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Population Up 11,128 in Year

A grand total of 93,369, men, women and children were reported living in Torrance this week by the Federal Census Bureau.

New residents and a rising birth rate accounted for an increase of 11,128 people in the city since the last official census in October, 1956. At that time, the census bureau reported 82,241 residents in the city.

The phenomenal spurt in Torrance's growth was reported by City Manager George Stevens after Benjamin F. Kundin, census supervisor, tabulated the figures compiled by the force of 103 census enumerators since November 14, when the census taking got under way.

"The taxpayers will be interested to know," Stevens said, "that the new population figure will enable the city to claim more than \$90,000 additional revenue from the state."

The special census was ordered by the city primarily to obtain this additional revenue. The state returns between \$7 and \$9 to the city for each resident, man, woman and child. 856 A MONTH

The census returns were flown to Washington, D. C. for final tabulation and checking and city officials will be notified by December 10 of the official figure. At the same time, state officials in Sacramento will also be informed by tele-

gram of the city's new census count so that they can start the governmental machinery necessary to return the additional tax revenue to the city.

An average of 28 new residents have come into the city every day for the past 13 months to account for the amazing 11,128 increase in Torrance's population since October, 1956. Every 30 days, at least 856 new residents have established homes here.

If the present rate of growth is maintained, the city should have a population of 100,000 within eight months. "There's no slowdown in sight," Kundin said. "Torrance is still one of the fastest growing cities in California," he added.

Kundin's figures did not breakdown the number of men, women and children living here. That breakdown will be done at the Federal Census Bureau in Washington which will utilize giant IBM machines to tabulate the population not only according to sex, but according to age, race and area.

Town Topics

STANDING ROOM ONLY is expected at the testimonial banquet being thrown by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for City Manager George Stevens on January 15. Stevens will be marking his tenth year as city manager, and the chamber, according to George Bradford, banquet chairman, wants to make this banquet to cap all the banquets Stevens has attended during those ten years. Reservations are now being accepted.

BICYCLE RIDERS at El Nido Elementary school became safety conscious under the influence of sixth grade students of Mrs. Hazel Spencer. The class read and discussed bicycle safety booklets, and saw some films about bicycle safety. Then they participated in a poster contest which brought the program before the entire school. Students were given licenses after they passed a written test and a driving test conducted under the guidance of Torrance Police Officer A. L. Jackson.

THE SAFETY PROGRAM inspired El Nido's budding poet, Darleen Bolin, a sixth grade student. She dashed off a 17 stanza rondo that contained this moral: "This should be a lesson to the boys and girls in schools. If you're going to ride bikes, you should learn the rules."

HEADQUARTERS for the Little Company of Mary hospital campaign has been moved to 813 Portola ave. with the arrival of Mother Mary Magdalene and Mother Mary Lucy to Torrance. The Sisters will direct the drive to raise the additional funds to construct and operate the hospital scheduled to be erected at Torrance Blvd. and Earl St. Plans for the buildings are now being inspected by the City's building department.

THE PROBLEM of what should be done with now unused incinerators will come up for discussion at the December 10 meeting of the City Council.

CHRISTMAS CAME TO SOUTHWOOD as the Southwood Businessmen's Association set up 13 white fir trees along Palos Verdes Blvd. to the end of the Southwood Shopping Center. The trees were bedecked with Christmas glitter and flashing colored lights.

READY TO TAKE OFF in its operation of the Municipal Airport, the city council approved the job descriptions for an airport superintendent, his assistant, and a plain, ordinary airport attendant. With the council's approval, City Manager George Stevens began to look for three people to fill the job.

Five Walteria Teen-Agers Confess Armed Robbery, 15 City Burglaries

Youths Did It 'Just for the Kicks'

Five Walteria teen-agers, arrested by Torrance and Lennox police Tuesday night, confessed to holding up two Torrance residents outside a Pacific Coast highway restaurant and burglarizing at least 15 Torrance and Lomita homes in a six-week long crime binge "just for kicks."

The boys, who ranged in age from 14 to 17, called themselves the "Ace of Spades" gang and left playing cards behind in most of their burglaries.

Torrance Police Officers Leo Gonzales, Myles Hamilton and Wally Nitz recovered nine revolvers, three hunting knives and boxes of ammunition that the five boys had taken in their burglaries. Watches, jewelry and golf clubs also taken from area homes were also recovered.

Lennox police arrested two of the youths, one 14 and the second 15, in the home of a Lomita resident Tuesday afternoon. The youths had entered the home, believing it to be unoccupied, but the owner was watching them from a back room. He called the Lennox sheriff's detachment.

ARMED ROBBERY

Gonzales, a Torrance juvenile officer, questioned the youths and then brought them to Torrance for detention. They admitted, he said, masquerading as Boy Scouts and holding up Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Emma, of 1809 Maple ave., outside the Pacific Coast highway restaurant three weeks ago. They robbed the couple of \$50, and then fled after firing a shot at George M. Baker, of 2821 On-rado st., who was chasing them.

