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"It can repair that fire station and put it in safe condition for occupancy by man and upulpriment for \$3,000." Levy challenged.

The mirth-provoking affair brought the remark from "Chief" Levy that he had been "well repaid" for his services.

Levy was unaware of the honor about to be bestowed upon him as he was taxied to the fire station by George Peckham under pretense of having some "important business" for him.

Gathered abound were members of the City Council and other officials, a score of biginess associates and friends, and Sam was unhered up before the big fire truck and immediately made "chief" by Mayor Sherfey,

Rehabilitation of the fire station, damaged in the 1941 earthquake, was completed two weeks ago.

It was shortly after the bond issue for a new fire station was defeated for the second time in a year that Levy questioned the wisdom of the City Council of providing temporary quarters for the fire department equipment in the rear of the Chamber of Commerce building. It had been propaired according to plans and "is capable of a providing remporary quarters for the fire department equipment in the rear of the Chamber of Commerce building. It had been estimated that the cost of this finove to shelter the rapidly deteriorating fire equipment would be \$3,000.

Levy stood up in the Council

## **Torrance Penney & Newberry Units Closed By Clerks' Wage Disputes**

Torrance stores of the J. C. Penney Co. and J. J. Newberry Co. remained closed yesterday and trucks were moving out merchandise, as renewed labor difficulties between clerks represented by Local Union 905, San Pedro, and employers failed to reach the negotiation stage. Also closed were seven other stores of the two firms, F. W. Woolworth Co. and \* S. H. Kress and Co., in San Pedra and Wilmington.

While management said that the merchandise being removed from the stores was of a seasonable or perishable nature, Hassell Tidwell, secretary of the clerk's union, said that he anticipates a "long layoff."

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union had accepted the 4-company offer, all employees would have received the increase in incipates a "long layoft."

While negotiations were underway, with wage increases of 10 percent offered by the employers as a basis, the clerks' union struck the San Pedro Penney company store twice, and the Wilmington and Torrance storesonce each, on the pretense of calling "clerks' meetings." After the last time the San Pedro Storewas struck by the union, the Penney firm closed all its stores. Shortly thereafter Kress. Woodworth and Newberry closed all stores in the three cities.

The employers had offered a Tetroactive 10 percent pay increase to Feb. 3, although the contract with the union is not up until July 17.

The statement of the severath in stores reads:

"On July 17 of last year the Penn ey, Newberry, Woolworth and Kresse companies jointly negotiated and jointly signed a contract with Retail Clerks Union local 905, San Pedro, for the operation of their nine stores in San Pedro, Wilmington and Torrance.

"The companies voluntarily discussed wage adjustments in Eeb. 3. 15 to throughout the harbor district.



## TORRANCE HERALD

## CITY COUNCIL CALLS BUDGET **HEARING FOR JULY 16, BUT COPIES OF ESTIMATES LACKING Site In Torrance**

Torrance City Council will conduct a public hearing budget for 1947-48 on July 16 at 7:39 p.m., it was of Tuesday night, but it is apparent that copies of the 1 will not be available for public inspection prior to that of The Council decided on the hearing Tuesday night, as motion calling for the public dissection brought from R. I. Plomert Jr., representing the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, the inquiry as to whether or of copies of the budget are available.

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"They will be ready." Bartlett

"Will they be ready before July 16 for public inspection,?" Tolson saked.
"I don't know," Bartlett replied, "but they will be ready on July 16."
Tolson then declared that the taxpayers want a chance to look at a budget before a meeting and they should be able to have this chance.

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Bartlett replied that they will get the same "break" as the Finance Committee of the Countil cil, which he said does not yet have copies of the budget. The duty of preparation of the budget, charged to the City Clerk under the charter as his responsibility, has been delegated to Logar. Cotton, of Redondo Beach, accountant under contract to the city as auditor.

Torrance did not prepare a budget for the fiscal year 1946-47, but is attempting to arrive at estimates of income and expenditure for the present year.

