# COUNCIL MEMBERS BOYCOTT MEETING

# Blount Rumored

# **PRESSURE** TOO GREAT.

Willys Blount may yield to pressure and give up his councilmanic post in Torrance were curent this week, lending weight to the report that "something is behind" the ordinance which would bar the appointment of a city board or commission member to the city council. This ordinance was offered by Councilman Harvey Spelman and adopted for its first reading two weeks ago.

Blount is said to be finding the city's business much too confining for the good of his own business, and the machine headed by Mayor Bob Haggard is said to be grooming a Hollywood Riviera man (not Mr. Mason) for the

Reports also were heard this week that Spelman wants to give up his office in the city council, Both Spelman and Blount, Haggard-Herald sponsored, went into office in the last election, in April.

The councilmanic majority of Haggard-Spelman-Blount realize that with one member stepping down, there will be a tie in the appointment of another councilman, since Councilman Nick Drale and George Powell work closely together.

The ordinance to bar commission members from appointment would prevent the appointment of Victor E. Benstead, Jr., a member of the Civil Service Commission and defeated by but a few votes in the April election

If Blount should quit, as is rumored, either a compromise candidate or an election will be needed to fill the office.

However, the ordinance barring appointment of commission members is believed to be unconstitutional, and the Benstead appointment might be forced to spare the expense and "campaign" of

### **First Retired City Worker Denied Pass**

After nearly a quarter of a modern of Torrance, Bill Laven, age 70, has retired from the street department at about one-fourth of his pay, but he cannot have a pass on Torrance Municipal Bus Lines to make very frequent trips to Los Angeles to see a specialist who is treating his eyes.

Living at 1809 Arlington aveployee to retire under the state pension system, set up a few years ago, and he draws \$82 a month. He was earning \$231 a month plior to his retirement.

This was denied, even though the railroads give passes to retired employees, and the city council is being appealed to for the purpose of establishing a tion of luminar, mercury vapor prescedent. There will not be type units had been collected another retirement for three through the cooperation of propyears, it was said.

Laven has' lived in Torrance for 33 years and worked for the city for 24 years and 4 months. (Continued on Page Two)

### REAL ESTATE SPECIAL FOR THE WEEK

ACACIA STREET and PERCY AND VAUGHN

Offers you the once in a lifetime home. The unusual appointments would take much, much more space than we

have here. 3 bedroom, 2 baths, full tile roof, patio and barbecue. - See Percy and Vaughn on classified page.



READY FOR THE CAMPAIGN-Standing in front of the new

Democratic headquarters at 1313 Border avenue, Torrance, are

(left to right): Councilman Nick Drale, Beverly Smith, chairman

of the women's division; Jess Dean, treasurer, and Alex Brad-

WOMEN'S CLUB SPONSORS

In accordance with a proclamation by Mayor Bob Haggard de-

Headquarters

Women's division; Jess Dean,

treasurer; George Downing, sec-

retary; Judge John Shidler, co-

C. Ed Jones, George Powell, Mrs.

Renee Dean, Mrs. Glayds Hall

Announcements will be made

Jones, Mrs. Beverly Smith.

Unemployment

rance area dropped far below the

two previous months according

to reports released this week

by the State Department of Em-

ployment, Reports include Tor-

rance, Gardena, Lomita and ad-

As of this date there are 1408

persons unemployed and seeking

work through this office. 743 are

women and 665 are men Most

of the men are over 40 years of

age. 31% of the men are veter-

ans. These applicants are class-

156 128-Sales People

292 216—Service-includes

tenders.

domestic day

workers, bar-

156 160 107-Professional

202 211 89—Agricultural

302 179-Labor.

**Chooses Delegates** 

276 167-Semi-Skilled.

Delegates from the Baptist

458 371 226-Skilled.

451 451 296—Clerical

Shows Drop

In October

jacent areas.

ified as follows:

Aug. Sept. Oct.

