

REALLY SUPER-Shown above is Mrs. Robert Ernst of Kettler Knolls shopping in the new self-service meat department of Roth's market. Busy housewives are discovering the new meat department hours quite convenient, especially newest markets built by the large chains. the evenings and also all day Sunday, Butchers are on duty at all times for the convenience of

meat lovers who prefer special cuts and other additional services. Self-service meats are becoming more and more popular in Southern Calif. as evidenced by their appearance in the

---Press Photo

Rent Decontrol **Effective Here**

Disagreement over the question of whether or not rents in Torrance were decontrolled by the housing expediter when he removed controls from the City of Los Angeles on Dec. '21 was settled this week as the Press secured definite confirmation from U.S. Senator William F. Knowland and Rep. Cecil R. King that the decontrol order is effective

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Newspaper accounts printed at

Angeles said Torrance, Haw-

had not petitioned for decontrol

Verdes Estates notably disa-

City Manager George W. Ste-

vey, or must be a part of state-

but other similar agencies de-

Text of telegram from Sena-

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No. Torrance

To Get Sewers

Another tract of homes in

By repealing of the City Coun-

tor Knowland:

AZUSA ROCK

The YWCA building got closer to realization this week as the Press that the control of Tor-Azusa Sand and Gravel Com- rance must be either on petition pany donated about one-half of of the City Council to the Govthe needed ready mix cement ernor, after a vacancy ratio surfor the planned construction, according to Mayor Bob Haggard. Palos Verdes Estates officials The site for the building is to are said to have taken a similar be east of the County Health stand, Center on Carson st. in Tor-

Sam Levy, YWCA building nied it. chairman, said that the com- PRESS INQUIRES \$15,000 needed for the structure. ficial information and these are rance blvds. "Construction will begin as soon the answers: as we can get steel for the foundation," said Levy.

He also announced that donation of building materials as well

so time and labor will be welcomed and appreciated by the committee.

Any one wishing to contribute gifts of building materials needed for the construction or time and labor, which will be needed when the construction North Torrance is slated for inbegins may do so by contacting stallation of sanitary sewers. Mayor Bob Haggard at Tor-

BACK AGAIN

Card Sharks Caught, Fined \$50 a Piece

Capt. Ernest Ashton and Percy Bennett, Friday morning were two of the three card sharks who swindled a Columbia steel worker out of a \$120 pay check two weeks ago in a game of Three Card Monte.

Sam Siegel and Franklin a. m. last Friday morning near Health Officer, the soil withthe Soule Steel Co. gate, trying in the above boundaries conto entice steel workers coming sists of adobe or fine beach sand, off the night shift into a game which does not provide for good of Three Card Monte when they leaching action for any type of Several hog ranches are mainrance Police Department.

the Penal Code.

Section 34.66

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Permit 17

2105 HOMES BEGUN HERE

During the last year permits for 2,105 homes were issued in Torrance, totaling \$13,757,132. The single unit home building permits issued during the year of 1949 totalled 838 permits worth \$4,881,690, according to Walter C. Bradford, city hall For Business the time of the decontrol of Los

thorne and other cities which Permits issued during the year had been removed from control. of 1950 soared to one of the all-Officials of Torrance and Palos time highs of \$16,000,673, \$8,- City Council Dec. 26 for busi- Minnesota Mining and Pacific 703,768 more than last year's total of \$7,703,768.

of Torrance, told the 443 single dwelling units worth wide or nation-wide movement. \$3,435 were issued last month. Five builders during Decem-

ber took out permits for a total area bounded by Crenshaw and ber, 1950 and the other half for completed on the Riviera school of 423 new homes and 115 ga-Realty Board officers insisted the control was in effect here, rages. Torrance Gardens Inc. receiv-

ed permission to build 295 homes and 171 garages for a valuation mittee now has \$12,000 of the Knowland and Rep. King for of- located at Crenshaw and Tor- Receives Funds

12 garages valued at \$379,800.

rages to be built near Crenshaw ad Redondo Beach blvds.

K. Sande Senness took out 19 home and 13 garage permits for a total value of \$154,000 to build on the Pacific Hills tract in Larry R. Fox and Bobby G. South Torrance.

