

BETTER SERVICE-Petitions for better telephone service in Torrance received quite a bit of attention when they started circulating in downtown Torrance last Saturday. Pictured above is Tweed Jollyand A1 Ewalt, past presi-

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dents of the Optimists and Lions service clubs. The project is under the sponsorship of the Inter-Service Club Coordinating Council, with Dr. W. L. Laughon, committee chairman. -Photo by Photo Arts Studio

:School Building Cost **Bring Tolson Protest**

The schools' plan to pay from

\$500 to \$750 a month for a

An investigation by the Press

nue school cost the taxpayers in

excess of \$9 a square foot, while

Roths Market has built a fine

new market building which, in-

cluding refrigeration and extras,

is standing the owners only \$6

a foot. It is a permanent building.

New Lights

For Retail

Area Asked

ter may get some new lights, to

make it the "bright spot" of the

Unnecessary "frills" and other building cost almost \$18 per "fringe" items being added to classroom square foot. Tolson adnew school buildings are causing mitted that some of the frills are the taxpayers \$18 a square foot, classrooms to cost twice as much necessary, perhaps to the extent as they should, even at the ex- of \$4 per square foot for adminisorbitant rate which school dis- tration units and other necessary tricts are required to pay because costs, but it should not cost \$18 are costing less than one-third buying." of State architectural restric- per square foot to buy classroom space.

This was the claim of William 11 SCHOOL ROOMS H. Tolson, new member of the "Without the classrooms, the board of education at its last other items would not be needed."

torium at Fern avenue may cost before it is completed.

Retailers

Move To

Get Trade

of that amount, including fixtures for restaurants, etc.

It appears, say those watching the building program, that the architectural setup and require-

buildings.

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stores.

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MARBLE-GAME INTERESTS DEFY CHURCHES ON

Largest Circulating Newspaper or Combination Newspapers in the Torrance Trading Area. 11,190 CIRCULATION

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Reaction Varied at Markets

Local housewives have entered into the hysteria buying which is sweeping the Los Angeles district. Local markets have had varied results from the "stock up now" buying, with some showing extraordinary sales of sugar, coffee, soap, canned meats and oils.

Dick Allen of Food King reported that the sale of sugar has gone up approximately six times as much, and soap, coffee and oils have doubled.

Ideal Ranch Market reported nothing out of the ordinary, except and exceptionally large sale of sugar last week, but indicated that the sharp rise in sugar buying might have been due to the canning season.

Other market managers in the Torrance trading area reported that several times they have been completely sold out of stock items that proved "hard to get' in the last war.

It was learned that the cafe-

Legion to



that hitchhiking in the county is against the law? The County Board of Supervisors recently passed an ordinance making hitch-hiking, and the picking up of hitchhikers against the law. Safety measures was cited as the cause for the action. —Press photo

Parking Authority Dangerous – Drale

Creation of a parking author- | program can be handled by the represent the wishes of the en- boards from Torrance. ity in Torrance in the form sug- City Council - the elected autire area, and that many nongested would be dangerous to thority empowered to look after the welfare of the community, the welfare of the people, parkusers want the bus lines continand such "authority" as is pro-posed for the new body already ued. ing included. Gr "A parking authority might be a petition of residents of the area is vested in the City Council, all right, and necessary, in big asking that the lines be continaccording to Councilman Nick ued. Drale. cities, but not in Torrance. It Councilman Nick Drale said The parking authority as prowould be just another board, and that all areas are entitled to bus vided by the state law, according it would have too much power. service, because the residents are to Drale, would create another citizens of the city. SPECULATORS board which would have the Thus realignment of the bus power of eminent domain, if es-"I dare say that real estate service was delayed. tablished here. speculators would become tre-The plan before the Council The City Council already has mendously interested in the acwould have eliminated Hawadopted a resolution declaring tivities of the parking authority. the need for such a parking That would not be healthy." authority. Drale also pointed out that "We already have two boards purchase of property by the here with the authority to conparking authority would have to demn property, the City Council and the Board of Education,' be financed by bond issue, and Drale said. "I am not in favor that the authority would have of creating another authority power to call an election to vote with such powers. The entire such bonds. "I suggested that interested **Parkway Strip** citizens read the Parking Law of 1949, and see what wide powers this authority would Elimination have. I'll be glad to furnish anyone interested with a copy of the act." Drale said that the act **Plan Studied** lic and essential governmental area. The parkway strip in Torrance boulevard from Madrid Avenue function." to Crenshaw boulevard may be It can sue and be sued, make eliminated entirely, it was indi- and execute contracts, acquire Stevens to work out a deal some- ty of Los Angeles repealing the property by lease, purchase or what like that of the older Ket- selection of sites by the Board cated this week. through the powers of eminent tler Knolls sections, it was said. of Supervisors of said County City Manager George Stevens told the Press that the future of domain, he said. the parkway depends upon the IN BUSINESS

