ALONDRA ANNEXATION MOVE DROPPED 5. BUS SERVICE COSTS O . Deficit TORRANCE **`Nix' to Park Plan** 11,190 Found **Oil Company Says** Guaranteed

The Alondra Park annexation deal is off. The Press that members of the City Council (except Councilman Nick Drale who was not invited) had a meeting in the office of a big oil company in Los Angeles and were talked out of the deal to annex the valuable park, with its golf course, swimming pool, clubhouse, and our own El Camino College.

This comes when the people were found to be very favorable to the idea, according to Councilman Drale who said he had been making a survey of the community to determine the attitude of his constituents.

Drale said that he has found that the people of the area north of Alondra Park, between Crenshaw boulevard and Prairie avenue, are disappointed that they are not going to have a chance to vote on coming into Torrance. Drale also declared that he felt that the interests of the people of Torrance should come first, and that a public hearing on the annexation proceedings should be called before the idea is cancelled due to the protest of one big taxpayer.

It was reported that the County of Los Angeles had agreed to continue maintenance of Alondra Park, so that the tax load to Torrance would be very



It is not very likely that producer of the extravanganza.

here, according to Ira W. Curry, to be built on 180th street near Curry said that the \$5000 government restriction, and Torrance not having the necessary to Wagner Realty Company. The facilities already built, the re- homes will be built on W. 164th turn of the Fair here is not very street, between Arlington avenue, likely. At Arcadia, Curry has fa- and Crenshaw boulevard. cilities to seat 80,000 persons al- CHANGE BUILDING AT G.P. ready built.

\$1,143,000

The tide of building for Torrance continues to hit the monthly \$1,000,000 mark as \$1,143,820 building permits were issued during last month of this year, according to city hall records. The month's building permits, however, show a slight slump in comparison with the \$1,595,942 worth issued during March, 1950. The year's total for the first

three months of 1950 and 1951. show a neck and neck competition with this year's permits leading 1950 by less than \$1,000. Permits issued this year amounted to \$3,663,580, while those issued during the first three months of 1950 amounted to \$3,662,827.

SINGLE HOME DROP

Only 70 single residence pernits were issued for March of this year as against the 265 permits issued during the same month last year.

TWO HOME TRACTS

Permits for two home tracts of an aggregate of 46 homes the World Transportation Fair, were shown on the books for once planned to be in Torrance, last month, Truman Browne was and not receiving the Arcadia issued \$136,500 of permits for City Council nod, will return 21 homes with attached garages

> Hawthorne avenue. Permits for 25 homes and 'garages worth \$200,000 were issued

The General Petroleum Cor-(Continued on Page Two

cents to provide bus service for all the people of Torrance to Los Angeles, Long Beach, El Nido, El Camino College, Kettler Knolls, Hollywood Riviera, Walteria and Seaside Ranchos, in the month of February. It cost the average home owner a total of one and one half cents to pay the deficit on the line to Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos, which the City Council cancelled on motion of Councilman Harvey Spelman (who lives in Seaside Ranchos).

Trifling

It cost the average home own er in Torrance a total of five

at the last Council meeting. The City of Torrance made a net profit of \$1,795.68 on operations of the Los Angeles line during the month of February. There was a total loss of \$3073.82 on other lines during

that short month. The net loss was \$1,278.14, ac-

cording to computations made from figures of Bus Superintendent Marshall Chamberlain. This net loss amounts to one-

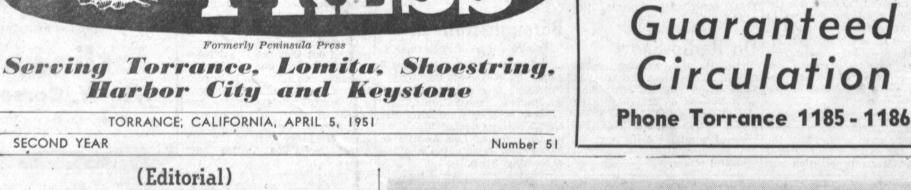
fourth cent per \$100 assessed valuation.

The cost to Mr. Average Home (Continued on Page Two)

LIONS MAGIC SHOW HERE

It won't be long now before the Magic Wonder Show being brought to the Torrance Civic Auditorium, 10:30 a.m., April 14, by the Lions Club gets nearer to showtime. This "Modern Magic and Old Fashioned Fun" show is being sponsored by the Lions as a benefit show for underprivileged children of Torrance.

