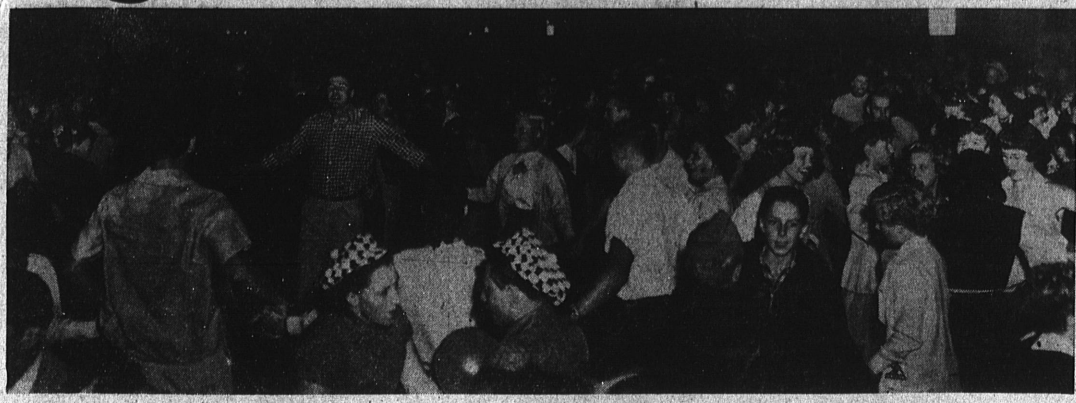


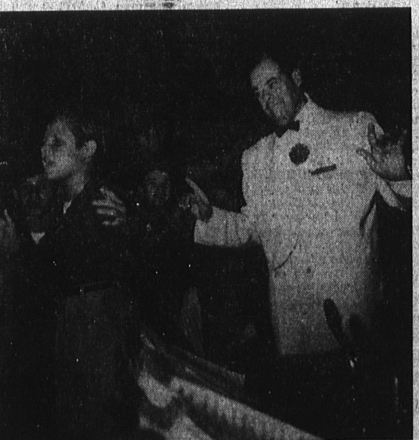
Big 'Turn-On' Dance Draws 3000



REAL GONE . . . This is part of the crowd of 3000 persons which attended the street dance Friday night. The celebration, sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, marked the turning on of a new 16-foot neon sign recently installed at the intersection of Torrance Blvd. and Western Ave. Dancers, young and old, jigged until midnight to music offered by Manny Harmon and his orchestra. The spirit of the carnival prevailed as barkers hawked the wares offered for sale at booths staffed by members of various service clubs and organizations.



ACCEPTS SIGN . . . Mayor Mervin M. Schwab, accepts on behalf of the city the new neon sign which R. I. Plomert, (left) president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce presented to the city Friday night during a gay "Turning On" celebration on El Prado.



YOUNG SINGER . . . Eleven-year-old Joe Richmond made a big hit with the crowd when he sang "I Believe." Manny Harmon leads his band in accompaniment.



AN EYEXTRACTION . . . Lovely Pat Manners, featured vocalist with the orchestra, held the attention of several young music lovers at Friday night's big street dance.

700 Residents Demand Closing Of Hog Ranches

A spokesman for 700 residents of Torrance Gardens and Plaza said yesterday that the homeowners would press for prosecution of a local hog farmer who has been dumping garbage and hog manure in an open field near their homes. Meanwhile, Councilman Willis G. Blount, who investigated the complaint of the homeowners, said he would present a motion at the next council meeting to revoke the license of the hog farmer and any others who were found to be violating the law. Earlier this week Blount, dissatisfied with the action the city was getting from county health officers, brought the matter to the attention of Supervisor Burton W. Chace. The supervisor told the local councilmen he was having the matter investigated and would report to Blount on the findings of his field deputy.

