

DEFIANCE-Earl Truseatt, 16418 Haas ave., Torrance, signs one of the many referendum now being circulated in Torrance. Petition calls for a vote of the people concerning the installation of parking meters in central Torrance. The City Council last week adopted for the final reading the ordinance

providing for the installation of the meters here. Mrs. Ruth Deems shows Truseatt where to sign. If you haven't signed a petition on this important issue, volunteers will be sta-tioned in front of the Torrance National Bank and Bank of America Saturday morning be-

. Council's Public Beer

a very definite stand against the

of intoxicating liquor upon pub-

lic sidewalks, streets, alleys,

by, amended to read in its en-

"Section 2. For the purpose

tirely as follows:

the City of Torrance."

Two 'Wetbacks'

Arrested Here

to pressure groups."

Voices of protest were raised this week by local church, school that beer cannot lawfully be and civic leaders against an ordinance adopted in a four to one drunk in any public Los Angeles vote by the City Council last week allowing for the consumption County park. He added that by of beer on any public place in the city of Torrance upon the obtaining of a permit from City Manager George Stevens to do so.

Councilman Nick Drale's was the

35 Nurses Needed at Hospital

That the Harbor General Hospital nursing staff is in dire need of 35 more nurses was voiced this week by A. L. Thomas, hospital director,

ity has been frozen to about 700 at a meeting of the ministers Utilities Co the Board of Supervisors, scheduled to be held yesterday Thomas said that, naturally, the more critical cases are the only patients allowed to remain in the hospital. This creates a greater number of nursing per- follows: sonnel needed per patient. At present, there are 131 nurses employed at the hospital. Total number of personnel positions at the hospital is 901, also frozen (Continued on Page 11)

Four Youths Injured in **Auto Crash**

way automobile crash early last Saturday, August 18, were four teen-agers.

Still in Harbor General Hospital, though reported considerably improved are Ramiro Alcala, 19, and Floyd Garcia, 19, both of Redondo Beach, Garcia suffered abrasions and contusions of the back and Alcala sustained a crushed hand, three fingers fractured. Escaping with only cuts and bruises were tw girl passengers in the auto, Shirley Bewlev, 16, and LaRue Jensen, 14, both of Hermosa Beach.

Investigators Merwyn Porter and Jay Stroh said a sedan driv- taken into custody here last Fri- in accordance with the terms of en by Alcala apparently rammed day night, August 17, while visit- the bid. into a curbing while southbound ing friends in Torrance. They along Pacific Coast Hwy., west were taken into custody when are as follows: of Pennsylvania Ave., veered police were called to quiet an across the thoroughfare and argument. turned onto its side

injured before the ambulance ar- been employed in West Los An-(Continued on Page 11)

adopting a measure such as this, the "ruling four" of the counonly dissenting "nea." juvenile delinquency problem. Rev. Paul Wenske, pastor of ADDED BURDEN the Torrance First Lutheran Church and president of the Torrance Council of Chuches, voiced

Chief of Police John Stroh, who also expressed a negative (Continued on Page 11)

Rev. Wenske said, "Not only am I against the ordinance because it allows 'drinking' in publie places, but I think it is a very foolish measure. Giving one man power to dispense or not to dispense with such a permit would naturally leave him open Boost of 20%

Rev. Wenske also said that the which serves Torrance and Lo-Southern California Gas Co., As the hospital patient capac- matter would also be discussed mita, asked the State Public Aug. 18, for an increase of apmorning. Results of the meeting proximately 20 per cent in gas were not available at deadline. Text of Ordinance No. 564

The proposed increase would adopted by the Council is as yield \$17,000,000 more a year from customers in nine South-The City Council of the City ern California counties, officials of Torrance does ordain as folof the firm stated.

The application was filed in That Section 2 of Ordinance both the Los Angeles and San No. 281, entitled "An Ordinance Francisco offices of the commisof the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of Cali-

The increase would add 82.5 fornia, prohibiting the drinking cents to the monthly bill of the average householder. The company also proposes to use a new parks and public places in said form of general service rate City", be, and the same is herewhich would make gas used in the summer somewhat cheaper than in winter,

of this Ordinance, the term intoxicating liquor shall in-**Council Okehs** clude wine, whiskey, gin, or any other beverage containing more than one-half of one \$17,938 of percent of alcohol by volume, excepting therefrom beer, which may be consumed only upon obtaining a permit so to **Appropriations** do from the City Manager of Councilman Drale pointed out

\$17,938.17 in appropriations at its meeting of August 14, 1951 on the recommendation of City Man-

ager George Stevens. Accounting for the largest amount approved was the sum of \$3605 for payment to Harvel's Two Mexican "wetbacks" were for 2000 feet of 21/2 inch fire hose,

Other appropriations approved

\$3,564.55 to Owl Rock Products Company for furnishing aggre-Transferred to Terminal Island gate for street maintenance pro-Several unidentified Navy en- today to await deportation to gram; \$3,387.70 to General Pe- man Noble Waite as Torrance's listed men were praised by police Mexico were Jesus Rodriguez, 23, troleum Corporation for furnish- suggested part of the Harbor for administering first aid to the and Angelo Perez, 21. They had ing road oils for street main- campaign. tenance program; \$1,854.43 to from State Gas Tax funds and on an area-wide basis. \$1,337.85 from Airport funds); Funds raised by the major August 20 by shooting himself \$930 to Barclay Surveying Com- commerce and industry division, way and Sewer District pro- to the area in which they are grams; \$648 to Sam LaFon for raised. topping trees on east side of Nar- QUOTA INCREASE Remington Rand Company for raised \$10,158. This year the

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HUNDREDS SIGN PETITIONS AGAINST PARKING METERS



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Water Bond Issue Hiked

Funds needed for the planned water bond issue under the original plans submitted by James R. Montgomery, water engineer, have been given a \$300,000 boost.