Audience participation, prizes, autiful girls music and 200



BAD POLICY

Torrance Municipal Bus Lines were established for the convenience of the people of Torrance.

It never was intended that they should make a profit. No municipal agency should make a profit off its operations.

The City Councilman who has deprived his neighbor of a bus line perhaps has not lived in Torrance long enough to know this. His inexperience in public life perhaps has deprived him of the knowledge that government is FOR THE PEOPLE.

The man in the big office who gives him orders, however, does know. But we happen to know that this man is one of those who wanted to turn the bus lines over to private operators, and almost did until stopped by W. J. B. Hughes and his lawsuit, a few years ago.

New residents of Torrance don't know this, and Mr. Spelman is a new resident. But he should have been told by his advisor.

We of the Torrance Press grant that the Hollywood Riviera bus line was not making a profit. Yet, it cost the average taxpayer only one and one-fourth cents (total) to run the line throughout February.

We insist that you don't progress by going backward, and you cannot promote the retail trade from that wealthy area by deliberately handing it to Redondo Beach.

Private bus operators do pioneer that area, and they

lose money, too. Perhaps they CANNOT afford that. But the municipality CAN afford to lose money, because it is for the convenience of the people and the people pay the bill.

The City of Torrance owes it to the business men of the community to PIONEER that territory. The business will not come if you do not go after it. The cost of pioneering is small, as told in the bus operations story on this page.

We feel that the City of Torrance owes it to the business men of the community to give better bus service to ALL SECTIONS of Torrance. Thousands of homes are being built in outlying areas.

Bring these people to Torrance. They will come if provided convenient bus service.

The community will prosper; the sales tax fund

"HERE'S A DUMP THE CITY OF TORRANCE CAN USE"—says Councilman Nick Drale as he points to the far end of the Standard Oll dump

used for dumping purposes

isolated from any residential area on the Stand--Torrance Press Photo. **Dump Protestants Want**

Circulation

order Avenue Paved Action to close the City Dump and private dump adjoining took a new turn this week as residents along Border avenue from RAINFALL Plaza del Amo to Lincoln avenue planned action to require the city to pave the street m front of their homes to its full width.

"This is a serious matter," said Howard V. Perkins, "and that street as it is now is act-@ ually dangerous to life and duty to their people more seri-

property. ously. Nick Drale can't do it "Not only is it dangerous be- alone, and they vote him down only two lanes wide

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slight. ard Oil property. The portion of the dump shown in the photograph is the section thus far

clean fun for all the family will be featured, along with such spectacular mysteries as "The

Mad Doctor's Dream," the extravagant production hailed as the "Fantasy of the Flowers," and "The Magical Mortons," magicians.

One of the highlights of the performance will be a series of contests in which local youngsters and adults may participate for generous prizes. Specially arranged Hammond electric organ

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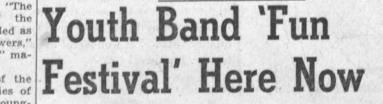
YMCA Moves Into New Locale Today

The YMCA is moving today right into its new location, the former VFW hall at 2080 Washington Ave., announced Milt Isbell, executive secretary of the YMCA.

The YMCA office was formerly located at 1103 Sartori Ave.

The new Y location was purchased for a fraction of its cost Saturday and Sunday afternoons. turns poured in, from the VFW by the YMCA, Thursday nights entertainment will include a concert at 9:00 p. said Isbell.

The first big event to initiate m. of the S. P. E. B. S. Q. S. A. the new Y headquarters will be Barber Shop Chorus directed by the new Y headquarters will be a "Learn to Swim" awards pres-entation 7:30 p.m. Friday. April at 8:00 p.m., Andy Alexander Bud Bartholamew. Friday night at 8:00 p.m., Andy Alexander Bud Bartholamew. Friday night box Angeles on the City Council. Bob Hillyer, San Pedro Bud Bartholamew. Friday night box Angeles on the City Council. Bob Hillyer, San Pedro entation 7:30 p.m. Friday, April at 8:00 p.m., Andy Alexander liquor store owner, was out of parents are invited to attend. All the Y boys and girls clubs will meet in the newly acquired the Youth Band will play a con-YMCA building .