Not Satisfied
"We are not going to be satisfied with a piling under of the mess," the spokesman for the Torrance Gardens and Plaza Homeowners Assn. said. "There has been a violation of the law and the guilty parties should be prosecuted. If I broke a law I would have to pay a fine or go to jail. I wouldn't be let off by being told not to do it again."

Backing up the demands of the homeowners will be a barrage of postcards demanding action from the Torrance City Council. The residents of the new home tract are protesting the operation of hog farms located west of the Gardens and Plaza tracts. Earlier this week the residents blasted county health officials for what they termed as "apathy" on the part of health officials to do anything to abate the fly nuisance and stench caused by the hog farms.

Hog Burial Ground
An investigation disclosed that one hog rancher was dumping the garbage that the hogs would not eat and manure from the pens into an open field within 100 yards of some of the homes. The area also has been used as a burial ground for dead hogs. The garbage is 10 to 18 inches deep in some places, and is allowed to ferment in the open creating a stench described by

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AVOID THE RUSH! Schools to Register 1100 New Students

To facilitate the processing of the 1100 new kindergarten pupils who will attend Torrance schools this year parents are asked to register new students beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2, according to Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the Torrance Unified School District.

Asked to register before the start of school on Sept. 14 also are those students transferring to the Torrance system from other districts.

To be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten, children must be born on or before Dec. 2, 1948 to conform to California state law which specifies that children must not be younger than four years and nine months old on the first day of school.

Hamilton pointed out that there would be no changes in school district attendance zones from those in effect at the close of school in June. "We will change attendance zones when the new schools now under construction are ready for occupancy, but at present students will attend the same schools they did in June except, of course, those students who have graduated into high school."

Requested to register before school opening also are high school students who will be entering Torrance High School for the first time. Students are asked to consult with the girls or boys counselor any week day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parents enrolling kindergarten students must bring their children's birth certificates or furnish other proof of birth, according to Hamilton.

The local school district is preparing for the greatest enrollment in its history. The school population is expected to top 8000 pupils with the opening of school in two weeks. Indicative of the tremendous increase are school enrollment figures which show that 200 students graduated from high school in June as compared to 1100 kinder-

King, Queen of Health Crowned At Open House

Bobby Sonju of Fern Ave. and Joy Lorensen of North Torrance were crowned King and Queen of Health at the Recreation Department Open House held Thursday evening at the Civic Auditorium.

Fern Ave. won the grand prize for the best all-around display of crafts out of 10 areas that were represented.

Certificates of merit were presented to the following children in the following fields:

- CHECKERS**
BANTAMS: Kathy Eggum, McMaster Park; Bruce Mapes, El Retiro.
PEE WEES: Gordon Eggum, McMaster; Tom Heydon, N. Torrance.
MIDGETS: Doug Hood, McMaster; Phil Johnston, Walteria.
CHESS
PEE WEES: Gregory Harris, North Torrance; Johnny Mewborn, Seaside; Dennis Bullock, Greenwood.
MIDGETS: Doug Irvine, Per-



FROM THE AIR . . . In a plane piloted by Bob Pfeleger, operator of Eagle Aviation at the Torrance Municipal Airport, a Herald photographer snapped this aerial view of the \$250,000 Union Oil Company fire Friday which blackened the sides over the city with dense smoke until the fire was brought under control late in the afternoon. The two tanks of gasoline burst into flames at 4:50 a.m. No one was injured. The blazing tanks are located a few yards from other tanks which exploded and burned in another spectacular fire in 1950.

REDONDO MAYOR FUMES Snipes at City for 'Land Grab'

Redondo Beach Mayor J. Russell Shea put the blame on Torrance Friday when he vetoed payment of money to the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce—but he had to go back more than 25 years to document his decision.

In vetoing payment of \$800 to the Redondo Chamber, Mayor Shea wrote to the beach city council members that:

"The Chamber of Commerce, in my opinion, has done nothing to further the interests of the city . . ." and he rapped the local boosters for their handling of publicity in a recent campaign for a new city hall.