Passage of Law Delayed By City

Out-of-town interests who operate the marble games in Torrance which are openly used for gambling Tuesday night delayed final passage of the abandonment ordinance. Thus, they openly defied the

Protests Delay Bus

Line Cut Protests against abandonment The games are for the most part of bus lines to Hollywood Riviera in bars, liquor stores and restau-

and Harbor City have delayed rants. action on the realignment of the City Council meeting Tuesday night. H. S. Gray, representing Holice to that area is stopped. He matter was referred to the agenindicated that the Home Own- da meeting of Aug. 1. ers Association of Hollywood However, it was indicated Riviera represented by Comdr. Councilmen will insist on final W. A. Mason which has been passage of the ordinances, since opposing the Torrance bus lines' they are unanimously pledged to operation to the area does not ban the marble games and punch

"minority" in talking the City Council into holding up final action on the ban They asked that store owners where the games are located get together with the opposing interests and work out a proposition. Woody MacFaden, attorney for

Torance Council of Churches, the

Torrance Parent-Teacher Coun-

cil, and Torrance Educational

Advisory Committee and other

interests which they termed

No. 14.

lines to skip those areas, at the the out-of-town operators of the games called gambling devices in almost every California city, asked that the matted be put on lywood Riviera interests, said the ballot in November, if a that many families in the area "deal" cannot be worked with will be stranded if the bus serv- the opposition to the games. The



At Rotary

Market owners urged housewives to buy reasonably so that there will be enough for every-one. "There is no shortage," said one merchant, "but markets are Modern buildings, ft is learned, not set up to handle large scale

meeting. Tolson not only chal- he said. "So, in the period of exlenged costs but also held up the pansion which Torrance is going selection of architects for new through, the money should be buildings until the whole board put in the school rooms where could be present. With Tolson the children are, not into the presiding, only Mrs. Grace frills." Wright and Carl Steele were other members present.

Tolson pointed out that the building inspector, when they alcost per square foot of class- ready are paying two percent rooms should be about \$9 per of the cost of the schools to the square foot, according to present architects, which includes inspecday school standards. The state tion for the district, also was allows up to \$11 per square foot challenged. Tolson said that he for classroom construction. How- opposes this. ever, the frills, extras, unneeded corridors and other added feareveals that the very temporary from three to four months. tures at Seaside school made the three-room addition to Fern ave-

Teachers - Will Tour **Forrance**

While many "old-timers" in Torrance apparently are unaware of the vastness of the city, and new-comers are evidencing interest in its expanse, the teachers of the Torrance Unified School Torrance retail shopping cen-District are going to find out about the city they serve.

During Orientation Week, the area, under plans being worked teachers will be taken on a tour out by Blaine Walker, secretaryof Torrance, including visits to manager of the Chamber of Comall the Schools, housing projects, merce, and John Almond, presiand the industries. School buses dent of the Torrance Better will be used for this tour. Merchants.

