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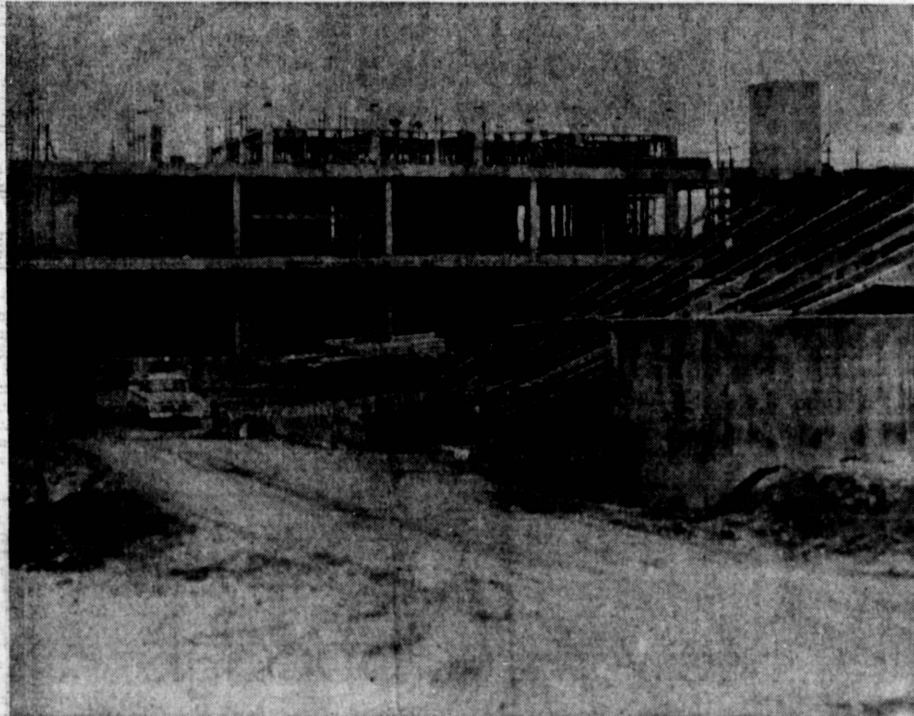


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AFTER 26 WEEKS . . . This is what the new Torrance Memorial Hospital looks like after 26 weeks of work at the Lomita Boulevard site. The new seven-story facility is 20 per cent complete, according to the contractors, Kemp Brothers Construction Co. Completion of the building is expected in mid-1970. The new hospital was formed by a merger of Torrance Memorial and Riviera Community hospitals and will incorporate the most modern medical facilities available under one roof. (Press-Herald Photo)

City Aide Files Reply to Charges

Charges Based On 'Animosity,' Nollac Asserts

Suspended Public Works Director Walter M. Nollac Monday said charges which led to his suspension were "motivated by the personal animosity" of City Manager Edward J. Ferraro and another city employee.

Nollac made the accusations in a detailed answer to the 17-point indictment filed by Ferraro with the city's Civil Service Commission last Dec. 16.

The brief said the charges were "without merit" and asked that they be dismissed. Broad grounds cited in asking for the dismissal included that the proceedings placed Nollac in double jeopardy, that the charges required the commission to determine matters of law which it has no power to do, and that the charges are based on "ambiguous ordinances and statutes."

NOLLAC was suspended from his \$25,000-a-year post last Dec. 6 — for the second time in four months, but the suspension was not made public until Dec. 16 when Ferraro formally filed misconduct charges against the public works director.

Copies of Nollac's reply were made and are being sent to members of the Civil Service Commission, which must rule on them.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier is expected to rule on the power of the commission to dismiss the charges.

NOLLAC was first suspended last July 29 on misconduct charges which stemmed from his joint ownership of a small fishing boat. A prominent Torrance land developer was identified as the partner in the fishing boat venture.

The city aide was acquitted of any wrongdoing following a hearing Aug. 22 and returned to his job. At the time, commissioners said only that Nollac was guilty of an "error in judgment."

Current charges stem from an investigation begun by the district attorney's office during the first incident. City Manager Fer-

raro continued the probe after the district attorney's office said it could find no evidence of criminal wrongdoing.

AT THE TIME he filed formal charges, Ferraro said the district attorney's investigation (See NOLLAC, Page A-2)

Postal Puzzle Raised

Do Torrance residents really want a Torrance mailing address? Or would they just as soon receive their mail marked "Redondo Beach," "Gardena," or "Lomita?"

