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How much has been taken under the new license ordinance, the sales ta? How much have we out in registered warants? How much money is there in the bank? How are the departments spending, no budget having been adopted? How much money have we spent this year? This is the public's business; everything that goes on in the City Hall is the public's business; and every book, every, file, report, communication and document should be available to the public for inspection all the time. The City Clerk and the City Council merely are custodians for the people of Torrance, of the funds, records and documents of public business. These things should be brought out into the open, and in so doing, the city government can regain the confidence of the people. By so doing, it would be possible to float a bond issue for that much-needed fire station. Secrecy has no place in the City Hall. Information requested should be available. For the sake of the progress of Torrance, restore confidence in city doing. "Tota or the the dor."

THE FIRST FRUITS

An audience of some 500 Torrance area residents gathered in forrance high school auditorium Friday night to hear the first pub-ic concert of a group of musicians who are destined, due to popular acclaim, to become a community band worthy of public support-either through the City's music fund at through the newly formed Torrance City's School District's music departments. The presentation, by Torrance Area Youth Band, consisting of three groups from beginners to advanced musicians, was a revela-tion to many who had head of the band and of the plucky group of citizens who joined forces to keep the work going after or-contrational support failed.

If citizens who joint forces to keep the work going after or-narizational support failed. Under the batch of James Van Dyck, the young musicians whibited with seasoned expertness the fruits of a year's training narked with frequent hardships brought about by failure of the sommunity to understand the worthwhile work which had been

indertaken. But now they have heard and seen the band, and those in he auditorium of the high school Friday night were an appreciative

budience. There should be nothing to stop their progress to the regular concerts might be presented for the cultural adva of the compunity. The work is a foundation 'upon which bands may be built to fill the lack that has been so no particularly at athletic events. It is the groundwork for The band and the citizens who are its backers are congratulated.

ngratulated. Let the way be found that a subsidy may rem stacles blocking its progress.

SOUTHWEST TORRANCE WILL GET 211 NEW HOMES IN BIG \$2,000,000 DEVELOPMENT

Torrance V.F.W. **Officers Attend Mass Obligation**

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WE SELL FOR LESS

Many Torrance members of he Veterans of Foreign Wars participated Sunday in the Rose

d among those who as he obligations of office Included among those who as uned the obligations of office re Vern Coll, new commander yet telstab, senior vice commander, il Widner, Junior vice com-nander; G. Palmer, quatternas er; Bob Evans, chaplain: Ab Levine, post advocate, and Jim County council delegates in ss clude B. J. Michels, B. Melany, marraberg, three years and Howard Weber, one years. The installing officer was to Charles P. Ash of Glendale, state t The tract has been in able litigation throughout the years, and Rudolph Mayer, sai to be one of the owners, wai involved recently in a cou-action brought by the Avala

action brought by the Avalon Corporation. This was settled At the time Mayer first an nounced his development, it was said that provision would by imade for a school site and i fire station site on the tract. Announcement of final plan for this development bring is to 575 the number of housin events of the state of the state units in forrance ackually ge ting under way at this time a bis in southwest Torrance, with 156; the Kettler estate, at Sepu-veda blvd., and Narbonne ava-with 144; Metro Construction Cos, on Crenshaw blvd. ner is state in North Torrance, and son as water is available, tot soon as water is available, tot the city engineer. Jack Pine is planning 132 uni en the downtown area, and B Haggott, of Seaside Rancho the of the organization's auxilia-ies were installed by Mrs. Es-her Hendrickson of Los Ange-es, the state commander. Trumpeters from the Lt. Ken-teth Bell Post 1053 of Pasadena pened the



Torrance Loses El Camino J.C. as Pressure Groups Hike Price on Alondra Site

Vandals Wreck Presbyterian Church Hall

Vandals entered the Com-munity Presbyterian church at Lomita Sunday night and caused damage estimated at \$500, according to the sheriff's office

Stool, according to the sheriff's office.
The Rev. John Orr, pastor, stated that he knew of no no identification of the transmitter of the state of the

Interviewing of principals for the elementary schools of Tor-rame starting with the new term in September, 1947, was undertaken by the Torrance City Board of Education Tuesday night. Candidates for the position at Torrance Elementary School and Fern Avenue School, while with Walteria and Perry school come under jurisdiction of th **Five El Camino Board Members**

Seek Reelection

to the Board of Trustees of El Camino Junior college set for May 16. Present board members ap pointed at the time the college was organized lass fall, are N R. Kuhn, Manhattan Beach; Rob ert Russell, Redondo Beach; Mrs Katheen Mumma and R. L Whitaker, Inglewood, and Dr. Yarisdiction of the college, or ganized by El Segundo, Redondc Union and Centinela union high school districts, has been ex-isted to Torrance through an nexation of the Torrance high school to the Redondo school.