Then Mayor Shea pulled out all the stops and told the councilmen:

"Furthermore, while the Chamber of Commerce was dozing in its apathy, the City of Torrance grabbed the nicest part of Redondo Beach, to wit: Hollywood Riviera, from right under their noses."

What Mayor Shea didn't tell the councilmen was that the Hollywood Riviera area was annexed to Torrance as part of the Meadow Park tract on Jan. 18, 1927; that the area then contained 12 residents; that the area was annexed on the petition of the residents to join Torrance; and that it was a relatively small part of the 5.91-square-mile Meadow Park tract annexed.

In the meantime, however, the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce is operating without benefit of city money.

Chief Blames Owners In Auto Theft Wave

A wave of auto thefts here during the past few days brought a reminder from Torrance Police Chief John Stroh yesterday that ignition keys should be removed and cars locked when left on the street.

Nearly every theft recorded here is made possible because the motorist left the car open, and frequently left the key in the ignition switch, Stroh said.

A late model light sedan was reported stolen Thursday morning by Robert M. DeVoe, of 2718 Normalin Dr. He said that it was taken sometime between 11:30 p.m. Aug. 26 and 7:30 a.m. Aug. 27.

A 1947 Buick sedan was recovered by Torrance police at Calle Mayor and Palos Verdes Dr. Thursday morning. It had been reported stolen earlier.

An auto was recovered near the Torrance Sand and Gravel Co. in Pacific Hills early Thursday morning.

Torrance 15th In School Tax

Out of 34 county school districts, Torrance's tax rate for 1953—\$2.9826 per \$100 assessed valuation—would up fifteenth from the lowest, according to figures released this week by the County Board of Supervisors.

The tax rate for school purposes here showed a \$,0020 drop from last year's figure of \$2.9846.

The general county tax rate for the year ending next July 1 was set by the Board at \$1.6988 per \$100, an increase of 6.82 cents over last year.

There are 19 school districts with a higher tax rate than Torrance for the next year. Eleven other districts showed decreases from the 1952 rates, while all others increased.

Polio Strikes 10th Victim Here This Year

Torrance's third polio victim in less than a week and its 10th for the year was confirmed yesterday by Los Angeles County General Hospital officials.

Hospitalized since last Sunday with what has been diagnosed as a light case of polio is seven-year-old Norma Jean Root, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Root, of 814 Fonthill, in Torrance Gardens.

Third In Week
The affliction of the young Madrona Elementary School student followed only a few days that of Nancy Humphreys, a Torrance High School sophomore, and Tony W. Carter, 11, a Crenshaw Elementary School sixth grader.

Nancy Humphreys was hospitalized Aug. 19, Tony Carter on Aug. 20, and Norma Jean Root on Aug. 23.

The Carter boy spent his 11th birthday in the L.A. polio ward last Thursday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carter, of 3424 W. 187th St. Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philippe E. Humphreys, 1324 Crenshaw Blvd.

Care Advised
Dr. B. A. Kogan, Torrance District health officer, was not available yesterday when confirmation of the city's 10th victim in 1953 was received. He had said previously, however, that parents should make certain their children observe good health habits and do not permit their children to become overtired nor be allowed to become severely chilled.

Persons under 30 years of age and expectant mothers in the homes of polio victims are being given gamma globulin serum.

Youth Splits Bone in Leg

In a hospital bed at Boulder, Colo., today, with a leg bone split lengthwise into the ankle joint, lies Donald R. Tompkins Jr., 1950 graduate of Torrance High School.

At the boy's bedside is his father, Dr. Donald R. Tompkins, who yesterday notified friends here that the injury occurred early this week while Donald, a summer school student at the University of Colorado, was performing on a trampoline.

Dr. Tompkins was called to Colorado from Torrance, where he has been visiting friends for the past six weeks.