

GOING UP . . . Steel plant expansion is usually horizontal, but a relatively new process at the Torrance Works of U. S. Steel involves a high-rise look. Framework for a vertical continuous casting facility reaches its full height of 13 stories. The four-strand facility, being installed within the existing open hearth shop, will convert molten steel into solid, semifinished billets and blooms in a matter of minutes.

PROFILE: EDWARD J. FERRARO

City Manager Translates The Policy Into Action

When Edward J. Ferraro was promoted to the position of Torrance city manager in 1964, he was one of the youngest men in California to hold down a job of this sort in a major city. Ferraro came to Torrance in 1962 to take the job of assistant city manager. Before coming here, Ferraro served as city manager of Lawndale for three years. At that time he was the youngest city manager in the state.

Ferraro says he is one of the new breed of trained city administrators who aimed for his type of work and did not come in the back door. His college years earned him a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration.

Ferraro's full-time, professional jobs have all been in the field of government. He was also worked as an administrative officer with Los Angeles County and as an assistant to assembly committees in the state legislature.

Reared in Chicago, Ferraro came west as a high school student. He served for two years as a counter-intelligence officer in Washington, D. C., during the Korean War.

Ferraro and his wife, Dolores, are parents of two sons, Michael and Vincent, both students at Madrona School. The boys and their dad are active in Indian Guides at the YMCA. Ferraro is also an area representative for the Boy Scouts.

Ferraro is a lesson in city government. He compares his job as Torrance city manager



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with the post of general manager in a private corporation. The job of chief executive officer of a large city sprung from the short ballot concept, placing one professional person in charge to see that things run smoothly behind the scenes.

Part of his job is to take the work load off elected officials. Because of the city manager form of government, the mayor and city councilmen need not quit their regular jobs to serve their city.

Simply stated, Ferraro's job is to execute policy which the City Council enacts.

"A general policy is adopted by the City Council," Ferraro said, "but it is up to us to refine it and put it into practice."

One of Ferraro's chief duties is to coordinate activities of the 20 city departments. He is also charged with naming department heads.

Ferraro and his staff make up the preliminary city budget each year, exercising judgment as to where city money would be best spent. City Council must approve this budget before it goes into effect.

"Torrance has exploded," Ferraro exclaimed, looking back over the city's growth in recent years. He has great admiration for the "decision makers" who preceded him and built Torrance into the "very healthy city" that it is today.

Ferraro noted that all three of the Torrance city managers before him were licensed civil engineers because those early years were devoted to building the backbone system of basic public works. Engineering leadership was needed for the job. The fact that a non-engineer was chosen for the position indicates that the nature of city problems has changed. Today it's administrative planning, as opposed to physical planning.

Young Actors Needed For Redondo Theater

The Redondo Beach Community Youth Theatre, sponsored by the Recreation and Parks Department, will host tryouts for their second production, "Sleeping Beauty," announced theatre director, Alice Thames.

The youth theatre recently presented a musical play, "The Strange Case of Mother Goose," with a cast of 100 youth participating.

Tryouts for the theatre are open to youth 9 to 20 years of age. Tryouts will be held at Perry Park Recreation Center, 2301 Grant Ave., Redondo Beach, on Tuesday, Jan. 16, between 4 and 6 p.m. for youths 9 to 12 years, and on Wednesday, Jan. 17, between 7 and 9 p.m. for youths 13 to 20 years. The final day of the tryouts will be held Thursday, Jan. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. for youths 9 to 20 years of age.

Actors and actresses are needed as well as dance enthusiasts, singers, and those who can play a musical instrument. Those 14 years or older are needed for stage crew, lighting, sound, set design, construction, painting,

Recreation Programs Scheduled

The Redondo Beach Recreation and Parks Department has scheduled many Recreation programs and activities to begin the week of Jan. 9. The programs being offered are: Beginning Karate, beginning and intermediate Yoga, Tennis Instruction, Slim and Trim, and Dog Obedience Training.

Social Dance will be continued, and a new class in Flower Arranging. Adult Square Dance will be offered along with beginning Bridge Instruction. The Arts and Crafts area has expanded with Adult Crafts, beginning and intermediate Cake Decorating, Candlecraft, Needlecraft, Paper Mache and Artificial Flower Arranging. Cultural activities will include beginning and intermediate Ballet, Voice Training, and pre-school classes. Sign-ups for the various classes will be held at the Recreation and Parks Department, 415 Diamond St.

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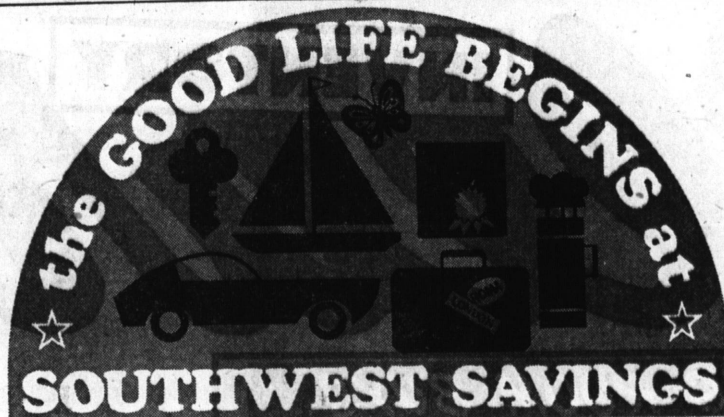
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