COUNCIL DROPS \$9 GARBAGE FEE PLAN Money Set Aside for New City Dump Site Collection Job

CLOSING OF

Council earmark a substantial portion of surplus funds for the development of a new City Dump was voiced at the meeting of the Council Tuesday night, and agreed to by City Manager George W. Stevens.

Councilman Nick Drale, the sole supporter of weary Kettler Knolls residents seeking to have the present dump closed down as a menace to health and detriment to surrounding property values, made the request.

Stevens said that there will be about \$90,000 of the surplus money available for capital outlay and public works, and promised a certain amount, probably about \$15,000, for development of the new City Dump.

The money will be available at once, and it is said that plans for closing the old dump will proceed as soon as a new site is located.

"We have plenty of money for all the 'public works' we need,' Drale said, "but there is no more important a project than the (Continued on Page Two)

SOUTH BAY COURT GETS

The South Bay Judicial Distriet, in which Torrance is included, is slated to get only two judges under the bill recently adopted by the State Legislature, now awaiting Governor Earl Warren's signature.

The bill, a compromise measthat thought necessary by Chief Justice Phil Gibson, and the County Board of Supervisors.

Shidler told the Press this week that he predicts that two addi-

cludes the beach cities, Palos performance in expanding the

of the area, may run for elec- Post, about 90 percent of the tion to either of the two offices Torrance employers signed up to (Continued on Page Two)

Grass Fire, 2 Others Keep Firemen Busy

Keeping the Torrance Fire Department busy Tuesday and early Wednesday morning was a 40-acre grass fire at Plaza del which razed possibly two sheds . completely to the ground, a fire MILITARY THEME n a one-room building at 235th Included in the military con-

ment busy until 10:35 p.m. Tues- Arthur. day evening, according to Capt. MISS DEFENSE BOND damage had not as yet been ac- 1951, will also participate in the curately determined when this parade as well as the Torrance particularly in Manhattan Beach, down. Livestock in the vicinity Legion, the Disabled American levels. (Continued on Page Two)



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Tax Raise

The tax rate of the City of Torrance will remain the same the next year, \$1.12 per \$100 assessed valuation, City Manager Stevens told the City Council Tuesday night. He said that the \$864,289 budget, which is about 10 to 13 percent over the current year's expenditures, can be financed without the tax raise due to the increase in assessed valuation.

It is estimated that the assessed valuation will be approxi-mately \$53,000,000 or about \$3,000,000 more than last year. Here is how the preliminary budget figures appeared as trimmed by the City Council from estimates of a few weeks ago.

		Froposed
Budget	Requested	Budget
1950-51	1951-52	1951-52
City Attorney \$ 8,139.00	\$10,174.50	\$ 8.574.00
City Clerk 28,166.00	37,359.80	32,020.00
City Council 1,200.00	3,200.00	3,000.00
City Custodian 9,100.00	9,900.00	9,000.00
City Judge 9,776.00	11,708.00	9,638.00
City Manager 13,139.00	13,179.00	12,996.00
City Treasurer 3,795.00	4,146.00	3,946.00
DEPARTMENTS:		
Building 23,738.00	29,946.00	26,946.00
Dump 8,236.00	7,620.00	7,620.00
Engineering 15,522.00	19,933.00	18,243,00
Fire	198,390.00	149,500.00
Garage 4,866.00	13,321.00	6,968.00
Health & Sanitation 25,700.00	37,650.00	33,865.00
Painting 4,345.00	8,038.00	3,694.00
Park	79,900.00	56,781.00
Police150,077.00	178,221.00	162,481.00
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		ALTO SERVINGE THE RESIDENCE OF

The bill, a compromise measure, allows 79 judges for Los Angeles county, five more than Justice of the Peace John Here for Parade Sat.

It is expected that the famed movie personality, Dane Clark, tional judges, which will be ne-cessary for this area in about master of ceremonies at the Defense Bond Flag celebration and two years, will be appointed by parade, according to Charles Schultz jr., publicity chairman.

In the meantime, however, five in Southern California to be of the seven judges now pre- awarded the Treasury's Defense siding in this area, which in- Bond Flag for an outstanding Verdes Estates, Gardena, Tor- Payroll Savings Plan here. Unrance and Lomita, will be forced der the sponsorship of the Torrance Junior Chamber of However, they and attorneys Commerce, headed by George make the Payroll Bond Savings Plan available to their employees.

Schultz said that it was thought that Broderick Crawford might be here for the celebration. Officials at deadline time were or Clark would be the one to represent the movie industry at

be Capt. Clarence E. Coffin ir.. Amo and Inglewood avenues, Chief Staff officer of the United Ctates naval base of Los Angeles.

and national treasury officials.

street and another grass fire on tingent of the parade will be the trees at Plaza del Amo street. 100 Air Force men and a color The first grass fire which unit, 50 Coast Guard men and a proke out about 1:37 p.m. Tues- color guard, the Marine Band day kept four engines of the Tor- and color guard from the El rance Department and one of Toro base, and trucks and guns the Redondo Beach Fire Depart- from the Army at Fort Mac-

fire companies present. Property Defense Bond of Torrance for water streams underground. (Continued on Page Two)

\$750,000 Water **Bill Awaits**

Warren's Okeh to finance a state study of salt supported it but the mayor. water intrusion from the sea is awaiting the approval of Governor Earl Warren.

