

# Judges to Select 'Miss Torrance' Tomorrow Night

# CITY TO MOVE INTO NEW CIVIC CENTER AUG. 4 -- READY OR NOT

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**TARGET DATE SET** . . . Move-in Day at the Civic Center will be Aug. 4, it was announced here this week by City Manager George Stevens. The entire city administration will shut down Friday evening, Aug. 3, in the old City Hall and re-open for business Monday morning in the new Civic Center, shown above. Workmen on the project are doubling efforts to meet the deadline.

### Dedication Set Following Week

"The only way to get a thing like this done is to set a date and do it, ready or not," City Manager George Stevens told the Council this week on the matter of moving to the new million-dollar Civic Center at Torrance Blvd. and Maple St. "We're going to move on the week end of Aug. 4," Stevens said. "We hope the quarters will be ready, but we're going to move anyway."

A local firm, Torrance Van and Storage, was the successful bidder for the job of hauling the 40-year accumulation of city records, files, books, and other official documents and material to the new headquarters.

#### Work Stopped Up

To get the building ready by the announced move-in date, Contractor R. E. Payne has stepped up work on the last-minute details, the Southern California Edison Co. has moved in a large crew to complete the electrical service connections, and other phases of the civic center construction have been receiving increased attention to meet the deadline.

All city departments will move on that week end, City Manager Stevens said. The police department will occupy their new quarters and jail, the engineering, building, legal, and clerk's offices will be moved at the same time.

**Dedication Ready**  
First Council meeting in the new building will be the following Tuesday evening, Aug. 7, "if the facilities can be completed in time," Stevens said. The week end following the move, the huge dedication program will be held at the new Civic Center. The two-day program will feature hundreds of local and Southland leaders, a rodeo, and a barbecue.

Included in the dedication program will be a band concert beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, introductions of guests, including Supervisors Burton Chase and Kenneth Hahn, Assemblyman Vincent

Thomas, and Charley Smith, district director of Steel Workers Union; introduction of former mayors and Councilmen, school and Chamber of Commerce officials, and General Eaton.

Key speaker at the dedication will be Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers. Sunday's program will include an open house at the City Hall, an aquacade at the new municipal plunge, and other entertainment.

### No Malfunction Found in Check On Death Plane

Cause of the crash on Torrance Municipal Airport last week which claimed the life of a 33-year-old Hawthorne pilot is still undetermined, Frank A. Allen, supervising agent for the Aviation Safety District Office, told the HERALD yesterday.

Allen said his investigation of the aircraft after the crash failed to reveal any evidence of malfunction on the part of the plane.

"If there was something wrong when the pilot tried to land the plane, it was not evident after the crash," Allen said.

Killed when the Ryan PT-22 slammed into a beanfield adjacent to the airport landing strip was Charles Harvey Callis, co-owner of the plane.

Jim Sinclair, 23, a partner with Callis in the plane, said the pilot was making a last flight with it before the plane was to be overhauled for its annual relicensing.

### Triplets Born Within Nine Minutes Here

The first triplets to be born in some time at Torrance Memorial Hospital arrived mid-morning Tuesday when Mrs. Richard Henke, of 1908 Flournoy Rd., Manhattan Beach, gave birth to three daughters.

Mrs. Blanche Henke, who was on leave from work at North American Aviation, may have to take just a bit longer on her leave because of the multiple birth. The trio was the couple's first children.

Pamela Jean, 5 lbs., 4 oz., was born at 10:06 a.m. to become the first of the threesome. Carol Ann, 4 lbs., 9 oz., followed at 10:11 a.m., while Susan Lynn, 4 lbs., 8 oz., arrived four minutes later at 10:15. The three young ladies were born within nine minutes.

All are 18 inches long. Carol Ann and Susan Lynn are now in incubators. Normal procedure calls for babies living in incubators until they reach five pounds.

Henke is an engineer at North American. Dr. George Andersen, Hermosa Beach physician, delivered the three girls.

### Good Results Claimed For Defense Test

A check out of Los Angeles County Civil Defense participation in Operation Alert 1956 under the interim survival plan of orderly evacuation has proven successful, it was announced yesterday by Howard Earl, director of the county disaster-CD authority.

