

SPECIAL CENSUS OPENS NOV. 12

Population to Pass 92,000

A special census of Torrance—one that should put the city's official population above the 92,000 mark—is scheduled to get under way here on Nov. 12, it was revealed yesterday by Leonard C. Isley, District Supervisor of the Census Bureau.

The census had been requested earlier this year by the city to qualify it for additional "in lieu" and other tax benefits from the State which are apportioned on a population basis.

Approximately 80 canvassers will be needed for the gigantic task, City Manager George Stevens said yesterday afternoon. He indicated that persons employed here in previous counts as enumerators who would like to do so again in November should write to him at the Torrance city hall.

Kundin Returns

Benjamin Kundin, who was lauded by city officials for the speedy, efficient job he did

on the special census last year, has been assigned to the new count here in November, Isley's office announced.

The council pays for the special census, but is repaid several times over in the increased city revenue, Stevens said.

Last year's official count exceeded 82,000, and City Manager George Stevens, who is becoming an expert on such matters through the years of experience, estimates the 1957 tally at "over 92,000."

The census must be completed by Nov. 15.

OVER WEEK END

Area Traffic Injures Four

Three women and one man received injuries in traffic accidents the early part of the week.

A 76-year-old woman was injured Monday when the electric invalid chair she was driving on Western Ave. at 252nd St. was struck and overturned by an auto.

Helen Hazelbaker, 25153 Eddy Lane, was treated at Harbor General Hospital for several scalp lacerations.

Driver of the auto, Ernest W. Thompson, 60, of 17024 S. Western Ave., told police he did not see the small, slowly moving vehicle before he struck it with his car.

Parked Car Hit

Parking to study a road map at Western Ave., near 223rd St., Della L. Daniels, 59, of Long Beach was injured when her auto was struck from behind.

Miguel Barriga, 29, of 1952 W. 257th St., driver of the other auto, told police he did not see the parked auto.

Mrs. Irene Ethier, 42, of Los Angeles, escaped with minor injuries when she was thrown from a car driven by her husband, Roland H., 52, as it col-

Rivets Reports

It should be cloudy today and might not be a bad idea to keep your raincoat handy. Rivets' weather dog reported. Temperatures should hover in the 70's, he said. Torrance got a total of 21 inch of rain last Sunday and Monday. Highs and lows this week were Sunday (69-56); Monday (70-51); Tuesday (70-46); and Wednesday (75-48).

'Friendly' Man Attacks Woman

A 26-year-old Torrance housewife who ran out of gas Tuesday was aided by a friendly man who tried to get even friendlier later, she told sheriff's deputies.

She gave a lift to a man who had helped her get gas for her stalled auto, but he took her to the Palos Verdes Hills and tried to attack her, she said.

The friendly man turned out to be 34-year-old Gaylord Clark Raymond, who was released from San Quentin last March after serving 27 months for rape.

Account Given

The housewife gave this account:

She had taken her husband to work and was returning when she ran out of gas in the Sepulveda Tunnel. She walked to a nearby gas station at Sepulveda and Imperial Hwy., for gas. A friendly man carried the gas can back for her and helped her start her car. She offered him a lift and he said he had business in Palos Verdes.

She let him drive the car and he turned off onto dirt roads in the Palos Verdes area. She asked to be taken home, but the man parked the car near Crenshaw Blvd. and Silverspur Rd. and tried to force his affections on her. She put up a struggle, scratching his face.

Car Rolls

About this time, the car started to roll and when he reached for the emergency brake, she jumped out of the car and ran for the road. A passing motorist took her to a nearby county road camp. Deputies picked up a badly-scratched Raymond near the scene of the attack.

He said he just wanted to be friendly.

\$60,000 Suit Filed Against Los Angeles

A 17-year-old Torrance girl has filed a suit for \$60,000 damages against the city of Los Angeles in connection with an accident in Playa del Rey last March 16.

Patricia Turkmany, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Turkmany, 1621 Hickory Ave., filed the suit in Inglewood Superior Court, naming the Los Angeles City Department of Water and Power and Contractor R. R. Hensler as codefendants.

She alleges that poor road conditions caused an auto accident in which she received a skull fracture, brain concussion, lumbar spine fracture, and other injuries.

She was a passenger in a last car driven by Dave Pulem last March 16, when the vehicle went out of control on a temporary roadway used because of street work, the suit reports. It charges that the temporary roadway was "slippery, too narrow, curved sharply, and was rough and corrugated."



(Herald Photo)

GIRLS REPLACE MEN . . . Recreation Director Harry Van Belleham and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier found themselves replaced by high school girls as the city observed "Junior Citizen's Day" Tuesday. Looking up a point of law are Van Belleham and his replacement, Barbara Balow, and student City Attorney Ruth McCune and Remelmeier.

Rosemary DeCamp to Emcee Youth Band's TV Concert

Rosemary DeCamp, celebrated star of television and motion pictures and a long-time Torrance resident, will appear as guest star with the Torrance Area Youth Band in its concert appearance over KRCA-TV (Channel 4) Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

She will act as mistress of ceremonies for the special event designed to aid the Youth Band in its drive to raise money for a trip to the Mid-West National Band Clinic in Chicago next December.

Famed for her role as Robert Cummings' sister in the comedian's weekly television show and for stellar performances in such films as "Yankee Doodle Dandy," Miss DeCamp has long been identified with movements for encouragement of organized youth activity in this community. One of her pet projects is the annual original one-act play festival held at Torrance High School. In private life she is the wife of Judge John Shidler.

Joins Parents

While Miss DeCamp will lend big-name prestige to the house-to-house drive to be conducted after the show, she will be acting in unison with hundreds of parents and youngsters from all over the South Bay who have already raised much of the needed \$25,000 according to Postmistress Clara Conners, chairman of the fund-raising committee. Mrs. Conners will also appear on TV Sunday.

