

# State to Construct New Employment Office Here

Torrance was named yesterday as one of several California cities in which new buildings will be constructed by the State to house the California Department of Employment and other state agencies under a plan which has been approved by Governor Goodwin J. Knight and will be presented to the State Legislature at the next session.

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas said this week that the action assures the erection of a new office here and construction can begin any time after June 30, 1955, when money budgeted by the Legislature becomes available.

The state owns property located at Cravens and Engracia Aves., across from the telephone company. They lease their present building at Cravens and Gramercy Aves.

**Program Disclosed**  
The state building construction program was disclosed this week by William A. Burkett, director of the Department of Employment. In a speech before the 37th Convention of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, A. F. of L., in San Francisco.

"It may very well be that our Department of Employment can build new office buildings in such cities as San Diego, Huntington Park, Pasadena, Torrance, Fresno, Visalia and San Jose," Burkett declared. "This construction idea will not cost any additional cent to the taxpayers of the state nor will it

bring about an increase in the state budget. The program will be patterned on Governor Knight's plan which was approved at the last special session of the Legislature. This plan authorized a \$3,000,000 building for the Department of Employment in Los Angeles, with funds to be supplied by rental payments already paid by the state. The new buildings will be large enough to house other state agencies wishing to share the premises. This program would mean a substantial savings in rentals if state-owned buildings are substituted for leased premises."

**Want Disability Increase**  
The employment director also disclosed Governor Knight's desire for higher disability insurance payments to California workers who become unemployed because of illness or injury, and his instruction to the Department of Employment to explore possibilities for such an increase.

Reminding his audience that Governor Knight had proposed the increase in unemployment insurance payments to \$30 a week which the Legislature enacted this year and which is now in effect, Burkett added that Governor Knight wants all state legislation relating to social security, public health and employment strengthened and improved wherever possible.

"Governor Knight's letter to me on the subject of disability insurance said: 'I am requesting you to review the operation of the disability insurance act, and to examine the adequacy of California's disability benefits. I am hopeful that it may be possible to revise the act so that workers in California who become unemployed because of disability may receive benefits more nearly commensurate with the wages lost than is possible under the present act.'"

Cotton requires for its development six to seven months of favorable weather and plenty of sun without prolonged dull, cloudy weather.

## Lease Activity Hot on Airport; Four More OK'd

Leasing activities around the Torrance Municipal Airport continued to hum this week as the Council granted four new leases and slated discussions on two others.

James G. Crawford was granted a lease for a golf driving range on a 5-year basis to be located on the east end of the airport. CAA approval was granted for only 5 years. City Manager George Stevens reported.

A 10-year lease with an option for 10 years more was granted to the firm of Chester and Schrier to construct a hangar, and space for five "T" hangars was leased to E. R. Collins on the same terms.

Arthur L. Strutch received approval of his leasing offer for a Bar-B-Cue spot on Pacific Coast Highway near Madison Ave.

### Another Proposal

Another lease proposal for the corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy. for a drive-in restaurant was held over for study and discussion by the Councilmen. Also held over was the Longren Aircraft proposal to lease with a plan to build 20,000 square foot of factory space immediately and to build a total of 90,000 square feet within three years. The City Manager was instructed to work up a lease whereby the company would be required to forfeit a portion of the lease if the additional building was not done in the time stated.

## Vonderahe

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School in Los Angeles in 1952, and later attended El Camino College. He has been employed during the past two years by Douglas Aircraft Co.

### To Enter Air Force

He planned to enter Air Force Cadet training in the near future, his parents reported yesterday.

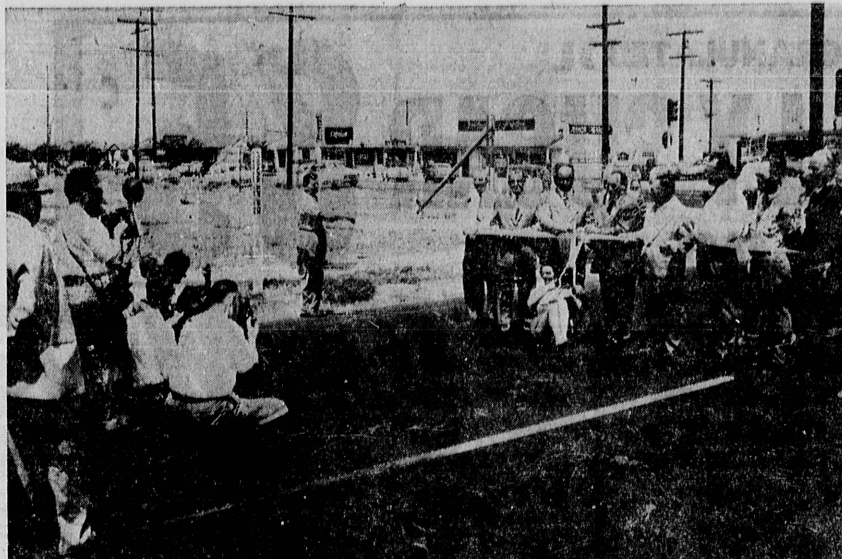
Rosary was recited at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Stone and Myers Chapel for 200 Sisters of the Order of St. Joseph of Carondelet and affiliated orders. A second Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. yesterday at the Nativity Catholic Church with Rev. P. J. McGuinness officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers for the services were classmates and fellow pilots. They included John Bahr, Richard Schlicher, Albert Nichols, Rene Burke, Robert Priliger, and Al Trefethen.