The test took place, complete with Conrad observations by broadcast stations, on July 20.

"While numerous problems developed which were overcome, a preliminary evaluation indicates our operations have been highly effective," Earl stated. A detailed report of the findings and an overall evaluation of the recent exercise will be announced soon.

Torrance Civil Defense leaders will meet tonight with CD Director George Stevens to report on local participation in the test.

"Preliminary figures show that approximately 3,110,500 persons in Los Angeles County have been evacuated from danger areas," Earl said. Casualty reports show 172,000 injured and 32,850 dead. About a half-million residents are unaccounted for, he concluded.

### Torrance Police Show Tickets Now Being Sold

Most of Torrance's cops will be "working" the nightwatch Aug. 24 but they won't be on the prowl. Except for the regular after-dark duty crew, local policemen and their guests will be attending the annual Torrance Police Show at the Hollywood Palladium.

A good number of Torrance residents will be on hand to help the police toss their big one, too.

Jerry Gray and his "Band of Today" will provide music for dancing at the affair, which begins at 8:30 p.m. It is slated to continue until 2 a.m. Door prizes will be awarded to the holders of lucky tickets, which are priced at \$3.

The show benefits youth activities. Police here back nine car clubs, containing about 200 members, and the Torrance Auxiliary Police, with about 70 members.

A trio of promotion men are busily telephoning local citizens, selling tickets. Harry Brooks, Monte Ash and Don Hagen are the top ticket sellers for the annual show.

Working with the promoters are seven members of the Torrance Police Assn. President Don Nash, Don Hartel, Wally Nitz, Jimmy Davis, Bob Hammond, Bernice Florence and Dorothy Culverhouse are TPA members on the show committee.

Lehr, Oscar Maples Ford, Jeanette Manca, Jim & Trvy's T.V. Service; Toni Manca, Manor Barber Shop; Lila Roberson, Torrance Flower Shop; Vera Roberson, Daniel's Cafe; Jimmie Scott, Photo Arts Studio; Anna Thomas, Frank's Furniture; Nancy Walsh, Custom Real Estate & Investments; Marlys Webb, T. V. Studio; and Gaye Wilson, Paul's Chevrolet.

**Entertainment Scheduled**  
Among the entertainment features scheduled for tomorrow are accordionists Billy and Bill; Nancy Wiermas, banjoist, and Sylvia Shidler, vocalist.

Among the prizes going to the winner will be a 38-inch trophy and a week end in Ensenada, Mex. The four runners-up will receive loving cups.

The week end in Mexico is being offered by Oscar Maples Ford, and includes jai alai games, tennis, golf, swimming, and accommodations at the beautiful Villa Marina. She and her guest will attend a dance at the Riviera de Pacifico Hotel and be a special guest in a Saturday night dinner in her honor at the Club Fiesta.

**To Be on Television**  
On Thursday following her trip, the queen will be the star of Jack McElroy's "Week End" show on KROA (4) at 6:15 p.m. He will escort her and her guest throughout the Mexico week end.

Oscar Maples Ford will furnish the queen with a new Ford to drive and provide spending money for the week end, it was announced.

The new "Miss Torrance" will receive many other valuable prizes and gifts, Van Dyck said.

Admission to tomorrow night's judging will be \$1. Sponsors Named  
Contestants and their sponsors include Dolores Alexander, Benson Shops; Carol Barry, Alpert's Furniture; Karen Brunel, Lewellen Press; Joyce Cannon, Torrance Fire Department; Marie Coleman, Chuck's T.V. and Appliances; Marti Fowler, Ray's Saw Service; Miriam Gogian, Torrance Police Officers Assn.; Lin & Griffin, Roth's Market; Lynne

### Eighteen Candidates Vie For Queen Title Friday

Eighteen outstanding candidates for the title of "Miss Torrance of 1957" will be judged tomorrow evening in the Torrance Civic Auditorium by a panel of beauty experts, and will be crowned by Yolanda Goldsmith, the current "Miss Torrance," at the climax of an evening of judging and entertainment.

The two-hour stage production will get under way at 8:15, it was announced yesterday by James Van Dyck, director of the sponsoring Torrance Area Youth Band.

The judging will be done on the basis of personality, poise, charm, grace, figure, and voice, Van Dyck said.

