

City Manager Stevens Gets \$1000 Yearly Raise

ALL CITY WORKERS' PAY HIKED

City Manager George Stevens got a \$1,000-per-year raise and a new three-year contract from the City Council Tuesday night.

The raise increases his salary to \$11,000 per year. He was hired several years ago at \$7500 per year.

Councilman H. Spelman made the motion to grant the raise, and he was supported by Mayor Bob Haggard, Councilman Ed Karlow and Councilman W. Blount.

Councilman Nick Drale offered the only dissenting vote.

A wage increase for the City Engineer, a \$10 cost of living bonus for five department heads and for all city employees as well as the renewal of the \$20 cost-of-living bonus granted them earlier in the year, also were granted.

The newly appointed City Engineer, Joseph Jacob, was granted a new salary rate of \$550 a month. Department heads which received a wage boost were the Bus Superintendent, the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Street and Park Superintendent, and Water Superintendent.

COUNCIL DICKERS

Councilman Nick Drale also urged that City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, who also serves the city in the appointed position of license clerk, be granted a \$10 bonus. City Clerk Bartlett now receives a total of \$300 per month in his elective capacity.

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Police Chief To Act As Prosecutor

At the request of City Attorney James Hall, Chief of Police John Strohm was employed by the City Council Tuesday night, at \$40 per month, to aid the city attorney as City Prosecutor.

Unable to get allowance in the planned budget to hire a City Prosecutor, which Hall claims is needed, he asked that the Chief of Police aid him as much as possible in that capacity.

The motion that the Chief of Police be employed in that capacity for \$40 per month was made by Councilman Harvey Spelman and unanimously supported by the City Council.

Warren Signs 79-Judge Bill For New Courts

Gov. Earl Warren signed legislation today providing for 79 Municipal Court judges in Los Angeles County.

He previously had vetoed a bill calling for 84 judges. The compromise measure was rushed through the Legislature in the closing day of the 1951 session June 23.

The compromise 79 judge bill allows only two judges to the South Bay Municipal Court, to serve Torrance, Gardena, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Palos Verdes, Lomita, and other communities.

Three judges had been provided in the 84-judge bill. Thus, two judges will sit in a district of nearly 175,000 persons, while some districts will have two judges for half that number.

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STANGER QUILTS AS CITY WATER DEPARTMENT HEAD

Buy-at-Home Plea Of Drale Rapped

Councilman Nick Drale's demand that the City of Torrance buy all supplies possible from Torrance merchants again hit the floor of the City Council Tuesday night, but this time in a letter from W. L. Craven, who is surveying the city garage operations as a cost of more than \$2,000 to the city, denying that purchases are being made in large amounts from a Los Angeles firm.

The letter indicated that Drale was "hoodwinking" the merchants of Torrance with his statement.

Drale, however, declared that he got the information from merchants, and that investigation has proved that since Craven started his "survey" increasing amounts of supplies are being bought from a particular Los Angeles firm.

Drale also demanded the written report which Craven is supposed to have made on the condition of the city garage, but it was not forthcoming.

While City Manager George Stevens said that it had been made, he said he could not produce it until a future Council meeting when asked by Drale for his copy.

What W. L. Craven did to earn the \$2,000 the City of Torrance has paid him to reorganize the city garage's operations was told by Craven to Councilman Nick Drale this week, amid denials that the garage has been purchasing increasing amounts of supplies out of town.

Craven said that he had prepared a mechanical manual, installed maintenance and cost records and a file-card system; that he found costs and records kept loosely, purchasing haphazard, department over-staffed and lax in supervision. He said that

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'COURTESY' IGNORED IN BOARD APPT.

"Courtesy" of allowing each member of the City Council to appoint a member to the Civil Service Commission or fill a vacancy left by a member appointed by same councilman was completely ignored by the City Council Tuesday night as Mayor Bob Haggard appointed Charles Schultz Jr. to the Civil Service Commission.

Schultz fills a vacancy left by the resignation of Victor E. Benstead, a member appointed by Councilman Nick Drale.

Councilman Drale brought this to the attention of the City Council Tuesday night, but his appointive preference of Danny Desmond, employed at National Supply, for the commission, fell on deaf ears. Schultz was appointed to fill the position by the vote of all other Council members.

WALKER ASKS STATE TO FIX ROAD SIGNS

Before the ink was dry on the edition of the Torrance Press calling attention to the incorrect population figures on state highway signs in this city, Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, had a letter off to D. L. Fahey, District Engineer, State Division of Highways.

"It is our understanding that the State Highway Department has full responsibility of keeping these tabulations on population increases; and, inasmuch as our official population figure is 22,206, we hope that your office has plans to bring our signs up to date," Walker said.

