

GETTIN' READY-Mrs. Don Hyde, Torrance Red Cross Chairman and George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense, proudly looks at the sign which identifies Torrance's new service center at 1754 Torrance boulevard. The L-shaped building which will be officially dedi-

cated within the next few weeks, according to Mrs. Hyde, will house the Torrance office of Civilian Defense and the local Red Cross headquarters. New Red Cross phone number is Torrance 3447.

-Torrance Press Photo.

Third Year

THREE JUDGE **153 Seniors to End** PLAN AGAIN **High School Study** WINS OKAY Dr. Paul Fisher of the University of Southern California fac-Los Angeles Assemblymen

ulty, and principal of Los Angeles high school, as guest speaker, will address the Torrance high school graduating class of 153 at their Baccalaureate Service 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon in the Torrance high school auditorium.

Dr. Fisher, well known as an accomplished speaker, received his doctor's degree from the University of Southern California. Before attaining his present position of Principal of Los An-geles High School, Dr. Fisher Was Principal of Jefferson Figh was Principal of Jefferson High School in Los Angeles. Commencement exercises for Summer Set COMMENCEMENT

the graduation will be held 8 p.m. June 7 at the Torrance High School Stadium. As the graduating seniors feel that they ioned graduation," four seniors this week by Walter Rehwoldt, will be chosen from a competitive list of nine to speak on the graduation theme, "The End of a district. Perfect Day." The seniors competing for the privilege of speaking at the graduation are Ted July 27. School hours will be White, Don Mitchell, Glynn Boyce, Donna Friedman, Sandy Scott, Zola Bellwood, Doris Ahrendt, Sally Radicky and Gary classes will be held at the Tor- needed only 74 judges, while Carter. Faculty judges are Dan Desmond, Mrs. Johanna Garver, Ivan Malm and Mrs. Hilja Smythe.

El Camino College will follow Elementary School. the commencement exercises.

Program for the Baccalau- at the Torrance, Seaside and promise. reate Service is as follows: Pro- Perry elementary schools.

The Torrance Unified School District expects to maintain 22 from Chief Justice Phil S. Gibclasses for an elementary sum- son of the State Supreme Court want a "simple and old fash- mer school, it was announced head of the Judicial Council director of instruction for the

8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

rance Elementary School, four at Fern Avenue, three at Walteria,

A party for the graduates at and four at the North Torrance Court.

won their fight Monday to get 84 municipal judgeships in their county under the new judicial reorganization plan. This would mean that the South Bay court would have

three judges. This court would serve Torrance, Gardena and bay cities.

A bill setting up the 84 judgeships won approval of the Senate Judiciary Committee despite opposition from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and

which sponsored the reorganization. All 32 Los Angeles Assembly-

men had agreed they wanted 84 The six-week summer session judges in the new plan in orwill begin June 18 and will end der to take care of several incumbent justices of the peace. The County Board of Supervis-

represented by George ors. Rehwoldt announced that five Wakefield, thought the county Gibson, who testified against the bill last week, favored 70. This would have limited to three at Seaside, three at Perry, two the judges in the South Bay

The Senate Judiciary Commit-Besides the normal school in- tee last week had refused to ian will be bestowed upon the struction of reading, writing, approve the bill and suggested senior with the highest grade arithmetic, music, art and physi- the Board of Supervisors, the cal education, special instrument- Judicial Council and the Assem-BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM al music classes will be available blymen try to work out a com-

Frank Brennan, head of the

Hollywood Riviera organiza-

tion which has been support-

ing Councilman Nick Drale

and the Press in efforts to re-

store bus service to the wealthy

Southwest Torrance area, has

BUDGET ASKED OF COUNCIL A DISGRACE CITY CAN (An Editorial) HAVE PARK

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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAY 31, 1951

TORRANCE

That only thirty voters should go to the polls to "unanimously" elect a member of a school district which is spending nearly \$2,000,000 per year is a disgrace to the American election system — the system by which our liberties have been and will continue to be preserved for all time.

The fact that the trivial response of voters to the call to the polls is due to failure to properly publicize the election — a responsibility of those in charge — likewise is a disgrace and an insult to the electorate.

We do not criticize Charles V. Jones. We think that he is well qualified for the job of trustee of El Camino College District. Also we feel that his friends in Torrance and in surrounding areas probably run into the thousands, and that he could have been elected against any opposition no matter how much publicity the election received.

