

# Where to Go... What to Do...

## Recreation Facilities Must Be Given Priority in City Planning

Recreation facilities and trained personnel to operate them must be given a priority position in current planning for the development of Torrance, George Kurtz, candidate for city council, told a West Torrance audience Tuesday night.

Kurtz told the homeowners that the city's mushrooming postwar growth has made present facilities obsolete and previous planning "totally inadequate."

THE TORRANCE attorney, making his first bid for political office, said that strong recreation programs "deserve a full share of attention as important parts of community life, not to be treated as civic self-indulgences that make good campaign copy, but are put back in the same old dusty pigeonhole between elections."

He said that reservation of property for recreation facilities is the first step in development of a strong city program. In zoning decisions, existing

city machinery for setting aside property for recreation should be employed more strongly than has been the case in recent years, he said.

KURTZ AGAIN pointed out that one-third of the city's population is under 18 years of age.

"In Torrance, we're not talking about recreation facilities for the 'citizens of tomorrow.' The fact is, our youth is our most dominant age group today," he said.

He quoted a Torrance park and recreation official as saying "with our present facilities, if all Torrance residents went to our parks on a given day, we'd have 1000 persons trying to stand on each acre presently set aside for recreation."

PARKS AND recreation development, Kurtz said, should be an integral part of a master plan for Torrance development which has been the major plank in his election campaign.

"It is impossible to separate recreation from the other major concerns of city development, such as the school system, zoning, a modern library facility, and police and fire protection. Each of these areas of city responsibility inevitably must include provision for recreation programs," he said.

"PROPERLY administered and supervised, a city recreation complex can serve as a workshop for good citizenship and fair play for our junior citizens," Kurtz stated.

Kurtz said he favors the present cooperative plan between the school system and the parks and recreation department which attempts to provide recreation facilities throughout the year, but said a larger budget for making this program work should be considered.



NEW TORRANCE BRANCH SITE . . . Betty Baker, Miss Torrance of 1960, inspects construction progress at Security First National Bank's downtown Torrance branch site. Escorts for the tour, which also included a look at

Security's new 190th & Anza location, are J. H. Paget, Torrance Chamber of Commerce president; and Harry S. Melly, Security's area supervisor. Both new branch locations are set for Fall openings.

## Security First National Starts Construction on Local Branches

Security First National Bank this week started construction on two new branches for Torrance.

The branches, located at 190th and Anza and in downtown Torrance, are expected to be open by October of this year.

In downtown Torrance, Security plans a contemporary structure designed by Adrian Wilson and Associates of Los Angeles. The exterior will have large glass view panels, face brick and ornamental steel pilasters.

The branch will also have a walk-up customer service counter in the rear.

Large planting areas, glass panels and protective canopies will highlight the exterior of

Security's 190th and Anza branch. Of bold contemporary design by Killingsworth, Brady & Smith, the bank will also feature recessed lighting, air conditioning, acoustical tile ceilings and an employees' lounge.

Both branches will offer customers complete banking accommodations, including safe deposits, escrow, savings and loans. Ample customer parking will also be available.

Ray V. Anderson of Venice is the builder for downtown Torrance, and Jackson Brothers of Los Angeles has been contracted for the 190th and Anza job.

## Disneyland Greets Spring

An open every day schedule and a wide variety of special entertainment will highlight the Spring holidays beginning Saturday at Disneyland.

The school vacation period will find Disneyland open daily, including Mondays and Tuesdays, from April 9 through April 24. The Anaheim wonderland will operate on a 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. schedule April 9 through Easter Sunday. During the following week, April 18-24, the Park will be open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Disneyland visitors will see and hear special entertainment

daily during the first nine days of the Spring holiday period (April 9-17). Featured attractions will be costumed Disney characters meeting youngsters throughout the Park; mountain climbers scaling the slopes of Matterhorn Mountain; the Gonzales Trio present songs of Old Mexico in Frontierland; and such Disneyland entertainment mainstays as the Plains Indians and concerts by the Disneyland Band.

Final arrangements are now being completed for the annual old-fashioned Easter Promenade, which will highlight Easter Sunday activities at Disneyland.

## S. S. Catalina To Resume Runs Late This Month

The S.S. Catalina, the happy ship which carried a generation of honeymooners and vacationists to fabled Avalon, is coming back to ply the blue waters between Wilmington and Catalina Island.

The great white vessel, shipshape and sparkling from a nautical face-lift, makes her maiden voyage of the 1960 season April 30 with a carefree cargo of fun-seekers bound for the island's exotic Buccaneer Ball.

A LONG BEACH syndicate headed by Charles Stilwell, theater and resort executive, has chartered the famous island ship from P. K. Wrigley, the chewing gum king whose father "invented" Catalina Island, and made it the storied playground of the Pacific.

The S.S. Catalina will make daily round trips to the Avalon Bay recreationland, from May through September. The gleaming ship will sail at 9:45 a.m. from her slip at the foot of Avalon Blvd., in Wilmington, and will dock at Catalina at noon. The return trip sails at 4 p.m., arriving in Wilmington at 6 p.m.

CATALINA'S SEA, sand and sun recreation season opens officially with the Buccaneer Ball to be staged April 29-30-31, and repeated May 6-7-8. More than 10,000 thronged the island for the Buccaneer blow-out last year, and the event attracted national attention.

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