Original estimates of the water bond issue was \$1,500,-000. Present estimated costs is \$1,836,340.

At a water bond meeting Monday night between members of the city council, City Manager George Stevens and Angus Mc-Vicar, acting water superintendent, Montgomery explained, that due to rise in labor and material costs, about \$300,000 more would be needed to see the original plans to completion.

Also under study at the present time is the possibility of cil will only be adding to the placing on the same ballot consolidation of the three water districts and the bond issue. If this is possible, Torrance will vote on the bond issue for a water development program in October. If not, the entire bond issue might be jeopardized. The law firm of O'Melveny and Myers has been retained to study the matter. Decision is pending.

IMPROVEMENTS The proposed improvements and estimated cost of the water improvement program as outlined is as follows: 10-million gallon con-

crete reservoir\$	424.975
1-million gallon con-	
crete reservoir	62,750
Booster pumping sta-	
tion	26,330
Water well at 226th-	
street and Ocean	
avenue	19,200
24-inch feeder main	380,570
Cast iron distribution	
lines in North Tor-	
ance	257,350
Cast iron distribution	
lines in South Tor-	
ance	286,560

Miscellaneous piping revision, regulations \$1,514,875 Contingencies, 10% 151,485 Total construction cost Engineering, 6% 99,980

Purchase of existing politan Water District of Southern California Purchase of reservoir

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DOLLAR DAY PICKETING . . . Bob Almond, manager of Strum's Department Store, 1261 Sartori avenue, gets all set to 'picket" the store with the poster announcing this weekend's Dollar Day event. Oscar Strumwasser, owner of the store, helps Almond into his unique costume. For the benefit of budget-minded housewives, Torrance merchants are presenting three great Dollar Days today, tomorrow and Saturday, August 23, 24 and 25. Shoppers are reminded to take advantage of the great money-saving values and unique bargains which are being offered by the merchants during this three day sale.

District Investigates

authorized by the School Board of Education Tuesday night to investigate for purchase negotiation four possible school sites. In informing the Board of the location of the sites, Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent, stressed the necessity of the district's planning ahead for future schools, due to the extremely

rapid growth of Torrance. SITE LOCATIONS

The possible school sites being investigated by the district 57,140 are as follows: (1) Lots 55, 66, 67 and a portion of lot 45 of the La Fresa Tract between 171st and 168th streets: (2) the northwest corner of lot 67 of the Mc-Donald Tract at the corner of \$1,666,360 Arlington Avenue and 178th Street, 480 feet facing Arlington Avenue, and 900 feet facing office, 1345 El Prado. 187th Street; (3) a portion of lot 2 of Meadow Park Tract between an extension of Lomita Boulevard on the south, 230th Street on the north, Ocean Ave-50,000 nue on the west, and a line 130 feet west of Hawthorne Boule-

Fair Brochures Available Free At C of C Office

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has received a quantity of souvenir folders graphically describing the 24th annual Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona, Sept. 14 to 30. They may be obtained free at the chamber

Printed in three colors, the brochure is illustrated with pictures of the 400-acre exposition park, the huge exhibit buildings, feature displays and scenes from the 20 major divisions into which the fair is divided.

In addition to the pictures and descriptive matter, the folder contains a map of the grounds to assist in locating the different departments and information relative to the facilities offered to the visitors.

RENTAL DRAWS PROSPECTS

Demand for furnished ro n private ho this week when Mrs. John Gaydeski advertised her attractive extra room for rent. Numerous people applied for the room, and Mrs. Gaydeski was able to ob-tain the tenant of her shoice. "I am so pleased," said eski, "we now have person living in our Below is the class which cost Mrs. Gay

for one week. Rental-Nice large furn room in private with garage. Woodward Ave., 1 off Narbonne Ave., 255th St. Telephon mita 2436-R. Call

nings after 5 p.m

11,190

THE LARGEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER IN TORRANCE AND LOMITA

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Vote by People Issue Asked

More than half of the names required to call for repeal of the recently adopted parking meter ordinance or for an election on the subject had been signed to referendum petitions being circulated in

Board Hires

2 Elementary

V-Principals

night approved the employment

of two elementary school vice

principals for the school year,

1951-52, on a ten calendar month

.Hired were Wallace B. Mag-

ner, Jr., and Herman H. Schick

Magner will serve at the Tor-

ance Elementary School and

Schick, at Seaside Elementary

School. They were employed at

Also approved for employment

by the Board were three ele-

mentary school teachers for the

school year 1951-52. They are

\$3700 per year, Janet G. Robin-

hibits, talent acts, presentation

of service, softball, and swim

awards, the coronation of the

Playground King and Queen, and

the showing of Lets Play, a 40-

minute colored motion picture

showing all phases of summe

Judges for the King and Queen

selections will be Doctors Emma

Schiller and William Sidder along

with Miss Ruth Clark. Miss Ag-

nes De Labarre will judge crafts.

recreation activities.