We do criticize the administrators of the district for their intentional failure to give proper notice to the election. We say "intentional" because we know that they do not want a big vote — and they do not want opposition.

Historically, school elections get a small voter turnout. To make our position more clear, Torrance residents will recall that one of the first things the Torrance school district administration did was to secure the passage of a charter amendment to remove the Board of Education election from the municipal election ballot - which always gets a heavy vote — to a separate election.

El Camino College is a great credit to this area. It is the wealthiest junior college district in the west. We do not object to paying taxes for its maintenance, and for the buildings being constructed there on the five-year "payas-you-go" plan.

But, holding elections as they do - without giving proper notice and publicity (even though it may fulfill legal requirements) — is not creating confidence in the administrators. And, if they go through with the plan to ask for another 25 cents per \$100 assessed valuation "pay-as-yougo" building program — they will have to let the people "in" on what's going on, and build confidence.



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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION **NEWSPAPER IN TORRANCE** AND LOMITA

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\$988,307 Urged for Year 1951-52 It will cost 32 percent more to operate the City of Torrance ties and El Camino College, can

next year than this year, if preliminary budget requests of various city departments are approved by the City Council.

Requested

\$ 37,359,80

\$ 19,933.00

City Clerk

City Council

Engineering

Fire

Departments have asked a to-Angeles and the College District tal of \$988,307.30 for the year having no voice in protest, Har-1951-52, against a total of \$749,ry C. Williams, city attorney of 487 this year, the figures show. Monterey Park, told Councilman This is a 32 percent increase. Nickolas O. Drale this week. But On the other hand, estimated it would take a favorable City revenue figures show anticipat-Council, it is pointed out, and so far the Torrance City Council has ed funds for operation of the failed to grant the people of Torcity next year amount to only \$840,799.

The City Council blames the Actual revenue to March 31 1951, amounted to \$603.966.22, Chamber of Commerce for with three months in the fiscal blocking the annexation. year remaining.

The Chamber of Commerce Nearly all departments asked blames the Torrance Industries for increases, some almost 200 Tax Committee, headed by R. I. percent. Plomert, Jr., tax consultant for Following are the budget General Petroleum Corp., for influencing the Council against the items requested for 1951-52.

with comparative figures for annexation. 1950-51: Why the opposition of indus-City Attorney try to a move, which will bene-Budget 1950-51 fit the people of the community, \$ 8,139.00

Number 7

32 PERCENT HIKE IN CITY

FOR ASKING

Alondra Park with its multi-

million dollar recreation facili-

be annexed to Torrance for the

"asking," with the county of Los

rance benefits.

has not been explained. TELLS HOW \$ 28,166.00 Williams, of the law office of-Burke, Williams & Burke, is a \$ 1,200.00

\$ 3,200.00 partner of Louis H. Burke, au-City Custodian thor of the city charter (Mon- \$ 9,100 tebello) after which the Torrance City Judge City Charter was patterned for \$ 9.776.00 \$ 11,708.00 the purpose of taking over Tor-City Manager rance schools from Los Angeles \$ 13,139.00

control. City Treasurer Williams said that the Mon- \$ 3,795.00 \$ 4,146.00 terey Park annexation of some DEPARTMENTS 350 acres of uninhabited terri-Building tory earlier this year was ac- \$ 23,738.00 \$ 29,946.00 complished under the "Annexa-

Dump tion of Uninhabited Territory \$ 8,236.00

DraleUrges Marking JumpFund

That the city of Torrance should earmark all cash carry-over funds from taxes and other sources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951. toward the purchase of a site for a city dump or for an incinerator was suggested this week by Councilman Nick Drale.

\$ 10,174.50 According to City Clerk A H. Bartlett, records show that \$205,000 was the cash carryover for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 with \$200,000 car-\$ 9,900 ry-over of the year ending June 30, 1949. A carry-over for this year is expected, but the exact amount has not as yet been de-\$ 13,179.00 termined.

