

Major Storm Drain Projects at Stake in November

Passage of the 1958 storm drain bond issue by Los Angeles County voters next November would mean construction of four badly needed storm drains and possibly a fifth within the city of Torrance, it was reported this week by John Patrick, assistant to the city engineer.

Most important drain to many Torrance area residents and property owners would be Project 584, which would reduce measurably the flooded area of Walteria Lake.

Under the plans designed by City Engineer Ronald Bishop and approved by the County Flood Control District, a large sump or retaining basin would be constructed in the Walteria Lake area and a connecting drain installed under Hawthorne

Blvd. to the storm drain now in place on the north side of the airport.

An adjacent project, No. 585, would drain Madison St. across Newton St. and under the highway to the Airport where it would be picked up by the airport drainage system. An open ditch now serves this area.

A second section of this project would drain the Hollywood Riviera section, particularly the Paseo de Gracia sump area across Ave. 1 in Redondo Beach and into the ocean.

Project No. 586 would provide a drainage line from Prairie Ave. eastward on 182nd St. and thence northward to connect with the present Glenburn Ave. drain and into Dominguez Channel. Another phase of this project would provide a line on Torrance Blvd.

running eastward from Meador Ave. connecting with the drain installed earlier near Torrance Blvd. and Border Ave.

A final section of Project 586 would provide for a drain near 171st St. west of Crenshaw and northward into the Dominguez Channel and another drain on Crenshaw north of the channel bringing flood water down to the outlet from Redondo Beach Blvd. and the El Camino College area.

Drain Project 567 includes a drain starting near 190th St. and Crenshaw, going east on 190th St. to Arlington Ave., then southward to a point behind the U. S. Steel Co. plant where it dumps into a channel for delivery to the Torrance Blvd. and Western Ave. storm drain. Other drains east of Torrance under

the 1958 bond proposal would provide an outlet for the water.

A supplemental project, numbered 741, will be constructed if funds are available on a priority basis, Patrick said. Under this plan, a drain would be installed at the Maple Ave. sump between Carson St. and Torrance Blvd., go north on Maple Ave. to Maricopa, thence eastward to Crenshaw Blvd. and Dominguez where it would tie into the present storm drain going eastward on Dominguez. This would drain the Torrance Gardens and Plaza areas, the civic center, and would be important to the development of the industrial property north of Maricopa, although additional drains there will be needed in the future.

All of the city projects under the 1952 bond issue are completed.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

Today being September 11 and the day school starts in the Torrance area your HERALD photographer asked six students this question, "Are you glad school is starting again?" Their answers and their pictures are below.

Linda Ledbetter, 1224 Cota, Torrance high school junior.

"Yes, I am glad school is starting again. I have missed all of the activities and many of my friends. I will be glad to be back."

Milton Bowden, 1811 Juniper, Torrance high school senior.

"I am on the football squad and am glad school is starting again. Now we can have practice every day and I am looking forward to playing football this season."

Jeanette Fox, 3521 Newton, Walteria eighth grader.

"I am glad school is starting as I am looking forward to graduating and going to high school. Lots of my friends go to high school and I want to be with them."

Lynna Ewing, 2877 W. Carson, Torrance high school junior.

"Yes, I am glad school is starting. I was in last year and did not attend school. I missed my classes and friends and I will be glad to be active again."

Russell O'Hare, 21313 Osage, Torrance high school senior.

"Sure, I'm glad school is starting. I am out for football and I will be glad to get back and see all of my friends and the new freshmen girls."

Dwain Beards, 2419 E. Gordon, Walteria eighth grader.

"I am glad school is starting. I miss the parties and dances during the summer. I think going to school is fun, especially high school."

SCHOOLS OPEN FOR 23,500



GOSH, ALREADY? . . . Yes, Gordon and Jim, it's that time again and classes will start in all Torrance public schools this morning. Gordon Hinkshaw, 13, 2467 W. Carson; and James Henry, 13, 2151 Sonoma; will be in the eighth grade at Greenwood school. Boys look rather downhearted, but busy school activities will soon dim the memories of playgrounds and swimming pools. (Herald Photo)

Vacation Ends for Students

There is really only one story in Torrance this morning. In hundreds and hundreds of homes throughout the city, the same story is being repeated — it's the first day of school.

Today all the little kiddies — bless their little hearts — that have been running mother ragged during the last few weeks of summer are now clad in school togs, stiff-soled new shoes, bright socks, and are heading off toward one of the city's twenty-plus elementary or high schools to begin the fall term.

Altogether, school officials have estimated that about 23,500 students will be checking into the city's schools during the next few days — not all of them get there on the first day.

TEACHERS WILL BE busy sorting out the new faces — and some of the students will be busy sorting out the new teachers, for there are nearly 200 of them that are beginning their first teaching days in the district today.

Not all of the "bugs" have been ironed out of the system during the summer months.

FOR EXAMPLE, the district announced this week that kindergarten students in the new Jefferson attendance area will attend classes at Cable Mayor School temporarily, and that students in Grades 1 through 8 will attend Meadow Park. The new Jefferson School at 21717 Tallman St., is expected to be ready by Nov. 1.

