

NEW MANAGING EDITOR — Reading the election edition of the Torrance Herald is its new managing editor. Cliff Johnson, who formally took over his new assignment this week. (Herald Photo)

**Chamber** Adds

Two Business Firms to Roll

El Camino to

Hold English

Torrance Man

**Test Saturday** 

## **Editor Finds** Welcome Sign Out in City

Out in City Effective this week the Tor-rance Herald has a new man-aging editor, Cliff Johnson, who represented this newspaper for a number of years at the Los Angeles Civic Center. Formerly with the Beverly Hills Citizen Publications, John-son has been representing the Will Rogers newspaper in the Mira of the Mile district of Wil-shire boulevard. "I do not feel that I am a stranger in Torrance people in the Herald for several years. I have found its cit-zoficials most oriendive." Johnson managed the Los An-geles County News Service for to years prior to his enlistment in the Army Air Forces in 1942. Since the war he has been in public relations at both North American and Douglas alreadt comanies. He was for five years a nows

companies. He was for five years a news. editor of the old Hollywood News, a daily. He is a gradu-ate of the University of Mis-souri School of Journalism, and has since attended UCLA.

# **Council Acts Promptly on** Sump Petition

Prompt steps to alleviate a prompt steps to alleviate a lodie of sump on the east side Border avenue were being de to all sump on the east side east steps to all states and de to all states and the east de to all states and the east mail complaint to the City uncil this week. "Must we wait until some lid falls into this 30-foot death Must we wait until some that falls into this 30-foot death provide the east and the east of the east much Tuesday night. "You won't have to wait long-than 24 hours to see whether ean close it," Mayor J. Hugh ministrator will be out there metime tomorrow to start his restigation." Set to Launch New Industry A city Industry Arch C. McKnight, Jr. 2117 To ra a ce boulevard, Torrance, has been given permission by the Regional Planning Commission to op-erate a brass and bronze foundry at 4545 West 199th street in the South Gardena Hawthorne arca, It was learned today. McKnight explained he would produce ash trays, hum setting and the source of the source of



ME DISH—RADISH!—measuring 14 inches around ( ish) and weighing one pound this Scarlet Red Radish of of what the combined productive genius of an lo ner and California soil can produce. Rosalie Fortin adm Torrance grown vegetable, raised by Ed Goble, 72-year-a farmer who planted the seed in a garden at the home of Sam Goble, 22515 Hawthorne boulevard, where he ing, (Staff Photo.) an lowa n dmires 2-year-old

# TORRANCE HERALD 34th YEAR-N

# **RULE TIDWELL GUILTY; PAYS** FINE OF \$100

Adjudged guilty of criminal libel, Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the Retail Clerks Union Lo-cal 905, was sentenced yester-day to pay a fine of \$100 or

day to pay a fine of \$100 or serve two days in jail. The punishment was metad ut by Judge John J. Shidler in Gardena Justice Court Wednesday, after Judge Shidler found Tidwell guilty of violat-ing Section 248 of the Penal Code of California. The complaint charging Tid-well with criminal libel re-sulted from malicious libeling of Capt. L. E. DeLaney, sec-retary of the San Pedro Busi-ness Men, Associated, I as t March 1 at a meeting held in the Torrance Chamber of Com-merce. Tidwell was denied a new trial by the court yesterday, and he was denied a stay of execu-tion by Judge Shidler. Tidwell paid the fine rather than go to jail for two days. In his decision Judge Shidler pointed out that testimony of the State's witnesses was un-contradicted. Deputy District Attorney Harry P. Amstutz was in charge of the prosecution. Tidwell and his attorneys said they would file an appeal.

Firms to Roll Two new memberships were added to the roster of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week, by ac-tion of the directors Tues-day. The memberships were ssued to Tweed Jolly and Mrs. Billy Dunning, of the Farmers Insurance Group on Torrance boulevard, and to K. R. Ruffell, doing hus-ness as Kenny's Shoe Re-building, on Sartori avenue.

