



SEEING NEW YORK—Miss Tallulah Nagy, Torrance's "Miss Industry," saw New York from the railing of a New York skyscraper as part of her tour of the big city. Other features of the tour included a boat trip around Manhattan, a stage show, and supper at a night club. (Socony Vacuum Photo).

'Miss Industry' Sees New York Skyline, Dines, Goes to Show

Just what does a girl see and do when she goes to New York for the first time? Well, here is a sample of what Miss Tallulah Nagy, 17-year-old Torrance girl, is seeing and doing during her free trip to New York as winner of the "Miss Industry" contest last month.

Tuesday: Top of the Chrysler building, through the Daily News building, to Grand Central Terminal, a ride on the Third Avenue "L", a ride thru the financial district. As a guest of a Miss Hansen, secretary to one of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company officials, she was taken to lunch, followed by a tour of New York shops during the afternoon.

Then back to her hotel, the Biltmore, to dress for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Desvernie, Jr., of Socony-Vacuum's public relations department, took her to dinner at the Roosevelt hotel

and then to the musical comedy "High Button Shoes". Afterward they saw Times Square at night, ending the evening at the Glass Hat, a night club.

Arrangements were made for Wednesday for her to present her letter of introduction to Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York, and the presentation of his Honor of the miniature key of nails, made from Columbia Steel wire in Torrance.

Following this she planned to visit relatives in New York prior to her return to Torrance.

Medearis to Move Shortly

Medearis Oil Well Supply Company, which three months ago purchased an industrial site on Normandie avenue east of Torrance, has awarded a contract to Consolidated Western Steel Corporation, to fabricate the steel for its first unit, it was learned yesterday.

The company, now located on Otis street in South Gate, will move to its new location at 21020 Normandie avenue as soon as buildings can be erected, according to Paul A. Medearis, an official of the company.

The company is engaged in the manufacture of general oil well supplies.

W.M. Doesn't Say It But He Buys Liniment

While nearly everyone was talking about the weather this week the Weather Man was doing something about it. He bought a bottle of liniment for his aching when it looks like rain. After asking a few polite questions about his health, we asked for the weekly weather report. He handed us a slip of paper which read:

Sept.	Maximum	Minimum
1	74	42
2	72	42
3	72	42
4	70	43
5	73	43
6	73	43
7	73	43
8	75	47

Box Holders Get 24-Hour Service Now

The lobby of Torrance post-office now is being kept open 24 hours a day, for convenience of persons having lock boxes, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner.

During the war and since that time the lobby has been closed due to limitation of staff and defacement of walls and desks. Steps now have been taken to guard against this in the future.

Postmaster Conner said he was authorized to reinstate the 24-hour service for box holders only on a trial basis, however, and any evidence of damage to the lobby will probably result in recommendation by postal inspectors that the nightly closing hour be reinstated.

Local police as well as postal authorities will keep watch on the lobby during the night.

New Law on Residence Is Now in Effect

The new city ordinance providing that all employees of the municipality must live in the city has passed its second and final reading by the Torrance City Council.

Under its provisions, employees are allowed 90 days after start of their employment by the city to become residents of the municipality.

HOME BUILDING RECORD NEARS

Headed by a single group of \$87,300 in new construction permits for a west-side residential project, October building got off to a good start this week on the heels of a record-breaking month for September which sent Torrance city building valuation to \$1,379,400.

Newest of the city's dwelling projects is the first 17 units of the hillside development east of Seaside Ranchos for Palisades Builders, 17315 Sunset boulevard, Santa Monica. Eventually the builders plan a 460-unit development there.

The dwellings will be one, two, and three-bedroom varying in size from 680 to 840 square feet, with concrete slab floors, composition roofs and attached car ports.

Installation of water lines and sanitary sewers was completed this week in the 68-unit Pine Knolls rental project at Crenshaw boulevard and Dominguez and construction work on the 24 duplexes was scheduled to begin this week.

This subdivision will have a new street through it to be known as Pine Drive, after its original developer, Jack Pine.

Building Gains Over Year 1947

Here is a picture of the year's building activity in Torrance:

September total	\$1,379,400
August total	256,375
July total	467,257
Year to date	6,137,928
Similar, 1947	5,536,633
Entire year 1947	7,289,388

The project is being carried to completion by Biltmore Homes, of which S. M. Taber is president. Acaela and Maricopa bound the project on the east and south.

