RIVIERA BUS LINE HOPE REVIV New Dump Site Offered As Drale Plea Loses Survey of Area

RULING '4' AGAIN SHUN HOMEOWNER "Lost for want of a second"

for the fifth time was the dismal fate of Councilman Nick Drale's motion to close down the city dump Tuesday night, as even another idle pit the city might use for dumping was suggested.

Councilman Drale mentioned to the Council that K. Sande Senness had an immense dump on THIRD YEAR his property at Pacific Hills in Walteria which he might be willing to lease to the city. Both, Drale's suggestion and motion to close down the city dump fell on deaf council ears, as for the fifth time, Mayor Bob Haggard and Councilmen Ed Karlow, Harvey Spelman and Willys Blount failed to support Drale's motion. STANDARD OIL DUMP

At the present time, City Manager George Stevens is awaiting a reply from Standard Oil Comconcerning negotiations pany with the city to use the idle Standard Oil dump in Southwest Torrance. The City Manager was not instructed in public council meeting to open negotiations for the leasing of another city dump. RESIDENT PLEAS IGNORED Residents in the area near the present city dump at Plaza del Amo and Border avenues have persistently complained to the City Council at recent meetings about the near proximity of the city dump to their homes and the hazard it creates. They claim

that the dump breeds rats, mice, vermin and flies, which endanger the lives of more than 1000 children living within a few blocks of the dump."

The City Council, ,however with the exception of Councilman Nick Drale, have seen fit to ignore the pleas of the resi-



blocks of streets in central Torrance, as well as portions of Crenshaw, Sepulveda and Torrance boulevards will soon be started, according to City Manager George Stevens, Contracts tor the above street improvement work was awarded at the City Council meeting Tuesday night. The bids were opened at the City Council meeting of April 10, 1951. With the low bid of \$10,81.30, Oswald Brothers will resurface Cravens ave. from Post ave. to Marcelina st., Post ave. from Arlington ave. to Sartori ave., and Arlington ave. from Carson st to Torrance blvd.



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GRAND OPENING PREPARATIONS . . being completed on the new, modern Knolls Market, located at Western Ave. and 234th St. for today's opening. Owners of the Knolls Market, Lou LeLacheur, Jerry LeLacheur, and Johnny Johnson have procured the services of

STATESMANSHIP 1951 Variety

Councilman Nick Drale, upon failure of any other members of the City Council to second his motion to close the city dump, made for the fifth time, and to reinstate the Hollywood Riviera municipal bus line, made the third time, Tuesday night addressed his colleagues as follows:

'You other gentlemen of the Council can go on ignoring the interests of the people if you want to, but when I have completed my tenure in office on the Torrance City Council I want to be able to look back, with an honest heart, and with satisfaction know that I have done the best job I possibly could do to give good government and the best municipal facilities and service to the people who elected me to office.

"What you do is your own business, vote as you please. "But I have a conscience, and I am trying to give the people the kind of government they are entitled to."

We consider this a sample of the type of government representation and statesmanship which is needed today in this

(See Story on page 6) ... are Tex Harrison, famous western television and radio star and his horse, Sunset, to be at the store from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Tex will give demonstrations of trick roping, whip cracking and will sing favorite Western songs. Torrance Press photo.

248.59, making a total of 4212.88. Thus, the a.d.a. has grown in one year by 636, more than the capacity of one school. Since January of this year, the a.d.a. has increased by 110. At present, there are 503 pupils in the kindergarten, with an average daily attendance o 492.36; there are 3365 enrolled in grades 1 through 8, with an

trict show.

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all grades, kindergarten through -

high school. The average daily

attendance was 4638.15 in all

grades, to which is added the

adult and continuation classes

average daily attendance of

210.34, making a total a.d.a. of

In the seventh month of 1949-

50, the enrollment was 4070 pu-

pils, with an average daily at-

tendance, kindergarten through

high school, of 3964.29, and in

adult and continuation classes,

Contrary to reports circulated average daily attendance of in some quarters, Torrance re- 3290.38; and there are 875 en- building in Alondra Park, Drale mains intact within the 68th As- rolled in the high school, with sembly District, with no divian a.d.a. of 855.41. sion of representation, Assem-High school enrollment dropped inside of Torrance, unless Alonblyman Vincent Thomas has in- from 885 in January to 875 in dra Park is annexed to the City formed Councilman Nick Drale. March, but a year ago, it had of Torrance.

