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City Requests Hawthorne Signals

Council Stands Pat on Signals

City Councilmen stood pat on their recommendation to the State Division of Highways this week that full traffic signals be installed at the intersection of 230th St. and Hawthorne. City Manager George Stevens reported to the Councilmen that he had written to Assemblymen,

Huge Christmas Season Program Scheduled Here

Plans for an all-out Christmas season observance in downtown Torrance which will include daily appearances by Santa Claus, a gigantic parade, street dancing, and an auto show were revealed before the Chamber of Commerce's October breakfast meeting this week by J. H. Paget and Tim Moore, representing the Retail Merchants Assn.

Favorable City Council action was taken later on most phases of the merchants' program, including the show, parade, and dance.

Plans to construct a Santa Land in El Prado Park, near Cravens were held by the Council for a report on the type of structures planned for the area. Merchants have proposed to erect a Santa's hut, stage, and other facilities for conducting a three-week Christmas season program.

Also revealed were plans for extensive street decorations, the most elaborate ever put up in Torrance. They will be turned on the evening of Dec. 2, first night of the pre-Christmas program.

On that same night, the auto show on the Marcellina lot of California Bank and street dancing on Marcellina would usher in the season for Torrance area residents.

A huge parade, which is expected to attract entrants from all over Southern California, is being organized by Sgt. D. C. Cook, of the Torrance Police Department.

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Sister Visiting Nativity Pastor

"And I'm glad to have met you now," is a phrase used often by a sparkling blue-eyed visitor from Ireland. She is Miss Maureen McGuinness, of Longford, Ireland, who arrived by plane last Tuesday to visit a few weeks here with her brother, the Rev. Patrick J. McGuinness, pastor of Nativity Catholic church.

It's a fascinating country and the hospitality of the people overwhelms me, she tells you in a curt lilting Irish brogue. In their store they carry shoes and drapery (dry goods to you).

Last Friday, she and Father McGuinness went to Orange to visit the Sisters of St. Joseph whom she had met in Ireland. These sisters teach in the Nativity school here.

On Sunday, she chides, "I had to go to Catalina to get my first California sunshine." She was accompanied to the island by her brother's assistant, the Rev. Thomas Glynn who hails from County Roscommon, Ireland.

Catalina was beautiful and reminded her very much of the French Riviera except she pointed out "Catalina is much better cared for."

The local pastor and his sister were packing their luggage for a jaunt to Palm Springs when interviewed.

To the greeting "have a wonderful time," with smiling Irish eyes she answered "Oh we will, we are just starting to break ground."

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TELS RED THREAT... Congressman Donald Jackson (left) told a Torrance audience here Monday evening that a million Americans were busily aiding the Communist cause in this country. Shown here with the Congressman are Clyde Haslet, of Republicans Unlimited, and Assemblyman Charles Chapel.

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Plan El Nido Tour Monday

A tour of the El Nido area has been scheduled for members of the City Council for next Monday as a means of informing Councilmen on the desirability of opening the way for annexation of the district

Eight Police To Be Hired

A total of eight police officers will have been added to the force this year by Dec. 1, Police Chief Willard Haslam reported to the Police Commission at a meeting this week. He said two officers had been put on the force so far, four more were scheduled to start Nov. 1, and that the other two will be added as soon as possible, probably by Dec. 1 and possibly earlier.

The Police Commission had Chief Haslam make his report on personnel after residents of the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance complained that they had received inadequate protection from the department.

Huge Program to Lessen Double Session Problem

Hope for elimination of many of the classes now on double session loomed large, Tuesday night, as school officials presented plans for the largest building program—\$3,621,050 worth—ever to be underway at one time in the Torrance Unified School District.

Eight new schools and two new portable units, accommodating 4821 children, should be ready by September, 1956, the Torrance School Board was told. This includes 117 classrooms and 16 kindergarten rooms.

The fact is that if growth continues as expected, we shall be reducing double sessions down to 500 or 600 pupils," the Board was told. "If growth slows down, we may even get off double sessions. If the rate of growth increases, we shall not gain as much as we plan."

Building procedures have been speeded up with the appointment of James E. Crockett as director of new construction, with duties solely concerned with school building. New construction was formerly handled by the assistant superintendent in charge of business, in addition to his other duties.

Seven of the proposed schools will be on new sites, while the eighth—at Meadow Park—will replace present temporary buildings now in use at the present site at 230th and Ocean Aves.

The board, at the Tuesday meeting, also voted to sell an additional \$2,190,000 in bonds on Jan. 1, 1956, for aid in building new schools.

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said buildings at the new sites should be ready by September, 1956, barring long strikes or other delays.

New schools scheduled for construction are Anza, Arlington, Edison, Parkway, Sepulveda, West Torrance, and a site on 238th St. for which no name yet has been chosen. Construction is under way on the two portable units at Wood and Madrona Schools. The six-classroom addition at Wood will house 198 children, while the four new rooms at Madrona will take care of 132.

Bids have already been let on the Sepulveda School, with work expected to start as soon as the sand and gravel strike permits. The school, located in the new Kaufman tract, near Sepulveda Blvd., will contain 14 elementary and two kindergarten rooms, for 582 youngsters.

Bids on Arlington School, at 180th and Arlington Aves., will be let in two weeks. It will have the same number of classrooms and pupil capacity as Sepulveda School and will relieve Crenshaw and North Torrance Schools.

Preliminary drawings of Meadow Park buildings have been completed and work is in advance stages on the plans.

Architects are now preparing plans for the Anza, Parkway, and West Torrance Schools. The Parkway and West Torrance Schools will have 12 classrooms and two kindergarten rooms each, accommodating 516 children, while the Anza School will have 14 classrooms and two kindergartens, for 582 children. Parkway School is located between Palms Verdes Blvd. and the ocean. It is expected to relieve pressure on Riviera and Newton Schools.

Board Urges Border Shift

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Council Adopts New Rabies Law

The controversial rabies inoculation law was put in the record books by the City Council here Tuesday as the City Council voted 32 along previous lines to adopt the ordinance.

The Tuesday night adoption was the final action necessary by the Council to make the proposal into law. It must now be published, and will be in effect in 30 days.

Passage of the ordinance, approved over the objections of Councilmen Willys G. Blount and Nicholas O. Dralac, was done without discussion. Previous stormy sessions over the issue were not duplicated.

The new ordinance will make inoculation of all dogs in Torrance compulsory except in those dogs certified by a veterinarian to be too infirm or aged.



CHECKPOINTS FOR VISIT... Rev. Patrick J. McGuinness, pastor of the Nativity Catholic Church, checks a Torrance city directory with his sister, Maureen McGuinness, visiting here this week from her home in Longford, Ireland. She stopped in New York and Chicago.

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Is the mushrooming growth of Torrance and the attendant changes it brings necessarily a good thing?
That is a question which is asked, and answered, in an editorial on page 34 of today's HERALD.

Among other special features is Loring Bigelow's "Garden Chatter," offering hints to local yard lovers on the latest developments in gardening.

The decision which faced a local minister—whether to minister to souls or bodies—and how he solved it—is contained in a feature story on the church page, page 30.

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