

\$8,750,000 STORM DRAIN PLAN TO BE STUDIED HERE

The Largest Circulating Newspaper between Los Angeles and Long Beach



TORRANCE PRESS

1406 CRAVENS AVE. — FA. 8-2345

10¢
Per Copy

VOL. IX

1 ■ 2 ■

119

Monday, September 16, 1957

No. 25

Council To Get Plan

The City Council of Torrance will get a \$8,750,000 plan designed to rid the city of sumps, tomorrow night. And, according to John Patrick, city engineering assistant, the plan would include the draining of the Walteria Lake area.

The plan, according to Patrick, calls for 14 projects that would carry excess water from areas of the city subject to seasonal flooding.

The largest of the plans is the Walteria draining plan, which proposes to tunnel through a ridge to carry the waters of the inundated area to the ocean during the seasonal floods. The approximate cost of this project alone would be about \$4,000,000.

A request from the League of California Cities for a plan was made for possible presentation to the Board of Supervisors with an eye to proposing a bond issue for county wide flood improvement, Patrick said.

The county bond issue approved in 1952 provided about \$1,500,000 worth of drainage systems. This was less than half the amount requested by the city then.

The drainage system, if put into effect in the Walteria Lake region, would aid in the development of the area.

\$20.00 Worth of 'Cabbage' Stolen Here

Police reported that while a local citizen was picking tomatoes in his back yard a thief was picking "cabbage" from his wallet. \$20 worth of "cabbage." Tocado Marcellino reported the theft yesterday and said he returned from his produce-picking to find that the "cabbage" had been taken by an intruder. Marcellino lives at 2580 W. 235th Street.

WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

A 34-year-old woman was in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital last night, following an alleged attempted suicide. Mrs. Jean Sorenson, 3601 W. 181st st., was found unconscious Friday afternoon at 3:30. It was not immediately known whether or not sleeping tablets or poison was taken by the victim, according to police.

Action Expected For Next City Council Meet

A heavy turnout is expected at the City Council Meeting tomorrow night as the result of last Tuesday's stormy session between Mayor Pro Tem Robert Jahn and Councilman Willys Blount. And just what will develop is anybody's guess.

Councilman Blount, during discussion over the airport fuel dispensing problem, hurled charges that the "Official Family" was guilty of conflicting interests when important airport issues are at stake. He repeatedly said that he would prove the conflicting interests motives, "sometime in the future."

Observers at the Council meetings have indicated that Blount has made these charges and suggestions in the past. But, has yet to prove them.

Blount has said that the charges are not leveled at Jahn specifically, although it was apparent to most observers that Jahn was the target of Blount's attack.

The Mayor Pro Tem said that his interests "are with the City only." He added, "if Councilman Blount has something to show 'conflicting interests' on my part, then he better prove it."

Jahn told the Press that what appears to be a personality clash between the two officials can very well mar the Airport Bond issue in the eyes of the public. "The sort of thing Blount is doing is creating a dark cloud over the whole airport issue. Moreso since we all want it to pass."

The charges originally occurred (Continued on page 2)

CIVIL DEFENSE WEEK HERE IS SEPT. 18 to 24

The Civil Defense Administration of the City of Torrance announced today that the week of September 18th through 24th is Civil Defense Week.

During this time the Administration said that residents of Torrance should avail themselves of Civil Defense information. And this year, the latest information is available in a self explanatory brochure from the National Guard.

The guard, it was learned, is conducting educational programs in Civil Defense for all organizations. They will accept appointments for these programs. Anyone interested should call Captain Horlander at the Guard Armory for further information.

The county Disaster-Civil Defense Authority says the threat of enemy nuclear attack is as much with us today as it was a year ago, and the necessity for individual knowledge of self help practices which might save lives is obvious.

California legislation became effective September 11, 1957, providing authority for county boards of supervisors and city councils to designate alternates to serve should these officials be incapacitated or unavailable as a result of a disaster. This move was taken in the interest of assuring a continuity of governmental functions.