Costs of City

Government

Here Reported

Government costs for the city

of Torrance during the two fis-

cal years of 1948-49 and 1949-50

amounted to \$1,799,472, accord-

California Taxpayers association.

first year and \$941,463 the sec-

Major share of the cities' gov-

ernment costs is salaries and

wages of employees, an associa-

Angeles spent \$210,773,915, dur-

ing the same periods.

at \$3700 per year; and Al-

an annual salary of \$4,900.

Recreation

per year.

Torrance as the Press closed its forms for this edition last night. While slightly less than 800 names, or 10 percent of the vote cast at the last election, are needed, the committee in charge of the referendum said that it will continue the drive to assure that there will be more than the required number of qualified

electors signed on the petitions. The petitions, prepared by Albert Isen, lawyer, and chairman of the No Parking Meters in Torrance Committee, will be on the streets of Torrance this weekend where citizens may sign them, it was said.

The text of the referendum document is:

"The following referendum is proposed pursuant to Chapter 3. Article 2 of the Election Code of the State of California:

"The voters of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby protest against the adoption of Ordinance 565, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Torrance regulating the use of certain public streets and highways Dorothy Simar Goldsmith, at in the City of Torrance; prescribing regulations relative to the parking of vehicles upon fred Gordon Buchanan at \$3250 such public streets and highways; providing for the installation, operation, maintenance, supervision, regulation and control of the use of parking meters; defining and providing for the establishment of parking meter zones upon the public streets and highways, and each and every part of said ordinance, and the said voters in protesting the same, and if the City Council does not entirely repeal Ordi-Promising fun for all, the 1951 nance 565 against which this pe-Summer Recreation Open House tition is filed, the voters signed Program will open doors tonight below petition the said City at the Civic Auditorium, 7:30 Council to submit the same to the voters at the next regular Featured on the two-hour pro- Municipal Election of the City of gram will be extensive craft ex- Torrance, for the following rea-

"(1) Parking meters will not

Sloughs Now **Under Constant** County Patrol

A county squad car from the Firestone sheriff's station is now in constant patrol service of sloughs in the Keystone area which last month claimed the lives of four young boys.

Officers have been instructed to keep all children from playing and swimming in the stagnant waters from which youngsters fell from make-shift rafts into the mucky water and drowned. This prompted the Board of

Supervisors to investigate the ing to an announcement by the possibilities of draining the sloughs. Cost of the proposed Torrance spent \$858,009 the project, however, led the supervisors to turn to another method of preventing further deaths. Extensive patroling was the solu-

Keystone-Avalon Chamber of tion spokesman pointed out. Los Commerce officials and parents petitioned the county board to take action in the matter.

NO PARKING METERS IN TORRANCE!

Attention-Voters of Torrance:

Sign the referendum petitions giving you the right to vote on the parking meter question. Petitions will be on the streets of Torrance over the week-end. Find one, and sign it. Let's vote on the parking meter question.

—No Parking Meters Committee

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Registered Voters Attention:

If you can spare some time securing signers to the referendum petition calling for an election on the parking meter question, please phone one of these numbers for information.

Torrance 1185

-No Parking Meters Committee

orrance Community Chest Goal \$29,110

Community Chest campaign at a meeting of local Chest chairmen held Tuesday afternoon at the Torrance Community Chest Service Center, 1103 Sartori avenue.

This quota, nearly a 24 per The city campaign, headed by

Provo Paint Company for fur- Jack Dabbs, tentatively set its nishing traffic paints; \$3,435.81 to goal at \$12,020. The remainder Ken Jones for furnishing asphal- of the money will be included tic concrete materials for street in the major commerce and inmaintenance program, (\$2,097.96 dustry quota, which is handled

pany for engineering service dur- which handled solicitations in pistol, according to report on ing the month of July for High- large companies, are credited file with sheriff's officers.

bonne Avenue between Sepulveda An increase of 16 per cent wright Mortuary pending a cor-Blvd. and 233rd Street. Of this in the Torrance city quota was oner's investigation. sum, \$500 will be repaid by the voted by the campaign leaders. utility companies; \$486.68 to In 1950 the Red Feather appeal Los Angeles.

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be sent to Harbor Area Chair- Keystone Man

and former school teacher ended his life at 7:45 a.m. Monday, in the mouth with a .32 calibre The body of Jesse W. Craig,

74, of 22214 Dolores St., Keystone, was taken to the Cart-

A son, Robert Craig, lives in Born in Nebraska, Craig was (Continued on Page 11)

-Dollar Days This Week-End ... Shop Here! -