

City Near Top in County for Number of New Homes

Only Los Angeles, Long Beach Top City's Growth

When it comes to building houses, Torrance will take its fair off to no one but the county's biggest according to figures compiled recently on building during the past three years.

Of the 45 incorporated cities in Los Angeles County, only the cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach built more houses since 1949 than Torrance.

Figures for the entire county showing the number of dwelling units constructed from Jan. 1, 1950 to June 30, 1953, show Torrance beat its closest competitor, Burbank, by nearly 2000 homes.

Compared to cities of the Southwest Los Angeles area, Torrance rated like this during the period:

City	Total Homes	1953
TORRANCE	6537	1531
Redondo	3421	559
Compton	3382	263
Manhattan	3012	329
Inglewood	2146	450
Hawthorne	1689	109
Gardena	1411	310
El Segundo	895	233
Hermosa	839	172
Falos Verdes	651	106

Compared on a county-wide basis, Torrance's 6537 homes built during the period from Jan. 1, 1950 to June 30, 1953 still indicate the housing boom which has existed here:

City	Total Homes	1953
L. A. City	100,606	18,120
L. A. County	100,505	14,592
Long Beach	8,251	2,128
Torrance	6,537	1,531
Burbank	4,947	1,066
Pasadena	4,231	435
Glendale	4,068	935
Arcadia	3,203	485
Culver City	3,186	305
Whittier	2,686	168

The home building figures are in line with population increases computed recently by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Torrance was estimated to have a population of 37,250 based on data supplied by the Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission. This is a 67 per cent increase over the 1950 population of 22,241. Only Covina and West Covina showed larger percentages of increase.

Officials Probing Ambulance Services

Possibility that a local ambulance may be obtained to handle calls to accident occurring on Western Ave. adjoining the City of Torrance was revealed this week when Chief John Stroh and Sgt. King of the Harbor Division, Los Angeles Police Department, conferred on charges of poor ambulance service in that locale.

The two officials said they are going to try to work out a system whereby Torrance can call ambulances which will take accident victims to Harbor General Hospital.

Action on the matter was spearheaded with an open letter to John S. Gibson Jr., Fifteenth District councilman, which appeared in the Torrance Herald. Meeting of the two police officials followed a request by the councilman that the Los Angeles Police Department make every effort to cooperate with the Torrance police in working out a method of cooperation so that prompt service can be rendered.

Gibson also asked that the Los Angeles police give him a report of the history of the accidents in this district in the immediate past.

Dr. Sebastian, head of emergency services for Los Angeles at Georgia St. Hospital, also received a request from Gibson asking that he study the matter and report on the possibility of entering into a contract with the county hospital in the councilman's district to provide emergency service.

The doctor told the Herald this week that he was gathering information and would have it available in the near future. He said that he "wanted to cooperate," and admitted that "service probably needed improving."

That service can be improved was indicated Saturday when Torrance police called Los Angeles policemen to the scene of an accident at 1:08 p.m. and saw them arrive at 1:31 p.m. after a second call.

Services Slated For Jess A. Box

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at Stone and Myers Chapel for Jess Arthur Box, 64, of 454 W. 204th St., who died Thursday at his home.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. John L. Taylor of the First Methodist Church at 2 p.m., and interment will follow.

A native of Bolivar, Mo., Box had lived in Torrance for two months with his wife, Zella N. Box. He is also survived by four daughters, Mrs. Hazel Kellogg, of the above address; Mrs. Geneva Mansker, of Mountain View, Calif.; Mrs. Verna Hill, of Shadron, Neb.; and Mrs. Kathryn McGee of Bridgeport, Neb.; a sister, Mrs. Irene Box, of South Gate; a son, Harold Box, of Redondo Beach; and 17 grandchildren.

A fellowship pot luck supper is scheduled to be held tonight at 7 o'clock at the First Methodist Church, sponsored by the MYF, according to J. Gene Walker, vice-president.

... City Council

(Continued from Page 1) who joined the city in May, 1952, as an engineer, has been serving his probation as city engineer since last February.

The council also authorized the city attorney to draw up ordinances making the intersection of 228th St. and Martha St., and the intersection of 244th St. and Hawthorne Ave., four-way stops.

More Parking Also approved, and already put into effect, was center parking on Cabrillo Ave. south of Carson St. One-hour parking limit was prescribed for the first block of Cabrillo south of Carson St.

The offer of Rome Cable Corp. through its assistant manager, Gilbert Woodill, to purchase part of the city property adjacent to the 238th St. plant of Rome for \$10,000, was approved. City Manager George Stevens was authorized to put the transaction into effect. The property involved is less than an acre on the city yard property.

Final Tribute Paid Victim of Traffic Crash

David Rauss, resident of Torrance for the past 23 years who died in a violent two-car collision in Long Beach last Sunday, received final tribute Tuesday at private services held at Dilday Mortuary in Long Beach. Interment followed at Inglewood Cemetery.