Glenn Anderson, chairman of an enrollment of 810, with an "This is a step toward decenthe Democratic County Central a.d.a. of 788.08. In the high tralization of local government Committee, had issued a press school, the a.d.a. had dropped functions, at least in the judicial release stating that Torrance from 864.58 in January to 855.41 department, but I can see in the would be in two Assembly dis- in March. This was the statement of \$elimination of a Torrance court tricts, under reapportionment Although the threat of centralization of Drale to the Press in reporti Navy Plans based upon the 1950 population. increase this year since January, all local government in one area that he is pushing for paving This is not true, according to adult and continuation classes of 174th street at once. (Continued on Page 12)provisions of Assembly Bill No. are behind March of last year, The street is a state secondary 41 which redistricted the state. when a.d.a. was 248.59. highway, and the City of Tor-Expansion of Thomas loses Palos Verdes Es-Thus, it is shown that princi-Baby Born to rance has no jurisdiction over its pal growth is in the kindergarten improvement. It has a 100-foot gained some territory in the area and elementary grades. **Press Publisher** right-of-way and was acquired **Depot Here BUILDING PROGRESS** as a possible part of the metro-The Congressional district also At their meeting of April 17, **On Own Birthday** politan freeway system. emains intact, except that the the School Board was notified The Torrance Navy supply The State has been reluctant 66th Assembly district is taken of the progress made by the Bill Zappas, publisher of the depot, reactivated in Februto pave 174th street, as they out. architects Daniel, Mann, Johnson Torrance Press, had double ary of this year, may be insee no need for it at this time. Assembly Districts remaining and Mendenhall on the building cause to celebrate yesterday. cluded in large expansion but homes are being built on in the 17th Congressional district (Continued on Page 12) plans, along with the San the thoroughfare in large numare the 68th, the 67th and the Born to he and his wife, Bet-Pedro depot, a Navy source bers, making the improvement 46th. ty Jo, at 12:07 a.m. was a 71/2 Lucille Stroh necessary, Drale said. During the Rep. Cecil R. King lives in the pound bouncing baby boy, rainy season, 174th street was Michael. It so happens that the an adobe mudhole, he declared. father also had a birthday yes-The City of Torrance has re- 1951. **Resigns** as guired that subdividers and home terday. Zappas and his wife reside state places no such requirement Policewoman at 1816 Santa Fe Ave. They

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Steady Rise in School

Enrollment and average daily attendance in Torrance schools

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Threat

While the combined efforts

established within the confines

of Torrance, according to

Assemblyman Thomas has in-

troduced a bill to place the court

pointed out, but the fight should

be continued to have the court

MayGovernRoute

New hope for revival of bus service to Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos was seen in the decision of the Council Transportation Committee's action of asking for a post card survey of residents of the areas as to how many persons would ride buses, what routes they desire taken, and what hours of the day the service should be rendered.

low" when they attempted to rule

out the interests of home own-

Another was by Blaine Walk-

er, secretary of the Chamber of

Commerce, who suggested a city-

(Continued on Page 12)

Bars Refuse

Pickup Bids

Councilman Nick Drale was

again blocked by the councilman-

ic "four" Tuesday night when he

made the motion that the city

Contract with the present col-

It was pointed out that gar-

bage collection cost the city \$29.-

000 last year. Stevens said that

Drale addressed the audience

lector expires June 30, 1951, said

Council

ers and individual taxpayers.

The move came even as the Frank Brennan, of 609 Calle de Retail Merchants Division were Arboles, who declared that large offering to subsidize the line in taxpayers were reaching a "new order to have patrons of local stores brought to Torrance business district.

Hundreds of residents of the area have been carrying on a campaign to restore the line, cancelled at the request and on motion of Councilman H. Spelman who himself lives in the Seaside Ranchos district, and who was elected largely by the votes of the people of the Riviera-Ranch-

os areas. DRALE'S MOTION

Enrollment Here Noted Councilman Nick Drale made motion that the line be restored at once, but it failed to get a second. Councilman W. Blount, of the Transportation continues its steady growth as new homes are completed and occupied, figures from the office of Torrance Unified School Dis-Committee, said that they would wait for the results of the sur-

The enrollment for the seventh month (March) was 4743 in Drale asked why the post card advertise for garbage and can survey was necessary, since the collection bids, as the present bus department has a manager, refuse collector has seen fit to Marshall Chamberlain, whose, raise his fee 40c for every new duty it is to conduct such a sur- home in outlying Torrance. vey, but failed to get an answer. He declared that the people of that area are being discriminated City Manager George Stevens. against in operation of the bus lines