The "Torrance Fun Festival", a gayly lighted midway of thrill rides, concessions and entertainment, got under way this Wed-nesday night, April 4th and run through Sunday, April 8th.

The show is located on a huge lot at the corner of Cravens and Engracia just south of the Stone and Myers Mortuary.

This lavish spectacle is sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands and is a repeat per-formance of the event staged Moore Faces last year by the Torrance Lions and Optimist Clubs. Proceeds from this week's event will be used to defray the events of used to defray the expenses of

many others.

the Youth Band's "Fifth Annual Band Benefit Parade" to be Destruction Towards on May 19th Councilman George Moore of The Mid-way attractions include rides for kids of all ages. the 15th district of Los Angeles, Included are a Ferris wheel,

Merry-Go-Round, Fly-a - Plane, son, San Pedro contractor, in his close the dump too, and have Church will officiate. Interment Tilt Awhirl, Roller Coaster and Angeles City Council. They were should think that those four Cemetery with graveside services The Midway will include special entertainment nightly and on running neck and neck as re-

Moore represents the Harbor Area and shoestring strip as well as South Los Angeles on the City 6, to which 200 boys and their and his famous trick horse the race, polling only one fourth "Tony" will give a show. On Satof the votes cast. urday afternoon at 2:00 p. m.

Los Angeles bond issues were defeated.



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TOP CONTENDERS-for the Torrance Queen of 1951 are, left to right, Pat Merola, Zola Bellwood, and Sandy Gulbranson. As of the latest known vote tallies, Pat leads the race with Zola following closely behind her. Sandy is third in

the competition. Coronation of the Queen will take place at the Coronation Ball this Saturday evening at the Torrance Municipal Auditorium. -All Photos By Dixie Lee Studio.

time he tries to do som and parking is permitted on one thing for us." side, but it is a menace to life Meanwhile, the "ruling" mem-

due to the increased traffic bers of the Council have been caused by new housing developstudying the dump situation, and (Continued on Page Two)

ment in the southeast section of Torrance. "More important, the condition of the street and that dump on Death of Rev. the vacant property which we were promised would be made into a recreation area when we

into a recreation area when we bought here are killing property values," Perkins continued. Border avenue is the only out-let direct to Torrance for the hundreds of homes in the Kettler Mourned Here Border avenue is the only outand Budget Homes tracts located north of Sepulveda boulevard, between Border avenue and and loved humanitarians, Rev. Western avenue, he pointed out, Benjamin H. Lingenfelter, 85 and Border is paved only a half- years, passed away last Monday width for the distance from at a Hermosa Beach sanatorium Plaza del Amo to Santa Fe

avenue. "I remember the City Council from which he suffered injuries promised to widen and pave till his death. Border avenue six months ago," Funeral services will be held 2

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Crowned Sat.

swer.

said another property owner on p.m. Friday, April 6, at the Stone headquarters. the unsightly street. "But then, and Myers Chapel. Rev. Cecil J. Assistant I Councilmen would take their by Rev. England.

lieu of flowers. Coming to Torrance in 1923, Rev. Lingenfelter was pastor of until 1930 when he retired. He cording to Powell.

Suspense heightens as the question, "Who will be Miss Torrance of 1951?" gets closer to the an- sided at 24830 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita.

Coronation of the still unknown Torrance queen for 1951 ning, April 7, at the Torrance Municipal Auditorium at which to Torrance. He was a Mason of time Miss Torrance of 1951 will be publicly announced.

As of the last known vote results, according to William A. Zoeller, local certified public was Pat Merola with 33,666

in the competition by Zola Bellwood who only lagged behind Pat by 255 points. Taking a third Passes, 67-0 place was Sandy Gulbranson with 30,209 points. The contest closed midnight Saturday, March 31.

A bill proposing a constitu-As of Tuesday, March 27, the tional amendment to allow crea-1951 contest, sponsored by the tion of boroughs in any part of junior Woman's Club, had raised a city was approved by the As- lack of screens in the building, \$1.543.33 all of which will be sembly, last Thursday, March 29, used by the Juniors to add to the 67-0.