# **Columbia Wins** Consolidated **Plant Approval**

New students who are inter-ested in attending El Camin o College during the summer ses-sion beginning next July 1, or who expect to attend the fall ameeten are requested to are Acquisition by Columbia Ste company of the Consolidati teel Company's plant in Ma yood and another at Vernon co our preced with the bland now proceed with the b the United States Court, as the result dision handed down thi Washington. It was

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who expect to attend the fall semester, are requested to ap-pear at the College Administra-tion building, corner of Cren-shaw and Redondo Beach boule-vards, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12, to take an English placement test. The official list of the 1948 graduating class released this week by El Camino revealed that Thelma Joyce Moore, of 20361 Earl street, will be the only Torrance resident gradu-ated from the new college this year. The \$10,000,000 transmeases expected to be completed by 1 august 31 or September 30, of 1 ficials told The Herald yester of day. Still awaited is the govern-ment's blessing on the acquisi-tion by Columbia, which is a subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation, of the former alu-minum plant adjacent to the eastern Torrance city limits, where it is proposed to erect a \$50,000,000 cold reduction mill.

City Won't Act Hastily in Sale of Court Homes

### Coming Fall Considerable research must be

A plan for a Community Fai this fall as a means of raisin funds for Chamber of Com-merce activities was discusse by the chamber directors a their meeting this week.

Considerable research must be made before the city brings an action in connection with the sale of houses on small lots in Spurlin Court, City Attorney C. Douglass Smith told the City Council Tuesday night. Smith said any litigation would be exceedingly costly, and it first must be determined whe-ther the city or someone else is going to pay for it. It has been contended that sales of homes with less than 6000 square feet of lot area is a yiolation of the city's non-conformity law. Dean Sears made a report on preliminary negotiations with traveling attractions, and it was agreed that an executive com-mittee consisting of Sears, B. T. Whitney and Charles V. Jones should proceed further with the proposal. The plan as outfined would be an enlargement of the Fac-tory Frolics, held here before the war. However, Mrs. Adene Hille 703 Pacific Lane, rose and aske the council: "If this was illega why wasn't it stopped before? Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr assured her the city was look

BUILDS NEW HOME

Lloyd L. Darby, 417 Holly-wood-Palos Verdes Parkway, Torrance, is building a new five-room residence at 2821 Via La Selva, in Palos Verdes estates, to cost \$13,500.

## CRENSHAW EXTENSION IS GOAL OF CHAMBER

Plans for the extension members are Bob Charles V. Jones, V son, Ben H. Hagg

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# **Baccalaureate** Opens Memorable Week for **High School Seniors**

Impressive graduation week ceremonies for the 143 students of Torrance High School who will receive their diplomas next week will begin with an impressive baccalaureate address this Sunda afternoon at 4 o'clock in the high school auditorium. This will b the only class to be graduated from the local school under the jurisdiction of Redondo Union High School District.

to Head Local Chest Appeal

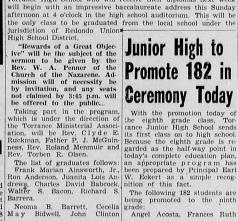
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**Officials Study School Plans** Following Passage of Bonds

Torrance Vote Domain State III Prospective school sites were visited, and study given to schoot hulding designs in Los Angeles. Of primary con-corn is relief for the half-day sessions at Walteria and re-lef of inadequate facilities in North Torrance, according to the schoot hulding designs in Los Angeles. Of primary con-corn is relief for the half-day sessions at Walteria and re-lef of inadequate facilities in North Torrance, according to the schoot hulding designs in Los Angeles. Of primary con-corn is relief for the half-day sessions at Walteria North Torrance, according to the schoot expenditure of the bond funds will be considered at length at the June 22 meet. Hull said. There will be two program — acquisition of sites to accord of the school schoot of build-ings will be in areas where opulation centers now are de-veloping. At the high school the ar-

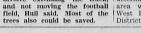
7  $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} 246 & 3 \\ 238 & 10 \\ \end{array}$ Totals were as follows: No. 1

-Yes, 1201, No 393; No. 2-Yes, 1185, No 397. A few ab-sentce ballots remain to be counted at the official canvass, which will be made June 11.