The two youths implicated their three other partners during questioning by police. Gonzales said the youths began their six-week long crime career when one of the boys found out how easy it was to enter homes. The boy told Gonzales he knocked on the door of a home one day six weeks ago, discovered that no one was home, and then went in. He found a pistol in the home, and thrust it under his shirt. "At that moment he decided that he would become a gunman, just for the thrills," Gonzales related.

The boy told four of his friends about his weapon and they joined him in the gang. They prowled the Torrance and Lomita area looking for homes that had been left open by residents. They found at least 15.



PRESIDENT of the new Lion's Club, Dave Tanner, of 4256 Newton st., is to be installed at formal ceremonies in February when the newly formed South Torrance Lion's Club receives its charter. The new Lion's club is sponsored by the Torrance, North Torrance and Harbor City-Lomita Lion's Clubs.



INJURED POLICE OFFICER, Archie L. Jackson, is stretchered out near his motorcycle as Torrance hospital doctors apply a temporary splint to his broken leg.

Torrance Police Officer Injured in Accident

Torrance motorcycle officer Archie L. Jackson, 32, of 23303 Eshelman ave., will be out of action for at least two months after being struck by a truck Tuesday.

Jackson suffered compound fractures in three places on his left leg when a truck collided

with his motorcycle Monday morning at Torrance and Hawthorne blvds.

Jackson was just turning into Hawthorne Blvd. from Torrance to give chase to two traffic violators when the truck, operated by Ralph V. Benson, 36, of Long Beach, turned into Torrance Blvd. and struck Jackson.

Float Fund Drive Returns Trickle In

Contributions continue to arrive at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for membership in the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association, Chamber officials said today.

Membership cards have just been printed and will be mailed to anyone donating one dollar or over toward Torrance's entry into the fabulous Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

Chairman George Bradford of the Chamber Float Committee said returns were not particularly encouraging to date but that most service clubs have indicated a willingness to participate.

The Chamber office is mailing letters to all businessmen in hopes of raising the necessary \$4500 to finance the entry.

President A. E. Thompson said the public appeal was necessary because of the late approval of Tournament of Roses officials for Torrance's entry. "Most citizens of Torrance have indicated they feel we should be represented New Year's Day," Thompson declared. "We hope now they help in the financing." The Chamber leader said in future years this type of appeal should not be necessary.

Contributions now total \$454, with last weeks contributors as follows: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson, \$25; A "Chamber Booster," \$25; Smith Brothers Fish Shanty, \$25; Scott F. Albright, \$10; Cecelia H. Young, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. J. Maxim, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Sprout, \$2; J. H. Paget, \$1; Art Seefeldt, \$1; John Bush, \$1.

City Democrats Meet Thursday

Members of the Torrance Democratic club will meet on Thursday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Rene Dean, 1443 Post-st., to elect officers.

Sanders Johnson, Los Angeles attorney, and candidate for state treasurer will speak briefly at the meeting.

Mrs. Dean is state committee woman for the Democratic party.

Torrance Child Killed In Fall From Farm Trailer

The innocent game of "follow the leader" ended up as a game of death for five-year old Mayland Mitchell, of 915 East Fiat st.

Hop was on his farm tractor, towing a trailer loaded with two tons of hay. He did not see the two boys attempting to clamber over the hay.

The Mitchell boy tried to follow his playmate, but, according to California Highway Patrol officers, apparently slipped off the trailer and fell under a wheel. Hop stopped the tractor when he heard screams and rushed the child to Gardena Hospital. The boy died three hours later.

Chamber Unit Raps Juvenile Hall Location

The Industry Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has gone on record as strongly opposed to the County of Los Angeles locating a juvenile hall in Torrance.

Chairman Glenn Koger stated that his group took the firm stand for three basic reasons. First, there is plenty of unincorporated county property that would be better suited for the institution. Secondly, the price of land makes it too valuable for the facility proposed, and thirdly, the residential community of Torrance should not have this type of undesirable institution forced on its people.

Koger said his committee would ask for concurrence on the recommendation by the Board of Directors of the Chamber at their next regular meeting.

Rotary Speaker

Recent advances in electronics, especially in computers, and their effect on the average Torrance businessman, will be explained by Dr. Montgomery Phister of the Ramo-Woolridge Corp., when he addresses the Torrance Rotary Club's December 12 meeting.

Ground Broken for New Jim Dandy Store

Ground has been broken and construction started on a new 27,000 sq. ft. Jim Dandy Market in Torrance at the corner of Sepulveda Blvd. and Hawthorne ave. It was announced by Miller and Kite, Beverly Hills architectural firm and designers of the project. Builder is Ernest W. Hahn, Inc. of Hawthorne.

Reinforced concrete, tilt-up, slab wall construction is being used in the structure which is scheduled for completion in early Spring, 1958. Tapered steel

girders will be utilized to support its built-up asphalt roof.

On the interior, the market will have acoustical tile ceilings to cut down noise, and vinyl tile floors.

To blend with the architecture of the community and other planned projects, the architects have ordered a stone veneer facing for the structure.

Other refinements include ample employee locker rooms and toilet facilities with ceramic tile floors, and recessed unit

heaters with complete exhaust systems.

