

Zoning Decision May Alter City's Future

HOMES OR INDUSTRY DECISION UP TO BOARD

Action by city officials on a matter which might easily become the most important decision ever made affecting the future development of Torrance is now facing local city officials.

The question: Should Torrance relinquish some of its rapidly disappearing industrial land in favor of creating needed acreage for more new homes.

There are strong arguments on either side. Bringing the matter to a head at this particular time is a request to rezone 55 acres of land now zoned for heavy industry to enable a subdivider to erect a large number of two and three-bedroom homes on the acreage.

The location in question is a plot of ground located south and east of the intersection of Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds.

The matter came before the Torrance Planning Commission on April 15. Some of the arguments presented in favor of rezoning the land were these:

- 1. Residential acreage is rapidly disappearing.
2. Industrial workers here want to live here to be near their work.
3. More homes means more people, more people means a growing city.
4. That there is still plenty of industrial land still available to industry.
5. That the owners of the property are forced to hold on to the land and pay taxes on it because they can not sell it although it has been offered to industry for the past 18 months.

6. That additional industries would be a threat to the health of local residents due to the additional air pollution the new industries would produce.

7. That available residential areas as now exists are difficult to finance through FHA and other governmental agencies since the land is of such poor quality and location.

Sliced by Railroad. The piece of land in question is sliced by a spur of the Santa Fe Railroad which serves many of the local industries.

1. That the noise of trains traveling through the area would be objectionable to future home owners in the area.
2. That the railroad would soon be asked to move on the grounds that it would be a public nuisance.

3. That surrounding oil derricks and pumping equipment would be an attractive nuisance to children moving into the new homes.
4. That city officials are just asking for trouble when they approve homes being constructed on or near an existing railroad.
5. That much of a city's tax load is carried by industry and

Police Reserve Meets for Shoot, Chicken Dinner

Twenty-eight Torrance Police Reserves and several city officials held a shooting practice at the Torrance Police range and topped it off with a chicken dinner here Tuesday evening.

Arranged by Civil Defense official George Powell, the chicken dinner was served by Ed Nichols at his Pacific Hills chicken ranch.

Attending the affair, which included a regular meeting of the reserve force, were City Manager George Stevens, Chief of Police John Stroh, Assistant Chief Willard Haslam, Mayor Mervin M. Schwab, Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett, and Powell.

Another such meeting and dinner is planned for the near future, Powell said.

The reserve officers and guests saw a film on the history and working of Communism, a Redondo Beach Police Department film entitled, "Know Your Police Department," and a film on Army traffic control.

Many of the reserve officers turn regular shifts on the police force without pay, and all are on call for emergency duty.

Tartar Teen Talk

By JUDI REID

The Tartar Knights will hold their annual softball game against the faculty members today at 2:15. This has always proven to be a wonderful show both for enjoyment and sportmanship.

Velma Poulson, well liked sophomore at T.H.S., has just returned home after a two weeks stay at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Velma, who was hit by a car on the 9th of April, suffered from a broken leg, head concussion, and cuts and bruises. Everyone at Torrance High wishes Velma a speedy recovery.

The Girl's league viewed a really good program presented by the students of Leuzinger High. All the girls enjoyed the program.

Last Monday six members of the journalism class attended a Journalism Day at Redlands. Those representing the T.N.T.—Sally Cordes, Dave Parton, Sandy Sanders, Thelma Smith, Jerry Westmoreland and Gene Davis, reported that Torrance High school paper T.N.T. was rated in the top ten percent in Southern California.

The "Star Dusters" will be the band featured at the Civic this Saturday night. These dances are said to be really cat, so don't miss this one!



AT LAST... The new Sepulveda Blvd. airport underpass was dedicated and opened officially to traffic Tuesday by a host of dignitaries, including Mayor Mervin Schwab, of Torrance. Descendants of the famous Sepulveda family cut the ribbon to open the underpass, which runs under the L. A. International Airport.

30 Exchanges, 1,704,000 Estimate 50,000 Phones Reached By Dials To Use Sepulveda Underpass Daily

The new \$3,500,000, 1910 foot, six lane Sepulveda Blvd. underpass was opened officially Tuesday and it is estimated that it will be used by more than 50,000 cars daily from now on.

The first vehicular subway running under an airport, the Sepulveda underpass was started in the fall of 1950. Materials used in its construction included 31,500 cubic yards of concrete and enough steel—4,775,000 pounds—to build a concrete highway 30 feet wide a distance of eight miles.

Inside the tunnel there are 2,250,000 cubic feet of air—the equivalent of 250 average six-room houses—and a complete change of this air is possible every one and one-fourth minutes through the complete ventilation systems housed in two buildings at either end of the structure.

In each of these buildings are housed two intake and two exhaust fans, 13 feet high, 11 feet wide, and 16 feet long, each of which is capable of moving 225,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The power for the ventilation system is supplied by eight 150 horsepower electric motors connected to the fans by fluid drive, and its operation is entirely automatic. When the carbon monoxide contents of the air reaches one and one-half parts per 10,000 parts of air, exhaust analyzers, originally designed to warn miners of deadly concentrations of gases, activate the motors and the air is changed.