The money would go to the not certain whether Crawford State Water Resources Board for gating some to the reserve fleet. a look into ways "for correction the celebration. Also expected or prevention of damage to for the event are Los Angeles underground waters of the state by sea water intrusion in the Guest speaker for the day will West Coast basin of Los Angeles County and other critical coastal

> is a lawsuit aimed at metering and allocating the production from all water wells in the West its toll in Torrance as 1st Lieut-Basin. The purpose is to cut the enant Melvin I. Long, of 23309 consumption of water to a rate Western avenue, was reported approximately the same as its killed in action this week. natural replenishment.

This would allow ground water levels to rise, it is felt, and thus stop the encroachment of salt her mother in Anaheim, it was Eugene Walker, in charge of all Miss Cubie Bohannon, Miss water from the ocean into fresh

Several wells in the beach area, paper went to press, but firemen Area Youth Band. Torrance will have been contaminated with sea believe that two barn-like buildalso provide a combination color
to guard, of which the American described by the steady drop in ground water in the stead

13 Hurt in **Two Crashes** At Same Spot

in a two-car and three-car traffic collision at Pacific Coast Highway and Newton street in Walteria within 24 hours of each

eight persons were injured occurred before noon Saturday, June 23. The second occurred

Mrs. Bessie Shyer, 59, of Detroit. Michigan, most seriously injured in Saturday's accident, is reported improving at the Harbor General Hospital.

ision were Mrs. Ethel Eakins. 35, of 3232 Newton street; Miss Margaret Wray, 28; Mrs. Ethel (Continued on Page Two)



246th St., Lomita, California, tries on the Oriental version of a straw derby. The odd-looking basket is actually a sun hat worn by Japenese outdoor workers. It is tied to the head with a long cloth. Helping Welsh get the proper fit

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OOH, HOW YOU LOOK! — Says a young is Pfc. Robert J. Bisbee, 1317 Greenwood Ave., Japanese miss as Pfc. Thomas G. Welsh, 2348 Torrance, California. The two soldiers are mem-Torrance, California. The two soldiers are members of the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, now on duty in Japan with the 40th Infantry Division, former Southern California National Guard organization.

Three Buses **Being Bought** for Torrance

Use of some of the city's surplus funds to purchase three new buses was authorized by the City Council Tuesday night, over the protest of Mayor Bob Haggard.

Councilman Willys Blount made a motion that two 45-passenger and one 18-passenger bus-A bill appropriating \$750,000 es be bought. All Councilmen,

Upon the insistence of Councilman Nick Drale, bids will be called for the new equipment which will be used to augment present equipment, while rele-While the purchase of new equipment now is authorized. (Continued on Page Two)

Now pending in Superior court Korean War

The Korean War again took

Long, who was with the U.S. Army Paratroops, is survived by his wife, Edna, now residing with reported. Mrs. Long had resided at the Western avenue address until October, 1950.



MEMBERS OF THE 578th . . . Engineer Combat Battalion stationed for training in Japan chuckle as they inspect a treadway bridge assembly. They are (left to right), Sgt. Harry Stumbo, Wolf Creek, Oregon, and Sgt. 1/C Johnnie Pitts, 917 Portola avenue, Torrance. The battalion is a part of the 40th Infantry Division, former Southern California National Guard organization now serving with the United States Army in the Far East. Companies of the 578th battalion were formerly stationed at the Torrance Ball Park. (See story on page 12.)

Goes to Green

Dropped like the proverbial "hot potato" is the plan to assess each Torrance householder a \$9.00 per year tax for garbage and rubbish collection to finance a \$90,000 per year parks and recreation program.

"The idea is dead," said one Councilman when asked what the Council would do about the "request" from the Recreation Commission "requested" by Mayor Bob Haggard and others that the Council levy the 75 cents per month fee to buy and maintain parks and playgrounds.

The Recreation Commission never was "hot" about the "hotpotato," but presumably was induced to "request" the idea in order to take the Mayor and his Councilmanic majority off the "spot" in case the idea was not popular.

It wasn't. They say they could

hear the protest in Korea. And the Recreation Commissioners feel better about the whole deal, we are told. They are going to operate on a generous budget this year, and they know that there are sufficient funds in the surplus to buy the land needed for parks and playgrounds. FREE PARK

They also know that they can get Alondra Park, with its 300 acres including a golf course, a swimming pool, clubhouse and other facilities for nothing, if the Council will take the necessary steps.

"Why spend \$90,000 a year for parks when we can get Alondra Park gratis?" asked Councilman Park gratis?" asked Councilman
Nick Drale, lone opponent of the
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For Borough

Early Deadline For July 5th **Press Edition**

So that all Torrance Press employees may join in the commemoration of Independence Day, July 4, deadline for all advertising and news material for the usual Thursday, July 5th edition of the paper has been set for Tuesday noon, July 3rd.

