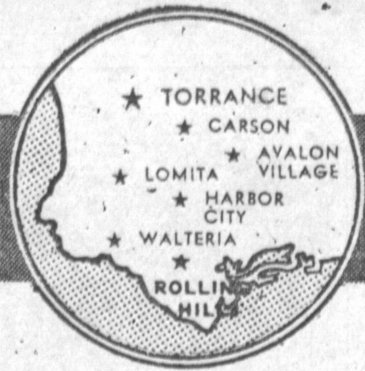


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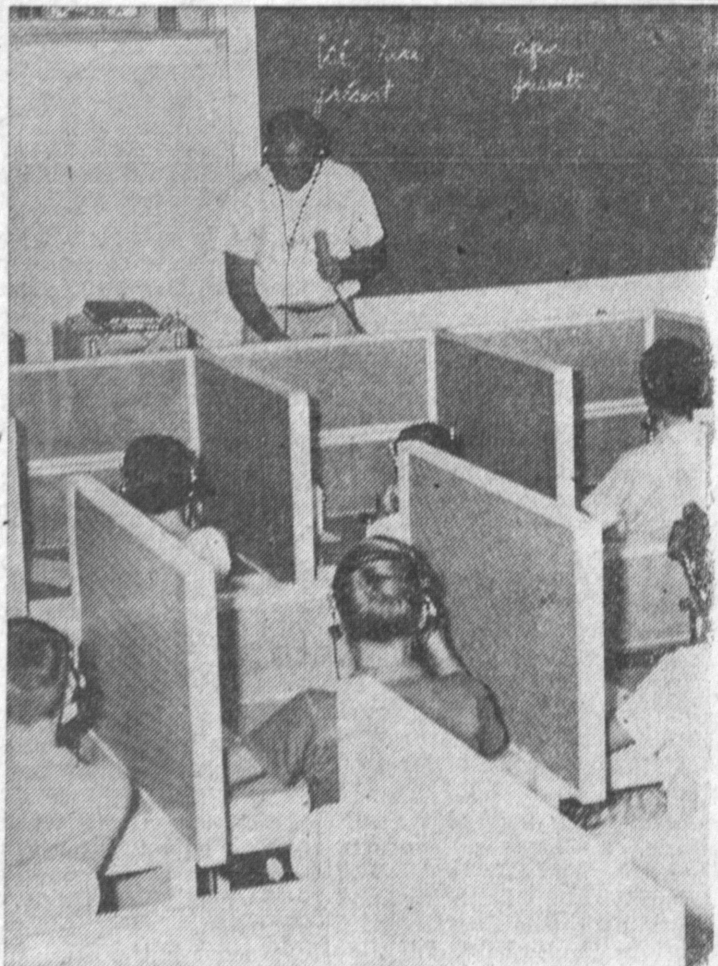
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# Master Civic Center Plan OK'd



**MULTI-LINGUAL**—Language laboratories in Torrance's high schools enable students to learn foreign languages with ease. Teacher Louis Bereskin has varied language courses going at the same time, through aid of recordings and earphones.

## Language Labs Aid Students

The "Ugly American" stereotype, exemplified by the U.S. tourist who goes abroad and never bothers to learn one word of another tongue, is destined for the waste basket, thanks to Torrance High School freshmen.

Newcomers in the area's three high schools were exposed to a new method of studying foreign languages this summer. Enrolling in exploratory foreign language classes at Torrance, North and South High Schools, students were given a chance to learn Spanish, French, German and Latin.

Used for the first time in summer schools, these "language laboratories" gave students a chance to hear recorded experts pronounce foreign words and to learn by repetition.

At Torrance High School, teacher Louis Bereskin devoted a part of each day to instruction in common phrases, basic rules of the various languages, and student practice in the language laboratories. By an intricate hook-up, Bereskin had students listening to four languages in four parts of the room, meanwhile able to tune in on any of 32 booths to check-up on students' progress.

Classroom equipment enables students to record their own voices and play them back to check accurate pro-

## Blueprint Promises to Transform Area to Care for Population Growth

**By Harry L. Lechtman**  
A master civic center development plan, aimed at the eventual transformation of Torrance into a thoroughly first class city with every physical facility for a community's culture and well-being, was unanimously approved this week by the city council.

