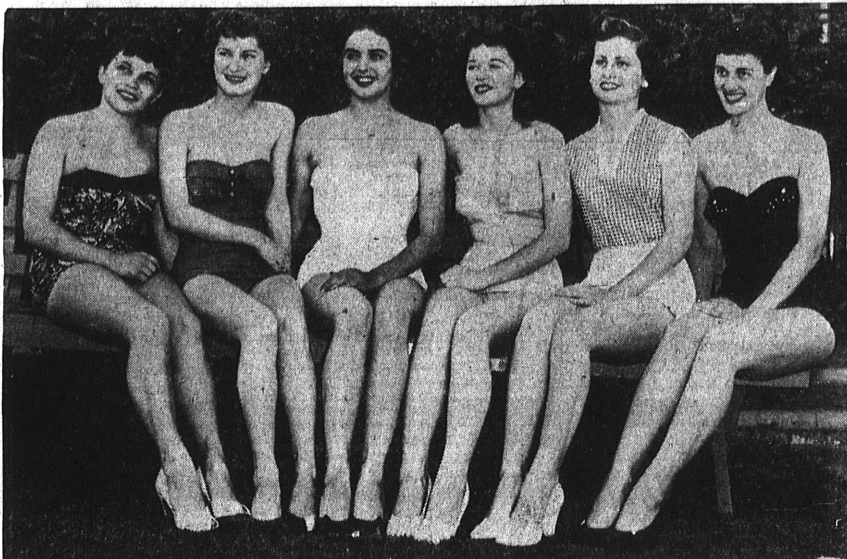


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MISS COMMUNITY FAIR HOPEFULS . . . Candidates for the new Miss Community Fair title keep checking in daily, according to fair officials. Here are six of them (left to right) Jacqueline Page, Soroptimist Club; Terry Redding-

ton; Ella Mae McLeod, Lions Club; Donna McGary, Fire Department; Lois Marie Jones, Women of the Moose; and Flo Luongo, Civitan Club. Girls may get information about contest at Torrance Chamber of Commerce Building.

Richard Gatley Gets National Supply Award

Richard H. Gatley, Torrance High School senior, is the winner of this year's scholarship awarded by the National Supply Management Club, company officials announced this week.

Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gatley of 2408 W. 185th St., received his award certificate and a check for \$200 at the con-

clusion of a plant tour and luncheon held at National Supply Cafeteria.

Also attending the presentation luncheon were Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance Schools; W. B. Magner, Torrance High School principal; Dale Harter, THS vice-principal; and National Supply Company's John Spalding, works manager; D. M. Sowle, superintendent of Industrial Relations; C. J. Spiker, Management Club president; and George Nelson, scholarship chairman.



BRIGHT YOUNG MAN . . . Richard H. Gatley, second from left, winner of National Supply Management Club's annual scholarship, gets congratulations from Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance Schools, while D. M. Sowle, left, superintendent of Industrial Relations at National, and J. D. Spalding, works manager at National, look on.

Highest Budget In History of City Predicted

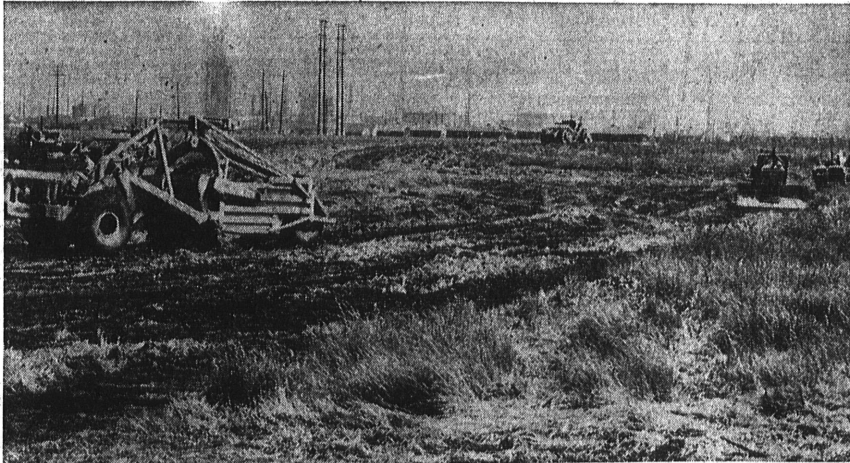
Torrance's budget for the 1954-55 fiscal year will be the largest in the city's history, City Manager George Steyens predicted this week.