The need for governmental ability — governments on all levels — to survive and operate effectively under extreme emergency conditions is of paramount importance, the Defense Authority said, and man-made disasters and natural disasters are fundamentally alike. Basically, they can best be met by strengthening the organizations now in operation. This means that there is an urgent need for the individual citizen to support the Civil Defense program of (Continued on page 2)

Armstrong Installed As New Municipal Judge In Ceremonies Here

Torrance Attorney Donald Armstrong, 58, moves from Bar to Bench officially today when installation ceremonies will make him don the robes of Judge of the Municipal court.

The ceremonies will take place at the Council Chambers of the Torrance City Hall at 12 noon.

Los Angeles County Supervisors Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn will be in attendance with other civic notables for the occasion.

Chamber of Commerce President A. E. Thompson in issuing invitations to other civic leaders and other Chamber officials in the South Bay area, said, "Armstrong has long been a dedicated community servant and has been a tremendous force in the growth and prosperity of the entire South Bay Area. It is indeed fortunate," added Thompson, "to have a man of his stature elevated to the bench alongside of our other two excellent South Bay Municipal Judges."

This was revealed today by the California Department of Water Resources when it released its second annual report on water-master service to the West Coast Basin area.

Ground water extractions for the past year totalled 53,857 acre-feet, approximately the same as the previous year. The report also showed that overall water use in the area during the past year amounted to 185,519 acre-feet, or an increase of about 11 per cent over 1955-56.

A rise in ground water levels (Continued on page 2)

Torrance Day Tomorrow at County Fair

Tomorrow is Torrance Day at the County Fair in Pomona, according to the Chamber of Commerce. And a number of events will be staged to honor the All-America City.

Mayor pro tem Robert Jahn will be present at the running of the sixth race at the Fair Grounds which will be known as the Torrance race. Present also will be Miss Torrance, Sharon Starns.

The Chamber of Commerce says that anyone who wishes to attend the fair for Torrance Day should contact the Chamber of Commerce office. Bus reservations are still available. The bus will leave Torrance at 9 a.m. and return at 6 p.m.



DRIVE SAFELY!

Halldale PTA is going all out to cooperate in the safety campaign underway in all Los Angeles County schools. Mrs. W. L. Harvey, parliamentarian and life time member of PTA, holds cut-out used to paint crossing for children at the Halldale school with student Pamela Dye. Mrs. H. C. Clark, publicity chairman of Halldale PTA is holding the paint. Press photo.

HALLDALE IN SAFETY CAMPAIGN

In accordance with Mayor Norris Poulson's proclamation, Halldale ave. PTA is uniting with the school and sponsoring a "September Back to School Safety Month" campaign. Messdames Daniel Reyes, safety chairman; George Wilhelm, principal; and Frank Bowling Jr. president are working with the members of school and local PTA painting school zones, distributing bumper strips and posters.

10th District PTA has voted to co-sponsor a safety campaign in cooperation with the Los Angeles City school, greater Los Angeles Chapter of National Safety Council, The Automobile Club of Southern California, and 31st District CCPT All local units are participating.

Students Enroll-20,500

The first day of school started a few days ago but before it was over, the Torrance Unified School District counted 20,482 students in attendance. And just seven years ago, the total was only 4,000.

Dr. Warren Hamilton, Director of Special Services for the School District said that a continuing number of students will enroll during the coming week, bringing the total to 23,000 or more.

The double sessions which have been in effect in Torrance for the past seven years may be ending of the past Hamilton said. Completion of eight new schools and six classroom wings should make the sessions a thing of the past although the City now has 6284 students on (Continued on page 2)

RYAN READIES PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION AS CITY WELCOMES FIRM

Tomorrow morning at 7:30 The City of Torrance will officially welcome the Ryan Aeronautical Company into the fold of Industry and Commerce in this area. However, even as plans are being formulated for the welcome, it was learned that Ryan was completing further plans for additional construction near their present site.