City Councilmen may be forced to take a candid look at local residents' views on the subject of uniform mailing districts. And they may find that their own zeal for uniform mailing is not shared by a majority of Torrance residents involved.

The time-worn subject of uniform mailing came up at City Council again last night, with Mayor Albert Isen calling for an all-out attack on the problem in the year 1969.

FIRST, he asked City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to draw up a resolution enumerating the benefits of uniform mailing to the city. When the council has passed the resolution, Isen said, a steering committee should be appointed to organize the circulation of petitions among local residents calling for the change.

Isen implied that a show of local determination and solidarity would impress postal officials, adding that the uniform mailing will become all the more important now that a post office for the City of Carson is in the works.

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INSTALL OFFICERS . . . Neil Campbell (right), retiring president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, presents his gavel to his successor, Jim Giacalone. Giacalone and other new officers were installed last Saturday evening during the club's annual installation dinner at the Palos Verdes Country Club. A member of the club for 19 years, Giacalone is a businessman in downtown Torrance.

Police Free Son Murder Suspect Freed on Bail

A suspected murderer has been released on \$30,000 bail, despite the objections of local police.

Freed Friday evening was Torrance building contractor Dan Saban, 42, 506 Via Los Miradores, suspected in the New Year's Day shooting of his son-in-law, Paul Robert Beulick, of Lawndale.

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Thursday. Police said there was no evidence to link the younger Saban with the shooting.

THE SENIOR Saban's arraignment was held Friday before Judge Thomas Foye in South Bay Municipal Court, after Judge George Perkovich disqualified himself because he is personally acquainted with the Saban family.

Preliminary hearing on the case has been scheduled for Jan. 28.

Saban turned himself in to Torrance police New Year's Day. His son Daniel had been arrested at their home shortly after the midnight shooting.

POLICE reported that the victim, Beulick, had been shot four times through the chest and leg.

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Car Theft Charges Dropped

Auto theft and burglary charges against two youths have been dropped, following police investigation.

Exonerated were Stephen Douglas Johnson, 18, of 2304 W. 230th St., and Robert Coburn, 19, of El Cajon. The two were arrested recently while driving through the Del Amo parking lot.

Police said both the car they were driving and a car stereo in the vehicle were not stolen.

Educational Group Names New Leader Trustees To Hire Advisor

Mrs. F. Roy Chilton, an officer of Hayden, Stone, Inc., has been elected president of the South Bay-Harbor Industry-Education Council for 1969.

Serving with her will be: Dr. Douglas of South Bay Union High School District, vice president; Sister M. Constance of Marymount College, secretary; and Jim Calderwood of Harvey Aluminum, Inc., treasurer.

Mrs. Chilton last year attained the unique distinction of being the first woman executive in history elected an officer by a major firm of the New York Stock Exchange. She was named second vice president of Hayden, Stone, Inc., Western Division.

A ONE-TIME social worker

School Vote Set In April

Three seats will be at stake in voting for members of the Torrance Board of Education April 15.

Declarations of candidacy may be filed with the county Registrar of Voters until Feb. 20, according to information handed to the board Monday evening.

Seats at stake are those of Bert M. Lynn, William J. Hanson, and Burton Belzer, who was appointed to the board in April, 1968, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Donald Wilson. Hanson has indicated he will not seek re-election.

Registration for voters who wish to vote in the April election is open until Feb. 20.

To be eligible for election, candidates must be registered voters in the city of Torrance, at least 21 years of age, and not be disqualified by state law from holding civil office by reason of a felony conviction.

Nomination papers may be picked up at the office of the Registrar of Voters, Room 200, 808 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, by the candidate or his authorized agent. Papers must be returned by the Feb. 20 deadline.

and airline stewardess, Mrs. Chilton entered the brokerage business in 1955 when she joined the Sherman Oaks office as operations manager. Prior to that she had been employed as registrar of the Instrument Training School for United Airlines where she taught meteorology, navigation, and served as a link instructor and worked in Oakland as a corporate secretary and accountant for an electronics distributor.

Born in Vancouver, Wash., Mrs. Chilton was valedictorian of her graduating class and holds a degree from the University of Washington. She has done graduate work at the University of California at Los Angeles.

AFTER entering the brokerage business when she joined the Hayden, Stone firm in 1955, she became a registered representative of the New York Stock Exchange. In 1959 she opened and managed the firm's Palos Verdes Estates office and subsequently managed the Rolling Hills office.