Alondra Gardens Inc. was tionary period as laborers, efgranted 45 home and 8 garage permits for a valuation of \$338,-900 to build in North Torrance cil Dec. 26 of two previous reso- near Redondo Beach and Crenlutions and adopting Resolutions shaw blyds.

2135 and 2136, Tract 15933 in North Torrance was added to other home tracts to form the North Torrance Sewer District Piggies May John L. Patrick, assistant to City Engineer, informed the Have To Go Council that he had received a

petition for the creation of a It looks like hog ranches are sanitary sewer district in Tract on the way out in Torrance. The planning commission has The area comprising the newly urged the limiting of the operaformed North Torrance Sewer tion of hog ranches to a maxi-District No. 1 included 178th St. mum of 10 years, according to and 179th St. from Hawthorne E. A. Lloyd, secretary.

Ave. to Amie st.; Regina st., from The commission has asked the 180th St. to 186th St.; Ashley, council to adopt an ordinance Roslin and Amie streets from which would set an arbitrary date beyond which piggeries Sewers were found necessary could not be maintained here. in these tracts of homes due to

The commission's recommendresident complaints of cesspool ation was made after being in-Young were discovered at 7:50 bert, M.D., Los Angeles County formed that the county board of supervisors was planning to do away with hog ranches in unincorporated areas within the next 10 years.

were apprehended by Detectives sub-surface sewage disposal sys- tained here, mostly in the north-Ashton and Bennett of the Tor- tem, Most of the homes in this erly portion of the city. Some area were constructed less than have been the targets of com-Siegel and Young were fined one year ago and many of them plaints by householders as resi-50 each under Section 330 of have been occupied only five dential areas are developed in

. Mrs. Conner Announces Local Chairman For Dimes Campaign

months.

182nd St. to 186th St.

trouble. According to Roy O. Gil-

Dimes campaign in Torrance anthis week. Kickoff of the campaign, according to Mrs. Conner will be January 15, 1951.

ton A. Mewborn, vice chairman; campaign's George W. Post of the Torrance a Mother's National Bank, treasurer; Mar- held. vin Miller of the Bank of Ameri-

postmaster and recently appoint- Betty Lou Keele, women's division chairman of Seaside Rancho. City Council received and acceptnounced chairman appointments Mrs. Conner said that sub-chairmen will also be appointed.

With this year's goal of \$10,-000 for Torrance, Mrs. Conner The new chairmen are Charlon A. Mewborn, vice chairman; campaign's big events this year leorge W. Post of the Torrance a Mother's Night Drive will be torney C. Douglass Smith.

More than \$6000 w ca, operations division chairman; during last year's campaign. This member to the Planning Com-Bob Leech, promotions chairman; is Mrs. Conner's second succes-mission at its next agenda meet-Lucille Stroh, women's division sive year in this post



11,190 GUARANTEED CIRCULATION

"Torrance's Most Popular Newspaper"

now employed at this synthetic

rubber plant. Shell, which pro-

tober, 1950. One section of the

Rowlin also announced that the

capacity basis. Absolutely full

production will be in operation

Well, the Firemen got their

piano. With formerly a five

piece band, a piano player,

but no piano, the Firemen now

have a plano as a result of

a story and picture that ap-

peared in the Press last week.

Capt. Gordon Northington, who

plays the trumpet in the Fire-

men's band, reported that Mrs.

Annabelle Holland of 1325 En-

gracia st. has donated a Bush

and Lane upright piano. The fire-

men got their piano last Sat-

urday. When asked what the men

pet; Fireman Don Davis, guitar;

Fireman Bill Slonecker, piano.

Ladies, you had better keep

your eyes on the clothesline

when you've got your hus-

band's new white shirts dry-

ing. Mrs. John Gerster

didn't and now her husband

has four shirts less to worry

Gerster, 171 W. 220th st., an

employee at Universal Furni-

ture Co., said that his wife,

Jeri, hung four brand new

white size 161/2 shirts on the

lothesline after washing them

the afternoon of Wed., Dec. 27.

by piece, as she ironed, when

she went to bring in the

shirts and discovered to her

dismay that there were none.

word has been heard of the

The time was 8:30 p.m.

missing shirts since.