Calling for a long-range building program, radiating out from the present city hall base, the master civic center plan will run into an expenditure of \$7,000,000, Mayor Albert Isen declared.

"Fortunately, Torrance has the site to develop this far-reaching plan," the Mayor announced.

Set into motion by a unanimous city council resolution last September, the plan was studied in its entirety by a

committee of civic leaders. Members included: James Becker, chairman, Dick Fitzgerald, John Watt, Roy C. Bayer, Margaret Clark, John Kesson, Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, Robert J. Baldwin, Mrs. Philip B. Carpenter, Mrs. Louis Bisou, Gene Egbert and Dan W. Bernard.

As outlined and presented with schematic slides by the architectural firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright, before a large councilmanic audience, the overall plan followed the recommendations of the Civic Center Promotion Committee.

Planned with the assumption that Torrance will grow to a population of a quarter million within the next two decades, the concept hued to an area of vast greenery, not one solely of stark struc-

tures alone, George Stevens, city manager, declared.

The civic center plan will include the following: A multipurpose building, encompassing 65,000 square feet, with parking for 1100 automobiles. Seating capacity will provide dining area for 1000, or 1500 for dancing, with division made possible to create small rooms for individual meetings. An auditorium with three fully rigged stages, which can raise, lower or revolve, is also included.

A new library, located to the east and south of the main multipurpose building, will be of a circular design, covering 40,000 square feet. The basement will be used to allow for book binding and repairing and storage of old articles.

A hexagonal shaped museum will be located to the north and east of the main multipurpose building. The proposed museum, housing art objects, historical mementos on Torrance and the Southwest, will cover 8000 square feet.

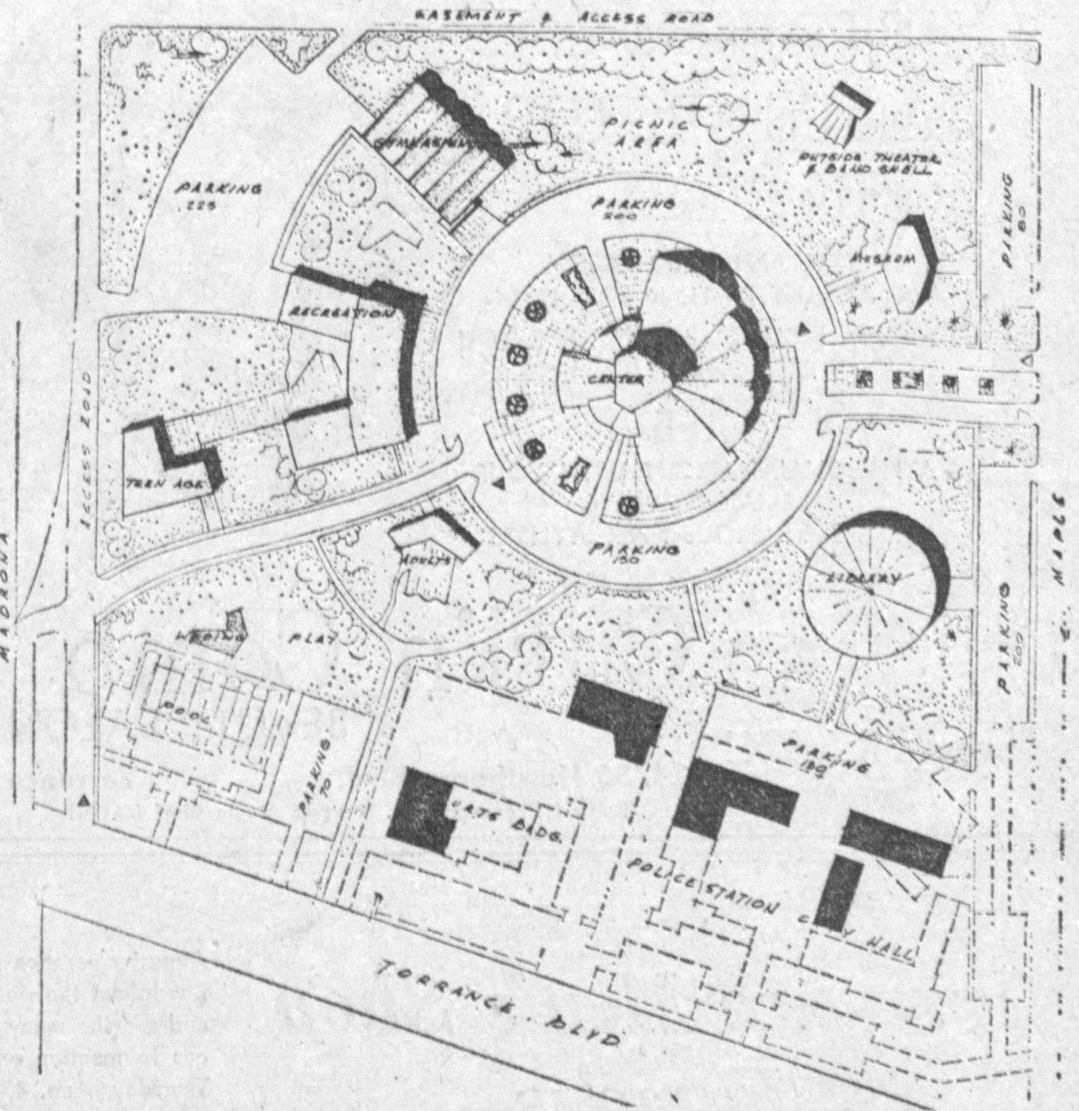
A recreation center will be located to the west of the main multipurpose building. Designed around the basic requirements presented by the recreation committee, the center will accommodate major recreation office spaces, maintenance room, supply rooms, lunch room, and hobby and crafts area. It will contain 23,300 square feet.