"For your information, this Chamber estimates our population as of July 1, 1951, as 30,255.

The sign pictured in last week's Press gave the population as: 13,160, the 1947 figure.

Woman Pays 60c for \$15

"Everyone must read the Torrance Press Classified Ads," according to Mrs. R. W. Newkirk, 2940 W. 171st.

Mrs. Newkirk placed a classified ad on rabbits for sale in several of the local papers in this area, with no results. On April 15 Mrs. Newkirk placed the same classified in the Torrance Press. Results? "I'll say, I had so many calls that I was all sold out by 10 a.m. Thursday."

The best part of the story is that the classified only cost Mrs. Newkirk 60c, so pick up your phone right now and call Torrance 1185. Get rid of all of those no longer useful items which have been cluttering up your home for so long. It will only cost you 60c.

Below is the classified which proved to be so profitable to Mrs. Newkirk:
62 MISC. FOR SALE
Rabbit hutches, 60 holes, 25c per hole, 3940 W. 171st street, Torrance.



WILLIAM H. STANGER
—Torrance Press Photo

Torrance Valuation Totals Off

A gain of about 4 per cent in the city's assessed valuation is indicated in figures announced Monday by County Assessor John Quinn.

The city's assessed worth for the 1951-52 fiscal year was placed at \$49,495,540 or \$1,883,790 more than \$47,611,750 for 1950-51. This does not include the utilities evaluation, however, which has been close to \$3,000,000 in recent years.

The gain was under the 6 per cent figured by City Manager George Stevens in formulating a tentative municipal budget of \$864,289.

Because of several factors, including an unforeseen \$10,000 saving in the city's state retirement plan contribution, the lower evaluation will not change present plans to retain the current tax rate, according to Stevens.

Jury Selected Tuesday for Vetterli Trial

Selection of a jury was completed at noon, Tuesday, July 10, as the trial began of Clarence H. Vetterli, El Camino College journalism instructor, accused of perjury as outgrowth of a 1949 Communist spy probe.

Ernest Tolin, deputy U. S. attorney, handling the prosecution, said the trial probably will last three or four days.

Vetterli is represented by Russell B. Lambeau, a former deputy.

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Long Record of Service Ended

William H. Stanger will retire from superintendency of Torrance Municipal Water Districts on August 1, it was announced at the Water Board meeting July 3.

Stanger will leave the position, which he has held for almost 15 years, due to ill health, he said.

During the time he has managed the water departments, the system has expanded to three times its size when Stanger took over.

He said that he will "regain his health" after retirement, and devote as much time as possible to water bond issue campaign which he says "must carry if Torrance is to continue to grow."

Frequently criticized because of his honesty in discussing the water supply question for Torrance, Stanger has gained the respect and close friendship of water works officials throughout the west during the past 15 years. Not one who will submit to pressure, Stanger has guided the Torrance water department from a system of 1423 meters and 27 miles of mains, in 1937, to one of 5832 meters and 96 miles of mains at this time.

ALWAYS THERE — He always has the water "on the spot" when needed by subdivisions, industries or others, but has held out no "rosy hopes" in his appraisal of future supply to the end that new industries might not expect "miracles" here. With the carrying of the

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PARKING IN ALLEYS BAN FAILS

"Nixed" at its second and final reading Tuesday night by the City Council was an ordinance prohibiting parking in alleys.

On a motion by Councilman Willys Blount, to adopt the measure, the Council, included to adopt the ordinance.

The ordinance had been adopted by the City Council at an earlier meeting.

The original plan to ban alley parking had come on the heels of a suggestion by Sam Levy, prominent local merchant, that the alleys be opened to parking on one side to relieve congestion in the business district.

Whether or not the Council will go for this plan remains to be determined.

Paul's Chevrolet, Soap Box Derby Sponsor Here

Sponsoring the All American Soap Box Derby, "the greatest amateur race in the world" for all Torrance area boys, is Paul Loranger, of Paul's Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo. The Derby will be held July 18, 19, and 21 at the Arroyo-Secco Playground.

Deadline for all local entries is Saturday, July 14. An all Los Angeles area event, winner of the local race will be eligible to compete in the national race at Akron, Ohio on August 17. Winner of the national contest will win a \$5000 scholarship to the university of his choice.