YWCA building Fund. A new If the Senate concurs, the and cleaning of the building. "YW" building is being construction measure by Assemblyman Vin-(Continued on Page Two) (Continued on Page Two)

IHIS WEEK

It's April showers - .54 inches worth that fell in Torrance Tuesday and Wednesday morning of this week.

Bringing the season's total for this year to 6.56 inches. rain for the season this year still lags one and one-half inches behind last year. The season for last year as of April 8, 8.06 inches.

Civil Defense One of Torrance's best know **Headquarters** Rev. Lingenfelter was injured Soon Ready in an accident several weeks ago

The Torrance Office of Civilian Defense will soon have its own

Assistant Director of Civilian faces a run-off with John S. Gib- they promised to clean up and England of the First Christian Defense George Powell announced the "L" shaped building at race for reelection to the Los done nothing that we can see, I will be at the Inglewood Park 1754 Torrance Blvd. (near Western Ave.) should be ready for

> fense within the next 10 days. Completion of work on the building and landscaping of the grounds is still to be finished. The 1400 square foot construc-

tion, formerly a recreation building at the Fern Avenue School, will contain two offices and a

the First Christian Church here storage and kitchen area, ac-

Complaints of Perry School Voiced

Complaints that sanitary conditions at the Perry Street School are not up to health standards and are being neglected by the Torrance Unified School Board were voiced Tuesday night to the Board members by mothers of children attending the school. A letter from the group was also read to the Board.

Spokesman of the group of seven, Mrs. H. L. McGeachey, 4339 W. 179th St., Torrance, complained particularly about lack of ventilation in the auditorium lack of privacy in the lavatories as well as the need of painting

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School Superintendent J. (Continued on Page Two)

residents in the area to the Fair and the \$175,000 promised to the city if the Fair is held there. the Arcadia City Council voted down Curry's application for a permit, stating that it did not conform to the city business license ordinance. Curry, however, stated that he will re-submit his request for a permit.

Starts April 29

The fine warm weather, cou-

pled with the urge toward

spring gardening, has stirred

anew the question: "When

The answer is: "Sunday,

Officially, in the East as

well as in California, the day-

light saving season opens on

the last Sunday of April and

It ends on the last Sunday of

not, as some think, on the

does daylight saving start?"

April 29th."

fourth Sunday.

September.

However, at the objection of

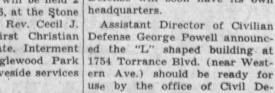
Clerks' Union Accepts Offer Of Pay Raise An agreement was reached Daylight Saving

Tuesday in the strike-threatenng situation between the AFL Retail Clerks Union and several hundred food employers in a large area centering in Long Beach and including all of Orange County. The union accepted the employers' proposal to increase clerks' wages \$4.50 a week, retroactive to last Sunday, and on May 1 to begin putting \$2 per employee per week into a welfare fund. The basic clerk's wage now is \$65 a week.

A contract between the union and employers expired last Sunday and union officials had been given authority to call a strike for a \$5 a week pay increase they said.



HOW ABOUT A KISS, JOSEPHINE ?--- and Josephine, the mascot seal of District 12 of the Junior Chamber of Commerce complies with the request as she bestows Howard Percy, Torrance Jaycee with a kiss, Josephine was dedicated as a mascot by the Torrance Junior Chamber for the 1952 Jaycee meeting at Catalina Island. The photograph was taken at the District 12 meeting of the Junior Chambers held at El Segundo last Thursday night, March 29. Twenty-seven Torrance Jaycees attended the meeting. Howard Percy is a candidate for vice-president of District 12. Also represented were the Gardena, Inglewood, El Segundo, San Pedro, Wilmington, and Redondo Beach Junior Chambers, -Torrance Press Photo



As a suggestion of the family, donations may be given to the Memorial Chapel fund of the First Christian Church in

has been active in church activities until his recent accident. For

the past four years he has re-

Born in Allendale, Missouri, Rev. Lingenfelter was pastor of will be held this Saturday eve- the Shortridge Memorial Church in Butte, Montana, before coming

the Summit View Lodge of Butte, Montana, and has had pastorates

(Continued on Page Two) accountant, leading in the race Bill to Allow points. She was closely followed **Borough Rule**