The market, which is a division of Lucky Stores, Inc., will have a complete floor center with latest equipment and feature space provided for all departments.

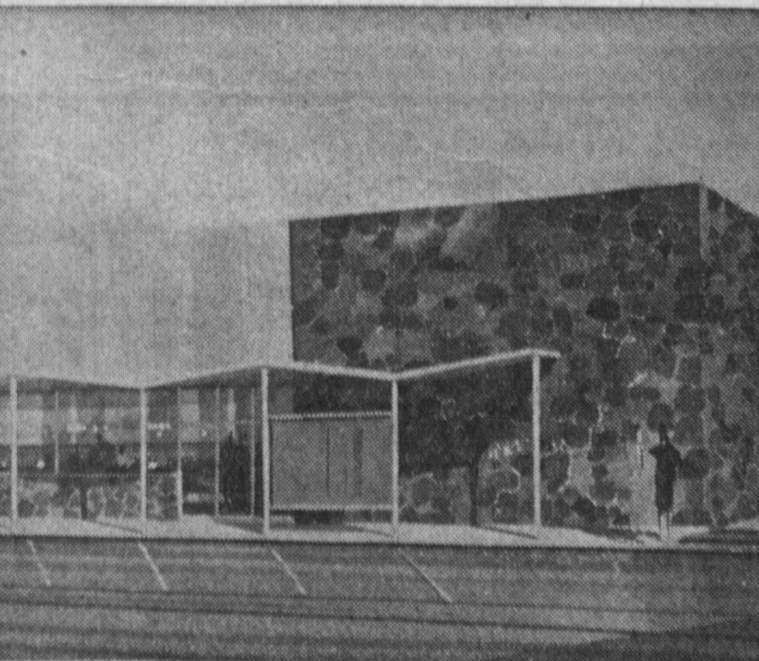
Construction of the market section of the project is but a part of an extensive eight-acre project planned for the property. It is directly across the street from the 85-acre Del Amo Shopping Center which will in-

clude such retail stores as The Broadway and Sears Roebuck and Co.

Eventually 100,000 sq. ft. of buildings and parking for 400 automobiles will occupy the eight-acre plot.

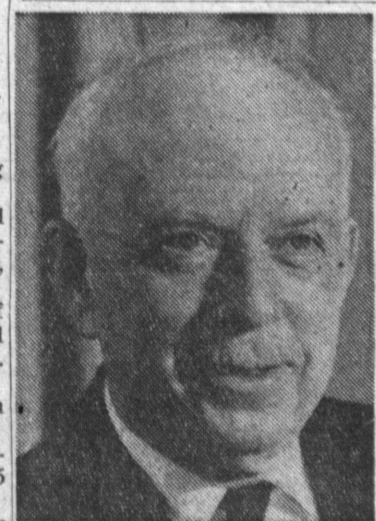
Property for the development was purchased by Jim Dandy Division from Kelly-Mullin for an undisclosed sum.

Jim Dandy presently operates 10 supermarkets in Los Angeles County, and Lucky Stores, Inc. has 98 stores stretching from San Diego to Marysville.



MARKET CONSTRUCTION STARTS: Construction of a new Jim Dandy Market is now underway at the corner of Sepulveda Blvd. and Hawthorne ave. in Torrance. Architect for the 27,000

sq. ft. store is Miller and Kite of Beverly Hills. Ernest W. Hahn, Inc. of Hawthorne is the builder. Completion is expected by Spring, 1958.



Walter A. Garrabrant

Garrabrant Elected to School Board

Walter A. Garrabrant, of 305 Camino de Las Colinas, was elected a member of the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education to take the place of Darwin D. Parrish, who resigned Tuesday.

Garrabrant, a retired contractor, missed election to the Torrance City Council by six votes two years ago.

Parrish, owner of Parrish Stationers at 1423 Marcelina ave., told the board that the press of business forced him to tender his resignation. He had served on the board for five years.

"I'm happy to have served on the board as long as I have," Parrish said.

City Soldier On Trial for German's Death

A 19-year old Torrance soldier was fighting for his life this week before an Army court in Frankfurt, Germany, where he is charged with murder.

PFC Varlin I. Gurno, of 21214 S. Vermont ave., told the court that he is innocent of the charge that he murdered a 60-year old German pensioner, Eduard Hof. Hof was beaten to death with a bottle last October after a drinking party in his room in Frankfurt with two American soldiers.

Gurno is charged with the premeditated murder of Hof, and, under a court martial, faces a possible death sentence. By U. S.-German agreement, American soldiers, charged with criminal offenses committed on or off duty, are tried before Army courts.

Pedigreed Press Ad

Three of man's best friends had new homes this week as a result of an ad placed in the classified section of the Torrance Press.

The ad offering pedigreed poodles for sale "kept my phone busy and got terrific results," according to Mrs. Virginia Bardelli, 24471 Ward st., Waverly.

If you have something for which you wish to find a new home the Torrance Press classified section is your "best friend." It can serve you quickly and inexpensively. To place an ad, call FA. 8-2345.

Starting Friday, Stores Will Be Open Every Night Until Christmas