298

359

363

place Tuesday, Oct. 10.

claring October 24, 1950, as United Nations Day in Torrance and

urging the citizens to wholeheartedly support the "Crusade For Freedom", Mrs. B. Whitney, president of the Torrance Women's

Club announced that the club will sponsor the Crusade in Torrance

and El Prado were assured with tee wishes to thank those who

Bell in Berlin and stand as a permanent symbol of the free

Any organization wishing to assist in getting signatures and densitions for the "Crusade For

Freedom Scrolls, which will be

enshrined in the base of Freedom

world's determination to resist

Communist aggression, can be

obtained at the Torrance Cham-

Any organization wishing to

donations for the "Crusade For

Freedom," should contact the

Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

For Freedom" is to set up five

radio stations which will pene-

trate behind the "iron curtain"

to the millions of communist

controlled peoples and tell them

Modern streetlights for Sartori

Committee from the Retail Mer-

chants Group of the Torrance

Chamber of Commerce, and con-

sisting of James Squire, Ike Washer, Charles V. Jones and

Binder said that an amount

sufficient to assure the installa-

erty owners and turned over to

City Manager George Stevens.

Binder reported that Torrance

Cost of whole project was an-

would have best lighted streets

for any comparable business dis-

trict in Southern California.

nounced as \$5029.19.

George Binder, Chairman of a quarters.

about liberty and freedom,

ber of Commerce.

Largest Circulating Newspaper or Combination Newspapers in the Torrance Trading Area.

# Serving Greater Torrance Area

SECOND YEAR

ambulance service were made this week when it was re-The ambulance service maintained for some time by Virgil Sullivan was forced out

> Explosion Injures M. Moore

Paricutin, when the boiler he emergency cases. was working near exploded, The ship was stationed near San Francisco at the time.

Ralph E. Moore, and his wife, gement in January, 1950. Mildred, who visited him soon Island, about 60 miles north of ambulance firms. San Francisco, said his mother.

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**Lions Give Baby Cribs** To Hospital

Memorial hospital at a cost of tions at a PTA sponsored school by Albert Ewalt, president of the | ber 12, in the Little Theatre of

The Lions sponsored the purchase a few years ago of the incubators at the hospital, and paid for two outright, partially paying for a third. The cribs were added to the maternity ward at the last board of directors meting of the club.

There was no meeting of the Lions this week because they are participating in the semi-annual Inter-Service club banquet Thursday night in the woman's club-

However, at the regular meeting Tuesday, the Lions will entertain the Torrance High school athletes at the annual Lions Athletic banquet.

### **Zoning To Be** Studied by **Keystone Group**

Blythe, realtor, was appointed last Monday night by J. G. Caldwell, president of the Avalon-Keystone Chamber of Commerce, to head the chamber's zoning study committee. The meeting was held in the Keystone Woman's clubhouse

Caldwell also named John Calas to head a special fundraising committee.

Calas said the first project of circus in the Avalon Village-Keystone area.

Standing committee chairmen named were Gonzales, finance; Woods, reception and attendance; H. J. Blythe, community activities; Reynolds, public affairs, and Jack Henry, highways and

# Fire Department Ambulance Asked

Demands that the Torrance Fire Department install an vealed that the 18 square miles of this industrial and residential city no longer have a local emergency ambulance.

> of business because of inability to make a success of the venture, it was said. "We had to return the ambulances or go into bankruptcy," Sullivan said. "We ran it on a shoestring as it was. I'm amazed that my wife and I were able to continue the service as long as we did." Three ambulances were used Stone and Myers had the am-

bulance contract with the city for many years, and maintained boiler explosion was the the only local emergency vehicle. cause of bad burns incurred by That firm sold its ambulances to Monty B. Moore, 25, 1922 Plaza Art Sullivan, who with his bro-Del Amo, Torrance, Boiler Tech- ther, Virgil, managed the service nician Grade 3 of the U.S. for a number of years until October 1949. Sullivans received no Moore was badly burned on the compensation from the city, alleft side of his body, September though it was obligated to serve 27, while on duty on the U.S.S. all of Torrance and Lomita on

Verne Crum, Eddie Friberg and Virgil Sullivan took over ambulance service last October, and His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil took over the sole mana-

The contract with the city was after the accident, reported that not resumed when Virgil Sulli-Monty is now well on the way van took over operations, and to recovery. He is now at the service now is furnished by U. S. Naval Hospital at Mare Gardena and Redondo Beach

The emergency service is need-Moore's wife, Mildred, and ed within Torrance, it was point- ius Defouri for vic their two children, Monty Char- ed out, due to the many indus- city's new anti-marble game ortrial plants in the city and the dinance will take place Monday

traverse the area. In Long Beach, ambulance service is maintained by the Fire Department.