NEW VIEWS Two new views were inducted the city was comparing rates it

paid with rates paid by nearby into the bus controversy. One was by R. I. Plomert Jr. cities for that service.

of Assemblyman Vincent tax consultant for General Pe-Thomas and Councilman Nick troleum Corp., who said that and said that it is their right Drale have provided the South representing large taxpaying as taxpayers to request that bids Bay-Torrance area with a three-judge municipal court interests" he did not think it for the garbage pickup be adverinstead of the two-judge court fair to ask the city to run bus tised. He also said that he didwhich the Board of Supervilines which have such small pat- n't think it would work a hardronage as credited to the Hol- ship on the city to call for bids. sors suggested, efforts should continue to have the court

lywood Rivieria line. He was an-1 The motion was lost "for want swered from the audience by of a second." Thomas, Drale Push Improvemen

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas has requested the State Department of Public Works to reconsider all of the issues which were presented by Councilman Nick Drale and City Manager George Stevens in regard to the improvement of 174th street, and a report is promised within the next few days.



Ken H. Jones won the contract for the other three street improvement jobs. Crenshaw blvd. from 203rd st.

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Board to See **High School Plans in June**

Completed plans and specifications for the 13-unit additions to the Torrance High School is ex-

pected to be put before the Torrance Unified School District Board for approval in June, announced Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent.

All working drawings for the All working drawings for the estimated \$600,000 to \$700,000 For Open House additions were completed this week for approval by the State

printing of the school newspaper Division of Architecture. by William Lewis' sixth grade Included in the high school additions are a gymnasium, nine class will feature the Open House of Public Schools Week tonight classrooms, a band room and orat 7 o'clock at Fern Avenue chestra room, and a cafeteria.

Torrance War Dead Returns

dale ave., has arrived at Oakland been stressed this year. aboard the transport Ocala Vicannounced this week.

killed in September while serv- band and orchestra under the to state standards. the bodies of 120 servicemen Jones.

killed in the Korean fighting. Fuhome town.

nation more than ever before

The people owe Councilman Drale a debt of gratitude for his devotion to his oath of office and to the people. His remarks will make local history. -The Editor.

Torrance to Host Junior Baseball Opening Day Torrance City has been honored by the Centinella Valley

Junior Baseball League, by having their spacious Municipal Park chosen as the site for the grand opening day of the league, to be held on Memorial Day, May 39.

Plans for the opening day ceremonies, according to "Red" Moon, league prexy, include a@ nine inning ball game, with each 573 member of the six city leagues playing three innings, and in-

troduction of league and city officials, from Gardena, Lynwood, Found in 163 Hawthorne, Culver City, Los Angeles and Torrance.

The Torrance area youth band and Girls' baton corps are slated to perform, baseball celebrities from the Coast League teams, Winding up his work in the and some of the big names in residential area of the Torwrestling are being asked to aprance oil fields, William J. Hobba, safety engineer of the

Following the flag - raising, State Division of Industrial (Uontinued on Page 12) Safety reported to the Press

pear.

School.

visitors.

Home.'

this week that he has found 573 defects in his inspection of **Sixth Graders** 163 derricks.

Hobba has completed the area homes. between Sepulveda and 140th st. **Put Out Paper** and from Crenshaw blvd. to Walnut st.

In his inspection, he has reported 18 derricks which are abandoned and eight which are The actual news-gathering and standing idle.

Detects

Derricks

CORRECTIONS Most of the corrections, Hob-

ba points out, concern the tight ening or addition of guy wires, replacement of timbers, due to

dry rot, and other faults. Work that children have done "One rig builder, who is spendduring the year will be on exhibit ing all of his time in the Torin each room where teachers will be on hand to greet parents and rance oil field is doing from \$500 to \$1000 of work on each der- SPEBSQSA, Society for the