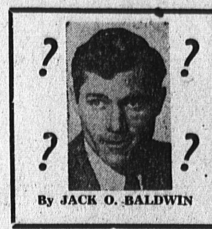
Lighting in the tunnel is of modern design and consists of mercury vapor lights in the first two sections of each entrance to accustom the eyes of the driver to change from bright sunlight to the less intense lighting used in the interior sections of the subway.

Because of the subway, the main east-west runway of the airport can now be extended to 12,500 feet when and if necessary.

It is estimated that half of the 55,000 workers employed by more than 100 industries within a quarter mile radius of the airport will use the underpass.



DIALING SYSTEM... When the dial system goes into effect on May 1, subscribers to Torrance extended service telephones can dial any prefix which falls within the area surrounded by the heavy black line (above) without additional message unit charges. This area includes Hawthorne, Compton, Redondo, Lomita, and San Pedro, and telephone prefixes OSBorne, MENlo, METeal, NEWmark, FFrontier, DDAvenport, and TTerminal. This does not apply to business or pay station phones. The local exchange (in black) has the prefix FAIRfax. Any prefix shown on the remainder of the map, including all in the Los Angeles exchange, can be dialed, but additional message unit charges will be assessed as at present. Calls to any prefix not shown on the above map must go through the operator.



By JACK O. BALDWIN

My wife is viewing with considerable apprehension a new arrival which is expected, if everything goes according to schedule, within another month. Our daughter, the one with the long platinum hair, is expecting.

The doctor had quite a discussion with my wife after the arrival of Josie's first, a cute brown eyed girl with long curly hair just like her mother. He told her at the time that Josie should have no more offspring. Seems that Josie has a calcium deficiency which leaves her in a weakened condition.

We didn't tell her about it because we didn't think it would do much good, but the doctor feared for her health if she were to have any more babies. He said the deficiency left her in such a condition as to be susceptible to pneumonia. After her last arrival she was returned to the hospital because she got the shakes due to the lack of calcium in her system.

The pills she was supposed to take were large enough to gag a buffalo. I can't say that I blame her for balking at taking them. Soon after the arrival it was apparent her system would not allow Josie to nurse her daughter so the baby was put on a bottle. At the time my wife swore (cursed) she was through sterilizing bottles and mixing formulas but here she was again, getting up at night, because Josie couldn't feed her and bottle feeding the baby.

"So help me," she lamented at the time, "if I ever get another female dog I hope somebody bats me over the head."

We heard the other day of a local parent, a mother, who received a letter from her son at a Northern California college. He reported he was confined to the Health Cottage, a college operated health center, for a few days. In his casual way he mentioned that he had been informed by one of his doctor instructors that he was suffering from mnemonic aphasia.

Mama, who has more dough than there are eggs in a gallon of Caviar, hopped a plane quick like for the Northern California city.

A cab rushed her from the plane to the on-campus health cottage. She demanded to see her son.

"What's with this mnemonic-aphasia business," she asked her son.

"Oh that." My psychology professor told me that is what I had when he noticed I couldn't remember names. I got the flu, that's why I'm in here."



GLENN M. ANDERSON To Address Demos

Election Slated By Democrat Club

An election of officers will be held by the Torrance Democrats club Sunday morning at a breakfast meeting to be held at the Moose Lodge Hall at 10 a.m.

Glenn M. Anderson, State committeeman, will be guest speaker. There will be a charge of \$1 for the breakfast, according to Irene Fraser, secretary of the group.

The election will be held following the report of the nominating committee. Ballots will be distributed at the door.

Former Local Employee Dies

Joe Stout, 54, who formerly worked in the California State Employment Office here, dropped dead of a heart attack Tuesday, in the clinic across from the Long Beach Employment office, where he had been employed for the past six years.

He was the commander of the Harbor Legion Post, No. 774 and a member of the State Convention committee. Funeral services will be held this morning at 10:30 in the B. W. Cool Funeral Home in Long Beach.

County Fire Protection Annexation Meeting Set

Hearing on the annexation of territory to the County Fire Protection district in the Torrance area was set Tuesday by the board of supervisors for next May 19.

Two parcels are involved. One is southwest of the Normandie Ave. and East Rd. intersection. The other is east of the Narbonne Ave. and Rockingham Rd. intersection.

Coming Events. Accuracy of the following information is dependent upon the information supplied to the Herald editors by the sponsors of the various events. Changes in the schedule should be phoned in prior to noon on Tuesday preceding the Thursday morning issue and prior to noon on Friday for the Sunday morning issue.

Table listing various events such as Cancer Film, Peninsula Homes Tour, Jaycee Dance, Beta Sigma Phi Fashion Show, Clyde Beatty Circus, Annual YWCA Meeting, Hampton Players Play, Town Meeting, Youth Band Concert, Hobby, Arts, Flower Show, Holiday (Banks close), Cancer Benefit Dance, Dial Telephones in Service, Summer Vacation, Queen Contest Finals, Baton Twirling Contest.