MAP OF SITES

City Manager George Stevens said that he hopes to present to the City Council at their next meeting a map of Torrance show-(Continued on Page Two) \$ 7,620.00

With more than 50% of Tor-

the United States payroll sav-

ings bond plan, nationwide pub-

licity planned by the government

Rev. Cecil England of the Tor- June 18, and be enrolled for the rance First Christian Church; summer session," said Rehwoldt. "Green Cathedral" — Senior choir; Prayer-The Rev. Father Robert Gara of the Nativity Catholic Church; Hymn, "Holy Holy, Holy"-audience; Baccalaureate address-Dr. Paul Fisher: solo, "The Lord's Prayer"-Luauna Johnson; Benediction-Rev. Clarence Miller of the Torrance First Methodist Church and Recessional-Torrance High

School Band. With much emphasis on dec- about by the North Torrance orations for both the baccalau- Civic mprovement Association, is reate and commencement exer- being filled by the city, accordcises this year, a replica of a ing to City Manager George

stained glass window is being Stevens. The City Council received a prepared by the art department for the baccalaureate, according letter from the association con-

to Mrs. Garver, senior advisor. (Continued on Page Two) council meeting of May 22.

Record Activity Now **At Torrance Airport**

The Torrance Municipal Airport is now home h aircraft than ever in its entire history as a municipal airport, it was revealed to the Press this week by Edward Dietrich, operator. About 85 planes are stationed at the field, a record over the past averages of 60 to 70 aircraft.

An average of 50 planes operate **Two Alert** from the field each day, Dietrich added. He said that the added facilities recently brought to the port

by E. G. "Slim" Kidwell, account Patrolmen for the greater portion of increased activity there. SIX HANGARS Nab Thief now six large hangars at the port, which until about a month

ago only had one for its use. The Alertness of two Torrance Po- B. and G. Air Flight school is also lice officers while on a routine the first G.I. approved air school Torrance girl, Harold W. Gos- work, woodworking cabinets, patrol in Hollywood Riviera Sun- to operate from the Torrance sett, of 17114 Ardath street is textile painting, ceramics, and day night was the downfall of field. It is owned by Cliff Banone would-be building material tell and Mark Gates." Added facilities include four thief.

Apprehended by police officers hangars and motel and cafe mov-M. H. Porter and Jay Stroh on ed here from the former Central suspicion of grand theft was Airport at Compton by Kidwell. Warren Bruce Hoewner, of Van Another hangar, used for stor-Nuys. The officers said that age of private aircraft and own-

while patroling the area, they ed by Mrs. 'Irudy Chester and noticed a panel truck parked Alfred M. Trefethen, began oper- picked Gossett from two lineups by actual members of adult in front of a residence being ations about a month ago. Kidwell's hangars, valued at as a suspect. constructed at 405 Calle de Castellano. They found Hoewner about \$100,000, besides the flight

crouched in the rear of the truck school, houses his offices for the been grabbed while on her way with about \$100 worth of roof- Bellanca Aircraft, of which he is to school on the morning of (Continued on Page Two) (Continued on Page Two)

"Any pupil from kindergarten Band, under the direction of Harold Dunn; Invocation—The to the school on the first day,

Water Hole Near Gains Support McMaster Park **Being Filled** The water hole near the street

at McMaster Park, complained

joined those protesting the purchase of cars, buses and garbage service without bids. However, Brennan got the support of the City Council and was

on the buses. cerning the water hole at the

On City Bids

The Council's transportations

committee, composed of Chairman W. Blount, Councilman H. Spelman, who was responsible for the motion to abandon the line, and Councilman Ed Karlow, "burned the midnight oil" after the Council's regular meeting May 22 to bring out a recommendation that the service be

restored. Blount in open meeting acknowledged the receipt of a letter regarding service to Holly-

wood Riviera from Frank Brennan, chairman of the Riviera group's committee, and said that told that bids will be called for he would meet with his commit-

tee after the Council meeting. Fighting for the calling of bids The Council adjourned at on all items purchased by the about 9 p.m., and the members city costing \$1000 or more, Coun-"retired" to the inner-chambers. cilman Drale at a recent City WEARY

Council meeting changed his pre-At 10:30 p.m. those in the vious "yes" vote on five automo-City Hall said the meeting had biles purchased to a "no" vote. not yet begun, and those wait-Drale stated as reason for his for the results, including ing changed vote was that bids for Brennan, left the City Hall. the five cars had not been opened The next afternoon, Blount called Brennan and announced

Drale, at the same meeting, the group had approved restoralso cast a negative vote for the ation of service, and had okayed (Continued on Page Two)

Arlington avenue and Cota street and at five-point intersec-

tion. He was overruled by Mayor Bob Haggard, Councilmen Ed Karlow and Harvey Spelman.

publicly.

