



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY is conducted by students of the Casimir Elementary School with the help of an Army color guard from Fort MacArthur. Sounding the colors were members of the school's drum and bugle corps, left to right: Edward Babic, 12,



of 17107 Haas ave.; Harvey Smith, 13, 2041 W. 162 st.; Wayne Johnson, 11, 16814 Ardath ave.; Richard Valentine, 14, 17014 Spinning ave.; Robert Graham, 13, 15904 Illinois ct.; Salvatore Jiminiz, 11, 17011 Illinois ct.; Allen Messimer, 11, 17026 Arling-



the Fort MacArthur color guard raises the colors as students stand at attention. In the right photo, students join in singing "America."—(Press photo story by Ken Swan.)



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## SOUTH HIGH GETS \$1,510,000 FEDERAL GRANT

### Political Sputnik Hovers Over City Airport

Torrance's Municipal Airport became a political sputnik last week when the City Council flared up over a proposal to assume management of the air terminal.

The issue over whether to end the present agreement with the Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc., and operate the airport entirely as a municipal enterprise brought charges of "political pressure" from Councilman Nick Draie.

Draie's charges sent the proposal advanced by City Manager George Stevens, Mayor Albert Isen, Airport Commissioner John Simpson and City Finance Officer Jerome Scharfman up into the air, to be pulled down at the November 19 council meeting.

The committee, appointed early in September to iron out the differences in management of the airport between the city and Collins-Dietrich, was not sending up a new issue. Two other members of the council, Robert Jahn and Willys Blount, attended a meeting in September which undertook a preliminary discussion of the long standing dispute between the city and Collins-Dietrich.

Draie, however, questioned the proposed agreement sharply and bitterly when Stevens presented the committee's recommendations. Stevens said Collins-Dietrich agreed to end its present contract with the city, and the city proposed to pay the company \$1,000 a month until the contract ran out, a period of about 18 months.

"What is the city to gain by paying this \$18,000?" Draie asked.

Stevens replied that the city would receive all the funds presently being earned at the airport and, even after paying operating expenses, would gain about \$2,000 more in 18 months than would be earned under the present arrangement. The city now is paid 15 per cent of the net by Collins-Dietrich.

"Most important," Stevens, added, "is that the city can make its own decisions about its own property instead of going to another party. The city can follow its master plan to develop the airport."

Draie interjected: "How much pressure was put on Dietrich to get him to agree to this?"

"I don't know about any pressure on anyone," Stevens told him. "Mr. Dietrich himself proposed this."

Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Jahn described the areas of dispute between the air service company and the city. Differences had arisen on the rentals of airport property for industrial uses, on the refusal of Collins-Dietrich to assume responsibility for the present lighting system at the airport, and refusal to cooperate with the city on its master plan and the installation of improvements along the Pacific Coast Highway side of the airport.

The council tabled its discussion until the November 19 meeting to give Stevens time to present a detailed financial report of present and estimated airport earnings.



CITY'S NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT is dedicated at ceremonies at Fire Department headquarters by City Manager George Stevens, Mayor Albert Isen, Paul Hamilton, sales representative for Mack Trucks, and Fire Chief J. J. Benner. The new engine costs \$35,500, and the rescue truck, in the background, \$11,500.

### Talks With L. A. On City Sport Site Start Nov. 20

A meeting of the members of the newly created Inter-City Sports Center Committee and officials of the Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Commission was scheduled for November 20 to discuss proposals to establish a sports area in Torrance.

The new committee, formed by Mayors Albert Isen of Torrance, and LeRoy L. Center of Redondo Beach, will also meet with park and recreation officials of seven neighboring cities at the same time.

Support for the center has already come in from Victor B. Robertson, chairman of the Planning and Parks Commission of Palos Verdes Estates. Robertson said the commission approved the selection of the site in Torrance.

The city, Robertson said, is "both generous and unselfish in providing for such facilities to be on tax free rolls and it is

another indication of the forward looking attitudes of Torrance city officials that should aid in keeping your community an 'All-America City'."

A week after the formation of the Inter-City Committee, Robert S. Cramer, chairman of the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission, was notified by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace of the scheduled meeting with the Los Angeles commission.

The Los Angeles Department of Parks is considering the selection of the 132-acre Torrance site for the construction of a South Bay sports area to consist of a gymnasium, athletic fields, picnic areas, swimming facilities and tennis courts.

The area is bounded by the Redondo Beach-Torrance city limits on the west; Henrietta st. on the east; Del Amo blvd. on the north and Torrance blvd. on the south.

### More Buildings To Be Erected

Two new additions to South High School were made possible this week with the granting of \$1,510,000 in federal funds to the Torrance Unified School District.

The federal grant-in-aid was advanced to the school district as part of the federal government's assistance to areas which have had a large population growth resulting from an influx of defense workers and military personnel.

Torrance school officials said the money would go toward two building programs that will add these structures to South High: a gymnasium, 12 additional classrooms in one wing, a parking area, a library, cafeteria, 32 classrooms in two wings of two stories containing physics and chemistry laboratories and equipment, a music building, and, perhaps, a football stadium.

The construction would proceed in two stages. The first stage will include the gymnasium, 12 classrooms and parking lot. The second stage will include the remainder. Additional funds will come from state sources and the sale of local bond issues already authorized by the voters.

The federal funds were authorized two months ago by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, but were handed down last week by the Treasury Department after the appropriation cleared Congressional and executive channels.