The display tonight will fea- rick reported," said Hobba. The body of Corp. William B. ture the "3 R's" in the present Fifteen of the derricks inspect-Gossett, husband of Mrs. Wil- day school with the emphasis on ed, over which the department in America, will include "Bud" liam B. Gossett, 22111 S. Hall- arithmetic, a subject that has he represents has no authority, have been reported to city offi-After the Open House the cials. The owners of these Gertory, the Defense Department P-TA will have a program in the ricks will be notified by the city new cafetorium. This will consist of the requirements that need members of the local group will The 22-year-old marine was of several numbers by the school be met to bring the derricks up participate in the sing fest by

ing with a signal company of the direction of Miss Merlyn Ander- Hobba pointed out that he has First Marine Division in Korea. son as well as numbers by the no authority over derricks oper- the Torrance chapter. The transport brought back girls' chorus directed by Lloyd ated only by the owner or not in operation. In such cases, he at 8 a.m. with a breakfast at Reverend C. J. England will can only recommend corrections the Biltmore Hotel, followed by

will be held in Renton, Wash., his entitled "There's No Place Like officials to enforce his recom- p.m., about 20 of the competing (Continued on Page 12)

tates and Catalina Island, but

east of Torrance.

67th Assembly district.

Oil Ordinance To be Revised The City's oil ordinance is go

ng to get a working over.

the city of Torrance, Policewom-City Attorney James Hall, on his own request, gained the ap- an Lucille Stroh, daughter of proval of the City Council Tues- Police Chief John Stroh, tendered day night to attempt to im- her resignation to the City Counprove the clarity of the city's cil Tuesday night.

oil ordinance. Several months ago, local real Stroh's resignation and voted to estate men sent a letter to the send a letter of thanks for her City Council asking that each oil service to the city.

derrick owner post a \$50,000 lia-Miss Stroh resigned the Torbility bond on standing derricks. rance Police Department to ac-This was the result of a recent | cept a position with the Compton storm in the area which felled Police Department as policewo-11 derricks endangering nearby man. Her resignation will be ef-

Local Group to Sing **At Quartet Contest**

Saturday night along with representatives from California, Utah, Nevada and Manila at the regional preliminaries of the Barber Shop Quartet Contest. The singing will begin at 8:15 p.m. at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

> **Meet Postponed** The regular May 1 meeting of the Torrance Unified School District Board has been postponed to May 8, it was an-

> > nounced. Postponement of the meeting was made to permit Board of Education members to attend the Public School Business Officials 24th Annual

Convention, April 29 to May 2,

1951 at Hoberg's, Lake County.

have another son, Peter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ years of age.





stery occupation to demonstrate his one-time profession of

puppeteering. Vinik's puppets, which he made himself, can be

seen at all times in the windows of the newly opened uphoistery shop, which is located near Five-Points corner. Vinik and his

wife, Millie, reside at 1519 Greenwood avenue, Torrance.

-Torrance Press Photo

The senate yesterday gave final legislative approval to the constitutional amendment proposed by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.

Sen. Jack B. Tenney, (R-Los Angeles) said it would allow the Los Angeles city council to live up to an agreement with the harbor cities of San Pedro and Wilmington. .

He said that when they were annexed to Los Angeles, it was with the understanding they would be given a borough sys-

But the state supreme court ruled in 1917 that parts of cities could not be formed into boroughs-only the entire city.



fective May 1, 1951.

A group from Torrance will be exercising their vocal chords

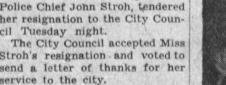
The quartet, which will represent Torrance's chapter of the School Board Preservation and Encouragement

of Barber Shop Quartet Singing Bartholomew, tenor, Dean Lougee, lead, Bill Bartholomew, baritone, and Howard Foster, bass. Besides these, eleven other

joining the 300 voice chorus, announced Herb Allen, president of

The day's festivities will begin

neral services for Corp. Gossett give the address of the evening, to the city and it is up to city an all day convention. At 2:00 (Continued on Page 12)



After nine years of service to

reported this week. The San Pedro depot was also reactivated during February, While no details have been

developers pave streets, but the made available, the Navy is laying the groundwork for expanon developers. Also, it will not sion of the depots in the event requirements in the Far East permit improvement of the street demand it.

On a standby basis for a period of about a year, the Torrance depot now has a personnel of 100 persons, according to Jack Nair, in charge of the local depot. Nair says that he knows nothing of the official statement concerning expansion of the Torrance depot, but has heard rumors to that effect. WORK DUE HERE

Rear Adm. C. W. Fox, chief of the bureau of supplies and accounts, advised Rep. Cecil King (Continued on Page 12)

Borough Bill Slated for Next Ballot

A measure which would allow creation of boroughs in portions of cities will be on the next general election ballot, Vincent Thomas told the Press this week.