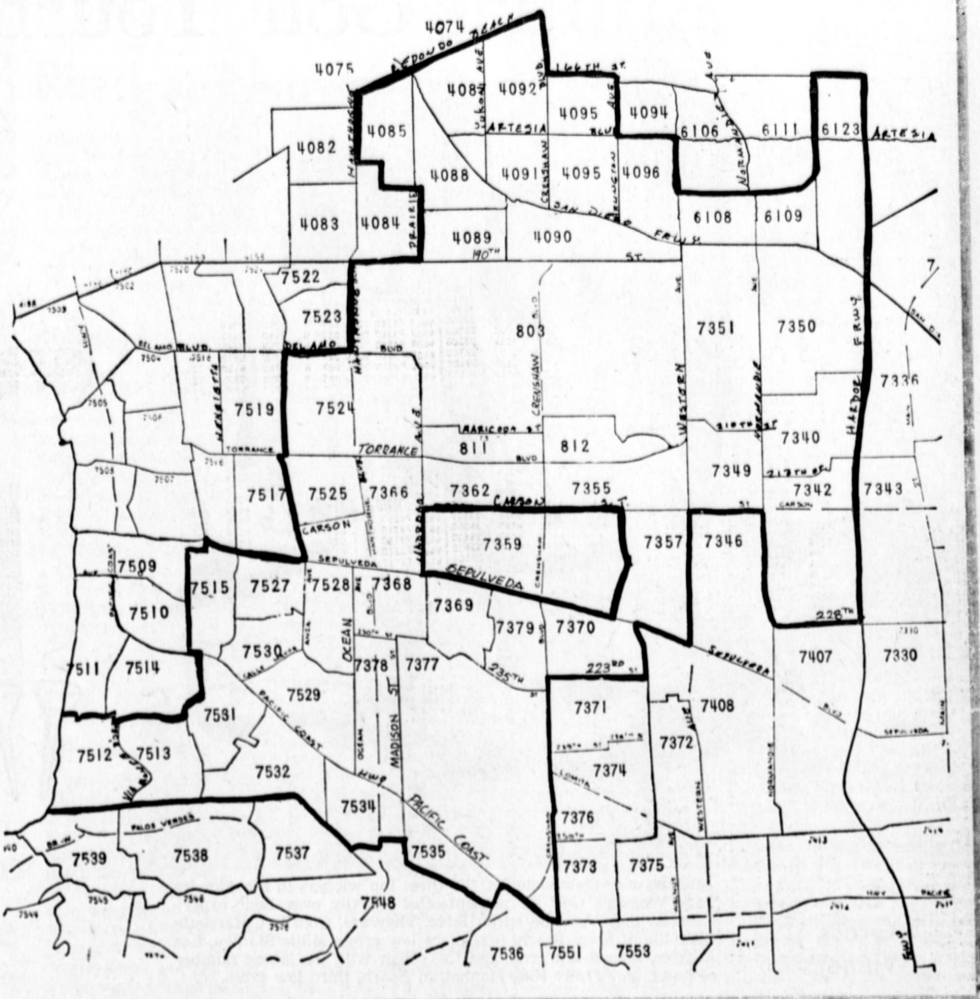


ADDRESS PG PR LAND IMP MKT VL

Table with columns: ADDRESS, PG, PR, LAND, IMP, MKT VL. Lists property addresses and their corresponding page, price, land value, improvement value, and market value.

Here's Map For Changes In Assessments

ASSESSMENT . . . This map, published for the County as a public service, supplements the Assessor's listings of assessed valuations in this district. Marked here are the 50 assessment map book areas within the Torrance Press-Herald publication district. Of these, 37 are in Assessor's Region 14, and 13 (map books 4085-6123) in Region 13.



Sales Increase

Edison Reports Income Decline

Southern California Edison Company today reported first half results which reflected increases in operating revenues and kilowatt-hour sales, but a decline in net income and earnings per share.



PHILLIP E. WATSON
County Assessor

Assessment Changes Published

County Assessor Phillip E. Watson has urged all Torrance area property owners to check today's Press-Herald for assessment listings.

Carrying on his policy of full disclosure of all assessment changes, Watson is publishing in community newspapers throughout the county all changes in real property assessments. In addition, full assessment rolls are being published in one-fifth the county.

The list published by the Press-Herald today are arranged by map book areas. A map geared to the map book areas is being published so property owners may locate their property.

Questions concerning assessment changes should be directed to one of the assessor's regional offices.

Picnic Slated

Firefighter Local 1138 has scheduled its first annual picnic Sept. 15 at Anderson's Riviera Inn, in Soledad Canyon.

Jack K. Horton, chairman and chief executive officer, announced that operating revenues for the six months ended June 30 totaled \$286.4 million, a 7.1 per cent increase over the \$267.4 million reported for the same period last year. Revenues for the second quarter this year totaled \$140.9 million as compared with the \$131.6 million reported for the second quarter in 1967.

Earnings per share for the first half amounted to \$1.12 cents on a weighted average basis of common and participating original preferred stock, as compared with the \$1.18 reported for the corresponding period last year on a fewer number of shares.

On a 12-month basis, earnings per share were \$2.32 on a weighted average basis, as compared with \$2.33 per share for the 12 months ended June 30, 1967.