Prior to being named second vice president of Hayden,

Stone's Western Division, she served as director of personnel development and as a member of the executive committee for the division. In addition, she has been director of training and branch audit and procedures on the West Coast as well as director of the women's investment division of the firm.

Last October she was elected chairman of the board of Outside Insight, Inc., a consulting firm for training and developing women in business.

SHE IS currently working on a company systems analysis program for the firm's computers which are operating in conjunction with their Univac Communications systems direct to the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Mrs. Chilton is active in community affairs and has served as president of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. She helped found the Southern California Industry-Education Council for the South Bay-Harbor district as well as

(See LEADER, Page A-2)

Trustees To Hire Advisor

An industrial relations consultant has been hired by the Torrance Board of Education to negotiate employee salaries.

Chester L. Ferguson and Associates will receive \$1,500 monthly for the remainder of the fiscal year to work with Assistant Superintendent Dr. Robert C. Morton in handling negotiations with the Torrance Education Association and other school employee organizations.

The proposal to hire the Chester Ferguson firm was made by board member Bert Lynn. The board made its choice known following a series of interviews. School Superintendent Dr. J. H. Hull commended the board for its selection of the consultant firm.

The Board of Education expressed a desire to obtain an industrial relations consultant when teachers in the district held a series of protest marches at three high school campuses a year ago in support of demands for higher wages and negotiating considerations.

Local Airport Among Nation's Busiest

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles delving into the history, development, problems, and future of the Torrance Municipal Airport. Later articles will explore the views of local residents and city officials regarding the airport, as well as the spectre of future expansion.)

By NATALIE HALL
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Once a gullied bean field dotted with an occasional ranch-house, Torrance Municipal Airport has come a long way in 20 years of its existence.

As the 15th most active landing field in the United States, the municipal airport occupies more than 500 acres of land valued at roughly \$30 million. It outranks the major airports of San Francisco, Honolulu, Cleveland, Seattle, Boston, and other

large cities in the number of landings and takeoffs tallied each year. (Some 428,127 air movements were charted during 1968.)

Only such leviathans as Chicago's O'Hare Field, Los Angeles International, and John F. Kennedy Airports outrank Torrance in this respect.

And Torrance Municipal Airport can boast a favorable yearly budget, making ends meet nicely without a cent from the city's general fund. Surplus revenues, according to Airport Manager Jack R. Egan, are used for capital improvements over and above normal airport operations.

The airport property also benefits the city and county through \$300,000 in yearly tax revenue from sales and possessory interest taxes generated by businesses leasing airport land. Egan

notes that there are two shopping centers on the airport property which include grocery stores, department stores, restaurants, and the like. This tax money goes to the Torrance city and school funds and to Los Angeles County.

Funds are also generated from the complex of industrial, commercial, and aeronautical businesses located on the north side of the airport. These include Aeronca, Brittain Industries, Hi-Shear Corp., and others.

And very little airport land goes unused. Even the "clear zone" areas around the runways are bringing in a profit through cultivation. Small crop farmers keep the vacant land blooming with flowers, lima beans, and strawberries. And the airport's cut of the annual harvest comes to well over \$2,000.

Now the sole property of the city of Torrance, the municipal airport was constructed in late 1942 or early 1943 as an advance training base for P-38 pilots as well as a staging area for fighter pilots going overseas. In 1945 or 1946, the field reverted to the War Assets Administration, and in 1949, a Quitclaim Deed from the U.S. Government turned the airport site over to the city of Torrance.

The government deed imposed certain obligations on the city, however. Among other things, the city must operate the property for public airport purposes without discrimination. This means that the city must permit any aircraft to use the field provided the airport's physical limitations, such as runway length, can accommodate the craft.

The city must also do every-

thing in its power to prevent those uses of land in and around the airport boundaries which would be hazardous to aircraft; it must permit the airport to be used by itinerant aircraft of the U.S. Government on official business without charge; and it must allow the field to be reclaimed by the government in an emergency.

The property may only be transferred by the city with the approval of the Federal Aviation Administration. The transferee must assume all the obligations.

At present, the Torrance Municipal Airport serves general aviation. Some 700 private and corporation planes are based there. However, the Torrance City Council has ruled that no passenger carriers, scheduled or non-scheduled, and no freight carriers will be permitted.