Recently, Paul Diamond, of High standards, of latest dethe Gay Shop, and one of the sign, with powerful lights such active Torrance retail merchants as have been installed on several to better business conditions in leaders, suggested to the Merch- busy corners, are being sought Torrance, and in so doing: ants Division of the Chamber of to replace the present lights.

Commerce that they sponsor a Property owners would be asbus tour of Torrance to show the sessed to pay for the lights, it Business

people and the merchants the was said. Many already have agreed to the plan.

New School Help To Be Examined

Future appointments of em- in present positions occur, the ployees of Torrance Unified Superintendent shall notify the School District will be subject to Board, and shall announce a comexamination for fitness and per- petitive examination for all ap- made, it was pointed out. sonal qualification to perform plicants desiring to be appointed duties assigned, acording to the to such positions. Such examina- purchasing rate has increased ing Expediter, Darby s personnel policy adopted by the tions shall fairly test the appli- materially since that time. Board of Education: cants skills, knowlédges, and abil-

. The policy gives the employee ities required by the class of posimilar to that of civil service, sitions to which the appointment it is said. It reads:

is to be made, and shall impartially evaluate the personal qual-"As new positions are created ifications necessary for successby the Board, and as vacancies (Continued on Page Four)

ments of the State Division of Install New Schoolhouse Planning are causing school buildings to cost more than twice the cost of ordinary However, it is pointed out, un-

less the school district abides by A score or more civic leaders recommendations and in- and public officials are expected structions of the Division of to be among the two hundred Schoolhouse Planning, the State guests attending the annual inaid funds provided for various stallation of officers of the Bert

districts are withheld. **Crossland** American Legion Another phase criticized is the at the Legion's Border avenue fact that it takes a year to build Post Saturday night at 8 p. m. a school building, whereas a mod- hall.

ern, one-story office or store The Redondo Beach post cerebuilding can be completed in monial team will swear in James G. Parks as the new commander

of the Crossland veteran's group, succeeding Thomas Watson. Parks is in the printing business in Torrance, and is a life-long

resident of the community. Robert Sleeth, Jr., and Joseph Piatt, will receive their oaths as the post's new vice-commanders. Insurance man Robert Fernley will assume the office of post finance officer, following in the footsteps of Lyle O'Hora, who guided the post in financial matters during the difficult days following the erection of the new Following the publication of Legion home.

the facts in the Press last week Ben Youngken, Jr., the son of that Torrance stores are getting a Legionnaire active for 30 years, only 50 cents of each \$1.00 which will be the new service officer, its population spends in retail and Paddy Ryan will once more

serve as the post chaplain. John Almond, head of the Mer-An orchestra will provide muchants division of the Torrance sic for dancing immediately fol-Chamber of Commerce announlowing the installation ceremony. ced the newly formed Torrance

Better Merchants are cooperating with each other in assisting Lomita Rent needs in Torrance. Members of Decontrol the Torrance Better Merchants, Almond pointed out, are pledged 1. To accept the truth in ad-vertising principles of Better Possible

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visor Raymond V. Darby, the 2. To abide by standard open-Board of Supervisors may order ing and closing hours. decontrol of rents in unincorpo-3. To cooperate with out fellow merchants in assisting cus- rated county areas under an tomers in securing all their needs. opinion submitted Tuesday to the in Torrance by directing their Board by County Counsel Harattention to the store where the old W. Kennedy. merchandise can be found.

The organization has a large County Counsel's interpretaand representative membership, tion is centered on a recent lation of officers and a dinnerand better conditions now are enamendment to the Federal Rent dance by the Torrance Junior

joyed in Torrance than did in Act which gives the Supervisors Chamber of Commerce, tomor-1948, when the survey which rethe right to call a public hearing row, Friday evening, at 7:30. sulted in last week's story was on rental patterns in county ter- Ev. Ross State Junior Chamritories and serve notice of such ber President will officiate and It is believed the per capita hearing upon the Federal Hous- the public is invited to attend.