## **Chest Drive**

Section chairmen in the Community Chest campaign residential divisions throughout the but were outlawed by the ordied three baby cribs to Torrance | Harbor Area received instruc- nance as of September 30. \$50, it was announced this week of information Thursday, Octo- game ordinance, including P-TA the Narbonne High school. (Continued on Page Two)

Mayer Problem

Action by the City Council which would have cleared the myriad problems of Rudolph Mayer in Hollywood

Riviera, slated for Tuesday night, again was stalled by the

failure of the ruling Councilmanic majority to appear for the regularly scheduled meeting. Only Councilmen Nick

WILLIAM H. TOLSON

# Tolson Heads in forrance

The Republican State Central Committee got into action this week and named some 76 "Re-Elect Governor Warren" community campaign chairmen.

Chosen chairman for Torrance William H. Tolson, a member of the board of education and former mayor. He asked for volunters to assist in the Republigan campaign in this area.

Judge Collamer A. Bridge leads the South Bay committee, including Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, and Hermosa Beach.

William F. McWhinnie, Jr., and Leonard DiMiceli spearhead the San Pedro campaign, and Howard E. Crandall is head of the Wilmington drive.

Trial of the case against Julmany miles of highways which afternoon before City Judge Otto B. Willett.

> Charges against Defouri, pool room proprietor, were filed October 3 by Chief of Police John Stroh when a marble game was found and seized by the Torrance Police Department after the City Council meeting Tuesday games had been outlawed, under | night? Ordinance 518. The game had been in operation on October 2,

Proponents of the marble game and Church leaders, will be on hand at the trial. It was believed

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Drale and George Powell were present. That the boycott of the meeting was prearranged was indicated by Councilmen involved. and by the failure of certain other individuals to appear at the Council chamber at the time set for the regular meeting.

Solution to the problems of Ocean Hills Corporation (Mayer's firm) was to come in three definite steps, and thus end the threat of the sale of 400 residents lots along the Torrance-Palos Verdes Estates boundary to a wealthy syndicate of Los Angeles Negro citizens. THE STEPS

The steps were:

1. Three members of the Council, Mayor Bob Haggard, Councilman Nick Drale and Councilman George Powell had agreed to vote in favor of the variance which would permit Mayer's firm to develop its tract without sidewalks.

2. Mayer offered to the City of Torrance a substantial cash sum for the two and one-half acres of land which he gave the city in exchange for land included in the abandoned right-of-way on the east side of Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway.

3. With the completion of the land deal, Haggard, Drale and Powell also are reported to have been willing to release easements along the parkway property of Mayer's firm which have prevented development of that area between the ocean and the parkway, just inside the Torrance boundary at Tor-

Mayer previously had tried to exchange some land which the city considered unsuitable for municipal purposes for the two and one-half acres which Mayer needs in his development pro-

Mayer's offer which would have been the solution to the whole problem was in the form of a letter which was not read due to lack of a quorum, and which City Clerk A. H. Bartlett refused to make public. It is public property, however, once the letter reaches Bartlett's office, under the law, it was pointed

However, the Press contacted Mayer and learned of its con-

City Manager George Stevens said that he had talked with Mayer and thought the entire matter could be worked out. WHAT HAPPENED?

And what happened to the

Mayor Bob Haggard was in Santa Cruz attending a convention. He could not be reached by the Press reporter who was attempting to poll the Council members on their attitude and intended action.

Here is what the Press report-(Continued on Page Two)



Pictured above are the eucalyptus trees along topped to permit new branches and leaves to the west side of El Prado, which are being grow and further beautify the area.—Press photo.