### Survivors Named

His father, Paul, is employed at the National Supply Co. and his mother, Mary, is the former Torrance Herald society editor and now associated with the Lomita News and Long Beach Press-Telegram.

He leaves two sisters, Loretta Carol who lives at home, and Sister St. Margaret, CSJ. Also surviving are grandmother, Mrs. Anna Vonderahe of Lakewood Village and Torrance; an uncle, Charles E. Vonderahe of Brawley; an aunt, Mrs. J. N. Anderson of Torrance; and two great-aunts, the Misses Katherine and Rosa Ostran of Torrance. Also surviving are granduncles and cousins here and in the east.



**PRODUCTION LINE . . .** It takes more than a mayor and a photographer to open up a street these days as indicated here. Shown here at the opening ceremonies for 174th St. Tuesday are the photographers, the executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, president of the Retail Merchants Association, the mayor and two city councilmen, a queen contestant, a state assemblyman, five or six state highway engineers, and others. There was a photographer there to take this picture, too. Also on hand were two police cars which diverted traffic during the brief ceremony.

## El Nido Youth In Field Day

Tony Porter, 10, was named 'Champion of the Day' at a field day held Friday at El Nido Playground.

He amassed the largest number of points by winning the 25 and 50 yard dashes, the softball throw for distance, basketball shot for accuracy and he took third in the ball bounce.

Ribbons were awarded to — Peewees (5, 6, 7 years of age) ball bounce—Tim Porter, first; Donnie Hempel, second; Bruce Drdahl, third. 10-yard dash—David Hempel, Stephen Drdahl, Timmy Porter. 25-yard dash—Timmy Porter, David Hempel, Gary Norton. Softball throw for distance—Tim Porter, David Hempel, Tim Porter, Gary Norton. Softball for accuracy—Tim Porter, Gary Norton, David Hempel. Volley ball for accuracy—David Hempel, Timmy Porter, Gary Norton.

Midgets (8, 9, 10) Ball bounce — Billy Post, Christine Killian, Tony Porter. 25-yard dash—Tony Porter, Allen Beshler, Janet Bray. 50-yard dash—Tony Porter, Ronnie Norton, Sandra Wilde. Softball for distance — Tony Porter, Billy Post, Pete Conder. Basketball for accuracy — Tony Porter, Allen Beshler, Billy Post. Jump rope—Janet Bray, Gary Killian, Pete Conder.

Juniors (11, 12, 13) ball bounce — Ronnie Mazzaro, Emil Kapik, James Bilotti. 50-yard dash — Billy Bartleson, Grace Bilotti, James Bilotti. 75-yard dash — Billy Bartleson, Grace Bilotti, James Bilotti. Softball for distance—Billy Bartleson, Emil Kapik, James Bilotti. Basketball for distance—Billy Bartleson, Emil Kapik, Marsha Post. Softball for accuracy—John Foster, Emil Kapik, Billy Bartleson. Basketball for accuracy—Billy Bartleson, Emil Kapik, Marsha Post.

### IN APPRECIATION

Harrisburg, Pa.—In recognition of the help given me by members of the (police) force in crossing streets since my sight became impaired." George W. Reilly, banker, who died recently, left \$2000 to the city police relief fund.

### TEA CROP

Ceylon's annual tea harvest is about 250 million pounds.

## Blood Means Life

### Yours Is Needed



If medical requirements for whole blood are to be met during the coming year, one out of every 20 people in the nation will be needed as a blood donor. The use of blood and blood fractions in medical practice will continue to grow as new discoveries are made. Every healthy man or woman can safely donate blood five times a year. Giving blood is safe and easy. Receiving blood means life to thousands each year. Make it a habit to donate blood regularly—give the ill and injured an extra chance for life. Call your Red Cross chapter to learn when and where you can give blood.

## Sow Pansy Seed This Month

Pansies are pretty and will give your Fall garden a splash of lovely color. Sowing seed this month should result in flowers by October and in most cases the plants will remain in full bloom all winter.

A rich soil is practically a necessity for these charming plants. If possible, it is best to prepare your soil several weeks in advance of planting and mix into it a good soil conditioner. Application of a good chemical conditioner will promote better germination and give the plants a healthier start.

Seeds for pansy plants of all colors are available. You can choose colors to harmonize with other flowers in your garden if you wish. Seeds should be sown at a depth of about one-eighth of an inch. Shade the young plants from the hot sun. Also, never allow the seed bed to dry out . . . be sure to keep it moist. For easy fertilization, use one of the new water-soluble plant foods such as Follum. This can be applied directly on the plant or to the soil. During the growing season, applications should be made every two weeks.

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## BRIDE HIS STEPSISTER

London—When Jean Jarvis, 30, married recently, the groom was her stepbrother Gerard Jarvis, 24. The two became related when Jean's mother married Gerard's father seven years ago, and Jean took her mother's new name.

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