The public hearing on July 18 will have to do with the costs of various departments, estimates of income from the sales tax, properly tax, license tax and other new features instituted during the past year to bolster the revenue of the city.

The city last year discharged almost one-third of its employed, almost one-third of its employed, eee and curtailed expenditures of the red to meet the needs in order to meet the needs of the row revenue was the construction of the contract of the

## **Board To Allow Use Of School** Auditorium. Gym

Use of the Torrance high school auditorium and gymna-sium is available to persons or organizations who wish to ap-school district regime, it was an-nounced this week.

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According to Lloyd Waller principal of Torrance high school anyone desiring use of the buildings should make application to the school.

## Window Broken By Firecracker **Thrown From Car**

# To Lease Farm

Los Angeles City High School district will lease the 15.85 acres which comprised the Gardena high school farm, located in the City of Torrance, for continued use in agricultural classes, according to a resolution of intention executed this week by the Board of Trustees of Redondo Union High School district,

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The farm was offered for sale by Los Angeles last spring, but a court order instituted by a group of local citizens resulted in a decree that the land belongs to the new district and not to the Los Angeles district. While Redond Union High School district board has jurisdiction over the site as a result of the vote of the people on Ján 24 in decid-

## L.A. High School Last Airport Acquisition Hurdle Reached As WAA Advertises Property Sale

PRESIDENT . . Forrest G. Murdock, president of El Camino College, who told local service club members of the value of even two years of higher education, at meetings of Rotary and Lions clubs this week.

**Importance Of** 

**Junior College** 

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## **Moving In New Equipment For Torrance High**

The first of the new equipment for Torrance high school was being moved in this week, as the new staff prepares for the coning school year, the first under the direction of Rédondo Union High School district.

According to Lloyd Waller, principal of Torrance High, about one hundred desks and several thousand books have been moved in and four hundred more desks.

ared to have been reached yesters of availability of the airport to whorlority holders.

The War Assets Administration is advertising the property tomorrow, and the City of Torrance must file with the W.A.A. an application by July 21. for purchase of the property.

It is reported that no—cash consideration is involved, but certain restrictions apply governing the use and occupancy of the airport.

The Torrance Herald was informed by the W.A.A. office in Los Angeles yesterday that the restrictions provide for use of the property by the Federal government agencies as necessary; its surhender in event of national emergency requiring use of the airport and similar provisions. Also required is the obligation on the part of Torrance to keep the airport and similar provisions. Also required is the obligation on the part of Torrance to keep the airport and similar mergency.

Torrance now occupies the airport on a right of entry permit issued by the United States Engineers. This is still in force, although the property has been turned over to the W.A.A. for disposition.

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According to the notice of the WAA. the acquisition of the property is subject to priorities in the following order:

1. Federal agencies.

2. Reconstruction Finance Corp. for resale to small business.

3. State and local governments.

The priorities expire 10 days after the first publication of the notice, dated July 11, and to receive consideration proposals from both priority holders, including Torrance City, and the general public must be submitted on special forms not later than July 21.

It is reported that no Federal agency has expressed interest in the airport, except for emergency use, which is guaranteed.

Whether or not the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will enter a claim on behalf of any small better.

### Police Search For Missing **Torrance Youth**

The Torrance Police depart ment and the Sheriff's office are searching for Raymond G Young, 15, of 1006 Sartori ave. Torrance, who disappeared Sun day from his home.

# other costs. The college president said that El Camino offers one of the greatest opportunities in education ever presented, and urged the approval of the 25-cent tax increase.

## **22 Permits For New Homes Total** \$131,900 In Construction Jump

Building permits were issued in Torrance during the past week for 22 new homes to be built at a cost of \$131,900, according to Building Department records.

Permits for nine more homes of Calle De Arboles were issued ties. Inc., bringing the total of permits for the new development to 27 homes at a cost of \$190,400.