Taking the clothes in, piece

Beware Ladies

Shirt Culprit

Is On Loose

about.

to death about it."

tember 1, 1950.

cember, 1950."

in about a month.

Circulated in Torrance - Lomita - Harbor City - Shoestrip - Keystone

SECOND YEAR

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1951

BOARD ASKS CIVIL SERVICE TEST FOR FIRE CHIEF JOB

Rubber Plants Here In Full Production

With approximately 1250 now employed in the Torrance synthetic rubber plants, spokesmen of the Shell Chemical, Dow Chemical and Minnesota Mining and Pacific Rubber Co. report this week that all three plants are now at full capacity operation.

C. P. Burnett, personnel manager of the Shell Chemical Co. said that about 350 persons are

Narbonne avenue between Se- 400 persons now is producing pulveda blvd. and the southerly styrene at full production. city limits was approved by the

The change, recommended by izes the syrene and butadiene to the planning commission, brings make the synthetic rubber is now Permits totalled \$3,744,433 the stretch into conformity with in full operation. A. O. Rowlin, during December, 1950, as com- the use in Lomita. Several busi- plant manager, informed the classrooms and administrative pared with \$519,355 issued dur- ness places already are located Press that, "The plant had been ing December, 1949. Permits for on the frontage here. Its pre- on a stand-by basis for a year vious zoning was for light agri- when it was reactivated in Occulture.

School District Haven Development Co. is For Recreation

The Torrance Unified School James N. Starbird and Associates were granted \$475,096 in permits for 19 homes and 11 gaper funds received from the city as their share of funds received from the Los Angeles County under the Community Recreation Agreement, according to Council action

The Council also appointed Franklin to service their probafective Dec. 12, 1950. Having successfully passed their Civil Service examination, their compensation will be at a rate, set as the first step for that position. Also successfully passing the Civil Service examination, Paul W. Hughes was employed as a mechanic to serve his probationary period, effective Dec. 12, 1950. His is at a rate set as the first step for the position.

Laughon Memorial Fund to Buy New Type Incubator

A memorial fund in the memory of Dr. William I. Laughon, well known Torrance physician who passed away last week has been started by many of his friends and patients.

A special new type incubator costing between \$800 and \$900 for the use of patients at the Torrance Memorial Hospital will be bought with the money received, according to Mrs. B. T. Whitney.

Those who wish to contribute to the fund may do so by contacting Mrs. A. E. Ewalt, 1622 W. 215th st.,

Hall Resigns; Leaves Vacancy On Commission

At its Dec. 26 meeting the ed the resignation of James M. Hall as a members of the Torrance Planning Commission.

Hall was recently appointed

The Council decided to disreceived cuss the appointment of another

BUILDING Torrance will be one of the

first school districts of California to build a pre-cast concrete slab building, as a result of action by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

duces butadiene, one of the com-The Board awarded the archiponents of synthetic rubber, was tectural contract for the Madrona school, at El Dorado and Mare-opened for production Sepdrona avenues, to G. F. Schrei-Industrial Relations Supervisor ber, J. L. Peterson with in-A. F. Bero of the Dow Chemical structions that the building be designed of the new slab type Company, reports that this plant, construction. which employs between 200 and

The building will take only about half the time required to Reactivated October, 1950, the build a conventional school plant, and it will cost about \$92,000, it was estimated. Construction Rubber Company, which syntheswill require about three months time, it was said.

The plant will be of eight offices. Daniel, Mann and Johnson, ar-

chitects for the new Riviera school and the new high school The change was the only one plant was reactivated for full plant told the Board they estiin consideration of the entire capacity production in Novem- mated construction would be Sepulveda Blvds. and the city full capacity operation in De- in February, 1952, and for the high school, spring, 1952.

500 persons now working at the \$1,260 Worth plant are sufficient for a full Of Skill Saws Missing

Nine skill saws worth \$1,260 bids for athletic supplies, \$277 were discovered missing 8:30 a. for fire fighting equipment and Airports Housing project at 4100 block Redondo Beach blvd., according to police reports.

