

**New Bid Procedure Inaugurated Here**  
 A new system of opening Wednesdays 10 a.m. in the bids has been inaugurated by council chambers by the city councilmen.  
 Bids now will be opened on... The reports on the bids and...

...the recommendations for awarding contracts will be placed on the council's next agenda. The current system calls for the opening and reading of bids during the council session.

## Vickers Co. Hailed at Chamber Meeting

Vickers, Inc. pioneers in hydraulic equipment and a division of Sperry Rand, was officially welcomed to the city Tuesday at the July Torrance Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

The modern Vickers plant on Lomita Blvd. near the Torrance municipal airport, has been in operation during the past year and now employs 330 in its 100,000 square-foot facility given over largely to prototype and pilot run operations of the zero hydraulic division of the company.

Serving as co-chairman of the meeting were T. E. Coleman of the Coleman Engineering and City Commissioner George Bradford of Bradford Machinery Co.

J. R. Rea, plant manager described the history of the Vickers company organized in 1921 in Los Angeles by Harry Vickers, credited with development of power steering and other equipment for automobiles.

"You see", the speaker said, "it takes some little time for a new product to reach the market."

Vickers hydraulic equipment now is used extensively on automobiles, trucks, airplanes and in manufacturing plants.

A motion picture in color showed many Vickers products in action ranging from hay balers at work on farms to latest jet aircraft.

Vickers heads up Sperry Rand with Gen. Douglas MacArthur as chairman of the board. The various divisions of the company now employ 97,500 in 80 plants located in United States and 19 foreign countries. The company does an annual business of \$889 million.

Isen Presents Key Plant Manager Rea was presented with the official key to the city by Mayor Albert Isen who expressed the hope Vickers would have a long and pleasant association with Torrance.

Retiring President O. R. Truckblood, whose term was limited by a new policy approved by the Board of Directors placing the chairman on the city's fiscal year. Introduced Fred H. MUI, new president.

MUI expressed pride in his selection as president and praised Truckblood for his successful leadership of the Chamber during the term just completed.

It was announced that no breakfast meeting will be held in August due to the vacation season. There were 65 present at Tuesday's breakfast.

## Bond Issue Set For October 15

Assessed valuation has climbed from \$73 million to \$173 million for an increase of 137%. Dwelling units now stand at 27,331, an increase of 213% while school attendance has jumped from 1995 to 23,800 or an increase of 1993%.

It is estimated that the growth will continue at a steady pace, requiring at least 50% more classrooms during the next eight years.

Magruder Present P. S. Magruder, executive vice president of General Petroleum Co. was a special guest at the meeting. He was introduced by Dr. Hull as being not only the biggest taxpayer in the district but also as one of its "biggest and best friends."

Also introduced to the group was Torrance's representative at the Legion-sponsored Girls State held recently at the University of California campus at Davis. She is Patricia Reynolds who came home with additional honor for herself and the community when she was elected lieutenant-governor of the mythical Girls State.

Following the luncheon meeting most of the committee members and guests were escorted on a tour of the new Educational Materials Center and were shown maintenance and operations facilities.

Repeat Lincoln Bids All bids for Lincoln Elementary School, 166th and Arlington Ave., were rejected by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night because of a technical error.

Architectural plans for the building had an error in the designation of a part of the sprinkler system. Several bidders noted this and based their bids on the correct part, but failed to tell the school district until bids were opened.

The county counsel's office ruled that all bids should be turned down since the bids did not cover the same material. School officials hope that new bids can be received and awarded within a month. The school is slated to open late next spring.

## Torrance Herald

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## Rabbi Has New Pulpit, Freedom

Returning to Hungary, Rabbi Kraus found his entire family had been murdered by the Nazis.

So he began a new life—serving another congregation—and was appointed Chief Rabbi of Western Hungary by the government.

The Communists had expected an easily pliable disseminator of their doctrines but instead they found they had a strong opponent of their ideologies.

Written articles and personal lectures were the means employed by Rabbi Kraus to fight the pressure from government on what to preach and how to preach their messages.

Flee During Revolt With time growing short—and Communist force due any moment to kill his messages—Rabbi Kraus, and his wife and daughter, fled from behind the Iron Curtain during the recent Hungarian revolution. On foot and by the help of friends they managed to cross the border to freedom.

Then came the trip with his family to America—the land of the free.

And now—once again Rabbi Kraus' voice can be heard from the pulpit. He is free to speak to his people with no fear of reprisal.

For the third time, Rabbi Kraus has begun a new life.

## Seven Charges Against Gagnon

May was released from the hospital only last Sunday following treatment for a fractured skull.

Torrance police officers made the arrest Saturday when they spotted Gagnon driving a stolen auto. Officers Robert Jones and Ronald Nicolai observed the license plates which were on the stolen auto list.

Gagnon offered no resistance but officers found a foreign-made pistol similar to a .25-caliber automatic in the vehicle.

Officers Commended Nicolai and Jones, both were commended by police officials for their alertness in spotting and arresting the suspected kidnaper.

Following booking procedures at the Torrance station, Gagnon was turned over to Los Angeles sheriff's deputies who later took him to the city jail where he was held with a deadly weapon charge.

Gagnon, a former Air Force sergeant, appeared yesterday in Los Angeles municipal court for arraignment on the charges.

City Manager George Stevens, the group voted to extend Arlington Ave. through to Del Amo Blvd. The street, that currently goes nowhere, was planned to connect 19th St. and Del Amo but construction work on the necessary link has been delayed by the city.

The council authorized payment of \$19,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for 1958-59 to advertise and promote the city.

## City Enforces Handbill Law

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## State Senate to Hold Hearing on Air Insurance

Compulsory public liability and damage insurance coverage for airplanes will be the subject for a special meeting of the California State Senate Committee on Aviation, Sept. 3 in Lomita.

At the request of Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, the Senate committee will hold the hearing on the insurance problem in the South Bay city.

Members of the Lomita Civic League and the Lomita Chamber of Commerce have been advocating compulsory insurance for planes for the past eight years.

The State Assembly recently approved the measure but the Senate failed to act before the Legislature was adjourned.

Any Southern Californian interested in the program can appear at the hearing which will be held 10 a.m., Sept. 3, in the Lomita Elementary School, 247th St. and Narbonne Ave.

Those who wish to be heard should send their request to Bob Bryson, Room 4031, State Capitol, Sacramento; or to Desie Myers, president of the Lomita Property Owners, 25025 Narbonne Ave.

## Police Still Search for 3 Kidnapers

Police today are continuing their search for three young hoodlums who kidnaped and later released a 24-year-old Los Angeles woman Sunday.

The woman who successfully fought off the advances of the would-be attackers, was identified as Miss Gloria Owens.

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