Taber said that their first Torrance project, at the northwest corner of 174th and Crenshaw,

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Two Additional School Buses Being Acquired

Purchase of two additional 61-passenger school buses to provide more adequate transportation for children attending the Torrance public schools was agreed upon at this week's meeting of the Board of Education.

The school district now is transporting a total of 835 school children to four elementary schools in five buses, which requires that some of the children be picked up earlier than would otherwise be necessary, according to Emmet Ingram, business manager.

No spare bus is available in event of a breakdown or an accident, it was explained. Acquisition of two more buses will also enable equipment to be serviced more adequately.

Use of the two new buses is to be obtained on a lease-purchase basis, from the firm of Schultz and Peckham. The district will pay approximately \$254 a month for the first year, and on down on a graduated scale to \$86 a month for the fifth year, until a total of some \$10,800 has been paid in. The district then will own the buses.



AT CONFERENCE—Attending this week's conference of the California School Trustees Association held at Long Beach is Charles Ver Jones, director of El Camino Junior College Board, representing Torrance.

Planners Vote to Turn Down Mud Pit Plan

Reconsideration of the petition of the Chanslor Canfield Midway Oil company for a zoning variance to permit operation of an oil well mud pit along Madrona avenue resulted in denial Tuesday night by the City Planning Commission.

Members of the City Council met with the planning body preceding the regular planning commission meeting and it was agreed that the previous action of the planning body approving the variance should be rescinded.

When the matter comes before the City Council next Wednesday night the council is committed to uphold the planning commission's reversal. Planning Commissioner Merton Gilbert's motion was approved unanimously by the commission.

The commissioners turned down unanimously a petition for a variance for a trailer camp on 233rd street, between Eshelman and Narbonne avenues. Four protests had been received from owners of adjacent property, and the commissioners feared the site was too close to the oil wells. Arthur C. King was the petitioner.

Petition of Southwest Properties, Inc., for a change of zone affecting property in a new subdivision at the northwest corner of Crenshaw and 174th street was approved by the commission at its first reading, since no protests were registered.

Employees of Oil Company Tell Threats

A cream-colored sedan was reported to Torrance police Sunday to have been speeding away from the home of Mrs. Virginia Hendrix, 2660 Torrance boulevard, about the time Mrs. Hendrix said a small rock was thrown through her front window.

Mrs. Hendrix told police she believed the missile was thrown to scare her husband into going out on strike at a local oil company where he is employed.

Don Anderson, 1611 Fern avenue, reported to police the same day that he had received anonymous threats over the phone "to go out on strike or else". He is employed as an office worker at an oil company in Wilmington.

New Solvent Plant Okayed

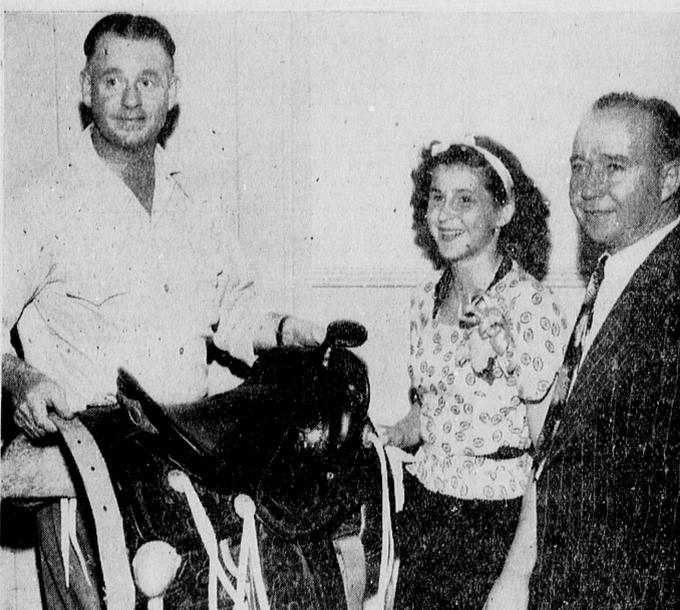
The Board of Supervisors has received a recommendation from the Regional Planning Commission that a permit be granted the Bruin Solvent Extraction Company to operate in the Redondo Beach "island" that extends into West Torrance.

