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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1951 SECOND YEAR

Drale Parking Plan Is Shunned Councilman Nick Drale's effort to have a citizens committee

work on the automobile parking situation in Torrance lost for want of a second Tuesday night at the City Council meeting.

Oil Derrick **Improvements** Recommended

engineer of the Division of Industrial Safety of the State of California reports that in his inspection of 48 oil derricks in the Torrance oil field, he has discovered 165 improvement requirements that need be met.

Also included in his inspection, but over which he has no jurisdiction were nine wells, standing, but not in operation. Of his total survey as of his first six days inspection, he mentioned that two derricks were in need of major amount of repair.

In the case of derricks operated only by the owner with no the real estate operators who employees or derricks not in operation at the present, Hobba has should have no part in the proonly the power to recommend to gram, for obvious reasons. local authorities requirements that need be met. It is up to the other four members of the Councity in those cases to enforce the cil, except that Councilman W.

Drale moved that "an ordinance be drawn creating a fiveman parking authority for Torrance, and that they be composed of representatives of protestant and Catholic churches, industry, labor and small business."

He also suggested that O. A. Kreese, general superintendent William J. Hobba, safety of Columbia Steel Co., be made chairman, and he got no response.

> Drale's program found an unpopular reception, it was said. probably because "the powers that be," included several real **Building For** estate men, officials and "civic leaders" are working out a program to shoulder the taxpayers YMCA Being of Torrance with a parking lot program which will cost many thousands of dollars.

Drale said that he thought the interests of large property owners who "might" have parking lot sites to sell to the city, and have its own building. would "handle" the transactions

He got no response from the building chairman. recommendations, he said. The Blount said they could "talk"



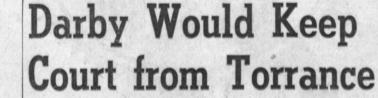
'BELLYACHERS'-These are homes on Border avenue which face the City Dump area where live the residents no doubt referred to by Councilman W. Blount in published reports last

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The Torrance YMCA will soon

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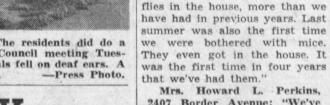
week as "bellyachers." The residents did do a little of it, at the City Council meeting Tues-



Location of the new municipal court to serve the Torrance area was slipping further away from the City of Torrance this week, despite the efforts of Councilman Nick Drale, as Supervisor Ray Darby came forward with his ideas on the subject.

Now being negotiated for by However, the Torrance Citysthe YMCA is the purchase of the Council joined the move spon VFW hall, located on Washing- sored by Councilman Nick Drale ton Ave., near Arlington St., an- to go on record as favoring a nounced Dr. Rollin Smith, YMCA municipal court located within the confines of the City of Tor-The building will be used as a rance. A motion to this effect

day night, but their appeals fell on deaf ears. A recall move is threatened. —Press Photo.



2407 Border Avenue: "We've lived here six years. The dump was across the street when we moved here, but we didn't know at the time that it was a dump, Mr. Haggard (the mayor) sold us the house and, as I remember he didn't mention anything about it being a dump. I told him at the time that I didn't like the looks of. the lot across the street but he assured me that it would

CITIZENS

Councilman Willys Blount drew the ire of hundreds of cit-

izens last week as he termed

"bellyachers," in published re-

ports credited to him, the peo-

ple who want the City Dump

and private dump adjoining

"Certainly these 'bellyachers'

local paper as saying.

it a year or so ago."

dents had to say:

all be changed and made into a recreation area. I would LIKE **Candidates** To to be classed as a 'bellyacher' if it' would help to clean up that filthy and rat-infested Appear On TV dump. It's an awful thing. Howard L. Perkins, 2407 Bor der avenue: "Councilman Nick | With Pat Meroia coming up in mington to Signal Hill, Thomas Drale is right. Why, I've gone front to take the lead in the said. out there with a .22 and have Miss Torrance of 1951 contest killed hundreds of rats during away from Zola Bellwood, who in California aer open to ocean the time I've lived here. The has led the competition till this water seepage and a number of place is alive with them. Before week, all the contestants will these basins are already partialwe bought the place, we looked appear on the Peter Potter tele- ly contaminated," Thomas pointat another house on Crenshaw, vision show 11 p.m. Monday ed out. "Although no positive but it didn't have a garage, night. March 19, according to way of preventing contamination which I wanted. At the time, I Miss Mary Schultz, chairman of has as yet been proved feasible, asked Haggard, 'What's that va- the contest. cant lot across the street?' He told me that it would be made into a park. It's a disgrace that meeting, 6:30 p.m. Monday night, any city should have a dump of March 19 at the Legion clubthis type so close to a residential house in Torrance. section. We're all paying taxes here and we're supposed to have the decency of living in a clean the coronation, to be held April city. Thye seem to use all the 7 at the Torrance Civic Auditomoney to fix other sections of rium is Debby Claire and Her town, but we, who pay taxes Rhythmaires, from Hollywood. down here can't seem to get Bonus winners for this week anything done. "Besides that dump, we can't are Sandy Gulbranson, 1000 get the city to put a decent point winner; Dorothy Sandsstreet in front of our house. A lot trom, 750 point winner; and Pat

