



**LOCAL BUILDER**—Don Wilson, president of Don Wilson Builders, has been the prime mover in development of large portion of Torrance's newest and most modern homes. Widely recognized for the design and efficiency of the homes his firm constructs, Wilson's contribution to the growth of Torrance is tremendous.

## 30,000 Homes In Decade Is Wilson Record

During the past decade, Don Wilson has built over 30,000 homes and developed more than 50 complete communities, thus contributing substantially to the growth and expansion of the southland.

From a moderate start 12 years ago, the firm has grown to cover 100 employees and occupies its own 6000 square foot building. The building houses all divisions of the firm—accounting, escrow, construction and executive offices under one roof.

Don Wilson, president, states, "Our modern facilities and construction techniques enable us to continue to lead the building industry by constructing better quality homes more efficiently."

"Every phase of a development, from acquisition of land to finished houses ready for sale is handled under one roof by our integrated staff operation. This assures buyers of our homes high quality standards, excellent materials and construction, a fine land value, all at the lowest possible cost."

In the city of Torrance alone, the firm has built over 5000 homes, supplying dwelling for over 35 percent of the population. Enormous quantities of materials were consumed in construction of these 5000 homes. Highlighting a few: 138,000 gallons of paint—enough paint to fill the average size swimming pool six times; 189,000 cubic yards of concrete—enough concrete to build Los Angeles Coliseum four times; 7,820,000 square feet of roofing—laid flat it would cover 180 acres or entire area of Disneyland three times; 3,680,000 feet of wiring—enough wire to reach from Torrance to San Francisco and back; 62,100,000 board feet of lumber—this represents 41,400 full grown trees or enough lumber to build a fence around the state of Texas; 142,500 feet of streets—totals 27 miles or roughly twice the distance of the Harbor Freeway; 1,380,000 pounds of nails—stretched end to end they would extend 6,240 miles or twice across the United States.

Don Wilson Builders' newest custom home development, Southwood Riviera Royale, is located at Anza and Calle Mayor. The homes feature three and four bedrooms, family room and 2 baths. Six basic floor plans with a wide range of exteriors from Provincial to modern are available. The homes are fully priced from \$25,700, with down payments of \$1600 plus cost on 25 year loans.

Custom kitchens include built-in gas range and oven, natural ash cabinets, disposal, hood with exhaust fan and grease filter, super-amic tile and built-in dishwasher. Five different fireplace facings of brick, Palos Verdes Stone, concrete block, used brick or slump stone are offered. Decorator screen dividers are used in entry halls and living rooms.

Bathrooms include marble pullman counters, imported ceramic tiled showers and shower doors imbedded with woodland foliage and sea shells. Colored bathroom fixtures are also offered. Construction is genuine lath and plaster. Select oak hardwood flooring, hand-split cedar shake roofs, oversize forced air heating with outlets in every room, sliding glass doors to private patio areas, vinyl floor covering and oversize double garages are additional features.

Decorator furnished models are open daily from 10 a.m. at Southwood Riviera Royale and may be reached from the intersection of Sepulveda and Anza by driving South on Anza three blocks to model homes.



**IN THERE PITCHING**—Carol Paul, left foreground, sales manager for the Ja-Clear-It Company, tries out her sales pitch on Mrs. Ruth Wright, executive secretary of Hughes Aircraft Company. Occasion was competition in the JA Southwest District sales contest. Ja-Clear-It is a JA company sponsored by North American Aviation. Judges were members of the Sales and Marketing Executives Club.

## Educators Tally 15 Years of Growth for El Camino; Note Record 11,000 Students

Fifteen years of service and growth mark the rise of El Camino College from its planning stage and founding in the late 40's to the beautiful 90-acre campus with more than 20 major instructional units now in operation.

Beginning with an extension program that housed its initial student body in community high schools at hours from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., El Camino occupied a barren campus site that extended swampland along Crenshaw Blvd. from Manhattan Beach Blvd. to Redondo Beach Blvd. on May 27, 1948. With this and foresight, a college for the community was started.

Now, in 15 years, the college records a student body growth from 1100 to nearly 11,000 and a structural improvement from imported military bungalows to permanent structures of Class I-A construction standards and quality design.

The El Camino building program is founded on a pay-as-you-go plan which incurs no bonded indebtedness or state construction

aid to the district. In ten years it completed construction of structures for science, social studies and physical education, vocational classes, music and administration, in addition to the Campus Theater, pools, the Campus Center for food and supply services, and the library.

At the time, plans were so drawn that additions could be made to any existing structures with a minimum cost to the college. This was preparation for an anticipated enrollment of 15,000 students by 1965.

By early 1960, three major building developments, the technical arts building, the second units of the chemistry and physics building, and additions to the health and physical education areas were completed.

