

# POPULATION 67,394

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### 22,480 Increase Since '53

Torrance, like Topsy, just grew and grew and grew again.

There are now 67,394 individuals living in Torrance. This was revealed at Tuesday night's council meeting when the preliminary count of the third special census which was just completed was made public.

The last special census was held in November, 1953, at which time 44,914 Torrance residents were counted. Within two years, then, the Torrance population has increased by 22,480.

#### 1000 A Month

More residents have moved to Torrance during this two-year period of time than were living in Torrance in 1950. At that time the population figure was 22,480.

"We have been growing at the rate of about 1000 new residents a month," City Manager George Stevens declared Tuesday evening. "One year from tonight our population should hit the 80,000 mark."

Cost of the special census will amount to about \$9500, Stevens indicated. However, the city will receive additional state funds in return, amounting to about \$100,000 for this fiscal year, and about \$150,000 thereafter.

#### Good Bargain

Broken down per individual this means that the census cost about six cents for each new resident, in return for which the city will receive about \$7 for every new resident.

Most of this money comes from gasoline and personal property taxes collected by the state.

The official census figure will be submitted from Washington, D. C., in about three weeks. (Turn To Page 7)

### Annual 'Good Neighbor' Sought Here

The YMCA will again present a Good Neighbor Award at their annual breakfast, Saturday October 15, at the Civic Auditorium. The selection is made from names submitted to the Y by citizens of the community.

The YMCA invites community participation in this event. If you have a person you would like to submit for the Good Neighbor award, the name may be sent to the Torrance YMCA, 2080 Washington avenue, Torrance, California, with an accompanying letter of recommendation.

### Results Call For Repeat Performance

Mrs. G. Finzel of 2658 Pacific Coast highway was so happy with her results when she advertised in the Torrance Press classified section that she literally came back for more this week.

Mrs. Finzel had placed the following ad in last week's issue:

BASSINETTE—Complete. Car bed, table lamp and miscellaneous items. DA. 6-2509.

She had 15 calls and by 2 p.m. she had sold all the items. "We had such good luck and we were so pleased that we placed another ad in this week's issue to sell our furniture and household goods, having decided to go back East," Mrs. Finzel said.

It's so simple and inexpensive to place a classified ad in the Torrance Press. Simply call FA. 8-2345 and a friendly classified salesgirl will help you word your ad just right.

### Skakel, Wife Die in Crash

George Skakel, Sr., chairman of the Great Lakes Carbon corp., together with his wife, was reportedly killed when a twin-engine private plane in which they were riding crashed in flames three miles north of Union City, Oklahoma Monday night.

The plane was bound for Los Angeles.

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### LIFE SAVER



HAPPY TO BE ABLE to replace the last of three pints of blood which the Red Cross made available to her and her baby two years ago when the baby was born is Mrs. Jack Smith of 815 Kornblum, Torrance. The little girl, Pat, weighed 2 lbs., 5 oz. at birth. Local residents

are urged to contribute blood Monday, October 10, from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the civic auditorium, corner Cravens and El Prado, when the Red Cross bloodmobile will be here, according to Mrs. Gordon Jones, (r), blood bank chairman.—Press Photo.

### Local Building Activity Exceeds \$31 Million

Torrance's building activity was riding to an all-time high with this year's total through September hitting \$37,236,868 as compared with last year's \$31,330,840 for the same period.

The total for the month of September this year reached \$4,481,637 as compared with last year's September total of \$3,681,858.

The Milton Kauffman tract between Sepulveda and Torrance blvds. west of Hawthorne ave. contributed the largest number of permits last month. Valuation of the 180 homes for which permits were taken out is \$1,772,200.

Watt Construction co. took out permits for 60 houses to be located near 170th st. and Arlington valued at \$618,000.

Other permits include the new city hall, \$363,500; new police station, \$185,210; and the Sepulveda school, \$344,000.

### Pacific Hills Group To Meet

Pacific Hills Homeowners association will hold its first general meeting Monday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the WALTERIA school.

Main topic of discussion will be the proposed dump in the old dicalite site.

### 10 Attend Industrial Conference

Members of the industrial committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce attended the Southern California Industrial Development Conference at the Ambassador hotel Tuesday.

