

10 Million in Bldg: New Record Seen

INDUSTRY BOOM HITS

Building Permits Rocket

Nearly ten-and-a-half million dollars worth of building permits were issued in this city during the first half of this year, according to records of the city building department, adding support to predictions of a record year.

Permits issued during the month of June totalled \$1,351,114, boosting this year's figure to \$10,403,513.

Most of the June figure was accounted for by a \$635,000 administration building being constructed by the General Petroleum Corp. at their refinery here. Other large issues included a total of 30 tract homes and a \$12,000 Lutheran Church in the Hollywood Riviera district.

The first half of last year was \$7,835,603 and June of 1951 was \$2,612,310.

New Record Seen
Tract maps for the construction of several hundred homes are on file with the city planning commission for probable development before the end of the year and topping of the \$16,000,000 record set in 1950 is foreseen.

Amounts Told
Various permit classification totals this month were: 31 fences, \$7,000; 35 garages, \$26,425; 52 homes, \$520,990; 6 multiple dwellings, \$71,280; 3 non-residences, \$661,200; 21 residential additions, \$25,050; 5 non-residence additions, \$9,900; 3 signs, \$580; gas pump, \$3,000; gas tank, \$1,050; dust collection tank, \$10,000; and swim pool, \$3,700.

Saga of a Gal Named Clare

There was an old gal named Clare
Who wanted to buy a used chair
She saw a Press ad
And boy! Was she glad
She found a real bargain there,
And you can have the same wonderful results as the gal named Clare, if you look in the Torrance Press Classified section for furniture, appliances, services, help, automobiles, or almost anything else you need.

Read the classifieds for what you want to buy; Use the classifieds for what you want to sell.
Call TORRANCE 1185 or 1186 and a courteous classified girl will assist you in writing a classified ad that will really get results.

Don Manashaw Leaves Adult School Post

The resignation of Don Manashaw, for three years director of the Torrance Unified School District Adult Education Program, was this week accepted by the Board of Education.

Manashaw resigns his post here to accept a position as information specialist for Lt. Gen. Robert W. Harper, head of the nation's Air Force Training Commands. Beginning July 16th, his center of operations will be Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.



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TWO NEW PLANTS SLATED

Hint Dow Expansion, Large Factory Center

Two more large industrial developments may be begun here this year, it was learned this week. Construction of a new multi-million dollar industrial plant for the Dow Chemical Co. was expected to get under way in the near future following the announcement this week by the National Production Authority that a material allotment amounting to \$1,828,000 had been granted the firm.

Site of the new plant will be on Crenshaw Blvd, north of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., informed sources have indicated. The company has held the site for some time.

Earlier reports of the proposed construction indicated that the company had been holding off on plans until patents for several new manufacturing processes involved had been cleared. Nature of the manufacturing to be carried on at the new plant has not been revealed.

Officials of the Dow Chemical Co. at 220th and Vermont Ave. declined to comment on the new development saying any announcement of the move must come from the San Francisco office of R. L. Curtis, general manager of the company.

Another large industrial plant is expected to begin soon, as purchase of a large tract of land near 220th and Western Ave. went into escrow this week.

Unconfirmed reports indicate that about 25 separate buildings for light manufacturing will be erected within a year on the site. A Beverly Hills syndicate is reportedly the purchaser of the property, and intends to lease the factory buildings, which will have about 20,000 sq. ft. each to small manufacturers.

New Phone Prefix to Be Fairfax

Fairfax will be the new prefix name for Torrance telephones when they are placed into dial operation next summer, according to an announcement made today by Manager A. B. Smith of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

He said that the company also is making plans to change the numbers of all Torrance telephones from four digits or less to seven digits and eliminate suffix letters following the numbers in line with a uniform numbering plan for dial telephones in Southern California.

Selection of FAirfax as the new prefix name for Torrance telephones resulted, Smith said, from extensive tests made by telephone company engineers of names which might be suitable phonetically.

The engineers found that FAirfax is a name which falls within the limits of the numerical code available for use with the new dial switching equipment which will be installed in the recently completed \$250,000 central office building at 1307 Cravens avenue and is a name which may be pronounced distinctly and be easily understood.

There now are 6,000 telephones in the Torrance exchange, an increase of nearly 300 in the past year and more than 3,000 or 100 per cent since the end of World War II.

"Selection of FAirfax as the new telephone prefix for Torrance telephones," Smith said, "advances your telephone company another step forward in its dial conversion program here."

Hopalong Harvey Gets His Cow

It seems that you have to be mighty versatile to be a Torrance police officer. At least, that's what Patrolman Harvey Turrentine thinks.

Last week the officer was called upon to pinch-hit for Hopalong Cassidy when Mrs. Rita Bethrum of 22506 Ocean Avenue called and stated that there was a cow on her lawn and she couldn't get the danged critter to leave.

Turrentine rushed to aid fair lady in distress, and in the best tradition of a television cowboy, led the strayed cow back to her pen at 4024 Sepulveda Blvd., and locked her up.