A Teen-Age Center is designed to work with the pool activities. Placed a distance west of the main building, the teenage center will feature a lunchroom, game rooms, snack area, and a mechanical area. An open pit for barbecues is also planned. The center covers 7840 square feet.

A new Gymnasium is designed for a seating capacity of 750 to 1000 people for major basketball games. On the second floor of the 29,400 square foot building, will be located rifle rooms, and game rooms. Parking area for 225 automobiles is planned.

The proposed Senior Citizen center, containing 4000 square feet, is planned with the idea in mind that several of the users will be coming to the Center by bus, hence it is located closest to the bus stop.

A wading pool has been planned for small children, with a play area to the side of the 1000 foot pool. The



**BLUEPRINT FOR FUTURE**—Schematic forecasting an eventual magnificent civic center plan for Torrance was unveiled this week and approved unanimously by the City Council.

The \$7,000,000 plan calls for a number of civic center buildings to answer cultural and physical needs of a burgeoning area.

## Tropical Dealer Loses Walking Advertisement

"Has anybody seen my lizard?" Such is the question of Russell Lloyd, 25021 Oak St., who found his precious Iguana lizard had crawled out the window and disappeared from his residence.

The pet, owned by Lloyd for only two days, is a three foot long, green, beige and yellow creature, which is harmless, "although he may not look that way," the worried owner moaned.

The pet, who originated in South America, used to trek around with Lloyd in his station wagon. "You see," he added, "I sell tropical goods, and the six pound reptile was my advertisement."

## South Lions Club Slates Eye Clinic

Plans for a free clinic, aimed at making Torrance citizens more aware of good eyesight, were announced today by the South Torrance Lions Club, who will sponsor a glaucoma detection center at Torrance Memorial Hospital Oct. 15.

Headed by Dr. Earl L. Lewis, 502 Torrance Blvd., with local eye specialists participating, the all-day free clinic will be open to all age groups, Jim Mechura, Lions Club president, and Floyd Lee, vice president, announced.



**DR. EARL LEWIS**  
Eye Clinic

The leading cause of blindness, glaucoma is often called hardening of the eyeball. It destroys sight by destroying the eye's nerve. The disease seldom gives any warning until there is an actual loss of sight, Dr. Lewis declared.

"Watering of the eyes, difficulty in reading, headaches, and blurred vision are symptoms of glaucoma, with the disease striking two out of every thousand people, Dr. Lewis stated.

Early diagnosis, particularly for every adult over 40, is recommended by eye specialists. "Every year glaucoma brings blindness to 3,500 more people in the United States, and there are over 1,000,000 Americans over 40 who have chronic glaucoma without suspecting it."

Medicine has safe and sure methods for control of the disease provided it is found early and treated promptly, he added.