Those attending were Chairman Henry Creeger, Paul Lorange, Dean Sears, King Williams, Tom Watson, Arthur O. Otsea, C. C. Morgan, Reed Parkin, and two industrial realtors, Bob Haggard and Bob Tolson.

The conference was sponsored by the Los Angeles Chamber and other chambers of commerce in Southern California, including Torrance.

### Chuckle with Maude Miller

For a few good laughs and tid bits about local goings-on as well as some red-hot fashion tips from Sam Levy's department store, read Maude Miller whose column, "Here at Home," may be found on page 2, column 1 this week and every week.

### Area Survey To Determine Need For Catholic Hospital

A citizens association has been formed to conduct an area survey to determine the need for a new hospital, it was announced today by Dr. George J. Murphy and E. J. Champion, who were voted co-chairmen of the Harbor and South Bay Hospital association.

Composed of civil leaders from Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, the entire Palos Verdes peninsula, Torrance, Wilmington, and San Pedro, the association proposes a hospital that will operate on a non-profit basis by a Catholic nursing order.

The medical facility, which will serve a population of 242,000, will be a community hospital. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, director of Health and Hospitals for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, is serving as special consultant for the group.

Members of the Harbor and South Bay Hospital association, besides Murphy and Champion, are Byrum Johnson, Wilmington doctor; F. S. Haynes, Redondo Beach publisher; Aubrey Horne, Palos Verdes engineer and architect; Drs. George M. Kiebler and Robert F. Nielsen, of Redondo Beach; Dr. Joseph Nebolen, Walteria; and Doctors Louis T. Moore, Edward L. Pennington, E. M. Broen, A. J. C. Doran—all from San Pedro. Miss Nancy Yewell, Palos Verdes newspaperwoman, was elected secretary. Other members of the association from business and industry will be announced.

The State Highway Division has conducted a survey of the intersection, which information has been submitted to Sacramento for recommendation.

The Torrance council also asked for a reduction of the speed limit and posting of the area. The motions were introduced by Councilman Nick Draie.

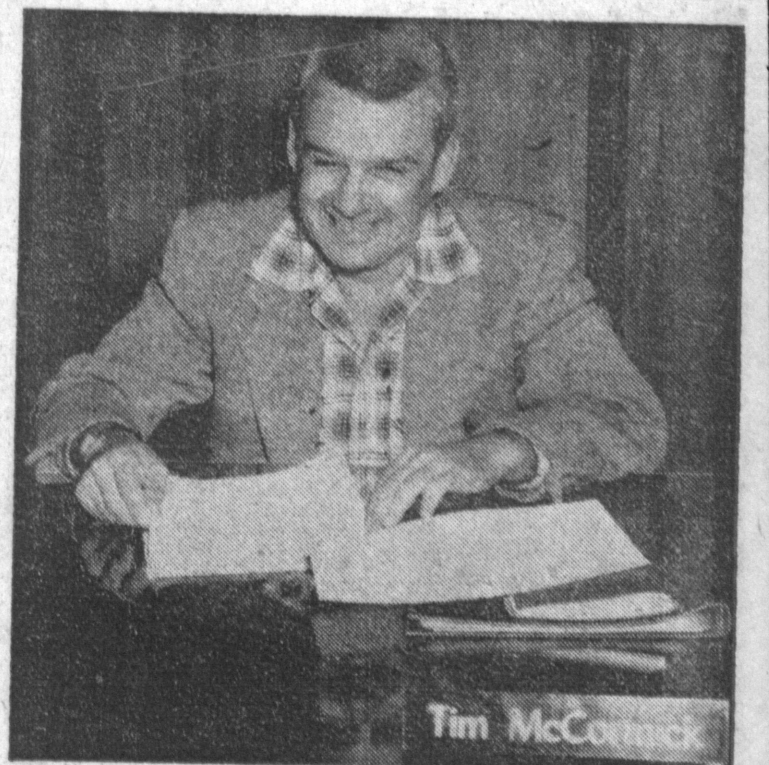
### Old Age Attitude Denounced Stevens to Receive Assistant

Councilman Victor Benstead took a blast at the Civil Service Board Tuesday night in regard to an attitude expressed by members of the board concerning aging city employees.