Charles Jess, one of the owners liam Lane Co., \$245.88; Aggie's of the project, reported the missing skill saws worth \$140 each. Detectives, Capt. Ernest Ash-

ton and Percy Bennett of the S. Sporting Goods, \$29.00; W. A. Torrance Police Department re- Goodman & Son, \$207.30; Torported that someone had pried rance Cycle & Sport Shop, \$108; the boards off the back of the tool box sometime during the night. They are investigating the

New Car for thought about the donation, Capt. Northington said, "We're tickled Police Dept. Members of the band are Fireman Sam Dial, bass fiddle; Fireman Gordon Jonsrud, trumpet; Capt. Gordon Northington, trum-

ting a new 1951 Ford, Special Delux car for its use.

Fireman Bill Russell, guitar; and The City Council Dec. 26 approved the recommendation of Police Chief John Stroh for the purchase of the car. City Manager George Stevens reported that bids for the police car, opened at the agenda meeting, had been given to the Chief of Police for his recommendation.

3 Local Youths Win Place On All SC Band

Three Torrance youths have won a place in the All Southern California High School Band. They are Penochio Popovich, 16 years, of 2067 Carson st., Torrance; Sherlock Holmes, 16 vears, corner of Hickory and Sonoma streets, Torrance; and Ross Sciarrotta, 18 years, 1630

Beech ave., Torrance, These youths were among the many southern California students who tried out for the place on the All Southern California School Band Dec. 9 at the University of Southern California.

Let's Get Together

Everyone can use extra money-how about you? Did you realize that those useless items you have stored away in the hall closet-attic-or garage are actually valuable-to someone else? They may be just the thing your neighbor needs-so why not find

The simplest way is through a Press Want Ad. This 60c Want Ad brought innumerable calls and many customers to this 15 GOLF CLUBS and covered all-leather zipper case. All

SLAB SCHOOL Benner Move

Acting Fire Chief Jake Benner

School Board

Awards Bids

Awarded by the School Board

Tuesday night was \$718.67 of

\$868.61 for plumbing supplies.

The bids were awarded as fol-

lows: Athletic supplies: Wil-

and Clark Brothers, \$68...

Marx Brothers \$140.20.

ply Company.

Standard Fire Hose Co., \$23.40;

Plumbing supply bid of \$868.62

-Press Photo

Torrance are being demanded by the Civil Service Board, Vic Benstead, chairman, told the Press this week after City Manager George W. Stevens had recommended to the City Council that Acting Chief Jake Benner be given the full status of chief.

It was declared that there are other men qualified for the position of fire chief, and that the Civil Service Board is on record as asking an examina-The City Council declined last

week to appoint Benner as fire chief, after such appointment been recommended by Stevens. Benner has served on the fire

department for 20 years. He had been a captain for eight years.

Following the death of Fire Chief John McMaster in January the senior captain, J. R. Winters, was appointed acting chief. Captain Winters had been injured in line of duty fighting a fire at the General Petroleum plant months prior to this, and after two days on the job, he asked to be relieved due to the injury. Winters was restored to limit-

ed duty as a captain until his condition would permit taking the examination for fire chief, and Captain Benner was named acting chief, on January, 18. Captain Winters has been on the department for more than 25 years and captain for more than

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liam Lane Co., \$245.88; Aggie's For Next Month

Sporting Goods, \$58.56; K. B. & Slated to begin next month is construction of the 100,000 gallon water tank by California Water Service to serve the Hollywood Riviera area following approval of a variance by the City Fire fighting equipment: The Council Dec. 26. General Pacific Corp., \$313.40;

A. E. Lloyd, secretary of the Planning Commission explained to the Council that a hearing was held on the matter, at which no protests appeared. The California was awarded to the Howard Sup- Water Service has agreed to beautify the area concerned.



DO THEY FIT?-wonders Pfc. Richard Gazeley of 22540 So. Vermont ave., Torrance as he tries on a pair of "G.I." trousers in the supply room of Company A, 578th Engineer Combat Battalion. The former Torrance National Guard unit is in training with the Southland's 40th Infantry Division at Camp Cooke. Supply Sergeant Raymond Paxton of Los Angeles, checks records to