## Teachers Brace for School Start

Nearly 27,000 youngsters are expected to return to Torrance classrooms this fall, when classes resume again on Wednesday, Sept. 14, according to school estimates.

About 21,350 elementary and 5,550 high school students are expected to return to their classes. Two new elementary schools, Towers and Madison, will be open for the first time.

This figure is about 2000 larger than the opening enrollment last year. There are three times as many kindergartners as seniors.

By grade levels, estimated enrollment is as follows: Kindergarten, 3108; first grade, 2791; second, 2546; third, 2456; fourth, 2279; fifth, 2106; sixth, 2141; seventh, 1984; eighth, 1915; ninth, 1089; tenth, 1363; eleventh, 1282; and twelfth, 1003.

## Local Guard on Maneuvers

Torrance National Guard Unit is again making a top name for itself in summer maneuvers at Fort Ord, according to civic leaders visiting them "in the field" this past week-end.

The party, composed of Mayor Albert Isen, Chamber of Commerce President Richard S. Pyle and Chamber manager Dick Fitzgerald, spent the week-end as guests of Torrance's own Company E (Bridge) 132 Armored Engineering Battalion of the 40 Armored Division.

The trio said the Torrance unit was building bridges on the Salinas River in its capacity as instruction specialists for other units. Captain Douglas J. Horlander is commanding officer of the company, assisted by First Lt. Jack McKennon. Horlander is assistant to the Director of Public Works in Torrance, and McKennon is assistant superintendent of building inspection.

## Bulky Bulge

### Women Stuff Full Skirts With 8 Suits

Bulky petticoats may be in style, however, two women overdid the mode when they slipped into Jack Schlanger's, Torrance Men's Shop, 1329 Sartori, and padded their skirts with eight men's suits, Tuesday.

At approximately 3:45 p.m. Schlanger saw the two women and a man gazing at his show window. The crew came into the shop and browsed around for approximately an hour, finally climaxing the shopping spree with the purchase of two neckties.

The next morning, when checking over the stock, the shop keeper discovered \$625 worth of merchandise missing. Eight suits were gone. Adding two and two, he concluded that the bulging skirts covered up more than was expected.

## Newcomers Spell Assembly Shift

Population growth and new movements of population within the State will mean considerable shift in the Assembly representation when California is redistricted on the basis of the 1960 Federal census, it was announced today.

Most of these new congressional districts will be created in Southern California. In the State Assembly, with total representation fixed at 80 members, Los Angeles County's representation will probably be increased by two or three seats over the present 30, according to State Senator Richard Richards.

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**SWINGING**—You're never too old, says 96-year-old William A. Gould as he tees off in the area's newest golf course with his children, Erwin Gould and Evelyn Gravelyn. The 9-hole will open this Saturday with ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

## No Caddy Needed as 96 Year-Old Golfer Tees Off

A 96-year-old golfer will be out early Saturday, when the area's newest golfing range, Gardena Golf Rancho, opens Aug. 13 with ribbon-cutting ceremonies at 190 St. and Victoria.

He is William A. Gould, 96 years young, father of Erwin Gould, the Rancho's owner. The nomagenarian was born in Canada, moved to Michigan as a young man, and migrated to Walnut Park, outside Los Angeles in 1927.

Gould Junior and his wife, Isolina, came into possession of the 17-acre golf range, between Broadway and Figueroa, five years ago. A barren gully, flooded during the rainy season, the forerunner of today's modern golf course,

was a junk heap of decaying vegetation and rusting hulks of cars before the Goulds took over.

Papa Gould, and his retired schoolteacher daughter, Mrs. Edward Gravelyn, and the younger Gould rolled up their sleeves, hauled hundreds of loads of fill and planted grass and flowers. They topped off the new site by moving the family home intact, from one side of Los Angeles all the way to the Torrance area.

The six room home has been transformed to a clubhouse, complete with a restaurant serving breakfasts, lunches and dinners, and a pro shop, operated by Torrance golf pro Alton Age.



**FIRE!**—A carelessly tossed cigarette combined with tinder-dry brush turned the 225 block west of the Dolores Street School into a billowing inferno as an empty building went up

in flames this week. Three fire companies responded to the alarm.

Photo by Thomas Tomashovich