With proceeds from a \$1.504,000 school bond issue now within six months' reach as result of passage of the bond issue at ast Friday's election, local school officials spent last Tuesday Kn consultation with architects.

population centers now are de veloping. At the high school the ar-chitects suggested that the present bleachers not be moved, if the city will dedi-cate the narrow strip of park-way to the district, and thus permit bleachers to be moved practically out to the curb line. This plan would merely involve extending the track, and not moving the football





TEACHER IS 'GRAD'. Frank H. Bentwood, Torrang Pepperdine College Sunday. Local Teacher Among Grads at Peppedia Frank H. Bentwood, 1313 Greenwood avenue, a teacher in Torrance Junior High School, tat Peppedia Frank H. Bentwood, 1313 Greenwood avenue, a teacher in Torrance Junior High School, was among the 187 members of the graduating class of Pepper-dine College Sunday. He was graduated with an A. B. degree The stude attended Pepper-ins. Bentwood attended Pepper-ting. ing.

his major and social sciences his minor. Bentwood attended Pepper-dine for the last two years to obtain his degree, and will attend summer sessions for several years to fulfill quali-fications for school admin-istrator's credentials. He is a member of Polygrammatic Society for scholastic achieve-ment. His first college work was taken in Massachusetts and in-cluded a year at the General Electric Company's experiment-al Laboratories at Schenectady, N. Y. **Taxpayers Get** 

in Two Districts

Good news for taxpaye North Torrance and in Wa was the announcement this that the water rate in areas will be substantial duced, effective next July Action to cut the rate taken at the last meeti the Torrance Water Boar recommendation of Chie gineer William H. Stange reduction is in the levy for bond interest and ment. an Laboratories at Scheneetady, N. Y. Mirs. Jeanne Bentwood, his wife, is a former Torrance elementary teacher. They have owned their own home here since July, 1945, and have two boys and girl attending local elementary schools. Bentwood believes the Tor-ance school system will become one of the finest in the country. He will continue as eighth grade teacher in 1948-49.

## Lomita Water Vote Carries

ror bond interest and retire-ment. In Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 which serves Walteria, the rate was reduc-ed to 26 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, as against the 40-cent levy made this year. The 1948-49 levy was based on this fiscal year's assessed valuation. In Municipal Water District No. 2, which serves North Tor-rance, the rate was reduced 40 25 cents as against 35 cents, ased on lat year's valuation Voters of Lomita's five spe cial precincts voted to annex to the Metropolitan Water Dis-trict by a vote of 548 to 86. The balloting was taken to determine if the people in the area wished the newly-formed West Basin Municipal Water District to annex to the M.W.D.

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Water Rate Cut

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## Blaine Walker Alaska Bound

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Commerce secretary and Mrs. Walker, left Wednesday on a sixweeks trip to Alaska. They will go by baat from Vancou-ver to Skagway. The Walkers intend to do some lake and stream fishing during their visit to Santa Claus Lodge, the Alaskan capi-tal. Whitehorse and other colorful spots in the northerm territory.

## **Evening Bus to** Be Speeded Up **Effective Today**

Speed-up in the of the 7:20 p.m. bu Los Angeles for

HEALTH MENACE-Best way of obliterating the th would be to sub-divide the arid "dust bowl" lands to residents who are troubled with the shifting sands vard, who lives across the street from the offending the light coil into surrounding territory. (Staff Photo.

# Chest Appeal B. T. Whitney, who headed the Special Gifts division of the Torrance Community Chest campaign last year, has accepted the chairmanship for the 1948 Red Feather appeal here, which is slated to get under way this fall, according to Willis H. Mer-rill, area chairman for Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes and the Harbor districts. "In view of higher costs of agency operation and greater needs for services by the rap-iddy expanding population, it is essential that all citizens share the responsibility in raising adequate funds for the needs of people here and throughout the metropolitan area." Merrill pointed out. Whitney, who will handle the local campaign in Torrance, is now engaged in securing other key leaders to fill\_important posts for the campaign. An-nouncement of these positions to is expected in the neur future. A member of the Kiwanis F and president of the Whitney Finance Co., Whiteev is active Club, the Chamber of Commerce and president of the Whitney Finance Co., Whitney is active in civic affairs and is well ac-quainted with the needs of the community. In order to plan tor full organization of volunteers be-fore the campaign begins Mer-rill has planned a leadership luncheon meeting for next Tuesday at the San Pedro

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HEADS LOCAL APPEAL—B.T. Whitney, local finance execu-tive, who has been named to head the 1948 Red Feather appeal in Torrance this fall.

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