Eleven permits were issued to Kettler Knolls, Inc., for one home at 2117 Middlebrook road, and ten in the 2800 block of Gramercy ave., at a cost of \$35,000.

The number of permits for dwellings in the Kettler development now totals 23, at a total cost of \$115,000.

Other permits were issued total cost of \$115,000.

Claifornia-Nevada Properties, 1800.

American-Standard Corp., 360 Crenshaw blvd., footing for gas storage system, \$2,000.

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Fred S. McCargar, since 1923 nanager of the Salinas, Calif., Chamber of Commerce, has be-

# Active in coastal, interstate and commerce affairs, his work has been rewarded with appointment to the Legislative Interim Committee on Fish and G a m e, Transportation and Commerce, and Interstate Cooperation. The Committee on Interstate to the sub-committee on Interstate assemblyman Thomas to the sub-committees on Federal Relations, Conservation of Natural Resources and Trade Barriers. Other important appointments are anticipated, it is reported. The Interim committees will report to the annual session of the California Legislature, which convenes in March, 1948. Carl Hyde Leaves Chamber Post In Las Vegas, Nev.

AGAIN HONORED . . . Vincent Thomas, assemblyman from the 68th District, including Torrance, has been named on several important interim legislative committees, it was learned yesterday by the Torrance Herald.

**Vincent Thomas** 

**Honored With** 

**Appointments** 

manager of the Salinas, Calif., Chamber of Commerce, has become manager of the Las Vegas chamber. He succeeds Carl Hyde, who resigned after two and a half years as chamber manager to mery was manager of the Torance Chamber of Commerce. After leaving Torance, Hyde directed the unemployment relief administration of California.

## State Department of Education Gives Postal Receipts **Torrance Texts Priority**

The State Department of Education is paying special attention to the text book needs of the new Torrance City School District, Superintendent of Schools J. Henrich Hull said yesterday.

He said that not only had he received this information in writing, but that Tuesday he was assured that all needed texts will be on hand well in advance of the opening of schools on Sept. 15.

All state texts, in all grade levels through the 8th grade, have been ordered from the state by the Torrance City Board of

# Under the provisions of the tentative budget submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools by the Torrance City Board of Education, every penny raised by the proposed 50 reems per \$100 assessed valuation on ne-year temporary tax increase to be voted upon on fully 22, will be needed to give the Acidional program the first year. So declared Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Board of Education in analyzing the proposed budget of \$466,940.00. Public hearings on the application of J. H. Pine for alley vacations and a change of zone to permit the building of his million-dollar multiple rental project at Crenshaw bird, and Domingues st. will be held before the City Council on July 30 at 7:30 p.m., it was decided by the Council Tuesday night. The matter was referred to the Council Tuesday night. The matter was referred to the Council Tuesday night. The matter was referred to the Council Tuesday night. The matter calls for a public hearing, and where it had been stands and has understood that rezonny to the R. 1 (single family) zone instead of rezonny to the R. 2 (multiple) zone as originally requested by Pine. The matter calls for a public hearing, and where it had been announced that the hearing was to be held Tuesday night, zoning law regulations that the matter be given public notice were or dered adhered to by the Council of the matter and the public provided that the per public ontice were or dered adhered to by the Council of the matter and the public hearing, and where it had been announced that the hearing was to be held Tuesday night, zoning law regulations that the matter be given public notice were or dered adhered to by the Council of the matter and the public publ SCHOOL TAX RATE NECESSARY

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## In Torrance **Show Increase**

Postal receipts of Torrance postoffice are showing more than a five percent gain this year over last year, according to figures released by Assist-ant Postmaster Louis H. Dein-inger.

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Receipts for the first six months of 1947 are \$53,703.15, as compared with \$50,789.82 for the first six months of last year.

For the quarter just past, they are \$27,149.20 compared with \$25,528.24 for last year.

The gain reflects general business improvement, it was read-