With 20 school opening days for the fall semester, double sessions will not be as heavy this year, officials say. Last year 3346 students started the fall term on double sessions and only 4330 are scheduled for the doubles this fall. Opening of four new schools during the past year has aided the situation.

NO MAJOR CHANGES in curriculum have been planned for the fall term opening today, but the "Little Red Schoolhouse" plan in operation for the past three years at Walteria will be added at Seaside, Seyle and Wood Schools.

Under the plan, children from the 1000 to 1500 age range are placed in one classroom. Cable Mayor Elementary School will be the only new school open today, although Jefferson will open in November and Hamilton, York and Mariner are scheduled to open early in 1953.

Columbia School for mentally retarded students also is scheduled to open early next year.



END OF CHASE . . . Bystanders check demolished vehicle which crashed into three poles on Hawthorne Blvd. near Pacific Coast Hwy. early Sunday. Police said the driver, Ronald B. Gibb, of Compton, had eluded officers in a pursuit a few minutes earlier on Torrance Blvd. near Hawthorne. The driver had to be pried from the wreckage, and was hospitalized with critical head injuries.

Speeder Fleeing Police Hits Signal Pole, Demolishes Car

A motorist who police officers said had eluded them minutes earlier ended the chase dramatically at Hawthorne Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy. early Sunday when he crashed into a series of power and signal poles along the roadway.

Described as suffering critical head injuries was 24-year-old Ronald B. Gibb of Compton who was taken to Harbor General Hospital after being pried from the demolished car he was driving.

It took police, firemen and bystanders nearly 30 minutes to free the pinned driver, police reported.

In other accidents during the week-end, three Long Beach residents were injured seriously when their car struck a chain stretched across a roadway. The top of the car was sheared off by the impact.

THE CAR, driven by Joseph Kessler, 76, of Long Beach, turned off Crenshaw Blvd. onto a roadway leading to the Torrance Police Pistol Range and struck the chain put up by range officials.

Kessler and his two passengers, Ellen Cork, 48, and Little Douglas, 57, all of Long Beach, were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

IN A MONDAY crash, a Rolling Hills man was hurt when a car he was driving collided with another at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd.

William F. Lynn, 42, of Rolling Hills was treated at Harbor General Hospital after the collision. Police said the

accident occurred when brakes on an auto driven by Warner C. Atherton, 20, Redondo Beach Navy man, failed.

Assemblyman Thomas To Attend Conference

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas is scheduled to leave today for Boston, Mass., where he will attend the National Legislative Conference as one of four delegates from California.

The legislator has spent the last week in St. Mary's hospital in Long Beach resting and undergoing treatment for what was described as extreme exhaustion.

The conference in Boston is scheduled to be held from September 15-20 with representatives present from every state and from island commonwealths.

Downtown Stores Planning Madcap Midnight Sales Event

The Mad Merchants of Downtown Torrance are on the loose with the most fabulous, fabulous, premier ever to hit these parts. A "Life Begins at Midnight Sale" will take place during the winking hours the night the clocks turn back.

One hundred razz merchants headed by Del Nadeau are out to make history with a "Mad Midnight Sale" which will get under way at the stroke of twelve midnight Saturday, Sept. 27. The three-hour show will last until 2 a.m. Sunday as daylight swines take boxes out in the middle of the madcap festivity.

Purpose of the madcap show, according to Nadeau, is to introduce downtown Torrance to thousands of new Southern Californiaans.

throwing - of - the - switch ceremony by television personality Tom Duggan who will hold the close of his broadcast in a blaze of glory as he throws a remote control

switch from his Channel 13 TV show to set dozens of secretlights ablaze all over the Torrance Business district.

From then on, it will be three hours of sheer madness as 100 merchants open their doors with giveaway values so fantastic that you will have to see them to believe them . . . and even then you'll think you're dreaming.

Winning tickets for the trip to Mexico and a trip to Las Vegas were announced this week by

holders of the Torrance Zone Show at the Civic Auditorium. Winning numbers were:

Mexico—600224
Las Vegas—030191
Winners were selected from tickets deposited during the run of the home show. Entrants were permitted to deposit tickets without attending the home show event.

TRIGGERING THE night more activities will be a

Marine Officers To Meet With College Men

College men interested in the Marine Corps officers are invited to meet with the Marine Corps' first selection team which will visit the area recruiting station in the main post office building today from 9 a.m. to noon.

Persons entering or returning to college this fall who desire interviews are asked to report to room one of the post office building, located at 1137 Marcelina St.

Whee-e-e Torrance Is Now a Big City

Run up the flag, dad, for the cherished 50,000 class. Torrance is now a big city. It only proves one thing — At least, the U.S. Bureau of Census is a

at Census, part of the population behind about five dozens Department of census reports. The city's official population, as just announced, has crossed the 50,000 mark.

It is now a city in the 50,000 population class, although California cities. In a special report on California cities, the Bureau of Census predicted that the population of Torrance will be somewhere between 105,000