According to the commission, site of the proposed plant is at the southeast corner of Henrietta and Emerald Streets, and in an M-3 (unlimited) use zone.

Testimony developed during a commission hearing last Sept. 16 indicated operation of such a plant would not be a health menace.

Man Ordered to Repay Fund

Charles McCaffery, 844 Gardena boulevard, was fined \$50 last Tuesday and ordered by City Judge Otto Willett to repay the \$168 he received in unemployment checks while he was employed, according to court records.



FOR A HEROINE—President Dave Colville of the Torrance Kiwanis Club presents the club's gift, a \$250 hand-tooled leather saddle, to Miss Ruth Oriani, who saved the life of a 2-year-old boy in an abandoned oil sump last Thursday afternoon. Ruth's act of heroism was related to the club by Ed Brown, right, business manager of The Herald, just preceding the presentation. The orchid she's wearing was the gift of the Torrance Flower Shop.

Kiwanis Acclaim Heroine

Ruth Oriani, the modest but plucky 17-year-old Torrance girl, who rescued a baby from an oil sump last Thursday, was wondering today what everybody was making all the fuss about.

Since she saved the life of 2-year-old Larry James Stansbury of Gardena last week the phone at the Oriani home at 1565 West 222nd street, has hardly stopped ringing. Reporters, photographers, news commentators, and the curious have crossed the threshold in a seemingly never-ending stream. The diminutive heroine hasn't had time to take stock of all the nice things that have happened to her.

Probably the best token of gratitude and the one she treasures most is a brand new saddle given to her last Monday night by the Torrance Kiwanis Club. Ruth is an avid outdoor girl and extremely fond of her own horse. She appeared on Ben Alexander's "Heart's Desire" program last week and was given a complete riding outfit from hat to boots. The \$250 saddle presented to her by the Kiwanians brought a tear to the

County Orders Law on Sumps

Investigation will be made of all old oil sumps in county territory, as result of the near-tragedy that made Ruth Oriani a heroine.

Chairman Ray V. Darby of the board of supervisors has called for an ordinance governing sump holes which have proved so dangerous throughout the county.

The Torrance City Council now has pending before it an ordinance which, if adopted, will provide strict safety regulations, now that the danger has again been called to public attention.

The Torrance Herald some time ago exposed the danger of these abandoned oil sumps.

eye of the slender girl who risked her life to save that of a young child mired in an abandoned oil sump near Normandie and 174th street in unincorporated county territory.

The young girl appeared by transcription on Gabriel Heister's program, was scheduled to be cited by the American Legion in Inglewood last night, and is due to make an appearance before the Torrance City Council as the guest of Councilman George Powell next Wednesday night.

She is also scheduled to appear before the California Bankers Association next Tuesday, has been recommended for the Carnegie Bronze Medal and is

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Nation's Top Industrialists Will Visit City This Month

The board of directors of United States Steel Corporation, including twelve of the nation's top-notch industrialists, will be in Torrance Oct. 22 to inspect the Columbia Steel Company plant, it was learned this week.

Bus Service to Riviera NOT to Be Terminated

Rumors that bus service to the Hollywood-Riviera district would be discontinued are unfounded, according to M. A. Chamberlain, manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

A group of residents of the Hollywood-Riviera district were told at a recent meeting of homeowners in the section that the service would be discontinued due to the small number of passengers using the line.

Chamberlain said that no such move was contemplated.

New Maps of City Out Soon

New maps of the City of Torrance, showing all of the new streets in new subdivisions, will be ready for distribution about Oct. 20, according to Blaine Walker, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

New industrial plants in the city also will be shown on the map, along with the number of employees. The area immediately adjacent to the city will be included with the city's own industries.

Aerial photographs of various sections of the city are being taken, Walker disclosed, and some of these will be reproduced in The Herald from time to time.

Tartars Open Bay League Play Against Jordan Saturday Night

Torrance's pigskin battle against Long Beach Jordan Saturday night might easily become the championship fight of the 1948 Bay League season.