# Eucalyptus on El Prado Topped

Eucalyptus trees along El Prado, which precipitated "east-west" battle of residents along the parkway a few years ago, came back into prominence this week.
"Only God can make a tree," the residents along the west side granted, but they claimed that the city

park department can make them look prettier.

along the west side of El Prado and the resistance of "west side" his committee will be to study are being topped to permit new residents who said the leaves ated from Torrance High school the advisability of sponsoring a branches and leaves to grow and blow away (to the east side) and further beautify the area. The don't bother them at all. topping started at Cravens avenue, near the Methodist church, and will continue for the full down and replaced. length, according to City Manager George Stevens.

The "east-west" fight of sev- tion progresses, and look forward eral years back involved the de- to a crop of nice, new limbs and

do away with the trees because As a result, the tall eucalyptus they dropped too many leaves,

trees on the east side were taken

Now the "west side" residents are happy as the pruning operasire of "east side" residents to leaves on the shorn eucalyptus.

## Torrance Man Injured

Reported wounded during Korean fighting is Pvt. Eugene B. Moore, 22, of 2340 W. 230th St., Torrance, according to the Department of Defense

His father, Grover Moore, was informed that the youth, a resident here all his life, was hurt on Sept. 19. He is a graduate of Torrance high school.

Moore was serving with the Seventh Cavalry Division. He enlisted in November, 1949.

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## Blaine Walker To Speak at Jaycee Dinner

Paul Diamond.

Guest speaker at tonight's dinner meeting of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce will be Blaine Walker, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of

The dinner, arranged by Dick Tuttle, program chairman, will be 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

It is open to anyone interested in Junior Chamber work. A nominal fee will be charged.

FIRE PREVENTION the American Baptist Conven-As one of the many activities of the Junior Chamber, they are tion in the New Baptist Church sponsoring Fire Prevention in Long Beach. The convention Month in cooperation with the will be from Wednesday, Octo-Torrance Fire Department this ber 11th to Saturday, October continue her schooling for 14. The church will seat 2000.

Resignation of Al Jackson from the Board of Education was received at the meeting Tuesday night but held over for 90 days. He was given leave of absence for that period. Jackson, formerly with International Derrick & Equip-

Oregon, on business for another firm. He was elected to the Board of Education at the last school

ment Co., now is in Portland,

board election. The Board received from the State Department of Education a request that Torrance teachers take the loyalty oath required of other state employees, and the Board ordered that the school employees and teachers be asked to sign the

# **IDECO Strike**

The International Derrick & Equipment Co. strike was settled October 8 with a 12 cent per hour across - the - board salary raise, said Joseph Fowler, president of the United Steel Workers of America, Local 2470,

effective as of September 1, 1950, Formal dedication of the local Democratic headquarters at 1313 also allows for improved qualifying terms for holidays, as well The purpose of the "Crusade Border avenue, Torrance, took as for a clause allowing for reopening of wage negotiations in Officials in charge of the dedication ceremonies were Council- January, 1951.

The strike, which began Sept. man Nick Drale, chairman of the 1, involved about 150 men, seek. Torrance Democrats, assisted by ing an across-the-board raise of Alex Bradford, vice chairman 25 cents per hour. and executive board member; Beverly Smith, chairman of the

"Better working conditions, as well as an improved vacation and holiday plan weer obtained," said Fowler. He also expressed that ordinator of the "Pat Brown 68th the men were glad to be back

# Assembly District Candidate"; of future meetings. The committhe announcement today by assisted in setting up the head-

Now in a Japanese hospital from wounds incurred in a Korean battle is Pfc. Roy Clarence Sandgren, 22 year old, of 20603 Oak St., Torrance. He is attached to the 25th Infantry Unemployment for the Tor-

Mr. and Mrs Carl R. Sandgren, said that they received a telegram from the Department

Division of the

of Defense Oct. 9 telling them that their son had been wounded on Korea Sep tember 22. He has been in Kor-(Continued on Page Two)

### Former Press Reporter **Travels East**

Press society reporter, will be visiting relatives in New York for a month. She will travel east by train. Miss Rosenberg, who gradu-

# in 1949, was editor of the high school paper, the Torrance News

### Church were appointed to attend and Torch. After graduating, she attended El Camino college for one year. When she returns from New York, Miss Rosenberg expects to journalistic career.