'Able Mable' Earns Award for Club



PROJECT AWARD—Newly-elected Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce President Marvin Goettsch accepts the 12th District Jaycee award for the outstanding project of the year, District State Vice-President Floyd Carr (center) and Dick Fitzgerald (right) smile approval of choice of "Able Mable Membership Campaign" as outstanding project. The campaign, staged last fall under the chairmanship of Sam Van Wagner, doubled membership in the local club. Presentation of district awards was made at the installation dinner last Thursday.

Council to Hear GP's Reply to Tax Queries

Torrance City Councilmen will hear General Petroleum's reply to questions raised last week regarding the tax assessment on the oil company's Torrance refinery.

In a statement released this week, P. S. Magruder, executive vice president of the firm, said "There is no mystery about our taxes or the assessments on our property. Though the City Council of Torrance hasn't asked us for information, we are requesting a few minutes' time at their next public meeting to discuss this situation."

Both taxes and assessments are a matter of public record, Magruder indicated, and are available for examination by any citizen at any time in the offices of the Los Angeles County Assessor. "The assessor determines the assessments according to a formula which applies identically to every citizen's property," he stated.

The Council unanimously supported Councilman Nick Draie in his plea for an investigation of why General Petroleum's county tax assessment has dropped over a million dollars in the past two years, when the company has expanded their holding by about two million dollars.

Commenting on the action of the City Council, Magruder said: "We think it is a good thing for public officials to ask questions about taxing methods and we are always available to give full facts about the taxes we pay."

MAN FOUND DAZED

John Long, 42, of Lawndale, was found wandering along Redondo Beach Blvd. near Prairie Ave. Thursday night after he had apparently been the victim of a severe beating.

Shell Vote Bans Union

Employees of the Shell Chemical Co. here in Torrance have voted 17 to 3 against being unionized by the AFL Boilermakers Union, a National Labor Relations Board report showed this week.

Twenty-four employees, including boiler-makers, welders, sheet metal workers, riggers and their helpers were eligible to vote in the election held June 25, by order of the NLRB, according to officials of the chemical company.

Ed Brown, Grover Whyte, Herald Publishers, Split; Brown Sues



GROVER C. WHYTE ... ends partnership

Suit Names Baldwin, Carley, Defendants; Asks Share of Assets

Suit for dissolution of partnership between Edwin B. Brown and Grover C. Whyte, co-operators of the Torrance Herald, was filed last Friday in Long Beach Superior Court by Attorney Samuel V. Cornell.

In his complaint Brown charges that on January 1, 1947, he and Whyte formed a partnership to publish the Herald, but that on June 21, 1952, Whyte terminated that association by telling Brown they were "through" and taking exclusive possession of all assets. In addition to Whyte, defendants listed were Jack O. Baldwin and Clay B. Carley. The complaint charges that Brown believes Baldwin and Carley have



EDWIN B. BROWN ... files suit

Huge Harvey Plant Valued At Millions

Construction, valued high in the millions, was begun this week on a mammoth aluminum extrusion and forging plant by the Harvey Machine Co.

To be owned by the federal government, but built and operated on a cost-plus basis by Harvey and several other large manufacturers of raw industrial materials, the gigantic factory will be located at the corner of 190th St. and Western Ave., across from the existing Harvey facility.

The tract of land, said to be between 40 and 50 acres, is in escrow now, according to a representative of the Dominguez Land Company, from whom Harvey is purchasing the property. Unofficial, but authoritative reports, set the purchase price at \$16,500 per acre. A Harvey spokesman said that the two buildings to be erected will be over ten stories high, and will cover ten acres of ground, having a total floor area of over 400,000 square feet.

The plant will probably be in operation early next spring, according to the Harvey spokesman. No prediction could be made as to the effect on the local employment situation, but it is rumored that a considerable number of local workers will be employed in building and operating the industrial center.

Two giant aluminum extrusion presses of 8,000 tons and 20,000 tons, and two forging presses of 25,000 tons and 35,000 tons, will be installed in the facilities. These presses will rank with the largest now in existence, and will equal those said to exist in Russia. They will enable us to mass produce super-sonic planes of the calibre of the Russian MIG, a company official disclosed. The presses are five times greater than those in the United States during World War II.

Two departments, employing 600 men, are currently engaged in producing the fuselage assemblies for Navy Sky Raider Bombers. Full production of this plane, called the "Korean Work Horse" has been undergone for three years at the Douglas El Segundo plant.

Although company officials could not reveal the total number of men to be employed at the local installation, it has been authoritatively rumored that the plant may eventually reach half the proportions of the El Segundo installation, which currently employs 12,000 persons.

District Altered

Vermont Avenue Sewer District—originally from 223rd to Ocean—will be enlarged to take in the area from 220th Street as far as Ocean, Supervisor Raymond V. Darby announced Tuesday.

Legion Names New Officers

Harry Green was elected commander of the Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post in elections held here Tuesday night. Green received the unanimous support of the club. He ran unopposed.

C. J. "Paddy" Ryan was named to serve a fourth term as chaplain of the Post.

Other new officers include Gordon Arnold, first vice-commander; Ken Cunningham, second vice-commander; Vern Babcock, finance officer; Vern Coll, service officer; and Whyte Laskaris, sergeant at arms.

Downtown Stores Open Tonight 'til 9