Irate citizens marched out of the City Council chambers Tues day night with the word "recall" on their lips as the Torrance City Council ignored their pleas to level and close down the City Dump at Western avenue and Plaza del Amo and condemn the private dump adjacent to the city land. Filling the Council chambers, @

Appeal of Crowd

closed down for health reasons. crowd of Kettler Knolls resi-Blount was quoted in another dents and Border avenue "bellyachers" voiced their objections to "I believe if it weren't for the City dump and the private the City dump and the private area, stating that despite alleg-cf "Gap hile of health" from Right-Of-Way the fact that certain individuals having recently purchased ed "clean bills of health" from homes near the dump, there county officials, rats, flies, mice, wouldn't been all the fuss about and other vermin, plus the stench the dump being overrun with and filth make the area a men-

ace to the health of the children and adults of the area. Councilman Nick Drale again

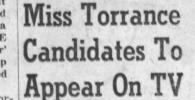
must have noticed that twoand half acre hole in the ground took his lone stand, making a when they bought homes near motion to close down the City Dump, condemn the private And here is what the residump and to lease a distant abandoned Standard Oil Com-Mrs. Frances Morris, 2403 pany dirt reservoir for cut and "We certainly cover work. don't like having the dump

His motion was lost for want across the street. I wouldn't of a second, as the other four want to own this land because members of the council stood of the dump being so close. Peoadamant, refusing to acknowlple who do own their homes here edge the oral communications sure object to the dump, and of the crowd in the council many of them have lived here chambers. for a number of years. Last

City Manager George Stevens summer, we had an awful lot of romised that the dump could be closed in a year, but Drale said 'let's start it now.'

"I have gone down there my-They even got in the house. It self and shot rats," Drale said, was the first time in four years urging the need for immediate action

That the action may come by the circulation of petitions for recall of Mayor Bob Haggard, Councilman W. Blount, the latter who in printed notices in another local newspaper last week called the people objecting to the dump "bellyachers." Councilman H. Spelman and Councilman Ed Karlow was the suggestion of (Continuea on Page Three)



Dump Filth OK, To Be Cleaned

Councilman Ed Karlow won the support of the City Council Tuesday night to require the Santa Fe railway to "clean" up" an area on its right-ofway near Sepulveda boulevard. But Karlow and three of his colleagues could not support Councilman Nick Drale in his effort to "clean up" the mess at the City Dump and private

dump adjoining. "If Mr. Karlow thinks the Santa Fe right-of-way is an eye-sore to the City of Torrance, what does he think about the Western avenue approach, at the City Dump." Drale drew thunderous ap-

plause from the audience.

A bill to appropriate \$900,000

for flood control work to prevent salt water seepage into West Basin ground water reservoir will be sponsored at the current second session of the state legilature by Assemblyman Vincent Thoma.

The money is to provide water injection wells, water spreading grounds and pipe lines needed to introduce fresh water into water bearing formations along the coast from El Segundo south to Redondo Beach and from Wil-"Thirteen ground water basins the West Basin area offers the The girls will also be guests most likely areas where experiof the Torrance Kiwanis at their mentation can be carried on." Such natural reservoirs are the safest and most economical means for storage of water to Miss Schultz also announced meet peak demands and emerthat the orchestra selected for gencies and for bomb proof protection in event of enemy action, West Basin officials commented.



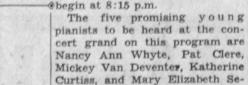
state department, which he rep- about that later at an agenda (Continued on Page Three) (not public) meeting.



TEN-YEAR-OLD-Mary Elizabeth Sclover, left, and Mickey Van Deventer, right, practice for tomorrow night's free public concert, "An Evening of Keyboard Music the Whole World Loves", sponsored by the Torrance Adult Education Department. Director Abe Milstein looks on as the two girls practice. The concert will begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Torrance High School (Press Photo) Auditorium.

zinger High School student will Local Pianists Perform be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow afternoon at the Hardin and Flan-**At Concert Tomorrow**

Five local planists will appear in the Torrance High School Auditorium stage tomorrow night where "An Evening or Keyboard Music the Whole World Loves" will be presented. The title was se-was found in a pocket of his Owens. lected by the Torrance Concert Orchstra for tomorrow's free public soncert, according to Abe Milstein, director. The concert will



of age, these soloists were carefully selected to represent vari-Section 34.66 ous stages of musical accom-P.L.&R. plishment. S. Postage Paid

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unity youth center for by Drale carried unanimously YMCA clubs, for meetings of Tuesday night.