Ryan, one of the nation's first aircraft companies, moved to Torrance recently and will produce the "Firebee," a pilotless jet plane. At the ceremonies tomorrow, Acting Mayor Robert Jahn will present the "Key" to the city to G. W. Rutherford, works manager of the new plant.

The new contemplated construction, it was learned, would add approximately 150,000 to 160,000 square feet of buildings to the west side of the present development.

Actually, the present Ryan plant represents only 20 per cent of what will eventually be constructed in the area. And, the final plans for the additional (Continued on page 2)

Burning Ban Deadline Set For October 1

On October 1, "Old Smokey," the backyard incinerator, will pass into the history of Los Angeles County as the burning ban deadline arrives, and the Air Pollution Control District begins immediate enforcement of the ban.

Thus residents of the unincorporated area not served by garbage disposal districts have just two more weeks in which to make arrangements for private collection of their combustible refuse. In order to prevent the accumulation of rubbish, it is necessary that these residents make arrangements with private collectors for service and payment therefor or haul it themselves to a lawful disposal facility.

The County Ordinance governing such collection by private contractors does not apply to residents of certain sections of unincorporated areas lying within garbage disposal districts. In these districts collection service for combustible rubbish as well as for garbage is already provided under a county contract, the costs of which are added to the property owner's tax bill.

Neither does the County collection Ordinance apply to householders living within any incorporated city.

The Board of Supervisors has placed the program under the watchful surveillance of the (Continued on Page 2)

City Fathers Ask Bonds To Be Passed

City officials present at an Elks Lodge meeting last week, said passage of park system and airport improvement bonds would be an aid to the city.

The officials honored included Acting Mayor Robert Jahn, Councilmen Willys Blount, Victor E. Benstead and Nickolas Drale along with City Manager George Stevens.

They said the adoption of \$4,000,000 worth of bonds would cost the average family only \$4.50 annually.

City 'That Knows How' Hosts 'All-American City' Officials

Sixteen city officials from Torrance will journey to San Francisco next week for a meeting of 59th Annual Conference of the League of California Cities. The conference will extend from September 22 to the 25th.

Key Issues "Where and how California's growing cities are going to get the future water supply needed for their ever increasing population, and how they will meet the challenge of growth inside and outside cities" will be two of the key subjects before the conference.

Ten new cities have been incorporated in 1957 in California, and 14 new cities were organized in 1956. Since 1950 a total of 40 new municipal incorporations have started functioning in California. A special discussion and instruction session for the officials of these new cities has been arranged for Sunday afternoon, September 22, preceding the regular business sessions beginning on Monday. Mayor Hoelis Peavey of Downey in Los Angeles County, with 90,000 people, the largest single community ever to incorporate, will be the presiding officer. F. Robert (Continued on page 2)



William P. Brotherton



CELEBRITIES OPEN NEW PEP BOYS STORE IN SOUTH BAY The new Pep Boys Auto Supply store in the South Bay area at 4549 Redondo Beach Blvd. was formally opened last week by civic officials, store executives and the motion picture and television actress Eugenia Paul who is seen wielding the huge shears to snip the grand opening ribbon. Left to right at the ceremony are Robert Strauss, company executive and son of president and founder H. L. "Moe" Strauss; Leo Fitzpatrick, store manager; Richard Newton, executive assistant to Supervisor Burton Chace; Miss Paul, featured in new Walt Disney "Zorro" TV series; Murray Rosenfeld, Pep Boys general manager; Wes Simmons, president of Lawndale Chamber of Commerce and Owen Thomas, vice-president of the chamber. The new store is Pep Boys 40th and launches a new multi-million dollar expansion program for the firm which first started in California in 1933. Special sale values celebrating the grand opening will be in effect through Saturday.

GOLD RUSH DAYS BEGIN TO-NIGHT