BODGER NO. 3 IS COMPLETED AT ALONDRA PARK

N. Y. RAILROADS Every railroad running int the city of New York from th south or west has to enter from the state of New Jersey

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The decision as to whether or not two firemen will be ap-pointed as regular members of the Torrance Fire department may be left up to the County Civil Service Board. at by the county superim-bird the districts are located . The arbitrator or arbitration superiment and fixtures as upon by ment and fixtures as upon by respective school districts Heida and Lopa rea too old that protectly, articles, superiment and fixtures as upon by make a written finding as hat property, articles, superiment and superiment and superiment and constitute fixtures. The arbitration of the superiment and proceed to pass upon by make a written finding as hat property, articles, superiment and superiment and constitute fixtures. The superiment and superiment and property, articles, take the examinations for the superiment and superiment and property. Articles, take the examinations for the superiment and superiment take the examinations for the superiment take superiment and superiment take the superiment and superiment t

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rting public gambling in G campaign against placing adjacent to Terrance, it y

Pressure interests including a chamber of commerce sector tary who has a record of supporting public gambling in Gar-dena apparently have won their campaign against placing EI Canino college on Alondra park, adjacent to Torrance, it was seen yesterday. After passage of special legis-lation in Sacramento to permit the Board of. Supervisors, to grant the newly formed junkr college district 75 arers of land, sufficient to build the finest col-lege of its type in the South west at Alondra park, the Board of Supervisors, at the reported insistence of interests opposing the location of the college there, have placed a price of \$3,000 ar arer on the land originally re-ported as available as a "gift" Of 'Phone Tie-Up

another. Land adjacent to the site for which the supervisors are said to be asking \$3,000 an acre can be secured for as little as \$1. 500 an acre, or under condemna-tion proceedings at possibly low-or figures.

tion proceedings at possibly low-er figures. The net result of the oppo-sition of interests fighting the desires of the people of Tor-rance, Redondo Beach, Injel-wood, Hawthorne, El Segunto, Hermosa Beach, Palos Verdes and Manhattan Beach as of yesterday was that the tax-payers of El Camino college district will have to dig down and buy a college site at from \$1500 to \$2000 an acre while the vast and undevloped Alond Alo

Sidoo to \$2000 an acre while-the vast and undeveloped Alon-dra park continues to stand vacant and a complete bur-den on the taxpayers. Several sites are being consi-dered in the district for the college, but the trustees, desir-ing to splace it as near the cen-ter of the vast area as possible, had agreed upon the Alondra park location as the best. Supervisor Raymond V. Darby shairman of the Board of Su-bervisors, representing all of the new college district (also Gar-mino district since Gardena is in Los Angeles City school dis

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the of the 20,000 square feed emi-permanent buildings for ollege, which alone would a resent an investment of appu-nately \$100,000. If the college district forced by the delay broug about by fixing the \$3000 acre price on the vacant, developed property (which be used for park or colle purposes only) to seek it elsewhere and loase the chai to get the buildings offe by the federal government, unnecessary cost to the Bodger No. 3 in the Alondra district, has been completed by the British American Oil Pro-ducing Co. and The Texas Co. as a 1500-barrel well. It was drilled to 9145 feet with seven-inch casing set at 9100 for the seven inches and set at 9100

Inauguration Of Torrance Plan **Announced With Dollar Days** After weeks of careful plan-mediately, Torra

latt up to the County vice Board. wo men, Eugene Heid st Lopp, were appointed genarment during the greeny and it was urged is of the men that due

of Torra programs this week. J. HU

Torrance City Board of Jance restraling order against the Lo to prevent them from moving bu within the limits of the new ch-Trial of the Torrance Boar intervention with that of City # Judge John A. Shdier, acting as a taxpayer, who similarly se-cured a restraining order against Los Angeles, has been set for May 1 on the master calendar of the Superior court, depart, ment No. 1 It will be assigned immediately and the trial will e proceed at once, S. V. O. Prit-chard, a torn e representing d both the. Torrance City Board of Education and Judge Shdiler. school on Thursday evening. In a meeting arranged by Ray Reel, principal at Perry, and Gordon Mann, chairman of the Perry board, the group gathered for dinner in the school cafeteria and discussed joint problems re-garding the transfer of the Per-ty district to Torranee City School District. Perry has an average daily at-tendance of 175 students and the school is located on a seven-are site on Prairie ave., mear 182nd st. The district also owns an-other seven acre tract in the area. Education and Judge Shutter, told the local board. Likewise, it was pointed out, an action of an identical nature brought by the Culver City Board of Education will be tried other seven-acre tract in the area. The use of Perry district funds to finance the operation of Torrance City School District until July 1 was discussed. The County School office has ruled that this is a legal procedure. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and E. W. Ingrum, as-sistant in charge of business, at-tended the session with Dr. How-ard A. Wood, president of the Torrance board, and members.

Memorial Day Rites To Be Planned Here

Torrance And

Perry Boards

In Joint Meet

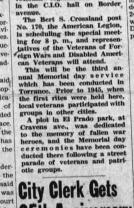
dembers of the Torrance Cit ard of Education and trustee the Perry School District m

joint session at the Perry ool on Thursday evening.

Plans for a Memorial day service in Torrance will be dis-cussed at a joint meeting of veterans organization tonight in the C.I.O. hall on Border, avenue

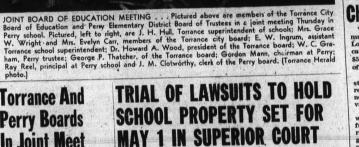
Approximately 35 guests, in-cluding city department heads and employees, Saturday night greeted City Clerk Albert H. welt with a surprise party, elebration of the comple-of his 25th year as City k of Torrance.

AIRBORNE DISEASE



25th Anniversary Surprise Party

held in the suma token of their esteem. Bartiett was elected to the position of City Clerk in 1927, and ever since has held that office.



School Board Interviewing

Principals

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Public Schools Week Set For April 28-May 3

Local Masonic groups are aring to join with the p chools and Parent-Teacher ions Sch

A proclamation set Public Schools Wee rance has been issued J. Hugh Sherfey Jr.,