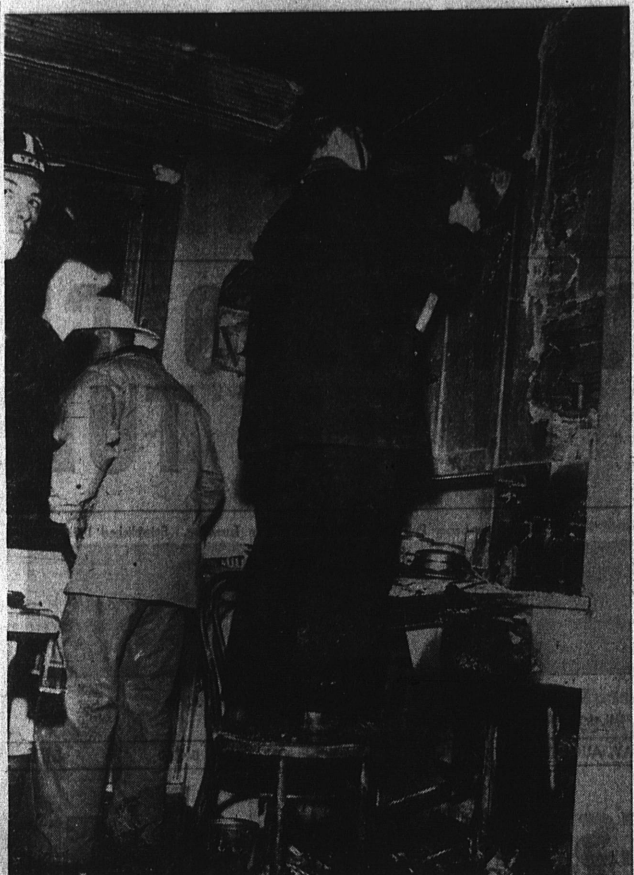
Death occurred when an auto driven by the 30-year-old man of 708 Acacia Ave. caromed into a service station at 2901 Lakewood Blvd. after colliding with another car driven by Walter Slider, 48, at the intersection of Lakewood Blvd. and Spring St.

Slider also was killed in the crash and Leonard Salsbury, about 30, of Long Beach, believed to have been an occupant of the Rauss auto was thrown to his death 51 feet to the roof of the service station.

The body was discovered by Clyde Hansen, 26, employee of the service station, after he first spotted the victim's coat hanging from the canopy roof, and was identified by Eugene E. Bowman, manager of the Anaheim St. cafe where Salsbury worked.

Slider's wife, Mrs. Willie Slider, 45, suffered a fractured skull, broken left arm, broken right knee, and back injuries, doctors at Long Beach Community Hospital reported.

Surviving Rauss, an oil field worker, are his wife, Cynthia; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel V. Rauss, 708 Acacia Ave.; two daughters, Anita Kathy and Lolo Faye; and one brother, John R. Rauss.



MESSY ASSIGNMENT . . . Torrance firemen dig into the walls of a Eureka Hotel kitchen early yesterday in an attempt to get at the flames which were burning in the wall studding. Damage to the hotel was estimated at \$1000. No one was hurt.



NEW PARKING . . . Cars began using the new center parking areas on Cabrillo Ave. south of Carson St. this week after city crews lined off the spaces Thursday. The parking zone from south of Carson St. to 218th St. was approved by the City Council Wednesday evening.

Tidwell Asks To Change Court, Motion Denied

Trial date for Haskell Tidwell, ousted Retail Clerks' Union official, will be set next Friday when South Bay Municipal Court reconvenes at 9:30 a.m.

The one-time secretary-treasurer of Local 905, Retail Clerks' Union, was given until that time to enter a plea on the dangerous weapons charges when he appeared in court last Friday in response to a bench warrant issued for his arrest after he failed to appear for a preliminary hearing the previous Friday on an assault charge.

The court denied his request that the case be transferred to another court.

The three charges, all misdemeanor, which the former union official faces are assault, exhibiting a gun in an angry and threatening manner in the presence of witnesses, and carrying a concealed weapon.

All resulted from an incident in June when he was accused of having threatened Wallace Elliott, president of the local, at Elliott's home.

Tidwell pleaded not guilty to

... Carriers

(Continued from Page 1) Clara Conner was notified by N. R. Abrams, assistant Postmaster General, that a classified carrier station had been authorized in lieu of the Walteria Post Office.

Abrams said the establishment of the station had been approved and the Bureau of Facilities is being requested to have an investigation conducted with a view to procuring suitable quarters.

The order establishing the office will be issued as soon as suitable quarters are ready for occupancy, Abrams said.

The charges on July 3 and was ordered to appear for a preliminary hearing Aug. 7. When he failed to show up, Judge John A. Shidler issued the bench warrant for his arrest, setting 9:30 a.m. last Friday for his appearance. He has been free on \$100 bail posted after police booked him following the June 30 incident.