With preparation of preliminary figures underway, Steyens stated that it is too early to forecast the amount of the budget and tell whether it will mean a tax increase.

But he said that it will definitely be larger than the more than one million dollar budget for the current year, or for any other year in the history of the city.

"The city can't grow by more than 20 per cent as Torrance has within the past year and not expect to spend more for municipal services," he said.

The City Manager is studying estimates submitted by department heads. He will compile them and submit them to the City Council for item-by-item consideration.



NEW HIGH SCHOOL STARTED . . . Workmen began the gigantic grading operation necessary this week to prepare the site for the new North Torrance High School which is to be constructed at 182nd St. and Yukon Ave. The unstable

adobe soil is being taken out of the building area, sand will be replaced to desired grade level, and the adobe returned to top soil. Sand for the fill is being brought to the new high school site from the Carl D. Steele Elementary School site in the Kaufman development west of Hawthorne Ave.



GARY GRAFFMAN



ANNA MARIA ALBERGHETTI

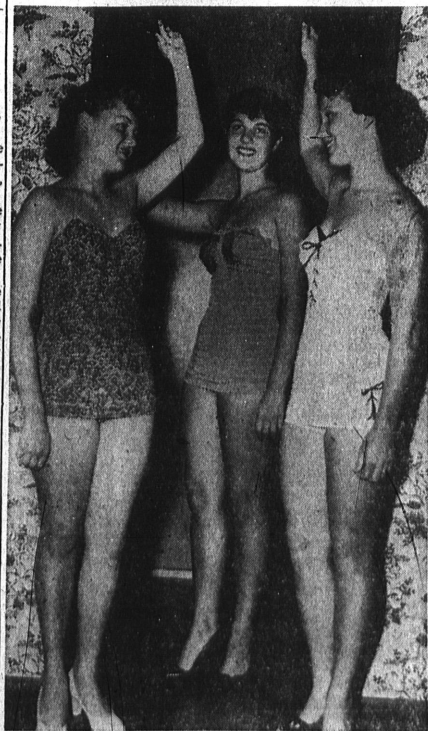


CAMILLA WICKS

Famous Artists Selected For Local Concert Series

Torrance Area Youth Bands, whose eighth Anniversary Concert will be presented in the Civic Auditorium here next Tuesday evening, will be hosts at a series of concerts by internationally famous musicians next winter, it was announced yesterday by W. E. Bowen, president of the band organization.

Scheduled for appearance here in concerts in November, January, and February are Soprano Anna Maria Alberghetti, Pianist Gary Graffman, and Violinist Camilla Wicks.



QUEENS MODEL . . . Peggy Hopper, (left) and Jeanne Worthan (right) open the curtains of dressing room for Carol Stevens, as she models 1954 style bathing suit. All three girls are candidates for Queen of the Carson Chamber of Commerce carnival. The winner will be crowned June 12 as a highlight of the four-day fun festival.

The fourth concert in May will be the band's ninth anniversary concert and will be highlighted by the appearance of four young local musicians who will have been judged winners in contests for strings, piano, voice, and wind instruments during the year. They will share in the \$500 cash scholarship offered by the band.

First artist to appear with the band this fall will be Graffman, who made his debut with the Cincinnati Symphony at the age of 10. He has appeared with all of the nation's leading orchestras including the NBC and New York Philharmonic, and he will appear with the Los Angeles Philharmonic during the second week of November. He will appear here the following week.

The second artist to appear in the winter concert, Miss Alberghetti, made her debut at Carnegie Hall in 1950 at the age of 14. The young coloratura soprano from Italy has appeared with some of the major orchestras of the United States. She now resides in Beverly Hills with her family and is busily engaged in radio, television and motion picture work.