In one area of science alone, the new growth in terms of students was felt immediately. The addition of 18,958 square feet to the existing 22,473, with its inclusion of three laboratories and six lecture-demonstration rooms, created space for 1800 students in chemistry

and physics.

Fall of the same year was marked by the completion of the humanities building, a two-story structure with space for 20 classrooms, faculty offices and office area for the director of humanities.

To date, work and plans for progress continue. Located immediately west of the present Life Science Building will be a three-level addition containing 31,560 square feet. The homemaking department, two laboratories for life science, earth science, lecture and demonstration rooms and a laboratory for the new nursing program will occupy the space.

Another three-level structure is planned for the Communications Center. It will house the photography and journalism departments on the lower level, the audiovisual department and two listening labs on the second level and eight classrooms and faculty offices for the foreign language department on the third level.

Student occupancy of both these buildings is hoped for the second semester of 1962-63. Significantly, as the departments are located in new buildings, several of the "temporary" structures which served as the college's first home 15 years ago, have been removed, others continue to stand, not as sentinels of the past, but as vivid reminders of continuing growth, present and future.

## Municipal Airport Is Major Torrance Landmark

One of the major landmarks of the City of Torrance is the rapidly expanding municipal airport.

Compiled statistics on the local airport reveal that some 350 aircraft are based year-round at the terminal. Other statistics concerning the 475 acre Torrance airport show that the field nets approximately \$50,000 a year.

On a peak day, almost 1200 flights leave the runway with about 200,000 flights made from the airstrip every year. Franchised operators dispense over 260,000 gallons of aircraft fuel annually.

Since 1948, the city has made more than \$300,000 worth of improvements on the airport. Major items include construction of a fire station and tower, a service road and taxiway. A new waterline was installed in 1960.

Since 1948, commercial and aeronautical leases have constructed an equal amount of improvements.

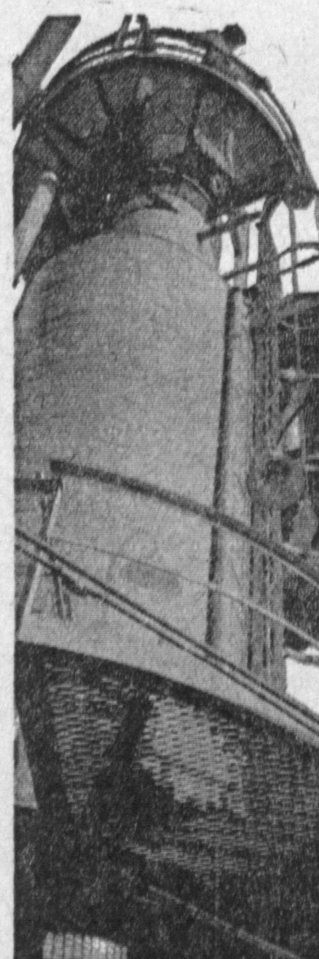
It is estimated that the value of the airport land, together with its improvement, and excluding the industrial and commercial improvements, is more than \$13,000,000.

Torrance airport is part of the national airport plan.

It is estimated that the airport currently serves a community of about 400,000 persons. Forecasters predict it will serve double this number within the next ten years.

Aircraft maintenance is a major industry at the airstrip, with sales on parts and accessories occupying the second position.

Flight instruction and scenic flights, rentals, and aircraft service are offered



## a look at the horizon

Standing high atop a production unit is Ralph Thomson, an employee at The Dow Chemical Company's facilities at Torrance.

As he pauses in a day's work, he might symbolize many things—man and his continual searching of the horizon, man dwarfed by much of what he builds, but man who is also master of what he builds.

During the past decade, both the City of Torrance and Dow's facilities at Torrance have grown. To put it another way, they have searched the horizon for progress, and they have found it.

The end, of course, is not in sight. There are always new horizons, and new opportunities. Dow believes that if the past decade has been one of progress, the future looks even more promising, both for the City of Torrance and Dow employees at Torrance.



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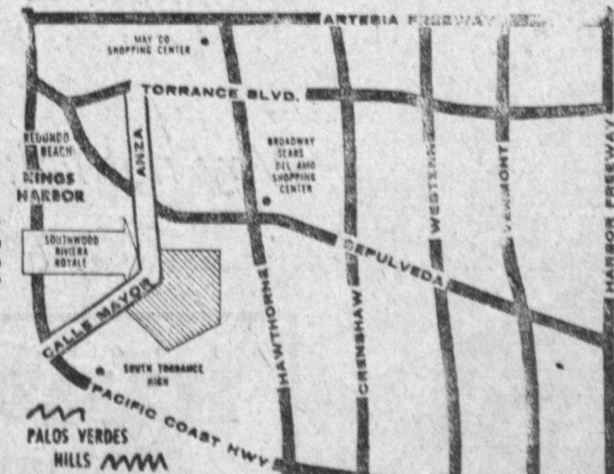
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