**Public Hearing Set For Mine Proposal Here**  
Applications for a distomacou earth mine in Walteria will come up for public hearing before the Torrance Planning Commission Aug. 1, George Powell, planning director, has reported.

Trying for the second time in two years, John Mayer, owner of property south of Madison St., filed the petition with the commission. He asks a zone variance to permit mining in the area. An application to the same effect two years ago was disapproved by the planners.

In other business at last week's regular meeting, the group okayed a petition by Mildred Andersen, 3709 190th St., for a variance on the McDonald Tract, between Kornblum and Felbar Avenues, to permit construction of a one-story commercial building. The commission's favorable action was passed on to City Council members.

Petition of variance to permit building a trailer park near 238th St. and Western Ave., was approved. J. E. Kettler, of 24227 Western, is the petitioner.

**Clothes Riffed While Owners Take Swim**  
Two men reported to police here Saturday night that someone rifled their clothes and took \$27 from them while they were swimming at the Riviera Club pool, between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Eric Bruce Gately and Ian Gately, of 1847 Santa Fe, reported the theft. Eric said a suit \$24 was taken from his closet, while Ian reported the loss of \$2.

Her unlawful antics at the found two local men suffering from their car.



**ART COLLECTION** . . . Part of the city's new art collection is shown here as Don Wilson (left), partner in Kauffman-Wilson Construction Co., presents original painting to Mayor Albert Isen. A total of 53 original paintings valued at approximately \$10,000 has been presented to the city for the new Civic Center by the company.

### Council-Chamber Pact Held Over

Action by the City Council to approve an agreement to be offered to the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year was tabled for two weeks at the Tuesday Council meeting after lengthy discussion on the terms sought by members of the Council. Councilman Robert Jahn, whose motion outlined the terms presented to the Council this week, opened the discussion on Tuesday asking that the Chamber be paid quarterly in advance for publicity rather than at the end of the quarter as he had recommended earlier.

Under the terms of the agreement presented, with the change, the Chamber of Commerce would receive \$14,000 a year to be paid in quarterly installments. At the end of each quarter, the Chamber would submit vouchers to show how the previous quarter's allotment had been spent. Appropriation of the next quarter's allotment would be contingent on the Chamber satisfying the Council that it had properly spent the past quota of funds.

**Terms Opposed**  
One Chamber official referred to the offer as a three-month contract with quarterly options for renewal.

Under the terms of the Council offer, the Chamber would be required to spend the funds for paid advertising, maps, brochures, surveys and reports, and letters and postage.

Chamber President John Ebbinghouse said "we feel it would be almost impossible for the Chamber of Commerce to operate in the coming year with the strings attached to this agreement."

### Two Injured In Accident

Two men suffered injuries last week in an after-dark traffic crash at 254th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., deputies reported.

Edward S. Wilson, 36, of 25046 1/2 Pennsylvania, was the driver of the car which rammed a utility pole. Fred A. Booth, a passenger in the auto, and Wilson both were taken to Hillside Emergency Hospital for treatment.

### Developers Give \$10,000 In Art To Civic Center

An art collection by internationally famed contemporary artists valued at \$10,000 was presented to the city this week by the Kauffman-Wilson Construction Co., builders of several thousand homes in Torrance during the past few years.

Unveiled before members of the City Council this week were 10 of the 53 paintings presented to the city. Don Wilson, partner in the building firm, was on hand to make formal presentation of the collection to the city for its new Civic Center buildings.

Supplying the pictures was Martin Lowitz of Beverly Hills, pictured in a recent Saturday Evening Post article by Cameron Shipp as a man who "peddles pictures by the yard."

Among the artists represented in the 53 original paintings is St. Jacot de Rennes, Brittany, whose pictures hang in such collections as those of the Baron de Rothchild and Prince Poniatoski; Rizzo Calletti, Maurice Verrier, Jerome Balleroy, Jean de Narbonne, Alberto Ruiz Vela, Miguel Guerrero, and Charles De Montford.

All of the pictures will be in place for the dedication ceremonies of the new Civic Center. A memorial plaque honoring Milton Kauffman and Don Wilson as donors of the art will be installed beneath the huge lobby picture, City Manager George Stevens reported to the Council.

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