Hearing Today For Accused Dietrich said that there are **Child Molester**

Charged with the bold molestation of a 7-year-old North include leathercraft, upholstery due for a preliminary hearing cake decorating. Two square before City Judge Otto B. Wil- dance sets will put on an exhibi-

lett 2 p.m. today, it was announced by Detective Sergeant lowed by a ballroom dancing ex-Percy Bennett, of the Torrance Police Department. The 33-year-old painter is be-

ing held on a \$5000 bail. Bennett said the tiny victim after investigators tabbed him The girl related that she had and Mrs. Holt.

The musical part of the program will be conducted by Abe ing materials, such as shingles, the West Coast distributor, and May 15. Virtually at the grounds Milstein and will include Student nails, hatchets, and other items a government approved aircraft of the Prairie Ave. School, she Prince selections, "Danny Boy," (Continued on Page Two) (Continued on Page Two)

Restoration of bus service to Hollywood Riviera, championed by the councilman Nick Drale, the Torrance Press and a group of civic-minded citizens of the area, awaits the approval of the

City Council, it was reported this week.

INGLEWOOD PROVIDES

Two new off-street parking lots have been provided by the City of Inglewood to attract business to that community, Sam Levy told the Press this

Levy, long an advocate of a wood civic center had been purchased and improved at a cost of about \$100,000 to relieve the parking problem and pro-

ersons

vide more off-street space. The lots are equipped with meters, to partly offset their cost, but parking is free on Sunday and weekdays after 6 p.m.

Concert, Highlight of **Adult Festival Tonight**

A free combined fashion show, square dance and social dance ing exhibit, arts and crafts display, and a concert of light classical music will highlight the Adult Education Arts and Crafts Festival at the Torrance high school auditorium tonight, May 31.

Starting at 8 p.m., exhibits on @ display in the Auditorium will 20 hibition under the tutelage of Charles Bryant, a former Arthur

Murray instructor. The fashion show will feature dresses, suits, and coats made

classes at three locations: classes of Mrs. Laycock, Mrs. Marsh,

Act of 1939," found in Section 35,300 to 35,325 of the Govern- \$ 15,522.00 ment Code. He offered to furnish Torrance forms for the re- \$130,266.00

quired resolution and ordinance. "I might point out that prop- \$ 4,866.00 erty so owned (by the county or by some other governmental body) may be annexed to a city and that it probably would have no vote in protest since only property on the assessment roll may be counted in protest and ordinarily the property of a political subdivision of the state is tax free and not included on the assessment roll, and therefore, can-

not lodge a legal protest against annexation by a city," Williams told Drale. The Monterey Park City In Korean Action

Council carried through the annexation of the 360 acres in- of Mrs. Gregoria Magallanez, sponsor of the drive here, has cluding 70 to 80 acres of County 25415 S. Normandie ave., is mis- had 100% cooperation from all territory against the protest of sing in action in Korea, the the business, professional and the Board of Supervisors and department of defense reported industrial employers they have won on these grounds, it was this week.

pointed out. (Continued on Page Two) | ment announcement said.

Jaycees Say \$198,390.00 Garage **Bond Drive** \$ 13,321.00 Health & Sanitation \$ 37,650.00 \$ 25,700.00 Painting \$ 8,038.00 \$ 4.345.00 Park \$ 48,282.00 \$ 79,900.00 rance employers signed up on

Police \$178,221.00 \$150,077.00 (Continued on Page Two)

Harbor City Man **Reported Missing**

seems almost a certainty, according to George Post, chairy man for the Torrance campaign. Eighty percent employer signup is the goal. Post said that the Torrance Corp. Pete G. Magallanez, son

Junior Chamber of Commerce, contacted thus far.

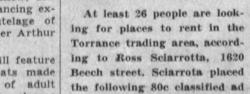
The more than 20 Jaygees The Harbor City soldier pre-Torrance at one time had a viously was wounded in action working on the campaign have move well developed to annex and returned to duty, the depart- contacted more than 100 em-(Continued on Page Two)

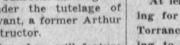


will be one of the many outstanding acts ap-pearing in the Jumbo June Jubilee, June 1 in which included network spots. They are shown the Torrance Civic Auditorium, Bill Wesson, 12, (See Story on Page 9)

THE HARMONICA SHARPS - Shown above Butch Brown, 13, and Ken Huffman, 14, have

above on the Bill Gwinn CBS telecast.





Seek Homes tion to start off the show, fol-

in the Torrance Press - results - 26 calls.

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week. sensible solution to the parking problem in Torrance, said that two large plots in the Ingle-