Following such a he advertised in a newsp

Opening

The Nativity Catholic School finding announced this week that they governing have openings for enrollment in Board of the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. to the Kennedy analysis.

type of property the frontage is to become, commercial or resi-

dential. If it is to be determined to be of it to private parties for retail Plaza del Amo to Lincoln have that the county select, in lieu commercial property, the park- stores, service stations and other to look out on a virtual "junk thereof, another single site for a way probably will go, it was businesses.

The entire matter 'is in the hands of the Traffic Committee Torrance," Drale said. "It bor-

> and operation of business." "And remember, any land so it formerly carried goes to the shoulders of the other taxpayers that, however.'

Drale asked for community opwork through this office. There position to creation of the parkare 988 women and 1729 men.

will be the setting for the instal-**Perry Connett** Announces **New Associate**

that he

son announced this week

thorne service north of Redondo cut service to Hollywood Riviera, Seaside Ranchos, Harbor City,

East Lomita and Harbor Hills.

New Kettler Area Lights Being Urged

of Kettler Knolls, north of Sepulprovides, "Each authority shall veda boulevard and east of Borconstitute a public body, corpo-der avenue, are seeking means PETITIONS ASK rate and politic, exercising pub- to secure proper lighting of the

A committee is to be named to

Drale pointed out the authority can even buy land for a park-

ing facility and then lease part dents on Border avenue from week. The petitions also urged

"That is too much authority for such a board in a city like

ders on government ownership

acquired means that it is taken off the tax rolls and the burden The real estate speculators involved don't care anything about

The Palos Verdes Country Club ing authority here. Of the men 32 percent are vet-

> Professionals-including accountants, industrial chemists, industrial, electrical, chemical and me-

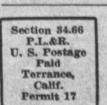
Perry Connet, realtor of 1871 other entertainers, draftsmen, May .461: June, 435: July, 438:

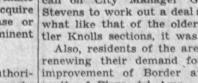
rical — includes bookkeepers per, rents Dwight Eubank, 1st Vice Presi-Orson D. Presi-dent; Harvey Abrahamson, 2nd Upon a Vice President; Bert Smith, tres-surer; Jim Morehead, Secretary; at 1418 Post hiers, inventory clerks, postclerks, grocery checkers, heral office clerks, receptionat 1418 Post Ave, and is we s, comptometer operators, pay Il clerks, shipping and receiv g clerks, typists, stock clerks,

Employment Picture As of this week there are 2717 | May, 212; June, 205; July, 169; persons unemployed and seeking Sales people

May, 405; June, 385; July, 319: (Continued on Page Five)

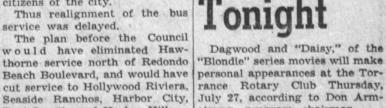
erans. The applicants are classi-Section 34.66 May, 461; June, 435; July, 438: P.L.&R. **U. S. Postage** Paid Torrance, Calif. chanical engineers, musicians and





fied as follows:

elephone operators.



strong, program chairman. Dagwood, in real life Arthur Lake, will put on a show for the local Rotarians featuring the almost-human canine "Daisy" and her five pups.

The well-known movie, radio, and television comedian will be introduced by Bob Lewellen who arranged the personal appearance.

Rotarian wives and children are cordially invited.

FOR UNIFYING

Petitions for the adoption of a call on City Manager George proposed ordinance of the coun-Also, residents of the area are and its plan to build two separrenewing their demand for the ate buildings thereon for the Su-

improvement of Border avenue perior Court and the Municipal south of Plaza del Amo. Resi- Court were circulated here this

pointed out.

Recent Report Shows

yard," with half a street, it is building or buildings for said (Continued on Page. Two)

Jaycees To

Install New

The retiring president is How

Officers

namely the Mary Gentlach, Sgt. at Am

ing The reti ard Percy.

said.

of the city, however, he said.