Plans for the new additions to South High school were already prepared even as the first set of buildings was being rushed to completion. Construction of the school, stymied by a strike for two months, is proceeding on a two and three shift basis, and the opening is set for the first two weeks in January.

At the same time, the school district took the first steps in the construction of a new elementary school at Calle Mayor. A low bid of \$123,729 for preliminary site improvement went to McArms and Baker Construction Co. and work was started immediately. Excavation, the draining and filling in of the area and installation of gas lines, curbs and gutters will be completed within 60 days.

When completed, bids will be asked on construction of the school which will include 16 classrooms, two kindergartens, a shop, homemaking room, multi-purpose room and office. The estimated cost of the structure is \$450,000.



KENNETH HAHN

### Kenneth Hahn Flings Hat in Senate Ring

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced today that he is a candidate for the United States Senate in the 1958 California elections.

Hahn, 37, now serving his second term as the elected representative of the more than 1,000,000 people in the second district of Los Angeles County, is running as a Democratic candidate.

A native of California (born in Los Angeles), Hahn has had a background of more than 10 years of public service, including three terms on the Los Angeles City Council, representing the 8th District, and five years as a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, considered the world's largest local government.

He was the youngest Councilman in the history of Los Angeles and also the youngest person ever elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Hahn was educated at Pepperdine college and the University of Southern California. After four years of active duty in the United States Navy in World War II, he taught government and American history at Pepperdine for five years following 1947.

Considered one of the most aggressive campaigners in California, and a proven vote-getter, Hahn won his seats on the City Council and the Board of Supervisors against what seasoned political observers considered impossible odds, defeating firmly entrenched and heavily financed incumbents.

He thrives on campaigning and has won a wide reputation as the voice of the average citizen. Hundreds of his former pupils and friends at Pepperdine and USC have been an important force in his vigorous campaigns.

### Torrance is Featured in Nov. 26 'Look'

The story of Torrance as a boom town that multiplied its population without incurring any organized crime vice or corruption, is featured in the November 26 issue of Look magazine.

One of 11 named as All America City award winners last January, the city is described in "Torrance: Growth Without Strain" in the new issue of Look magazine, on the newstands November 12.

Founded in 1913, Look reports, Torrance began its existence as a planned community of 300 persons. By 1947, it had a population of 13,000 and today the population is more than 92,000.

"Such rapid growth," Look notes, "could have been expected to lead to all kinds of housing, school, traffic and crime problems, but they simply don't exist in Torrance."

### Mrs. D. George Wins \$100 Gold Rush Drawing

Mrs. Donald E. George, of 3742 W. 176 st., was the lucky Gold Rush winner in the Downtown Retail Merchants Association drawing last week and she'll be on Sartori ave. tonight to try her luck again.

Tonight's drawing for the \$100 offered the holder of the lucky ticket will be held in front of Strum's Department store on Sartori ave., at 7 p.m.

The drawings are part of the Gold Rush Days conducted every Monday evening by Torrance's downtown merchants. During the event, the merchants offer special bargains to Monday evening shoppers.

### Five City Co-eds Vie for Queen's Crown



EL CAMINO'S HOMECOMING QUEEN will be chosen from 12 candidates, left to right: Sandy Eddy; Nancy Jarvis; Jane Daiell, a Torrance High graduate; Arlene Smith, a Torrance resident; Pat Fickett, Sharlene Wilkens; Gaye Wilson, a

princesses in the Homecoming Week affairs on campus. Among the 12 hopeful coeds are Gaye Wilson, Jane Daiell, Sharon Stewart and Penny Phillips, all graduates of Torrance High school, and Arlene Smith, a Torrance resident.

Currently serving as vice president of the Associated Students of El Camino college, Miss Smith is a graduate of Minidoka County High school of Heyburn, Ida. Last year she edited the college yearbook, the Warrior. A business major, the 19-year-old coed is a member of Gamma Phi Delta sorority and the LDS organization on campus.

Miss Stewart resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ber Stewart. She graduated from Tor-

rance High school in 1956, serving as secretary of the senior class. The 18-year-old candidate is president of Gamma Phi Delta sorority and served as a princess at the Sweetheart's Ball last spring. She is an elementary education major.

Representing Redondo Beach in the competition for Homecoming Queen is Miss Daiell, who resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Daiell. A Torrance High school graduate, the 18-year-old coed is commissioner of finance this semester and is a member of Gamma Phi Delta sorority. Majoring in secondary education, she plans to continue her studies at UCLA.

Torrance High graduate; Nancy Bruen; Marlene Lyden, and Sharon Stewart, a Torrance High graduate. A fifth Torrance High school grad, Penny Phillips, is not shown in the photo.

is a graduate of Torrance High school. In prep days, she was selected as actress of the year and now follows theater arts as her major. She is a song queen and has played in "Wonderful Town," "The Mikado," and will appear in the winter play, "My Three Angels" in January.

Miss Wilson, a resident of Torrance, graduated from Torrance High, where she was majorette and a member of the freshman and sophomore councils. She was a runner-up for Miss California in 1957, and was honored as Miss Torrance in 1956. She was also named Miss Walteria and Miss Community Fair. She is 19, a business major, a model, and a member of Delta Sigma Chi and the El Camino Student Council.

Miss Phillips, who lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Phillips, in Redondo Beach,