After last weekend's series of games which saw the Tartars scalp the Indians of John Burroughs 27-6 and Jordan come out in a tie with the powerful Long Beach Wilson 13-13, it appeared that the result of the Tartars' Bay circuit opener could determine the winner of the league championship.

Torrance has won both of its practice tilts and is the only team in the Bay loop to do so. Jordan has won one and tied one. Santa Monica has won one and lost one while all others have lost their practice tilts.

Jordan's line is going to be no easy hurdle for the Tartars to clear. Their forward wall averages 207 pounds against Torrance's 171-pound average. In the backfield the story is about the same. Jordan's averages 191

During their visit here it is understood that they will inspect the RFC-owned facility at Normandie avenue and 190th street which produced aluminum during the war and which U. S. Steel is reported as ready to take over as soon as the government will release it.

The U. S. Steel directors will arrive on the coast Oct. 29 and will attend the opening of Columbia Steel's new multi-million dollar steel sheet and tin plate mill at Pittsburg on Oct. 21.

Among the Torrance visitors at the opening of the giant mill at Pittsburg, will be a delegation from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce including President Charles T. Bippy, Vice President Charles V. Jones and Secretary Blaine Walker.

Among the well-known industrialists and financiers comprising the board of directors of U. S. Steel are: Benjamin F. Fairless, president; Irving S. Olds, chairman of the board; Enders M. Voorhees, comptroller; William A. Irvin, retired.

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Council Meet Wednesday

Next week's regular meeting of the Torrance City Council will be held on Wednesday night instead of the usual Tuesday night, due to the Columbus Day holiday falling on Tuesday, Oct. 12, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

SENNESS WINS NOD FOR SAND PIT IN RAVINE

A zoning variance that will permit K. Sande Senness, subdivision of Pacific Hills, to open a sand pit in a ravine in the Palos Verdes off Crenshaw boulevard was agreed upon at this week's meeting of the Torrance City Planning Commission.

"If the City Council will agree to this variance, one more obstacle to the start of construction of this residential project is removed," Senness said following the meeting.

The variance covers approximately 50 acres in a hollow where excavation can be carried on and not be visible from the coast highway, from Walteria or from the streets in the new subdivision, the planners said in agreeing to grant the provision.

Senness said he had expended more than \$6000 for core drilling tests in the area, to ascertain the extent of the sand available for commercial use. He said he proposed to fill some of the sand in addition to that which will be used in construction of the several hundred houses he plans to build, and for the streets in the new subdivision.

Only the administrative office of the sand pit will be visible from the north and all of the heavy traffic will be on Crenshaw boulevard and the access road off Crenshaw, which will be black-top.

C. T. Hoyt and Mrs. Bessie Stonecker, president and secretary, respectively, of the Walteria Civic Association, objected to any further defacing of the hills, but appeared to be satisfied when it was explained that no cuts would be visible from their community, and that access would be only to Crenshaw boulevard.

The matter is to come before the City Council for final approval next Wednesday night.

Revise Plans for Lighting Football Field

Hopes of many Torrance High School football fans faded this week when it was revealed that completion of the proposed lighting of the athletic field before the end of the current season was highly unlikely.

Bids for the job of lighting, relocating the field, and constructing bleachers at the local high school were opened this week with the range of bids running from \$58,189 to \$82,340. The amount voted at the recent bond election for the project was \$40,000.

Members of the school board did not accept the low bid but took the problem under advisement. Architects and contractors were to meet this week to discuss ways of reducing the installation costs to a point where they would be in line with the amount voted on the bond issue.

Dinner Will Launch Drive for Concerts

A one-week campaign to obtain 900 members for this year's Columbia Concerts series will be launched with a kick-off dinner at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 18.

Three, possibly four concerts will be presented in Torrance High School auditorium during the fall and winter season with the first scheduled for November, according to James L. Lynch, president of the sponsoring group.

Under a reciprocity arrangement members again this year will be offered an opportunity to attend concerts in nearby cities.

Ticket packets now are in possession of campaign workers and last year's ticket holders are urged to renew subscriptions immediately. Those not claimed by previous holders before the kick-off meeting, will be made available for other music lovers.

TAX COLLECTOR

An ordinance providing for creation of the office of Collector of Delinquent Sales Tax is scheduled for its second and final reading by the Torrance City Council next Wednesday night.

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