



STORYBOOK HOMES . . . First two-story home tracts in Torrance were raised this year by Milton Kauffman in North Torrance around Ermanita Ave. and 182nd St. A few of the homes on the south end of the development were not completed when it was found that the new Sepulveda Freeway would go through that section. State acquired title to the unfinished homes.



HOUSES BY HUNDREDS . . . More Kauffman homes line the north side of 182nd St. west of Yukon Ave. in North Torrance. Soon to be started in the northwest section of the city is the largest single development in the city's history. Kauffman plans to put in a development of 3200 homes.

Barracks to Beauty; The El Camino Story

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The phenomenal growth in the Centinela Valley-South Bay area is strikingly reflected in the rapid enrollment and growth of El Camino College. Established in 1947, El Camino's enrollment has, in a short period of time, increased from an initial 1100 students to an enrollment this September approaching 5000. Enrollment estimates made in 1947 by the administrative staff, headed by Founder-President Forrest G. Murdock, called for a building program to house 5000 students. These sights have now been raised so that the building program as it continues will ultimately care for a student enrollment of 10,000.

California has long led the nation in the establishment of junior colleges (although the term "junior" is being disregarded in public education circles because of the connotation of possible inferiority). The junior college is now referred to as a two-year institution of higher learning, or "community college." El Camino is one among some half dozen which have been added in the Southern part of the state within the past five years. Students whose legal residence is in the Centinela Valley or the South Bay or Torrance area have the advantage of enrolling at El Camino College for the first two years of a regular college course and continuing to live at home. In addition, persons employed in local industry may enroll in part time courses of either regular college courses or vocational subjects. The degree of Associate in Arts is granted after the completion of the regular two year course.

Without Campus
In its first year of existence, El Camino College, a public school supported by local tax-payers and subsidized in some measure by the state, established its first classes in three public high schools of the area while negotiations were carried on for the securing of its own campus. Faced with a need for land and without funds, since the district at that time had not become a taxing entity, negotiations were entered into with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for some 90 acres of land in Alondra Park, a county park of approximately 319 acres which lay undeveloped. Enabling bills were introduced in the State Legislature and signed by the Governor permitting the County Supervisors to transfer the park land to the school district.

Under the terms of the agreement the college leased the property from the county with an option to purchase at an agreed price. The agreement also provided that if the college expended the amount of the purchase price for recreational facilities which could be used jointly by both the college and the general public, the land would be deeded to the school district free and clear. After acquisition of the property, barracks type buildings were secured from the Federal Government and moved at government expense from the Santa Ana Army Air Base to the college site. These buildings, together with other temporary units, were erected on an area of the campus planned for later use as a parking lot.

Streets Paved
Due to the purchase agreement with Los Angeles County, the first permanent structures commenced were, necessarily, of a recreational nature. Utility lines were laid, campus streets and drives graded and paved,

closely followed by a gymnasium building, concrete tennis courts, three football fields, a baseball diamond, Field House and maintenance shops and a stadium. This latter structure, when eventually completed, will seat between 18,000 and 20,000 persons. Upon near completion of the athletic recreational facilities, work was commenced on permanent academic buildings. Units so far completed include a shops building, fine-classroom social science building, campus center-cafeteria building, two-story administration and ten-classroom building, life science building, additional shops and a library building. Construction is now commenced on a commerce building. Over \$4,000,000 has been spent to date for site improvements and building construction of the El Camino College campus which now embraces some 200 acres.

Center of the campus is dominated by a new building aptly named "Campus Center." This building being the center of student activities, contains a large dining room with a seating capacity of 850 and auxiliary dining rooms separated by Modern Fold doors, student association offices, student cooperative bookstore, soda fountain, student lounge and two outside dining patios. This building was built and furnished at a cost of \$500,000 and is of sufficient magnitude to provide eating and recreational facilities for the estimated 10,000 students who will ultimately attend the college.

Master site plan of the campus and engineering of permanent buildings has been done by one of the state's leading architectural firms, Marsh, Smith and Powell, of Los Angeles. Design of buildings is contemporary modern with construction of reinforced steel with large areas faced with architectural brick. In keeping with California climate, lavish use of glass predominates. Bi-lateral lighting of classrooms has been emphasized with more extensive glass areas on north exposures. Porcelain tile floors have been utilized for permanency and beauty and to avoid expensive maintenance. Main entrance foyer in the new administration-classroom unit features quarry tile flooring with ceramic tile wall designs reflecting the master site plan of the campus.

Study Completed
The educational staff, headed by Dr. William H. Harless as director, has completed a study of the future educational needs of the college. As a result of this study the Board of Trustees has inaugurated a progressive building program which calls for construction of a music and art center, a chemistry and physics building, swim gym, vocational and avocational instructional units for women, a large auditorium and additional classroom buildings.

In the El Camino program emphasis has been laid upon the building of a community college in the fullest sense. Classes are scheduled both day and evening to permit citizens served by the college to continue their education while employed in gainful occupations in industry. Laymen advisory committees comprised of both labor and management executives have been formed to advise the college administrative staff as to the educational needs of the communities served by the college. This democratic spirit of cooperation has resulted in a solid support by the citizens of their college. The institution offers not only two years of college work preparatory to university entrance at the third year level, but also a general curricula leading to an Associate in Arts degree.



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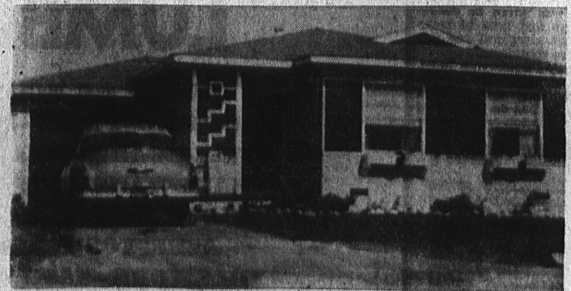
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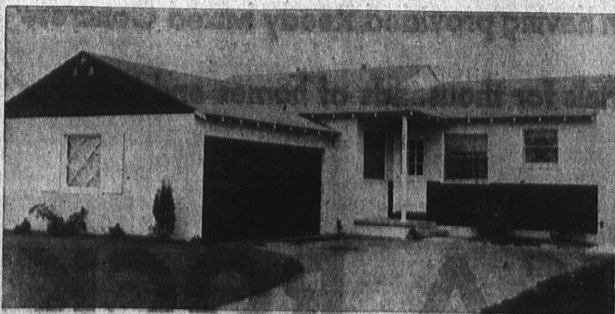
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