Regular deadline for the Thursday editons of the paper is 5 p.m. Tuesday. Publishers William R. Zap-

pas and Mrs. R. A. Owens also wish to announce that the office of the Torrance Press, 1628 Gramercy avenue, will be closed all day Wednesday,

A motion by Councilman Nick Drale that the City of Torrance buy all of its automotive and bus parts in Torrance wherever possible failed to get a second at the City Council meeting Tuesday night, and some Torrance business men are feeling pretty badly about

Drale told the Council that since W. L. Cravens started his 'City of Torrance Automotive Manual Survey" which is costing the city several thousands of dollars, that most of the purchases for the city garage and bus department have been going (Continued on Page Two)

Thomas' Goal Rule Closer

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas' drive for "fair play" in the Harbor Area, as involved in representative government, appropriation of funds and distribution of municipal services was a step nearer conclusion this week.

His bill seeking to provide the cities with privilege of setting up borough systems of government will go on the ballot in November of next year.

Thomas created a furore in the 1949 session of the Legislature when he sought to have passed a bill to permit San Pedro, Wilmington and the Shoestring strip to withdraw from Los Angeles city. This bill did not pass, and in the session just ended, he introduced the borough system bill.

It has gained much favor in (Continued on Page Two)

Local Cleaners Fight State Law in Court

Torrance cleaners test the legality of state law. The Thrift-D-Lux Cleaners, who operate the dry cleaning establishment at 1530 Cravens Avenue, had their day in court yesterday. June 27th. An interesting sidelight on the case of the State Board of Dry

Cleaners against the Thrift-D-Lux Cleaners, Inc., and Prosperity Cleaners, Inc., is that two outstanding women lawyers are the opposing counsel.

State Board of Dry Cleaners, tone, Deputy Attorney General, of Attorney General Brown's office in Los Angeles, who argues that the law is constitutional. Appearing as attorney for the dry cleaner respondents, is the noted lawyer, Miss Adele I. Springer, of New York and Los Angeles who argues that the law is unconstitutional and that the public is best served by the free competition of free men in a free market.

This legal battle by the ladies before the District Court of Appeal in Los Angeles will resolve (Continued on Page Two)

Shriner Al Gianni, left Torrance about 12:30 p.m. for their day

of circus fun. Tickets were distributed through the cooperation

of the Torrance Recreation Department, which also took charge

of supervision of the trip.

Appearing as attorney for the Wage Boost

rance police and firemen asking for a wage increase of \$25 to \$50 per month and a letter from the City Workers Local 1135 of the CIO, asking a \$25 wage boost was presented to the City Council Tuesday night.

Both were referred by the Council to the next agenda meet-

The police and firemen, in their petition, brought to the attention of the Council that they have received only a \$20 wage increase in the last two years while those departments of other surrounding communities have received or been promised a \$25 to \$50 a month in-

crease for the coming year. In the letter from the City (Continued on Page Two)

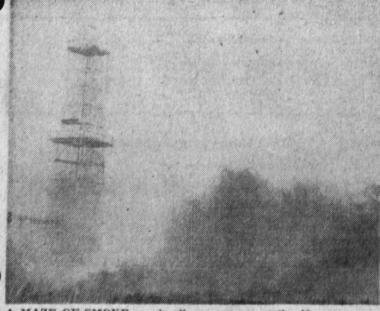
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A MAZE OF SMOKE , . . is all one can see at the 40 acre grass fire which broke out about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at Plaza del Amo and Inglewood avenues. Four Torrance companies and one Redondo Beach fire company fought the blaze until about 10:35 p.m. Tuesday night before completely subduing it.

Thirteen persons were injured

other.

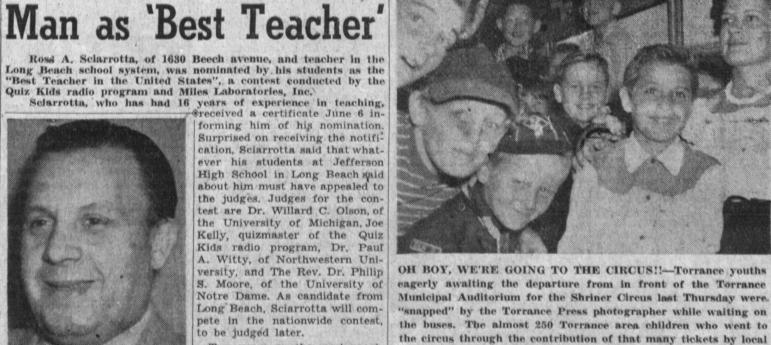
The first collision in which early Sunday, June 24.

Also injured in Saturday's col-



Quiz Kids radio program and Miles Laboratories, Inc.

ROSS SCIARROTTA -Torrance Press photo



Two years on the west coast, the Long Beach teacher has a Bachelor of Science degree from (Continued on Page Two)

to be judged later.