

Ground Broken For New Market

Settlement of the rock and gravel strike was the signal for yesterday's ground breaking for the new \$500,000 supermarket construction project at Sepulveda Blvd. and Palos Verdes Blvd. in Torrance, with civic officials participating in the event and luncheon that followed.

This improvement, conservative modern in design and masonry in construction, will provide new employment opportunities for the area and serve thousands of families who have purchased new homes in the immediate vicinity in recent years.

Principals Named

Walter Bollenbacher and two of the nation's leading home builders, are owners of the new improvement: Hahn-St. Louis L. Kelton, Los Angeles, John Hawthorne, is general contractor; H. W. Underhill, Los Angeles, architect; with Roger M. Laverty, Jr., Thriftmart real estate manager, collaborating with the owners on the improvement.

City Officials There

City officials invited to participate included Mayor Albert Isen, of Torrance; Councilmen Mervin Schwab, Victor Berstead, Nicholas Drule, Willys Blount, City Manager George W. Stevens, and John Russell, city superintendent of building, who delivered the building permit.

Civic officials from Torrance attending the event included Paul D. Loranger, Chamber of Commerce president with Tom Watson, Chamber manager, and directors A. E. Thompson, Dean L. Sears, Arthur O. Otis, and John A. Ebbinghouse. Carl C. Duncan, president of the Chamber's retail merchandising division, also attended. The sponsors of Torrance's newest shopping facility stated:

"This Thriftmart is to be the most modern supermarket, incorporating in the construction and equipment all of the latest improvements in such operations.

Growth Cited

The site was selected by Thriftmart because of their great confidence in the development of this area, as shown by the tremendous growth of population surrounding this shopping center.

"This market will fill a long-awaited need and its opening is being looked forward to with great enthusiasm. Not only will it give marketing facilities to the thousands of residents living in close proximity to it but it will give employment to a great number of clerks, cashiers, and other market employees.

"Thriftmart is one of the most progressive organizations in the supermarket business. Its slogan: 'every day is a special day at Thriftmart' is a fact, and has become a by-word with thrifty housewives throughout Los Angeles. This

Hillside Playground Events Told

Hillside Playground activities showed large fields of competitors in various fields. In the checker tournament, Donald Clark was undefeated against 28 others, with Jerry Frislie and Pat Lovett gaining second and third places.

Basketball saw Donald Clark again top the honors and Donna Anderson copping second, and Fred Clark, third place. Carrums was closely contested to the finish. First place went to Jerry Frislie, second to Lois Edison and third to Donald Clark.

Paper, wood, and copper craft and ceramics were found to be the immediate interest of all in order to prepare Christmas gifts. Earrings, pins, cuff links, pipe racks, planters, note boxes, sand sets, trays, snow flakes, piggy banks, shoe banks, and many other items were some of the projects of the boys and girls.

progressive organization is delighted to have Bollenbacher and Kelton, two of the nation's outstanding home builders, collaborating with them in this, one of the finest, new markets." The architect reported that the building will have a front elevation of 164 feet, and facilities will include air conditioning.

Youth Held for Drunk Driving

An 18-year-old Lomitan was booked in at Torrance Jail early Tuesday morning on a drunk driving charge as an aftermath of a traffic accident on Kathy Way, police said yesterday.

Gary W. Mann, 18, of 1736 W. 254th St., was booked on the charge, after officers reported he was uncooperative during investigation of the accident.

A companion, David E. Erickson, 19, of 2324 W. 247th St., received a cut chin and loosened teeth when the car which Mann was driving crashed into a tree in front of 2013 Kathy Way about 1 a.m., Tuesday.

NTCIA Meet Tonight

The January meeting of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., will be held at 8 p.m., tonight, in the Higgins Brick Co. Hall at 2217 W. 174th St., according to John K. Kesson, president.

Thief Takes Hubcaps

Richard Farn, of 2419 Cabrillo Ave., reported to police that someone took four hubcaps from his 1955 model car, while the vehicle was parked in front of his residence Sunday.

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AFTER YOU . . . Paul Loranger, left, Chamber of Commerce president, offers to swap shovel for Thriftmart "spoon" with Roger M. Laverty, Jr., Thriftmart real estate man, at ground breaking for new store here yesterday. City officials, civic dignitaries, contractors and store officials turned out for event at site of new building, at Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvds.

Firemen Answer 565 Calls for Aid During 1955

Torrance firemen spent 1973 hours fighting fires in 1955, an average of 565 alarms, the yearly report of the local Fire Department showed.

Biggest of the year's fires was the Nov. 10 blaze at the general Petroleum refinery, which accounted for \$35,000 of the \$48,922 fire damage throughout the city last year. Local firemen joined GP workers in battling the flames, which began when a high pressure oil tube ruptured, spilling oil into a furnace.

During 1955, firemen fought blazes in 72 homes, seven public gathering buildings, eight manufacturing plants, two storage buildings, 284 grassy areas, 59 rubbish piles, 31 autos, seven oil fields, and 36 locations of various types. Only 16 false alarms were recorded and 15 alarm systems were touched off accidentally.

Calls for the resuscitator unit brought the firefighters out 95 times, while six first aid calls were answered. They were called out 19 times to wash down the street after an accident.

The Fire Department now employs 58 persons. During the past year, the central station moved into new quarters at Carson and Crenshaw Blvd., while remodeling work was underway on the north Torrance station at 174th and Yukon Ave. A new southwest area station at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy. is expected to be finished soon. The south Torrance station is located at 242nd and Neece Ave.

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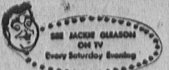
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