Miss Wicks, violinist, will perform for the late February concert. She made her debut with the New York Philharmonic at the age of 14. She has made four European tours and is now in the midst of a world tour which will bring her to Los Angeles and home to Long Beach in February.

Two thousand dollars will be raised by the band in September to pay for the artists and the scholarships for young Torrance musicians. This amount will be raised by selling one thousand season tickets at \$2 per ticket. The band estimates (Continued on Page 11)

Court Appeal Hinted In City Dismissals

The courts looked yesterday like the next stop in the case of Building Inspector James S. Dresser and his assistant, Cecil W. Smith, who were fired recently by the City Council.

In denying petitions for reversal of their decision recently in dismissing the pair, the Council set the stage for a court contest on the matter. The Council reaffirmed the firing action by unanimous vote Tuesday night.

Councilman Albert Isen suggested the court action might be "worth the money" to find



JUNE GRAD . . . Jeanette Lopez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lopez, 18120 Bailey Dr., and a THS grad, will be graduated from the junior college division of Palms Verdes College in June 6 Commencement exercises.

out, if the City Council was supreme in its action, or whether a board appointed at the pleasure of the Council had power beyond that of the elected City Council.

Attorney John McCall, who has been representing the pair, indicated that the decision of the Council would be appealed to the courts.

The atmosphere was one of a friendly court test of the legality of the Council's action. Both sides agreed to seek a speedy judgment through stipulation of facts and other methods to reduce time and expense involved.

"After all," McCall told the Councilmen, "if my client's win this appeal, the city will be liable for their back salaries." If it takes a year to settle the case, he indicated that the procedure could be expensive.

Diatom Mine in Waleria Denied

On a recommendation of the Planning Commission, the City Council Tuesday night denied a permit and variance to John J. DiMarco for removing diatomaceous earth from the Waleria Tract.

DiMarco applied for a conditional permit and a variance to remove the diatomaceous earth from a triangular plot of ground at the southerly terminus of Madison St.

Planning Commissioners surveyed the site and recommended that the petition be denied by the Council. A petition containing 555 signatures of Torrance residents protesting the proposed mine was submitted to the Commission at its meeting on May 19.

A group of homeowners from Waleria, Pacific Hills and Torrance also registered a protest. Commissioner James McIntire pointed out that trucks going to and from the site would have to pass through a residential area and within 200 feet of the Waleria School.

The "action of the Council is certainly subject to challenge." He reminded Councilmen that he had advised them earlier that their action contained a "legal risk."

Comment on the state of the city's Civil Service laws was highlighted by Councilman Isen when he said: "Might I say that the Civil Service laws are a mess. A Torrance lawyer couldn't straighten it out - I doubt if a Philadelphia lawyer could." Councilman Willys G. Blount seconded Isen's motion in each case for reaffirmation of firing. The Council voted unanimously for both motions.

New Beauty Takes Carson Queen Lead

Judy Tompkins, Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce candidate for Queen of the Carson Chamber of Commerce Carnival, moved into a short lead in that race, Mrs. Mary Desmond, contest committee announced this week.

Judy, who took advantage of a large number of votes, won the Harbor Day crowd and activity, polled sufficient votes to send her out in front, replacing Pat Hamilton in the top position. Pat had held the lead since early weeks of the race.

Kenneth Parker, who shot ahead in the contest for King, retained his lead, but the margin was reduced by Ed Murray, who continued the polling of a large number of votes, started when he returned home following a few weeks' stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Desmond said a complete report of all candidates would be made at a meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tonight at 622 E. Sepulveda St. Group photographs will be made of both King and Queen candidates, final photos of the candidates.



HEADS GROCERS . . . William Dyer, General manager of the Jim Dundy Markets, was elected secretary of the Western States Chain Grocers Association at its recent annual convention in Coronado.

Red Cross display, also Boy Scout demonstrations of emergency treatment and life-saving methods are being sought from the Army and Air Force Reserve units.

Requests also have been filed, Henry said, for a visit of the Bloodmobile and free chest X-ray units.