City's Storm Drain Plans Being Revised for County

City Engineer Ronald Bishop is revising storm drain deficiency reports of the city today in answer to a request from the Los Angeles Flood Control District for the information from each of the county's cities.

The report is identified as the second phase of the county's storm drain bond issue

which was approved nearly four years ago, and under which a number of major storm drains have been installed in Torrance.

A similar report was prepared by the city for the League of California Cities recently, Bishop said. It pointed up a need for an estimated \$8,754,300 in added storm drain facilities for the city.

Completion of the plan to meet requirements of the county's Flood Control District was ordered Tuesday by the city council.

Other Matters

On other matters considered Tuesday, the council:

Denied a request for return of a traffic control signal to the intersection at 171st St. and Crenshaw after an accident survey of the site showed that fewer accidents had occurred at the intersection since the signal was removed last May.

Accepted a proposal to lease site for eight off-street parking spaces for \$1 a year next to the Torrance bus depot on Cabrillo Ave.

Authorized city manager to call for informal bids for city yard property at Torrance Blvd. and Western Ave. after receiving an offer of \$85,000 for the property. City Manager George Stevens said a recent appraisal placed the market value of the property at \$113,000.

Approved request of Disabled American Veterans to conduct a "Forget-Me-Not" sale here Nov. 8 through Nov. 11.

Granted permission to Torrance Area Youth Band to solicit funds to send the band to Chicago in December.

Approved a job description for a new position as assistant superintendent of building.



TUBA TOOTERS . . . While Gary Diehl and Bill Colby, Torrance Area Youth Band members, toot away on their precision-built German tubas, TV Star Rosemary DeCamp takes a peek into one of the big instruments. Miss DeCamp, a Torrance resident, will be mistress of ceremonies at the Youth Band's TV show this week end. The tubas were shipped from Germany for the Youth Band's upcoming Chicago trip.

Accident in Oil Fields Injures Man

An oil well worker is in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital following an accident Tuesday.

Roscoe Moore, 63, of Santa Ana, reportedly was hit in the head by a part of a crank when he was working in an oil field at Sepulveda and Crenshaw Blvds.

Moore received a severe facial cut and a possible fractured skull. Nevertheless, he drove his pickup truck a half-mile to the headquarters of Tidewater oil, where help was summoned. Bystanders were amazed that he was able to drive the distance.

A 30-year employee of the firm, Moore was checking the grease on derricks in the area.

Small Fire at Plywood Firm Quickly Put Out

A small fire in the sawdust bins at California Plywood, Ltd., 2201 Dominguez St., was quickly extinguished by company employees and Torrance firemen Tuesday.

The blaze apparently started when a piece of wood got caught in a motor, causing it to overheat.

Voters to Decide 4 Issues Tuesday

Torrance voters will march to the polls next Tuesday to decide on two bond issues and to amend two sections of the city charter.

Some 33,318 persons will be eligible to vote on the four issues:

1. A \$3,000,000 recreation bond issue for purchase of park sites and improvement of existing park sites. This would cost the average taxpayer about \$4.50 per year.

2. A \$1,000,000 airport expansion bond issue, which would go for clearing an approach at the west end of Torrance Airport. It is unlikely that this would cost the taxpayers anything because of 3. An amendment to the city charter which would provide that airport revenues be used to retire the bonds, although the city would obligate itself to pay them off if the revenues were not sufficient.

4. An amendment to the city charter to provide for expansion of the five-man city council to seven members, including a popularly elected mayor.

Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters should have received notices of their polling place through the mail. If not, they can check at the City Hall.

D.A. Acts to Halt Claims On Circulation

District Attorney William B. McKesson's office has announced it is asking an injunction against the Torrance Press through a civil complaint accusing the newspaper of misrepresenting its circulation figures to various persons to obtain advertising and other patronage.

The complaint, filed last week in Los Angeles, was prepared by Deputy District Attorney David P. Aisenow, and seeks to permanently enjoin the publication from repeating the alleged fraud.

Named in the suit are the Southland Publishing Co., Inc., listed as owner of the paper, and W. R. Zappas, its publisher.

A Penny for your Thoughts

With the "have-nots" in football accusing the "haves" buying their players, the HERALD's inquiring photographer posed this question: "Do you think athletic scholarships are in the same class as academic scholarships? Should players be subsidized?"

Mrs. A. E. Neumann, 3804 W. 181st St., housewife:

"I don't approve of players being able to get their grades changed so they can play football. I feel athletics aren't as important as many other activities. Many stupid people are pushed through college just for athletics.

George Vico, 219 Paseo de las Delicias, Dominguez Water Co. Executive and pro baseball player:

"Both kinds of scholarships are good and necessary. Grades should be maintained, but it's often forgotten that some fellows are good both academically and athletically."

Mrs. W. C. Boswell, 2842 Onrado St., housewife:

"I feel athletic scholarships offer many a chance to go to college that they wouldn't have had otherwise. The primary reason for college, however, is academics. In subsidizing players, there is a real danger of making athletics a business and not a sport."

Bill Schipper, 245 Via Buena Ventura, Torrance High senior and editor of the TNT:

"There should be scholarships for athletic ability. Some people specialize in one field and others in another. An athlete might work just as hard at sports as a student at books. Not everybody can go to college and the more guys that get scholarships, the better it is for the whole country."

Mrs. Donald G. Barker, 2756 Eldorado, housewife:

"I think players have a right to a certain degree of subsidy. If you do not carry it to the point that it affects the academic side of a school. Players should not be allowed to get by while failing. Otherwise, it degrades the meaning of a college degree."

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