The accused man was voted out of his union job three months ago, then booted out of the group's international organization on the accusation that he misused union funds.

Popular Carson Resident Dies, Rites Tomorrow

Residents of the Carson area will pay their last respects tomorrow to Lulu Loyal Landon, 26, of 501 W. Carson St., who died Tuesday at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Walter Stanton, of the United Brethren Evangelical Church, and interment will follow at Roosevelt Cemetery.

Mrs. Landon served on the executive board of the Carson St. PTA and was active in the Community Chest, Red Cross, March of Dimes and many other drives in her community.

She had lived in the Torrance area for eight years and was a native of Long Beach.

She is survived by her husband, Richard V. Landon, and daughter, Bonnie Joy; her mother, Lillie Hill, of the same address, and a sister, Mrs. Geraldine Jones, of 2303 Esther St., Long Beach.

Admitted Wife Slayer Faces Murder Charges

Estranged Wife Dies, Rites Held

A 27-year-old Torrance husband, William Tolbert, 23414 Dolores Ave., is in the Los Angeles county jail today on a murder charge while his 26-year-old estranged wife, an expectant mother, lies in her grave at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Originally booked for assault with a .45 caliber revolver after shooting his wife and her best friend, Mrs. Patricia Wheeler, 29, in the Tolbert home, the young husband was charged with murder following his wife's death Thursday at Harbor General Hospital.

The young mother-to-be, shot near the heart, was buried yesterday afternoon following 2 o'clock services at McNeerney's Mortuary. Her friend, still hospitalized at Harbor General, is in good condition, nurses said.

Tolbert told police he shot his wife for leaving him and thought Mrs. Wheeler was responsible for the separation.

Surviving Mrs. Tolbert are three daughters, Dixie Rae, Christina Mary, and Ruth Margaret; her mother, Mrs. Christina Lorenz of Los Angeles; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Thiese of Lynwood, and Miss Ruth Lorenz of Los Angeles; and a brother, Henry Lorenz, of Los Angeles.



MISS UNIVERSE OF 1954
... To Crown Torrance Queen



BARBARA BLAKELEY
... Expert on Beauty

Miss Universe To Crown Queen

Christine Martel, Miss Universe of 1954, will crown one of 23 local lovelies Miss Torrance of 1954 next Tuesday night when the annual beauty pageant is held at the Civic Auditorium beginning at 8:15 o'clock.

The titled lass will deliver the coronation speech in her native French, because she speaks no English. Meanwhile James Van Dyck, director of the sponsoring Torrance Area Youth Band, Fairfax 8-5273, is on the lookout for a French interpreter.

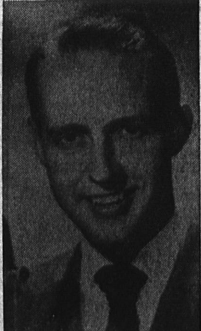
The 23 young beauties who will parade before the judges' stands for the coveted title, trophy, and a number of valuable prizes, will be appraised twice, first in formal then in bathing suits, with a possibility of accumulating 100 points.

In each judging, a maximum of 10 points will be awarded in each division, figure, poise in walking, standing, and turning, face, voice, and charm.

Five finalists then will be called back for reappraisal in bathing suits, and a trophy and expense-paid week-end at the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas for the "fairest of them all." The four runners-up will receive trophies and other prizes including a \$35 Rose Marie Reid bathing suit from the Gay Shop, a pair of DeLiso Deb shoes from Bernard's Family Shoe Store, and an album of popular records from Ray's Appliances.

Noted judges of the beauty pageant will be Barbara Blakeley, beauty consultant to the Miss Universe Pageant, and Paul Masterson, international disc jockey from KECA.

Miss Blakeley, head of a modeling and scharm school in Long Beach has as her duty the training of contestants from all over the world in the right way to walk and present themselves for judging in bathing suits and evening gowns. Masterson has



PAUL MASTERSON
... Judge of Beauty

- Shirley Lostien, 16, Torrance Bargain Spot.
- Karen Dean, 20, Mari Lyn's Dress Shop.
- Shirley Salzman, 18, Benson's Shops.
- Margaret Epefano, 16, Western Auto.
- Theresa Simon, 18, Torrance Loan and Jewelry Co.
- Toni Forella, 16, Torrance Frieda Shop.
- Frieda Kittrell, 17, B-R Cleaners.
- Aline Sparks, 18, Torrance Heating and Appliance.
- Jo Ann Harlan, 16, A-1 Photo.
- Sandra Lee Constance, 16, La Galeria Florists.
- Ann Leo, 16, Joslin Lumber Co.
- Jo Ann Howard, 18, Safety Mortgage Co.
- Mary Ann Notman, 16, Lawson's Jewelers.
- Ann Firill, 16, Photo Arts Studio.
- Betty Weiler, 16, Trend O' Fashion.
- Gail Thompson, 17, J. J. Newberry.
- Pat Gaida, 17, Torrance Cycle and Sports Shop.