Factors adversely affecting net income and earnings per share included higher interest costs, the federal income tax surcharge which is retroactive to the beginning of the year and the dilutive effect of the additional 1 1/2 million new shares of Common Stock issued in January, Horton explained.

City Gets \$100,000 In Taxes

SACRAMENTO—The July apportionment of highway users taxes totaled \$50,188,737 for the state with distribution set for the state, cities and counties. State Controller Houston I. Flournoy has reported today.

The share for Los Angeles County was set at \$3,732,800.54, while the city of Torrance will be \$100,721.84.

Counties received a total of \$12,783,736; cities will be a total of \$10,852,985 while \$26,552,016 will go to state highways.

The total was derived from the following sources: gasoline tax, \$45,713,141; diesel fuel tax, \$2,593,209; motor vehicle transportation tax fund transfer, \$1,821,063; and the balance from miscellaneous sources.

Travelers Checks, Credit Cards Ease Travel Pains

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Banks are making it a lot easier today for vacationers and traveling businessmen. Certain banks here and in San Francisco are issuing travelers checks in \$1,000 denominations, thereby eliminating one of the big hazards of traveling — carrying large sums of cash.

If the checks are lost or stolen, banks come across promptly with refunds. They are usually refunded within 24 hours after the loss is reported by wire or phone. One large bank provides its customers with an on-the-spot refund of \$300 in case of loss.

In credit cards, the new wrinkle is the "executive credit card." This allows a

holder to write a personal check for up to \$1,000 in travelers checks abroad and up to \$500 in the U.S. It also gives persons here a \$2,000 line of credit with certain banks in case of emergency.

HOWEVER, the loss of a credit card is still sticky business. Prompt reporting — phone, then write — can save you from being liable. There are credit cards around that limit your maximum liability to about \$100. If you carry a lot of credit cards, be careful. The loss of several cards can cost you plenty.

Insurance is a good idea for credit card holders. Several insurance companies cover credit card losses un-

der regular homeowner policies at no extra charge. If separate insurance is taken the rates are reasonable. It costs about \$5 per \$1,000. It is also advisable to check with your insurance company about protection against check forgery.

THE WIDESPREAD use of traveler's checks and other convertible currency may be making international travel less harassing but, alas, the language barrier remains.

This problem is particularly evident among the growing number of American firms engaged in overseas operations. Often, when the foreign representatives are called back to the home office for meetings, the sessions take on the appearance of a United Nations debate.

Recently the Johnson Wax Co. called a conference of 160 of its sales supervisors from 24 countries where Johnson does business. Less than half the representatives spoke English.

WHAT TO DO? Johnson solved the problem the easy way — it set up a UN-style translation system, complete with headsets and professional translators. Presentations at the conference were made in English and simultaneously translated into Japanese, French, Italian, Spanish and German.

It was the first time the company had used such a system, and after the conference the representatives said the elimination of the language barrier had eased things considerably.

But the conference was not all work. Part of the program included a trip to a baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and the Oakland Athletics. At the ball park, no translation was necessary.

FUR COATS for men are going over big, according to one manufacturer, but would you believe handbags for men? There are several manufacturers around making shoulder-strap bags for men who are adverse to having cigarettes, keys, etc. bulging their pockets. The fur coat manufacturer says he's sold more than 2,000 men's fur coats costing from \$125 to \$5,000 . . . A sheik (not the one from Arab) purchased a computer recently to aid him in managing his invest-

ments from his \$3-million-weekly oil income.

Metallurgists one day will program control furnaces for heat-testing metals without leaving their offices.

The automation forecast was made by Paul A. Stoudt, Honeywell, Inc., engineer, before a recent industrial process heating seminar of the Electric Council of New England.

"Either cards with pre-set programs, program selector panels or some other automatic means will be used," he said. "This type of processing involves relatively short, simple procedures."

STOUDT ALSO predicted that costly readout devices that provide plant operators with process information will be replaced by alarms.

"Just as the automobile industry has eliminated the battery ammeter, the oil gauge, and water gauge in most cars, replacing them with signaling devices in the interest of economy, industry will do the same," he said.

THINGS TO COME—Steel doors, not for protection, but for practicality. A steel maker says that more than 200,000 steel doors will be sold to homebuilders this year. The manufacturer claims steel doors don't warp, shrink or swell and are useful in winter as storm doors . . . A disposable foam plastic beverage server, called the Thermette, has been introduced. The manufacturer says it will keep 11 ounces of beverage hot or cold for about three hours. The lid does not have to be removed for pouring, just rotated to uncover the spout.

Girl Knocked Unconscious In Bike Mishap

An 8-year-old Torrance girl was rushed to Little Company of Mary Hospital Thursday afternoon after she was knocked unconscious in a bicycle accident.

The victim was Paula Adams, 2456 W. 236th Place. Witnesses told police the child flew off the bike after the vehicle apparently skidded out of control.

The mishap occurred in front of a home at 2421 236th Place.



BEDDING DOWN . . . After a day of activity at El Nido Park, this young camper unrolls her sleeping bag and gets ready to sleep under the stars. Boys and girls 10 to 12 can register for the Aug. 21 and 22 "Sleep-Out" program, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, at the Joslyn Center, 3333 Torrance Blvd. Cost for "Sleep-Out" is \$1.75.