Quoting from the board's minutes, Benstead pointed out that it was mentioned that individuals, even if they have worked for the city for a long time, should be retired or discharged if they are disabled or unable to carry out their jobs any longer.

"Those who work for the city for 18 years shouldn't be thrown into the alley like an old shoe that is run down at the heel," Benstead exclaimed.

He asked for a policy which would offer security to individuals caught in such a predicament. "The Civil Service board shouldn't make such statements," he said firmly.



Tim McCormick

FULL-TIME . . . Tim McCormick was unanimously elected as the first full-time secretary-manager of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce at a general membership meeting of the Chamber last Thursday. Also approved were permanent quarters for Lomita's Chamber at 2213 Lomita blvd. (the old post office building).—Press Photo.

### Schedule for Polio Vaccinations Told

Polio vaccine will be available to complete the immunization program begun before summer vacation, it was announced this week by health department officials.

The program in Torrance schools will resume November 1 and continue through December 7.

The new program will be undertaken, and only those children who are eligible for their second shots and still have their parental consent, will receive the inoculations.

It was pointed out by health officials that the vaccine is now also available in offices of private physicians.

Children at two schools, Riviera and Seaside, had already received their second shots before the program was temporarily halted.

However, provision will be made to take care of children who have since moved to Seaside and Riviera schools and who would be eligible for the second shot.

Likewise, children who have moved into the district from other districts and are eligible for their second shot will be inoculated if parental consent is granted.

The shots will be given as follows according to the proposed schedule:

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### Car Club Prexy 'Good Samaritan'

Frequently teenagers are in the news because they get into trouble. But something happened this week which only went to prove again that the vast majority of teenagers are growing up to be a credit to their community.

While driving to work from Compton Monday, Mrs. Cordie Tension, who works for LeRoy's Cleaners, had a flat tire.

She didn't have a spare and was unable to obtain help until Johnny Zamrta of 2626 Cabrillo happened along. The youth removed the tire, took it to a service station, had it fixed and then replaced it for Mrs. Tension.

When she offered him some money out of gratitude for his services, Zamrta politely declined, handing her a card which stated:

"This courtesy has been extended to you by the Prowlers Car Club of Torrance." Zamrta is president of the association sponsored by the Torrance police department.

### Resident To Resist Citation

Planning to plead innocent Friday, October 7, to three counts of violating the Motor Vehicle Code is Joseph Cappuccio of 1615 1/2 Cabrillo who was given a citation Tuesday, September 20.

He was cited for violating the speed law, driving over a double white line, and driving with an invalid license.

Cappuccio was cited at Arlington and 237th st. where a three-lane highway was recently changed to a two-lane highway. The original white lines, Cappuccio stated, had not yet been removed, causing confusion to motorists using Arlington.

### Lomita Kiwanians Slate Election

Members of the Lomita Kiwanis club will elect officers for 1956 at a dinner meeting to be held October 11 in the Kiwanis Scout hall on Narbonne, according to President E. E. Meyer.

Leonard Loy is the only nominee for president to be submitted by the club's committee. Tim McCormick Don Bowker, and H. P. Osborne Pr., were nominated for the vice presidency.

Suggested for the board of directors were Ben Kincannon, John Stanton, Hank Goethals, Lloyd Orr, Tom Hincley, Arlen Charter, Phil Osborne, Sr., Joe Nebolen, Joe Bader and Werner Benson.

Further nominations from the floor will be accepted at the election to be held in the Kiwanis Scout Hall on Narbonne ave., Meyer said.



PARKING in downtown Torrance will be greatly facilitated from now on with the new directional signs pointing to off-street parking lots. The signs are posted within 1 1/2 blocks off the lots. They are a Chamber of Commerce project in cooperation with the city.—Press Photo.



### YOUR NATIONAL GUARD IN ACTION!

EVERYBODY LOVES A PARADE . . . Torrance residents will be treated to the most spectacular parade ever held in the city of Torrance Saturday when Na-

tional Guard units and civilian units will parade through downtown Torrance in honor of National Guard Day and the dedication of Torrance's new armory.

# See National Guard Parade Saturday Noon

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