the following list of 31 instructors for the institution:

Principal, L. W. Waller; vice principal, Arthur W. Main; dean of girls, Harriet H. Hardy; orientation, Hilja Smythe (Mrs.) English, Miss Mozelle Marshall, Mrs. Catherine McVey, Mrs. Mabel Kloster, John L. Elmore. Mathematics, Floyd J. Andrus, John L. Hinds. Social science, Herbert W. Irwin, Mrs. Delia Dwight. Science, Clem E. Saunders, Milton Buck. Business education, Miss Carolyn Kyes, Miss Frances M. Lawrence. Language, Miss Marian H. Thompson. Shop, James R. Brucker and Clarence McMoran. Printing, Bruce Steele. Agriculture, Fred L. Eckert. Art, Miss Elaine Lowe. Girls' physical education, Miss June Cope, Miss Doris May Avis. Boys' physical education, Clifford Graybehl, Eddie Cole. Music, George Zavislan, Abe Milstein, (share with Torrance City schools). Attendance and continuation, Albert Appligante (share with Torrance City schools). Homemaking, Mrs. Mae Buchanan. Librarian, Mrs. Helene O'Brien. Nurse, Mrs. Vivian Markham (share with Torrance City schools).

Contract For Two New Reo Buses Is Signed; No. Torrance Line To Start

Torrance City Council Tuesday night entered into a contract with the Reo Motor company for two buses, as of July 1, 1947, and delivery is expected in time to inaugurate the new Long Beach-North Torrance-Ingwood service about July 15.

The new buses are of 127 horsepower, with a seating capacity of 34 persons. They will cost approximately \$10,000 each and will be paid for in equal monthly installments over a period of one year.

North Torrance residents were in the audience Friday night when the purchase of buses came up for consideration. They have been appealing for months for transportation, as no Torrance line serves that area. However, Gardena and Sunset buses come to the borders of the community, and are hauling traffic in directions away from Torrance.

This situation brought an appeal from the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber for installation of the North Torrance line.

Other interests supporting the demand for buses were El Camino College, which will be located on Alondra park, North Torrance, and Torrance City School District which asked for sufficient public transportation to augment the use of school buses next year.

COMPLETE 'STRIPPING' OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AVOIDED BY BOARD OF ARBITRATION

Torrance City School district was successful in saving bungalows and real estate owned by the Los Angeles City schools in Torrance, but did not fare so well with the equipment of the buildings.

A report of the Board of Arbitration named in accordance with the Education Code and revealed at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night decided that Torrance shall keep the following:

- Bulletin boards and blackboards attached to walls.
- Window shades, venetian blinds and darkening curtains.
- Annunciator systems and electric wall clocks.
- Supply cabinets, cases, etc., built into place or securely fastened with nails, moulting, etc.
- Plumbing fixtures, soap dispensers, paper towel dispensers, soiled paper dispensers and other receptacles.
- Central heating plants, radiators, gas-steam radiators and hot water heaters.
- Counters in administrative offices.
- Draperies, curtains, cycloramas, etc., stage fittings, lights, etc., in auditoriums.
- Cafeteria steam table at Torrance elementary school.
- Yard material including attached baseball backstops, basketball backstops, handball backstops; turning bars, climbing stops, giant stride, horizontal ladder, volleyball posts, sand boxes, attached slides, swings, traveling rings.
- Student and Parent-Teacher association gifts to schools, and student body funds will be retained by Torrance.
- Los Angeles will retain:
- All unattached movable furniture, equipment and apparatus, including mechanical wall clocks.
- All hand tools, utensils, dishes and supplies.
- All text books and library books.
- Pencil sharpeners, room thermometers, fire extinguishers, lockers, wall type on feet, mirrors attached with screws.
- Administrative office cabinets, wrapping paper holders.
- Pupil desks and rears.
- Gas plates in teacher rest rooms.
- Console ranges, gas refrigerators, can openers, mixers, electric refrigerators, cook tables.
- Baseball backstops, portable.
- The arbitration board's findings are final, not subject to legal action. They are similar to those arrived at by Redondo Union High School district involving Torrance high school.
- The Board consisted of Em

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W. K. Cobb, superintendent of Redondo Union High School district has announced that Miss Harriet Hill Hardy has been employed as Dean of Girls for the Torrance High School.

Miss Hardy, at the present time, doing graduate work at Claremont College. She is on leave of absence from the Chicago schools where she has been employed since 1930 in various capacities. She has taught general science, English, physical education and history.

She has served for the past four years as an assistant principal and brings to Torrance a wealth of experience and training in the field of guidance and counseling, Cobb said. Miss Hardy plans to move to Torrance sometime during the early summer as soon as she can find appropriate living quarters.

Advisory Group To Meet Today

The first meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in Daniels Cafe, 1625 Cabrillo ave., according to Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull.

Invited to attend the meeting and discuss school problems with the superintendent and members of the Board of Education are presidents or representatives of various civic, veteran, service, women's and parent-teacher organizations of the city.