SPONSORS NEEDED

With 18 local boys entered, at present, Loranger stressed that many of the boys still do not have a local sponsor. Cost of materials for the boy-built racers, is \$18.45. Loranger is arranging for all the boys and their racers to get to the Derby on the specified days as well as furnishing them with the materials. Anyone wishing to sponsor

LOCAL ENTRIES

Local sponsored entries are as follows: Bill Cozart, Howard Jewellers; Bob Keith, Lomita Feed Store; Donald Johnson, Smith's Floor Covering; Tommy Alexander, Daniel's Cafe; Jimmy Hussey, Automatic Printing; Don Hawkins, Lund Insurance; Donald Johnson, Torrance General. (Continued on Page Eight)



WORKING FOR THEIR UNIFORMS — Like the one Torrance area Youth Band member Benny Watson (center) is wearing, by stacking papers for the paper and rag drive this weekend, are band members. They are, Harold Tiernan (left) and Sammy Smith, (right). The drive will be held this Saturday, July 21. All papers and rags will be brought to the corner of Post and Cravens avenues on a lot donated to the Youth Band for the event by Dr. John W. Beeman. —Torrance Press Photo

Lions Will Share Occupation Games

"Military Government in Action" will be the topic of discussion when Colonel John B. Shepard, of the Sixth Army Military Government Unit Training Course speaks at a meeting of the Lions Club to be held noon Tuesday at the Women's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia street.

\$9 Garbage Tax Again Makes News

After announcing that the idea to levy a \$9.00 per year garbage collection fee on each householder in Torrance to finance a park and recreation program "was dead," ruling members of the City Council have renewed their efforts to get the Recreation Commission behind the move 100 percent.

Approaching the Commission were Mayor Bob Haggard and Councilman W. Blount. It is reported they told the Commissioners that the Council must have 100 percent support from that body in order to get the deal "over."

They failed again to get the desired 100 percent approval. Meanwhile, citizens who oppose the idea of levying such a tax again assumed the alert with the intention of forcing the matter to the ballot by referendum should the Council succeed in passing the measure.

Councilman Nick Drale, lead.

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FREE PRIZES, DEMONSTRATIONS

Kitchen Carnival This Weekend at McMahan's

Over \$1000 worth of merchandise will be given away this weekend when the McMahan's Furniture Store at the corner of El Prado and Sartori avenues presents its annual Kitchen Carnival and Homemakers Festival, announced Chuck Markland, manager.

Drawings will be held 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14 at the store. Prizes included in the event are a \$323.50

O'Keefe and Merritt four-burner gas range with grillovator broiler, a \$229 14-inch Motorola television set, a plastic arm rocker, a New Home portable sewing machine, canister sets, a free steak dinner for two at the Torrance Grill, as well as many useful household items. A beautiful plastic bon bon dish will be given to each visitor during the annual event. The store will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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UNIFORMS NEEDED

Youth Band Has Paper Drive Sat.

The Torrance Area Youth Band will have a big paper and rag drive on Saturday, July 21, for which all money collected from the sale of the papers will be used toward the purchase of new uniforms.

The 115 members of the youth organization are now collecting papers and rags for the drive. All of the papers and rags will be brought to the corner of Post and Cravens on a lot which was donated to the Youth Band by Dr. John W. Beeman for the event.

The band now has 46 uniforms but needs another 40 for the eighty members who will be in the Senior Band after the summer vacation.

The band is now preparing for a concert to be given in the Torrance Park on Sunday, August 5th, for the National Supply Employees Association annual picnic. On August 23rd the band will go to Santa Barbara and participate in the "Old Spanish Days Fiesta."



A KITCHEN CARNIVAL—Jonell Kreag, (right) employee of McMahan's Furniture Store at the corner of El Prado and Sartori avenues, takes a look at one of the beautiful plastic bon bon dishes which will be given to every visitor of the store during the annual Kitchen Carnival and Homemakers Festival this Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14. Chuck Markland, manager of the store, is showing the dishes to Mrs. Kreag. Also displayed in the background are some of the many free prizes to be given by the store during the event at 8 p.m. drawing Friday and Saturday nights. Some of the prizes to be given are the 14" Motorola television set, the O'Keefe and Merritt four burner gas range, the plastic arm rocker, all other articles in the photo and many more. The store will be open until 9 p.m. both Friday and Saturday nights.



ON YOUR MARK... Paul Loranger, of Paul's Chevrolet, local sponsor of the 14th annual All American Soap Box Derby, prepares three of the locally sponsored entries for the race. The derby will be held July 18, 19, and 21 at the Arroyo-Secco Playground. The boys, seated in their own, home-built racers, are, left to right Don Johnson, 2621 Martha street, Jimmy Hussey, 1878 Lincoln avenue, and Ronald Johnson, 2621 Martha street. Don is sponsored by Smith's Floor Covering; Jimmy by Automatic Printing, and Ronald by Torrance General Insurance. The Torrance Press is also sponsoring a local entry. Torrance Press photo