Hi-Y and Gra-Y clubs as well Darby suggested to the Toras for adult recreational facili- rance City Council that his plan ties, announced Milt Isbell, ex- to establish a court in Inglewood, ecutive secretary of the YMCA. one in Redondo Beach and a With the \$6400 cost of the third "at some other site that we building to the YMCA not yet

raised, Isbell said that there will be, in the near future, an appeal Late Bulletin to the people of Torrance to help

According to latest reports, the Board of Supervisors Tuesday afternoon voted that the entire South Bay area, including Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Torrance, Gardena, El Segundo, and Palos Verdes Estates be allowed one court, with the site probably to be located at Redondo Beach, where the county has already planned a court building.

....................... might mutually agree upon" be supported.

Fortunately, the Torranc Council did not seem to agree on Darby's vague plan, especially the fact that no consideration was given to the heavy case load of the Torrance court. Last Fire Dept. year, one-fourth of all cases in the eight South Bay courts came from Torrance.

Darby said he did not like the Seventeen-year-old Arthur Idea of one South Bay (west) Tower, 4158 W. 162nd street, who court and one "east" court to was found unconscious along a serve Torrance and Gardena.

ing with a rifle slug he had **To Torrance Press Editor**

nagin Mortuary in Inglewood. A passerby discovered the lad The new addition to the Torwith a bullet wound between his rance Press family arrived at the demand that an examination eyes. A .22-caliber rifle was 9:14 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, at be held for the job of chief in propped between his legs. A last the Torrance Memorial Hospital which other qualified firemen will and testament which directwhen Janet Louise, 7 lbs., 9 oz.,

jacket, according to sheriff's Louise, Mrs. Owens is one of the owners of the Torrance Press. Mr. and Mrs. Owens reside at

2043 Reynosa drive, Torrance. Marie Louise is the daughter Joining the volunteer fire deof retired Naval Captain and Mrs. partment in 1925. He was made John D. Alvis of Palos Verdes Estates, Capt. Alvis is now the 1930. On April 17, 1933, Winters City Clerk at Palos Verdes. The new arrival's father. Bob teers.

Owens, is the local representative In 1934 when the Civil Service of the Mutual Life Insurance regulations concerning the fire Succeeding W. T. Tillotson as Company of New York. He is department went into effect, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Winters became the first fire

Zappas founded the Torrance May 21, 1940, Winters was made Aves school. Her instruc- Standard Sanitary Corporation, Press, originally the Peninsula captain of the regular fire de-Press, April 14, 1949. partment.



CAPT. ROY WINTERS (Press Photo)

Capt. Winters Retires From Retirement of Fire Captain dirt and filth that goes with it.

Roy Winters from the Torrance These rats are not ordinary rats. Fire Department, after 26 years I've seen them and a lot of them of service to the city, was ap- are the kind that come in from proved Tuesday night by the City the harbor and I bet they're

Captain Winters is retiring for disability reasons, never having fully recovered from an injury

to his right knee suffered while fighting a fire at the General Petroleum refinery here in 1949. His retirement paved the way for the appointment of Capt. J. J. Benner, acting fire chief, to permanent status of chief. This appointment was barred by could participate.

Council.

Captain Winters' retirement is effective May 1, 1951. He has Better known here as Marie the longest service record on the

Torrance Department. Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on November 23, 1891, Capt. Winters came to Torrance in 1917. lieutenant in the department in was made captain of the volun-

department engineer under the Mrs. Owens and William R. Civil Service regulations. On

of traffic goes through this half Merola, 500 point winner. This week's vote results, restreet in front of our house, and on an especially dark or foggy leased by William Zoeller, Cernight, it just isn't safe to park a tified Public Accountant in car here. I love the vacant area charge of the vote tallies are as in front of the house, but not the follows:

Pat Merola 28.266 26,564 Zola Bellwood Sandy Gulbranson 25.001 20,409 Dona Fuller 17.046 Dorothy Sandstrom. plenty loaded with bubonic. As 13.224 Shirley York far as being 'bellyachers,' which Alice Gargalis (Continued on Page Two)

Income Tax Aid Available

A state income tax examiner will be available March 21 in Torrance to assist taxpayers in filing of their state income tax returns. He will be at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on that day only.

Single persons with a net income of \$2000 or more and married couples with a combined net income of \$3500 or more must file their state income tax re-2,820 turns by April 15.

LOOK OUT-Everybody, McMahan's is getting ready to celebrate its 1st year of business in Torrance. The three popular salesmen making preparations for this outstanding event are (l. to r.) Francis Miller, George Haskell, and Paul Henton. Chuck Markland, manager, announced that gifts for the ladies and kiddles will be given away to all those that visit Mc-Mahan's birthday event. In addition, free coffee will be served and a demonstrator from the Philco Corp, will bake cookies from dough that has been frozen in a deepfreeze. -Press Photo,



Head Dies

Santa Fe Railway right of way

near 182nd street Saturday morn-

fired in his head, died Sunday

at the Harbor General Hospital.

Private cremation of the Leu-



new president of the Torrance The youngest of the group Chamber of Commerce last week Owens of Lomita. Mary Elizabeth Selover, is 10 was Henry W. Creeger, manager years of age and a student of of the American Radiator and

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