

EFFORTS TO SAVE THE LIFE of Vincent. Richard Gorman, 54, proved futile as flames enveloped his body. It was believed the blaze was started by a lighted cigaret in Gorman's hand. He died at his home 2061 W. 235th st. A crew of firemen quickly put out the fire. Fire Chief

J. J. Benenr said that he was unable to estimate the exact damage but believed the material amount would be small. It is reported that Gorman's clothes from the front of his body were completely burned off. -Pressphoto.

Cigaret Fire Causes Postal Death of Local Man

discredited Mr. Bolas.

Heroism didn't pay off last week in a fire due to a series tragic facts. Here they are:

Vincent Richard Gorman, 54, who apparently fell asleep with a lighted cigaret in his hand, burned to death at 2061 W. 235th street. However, if Clifton C. Cullem, 20611/2 W. 235th street, had known which fire department's

served his area or that the house next door had a telephone, Gor- Retraction man might still be alive today, it is believed. Cullem was new in the of "Blocking Tactics Bring receipts were \$20,185.30.

show Cullem returned from work about 12:30 a.m. last Sat. and statement that Harold B. Bolas 981.57, according to Mrs. Clara to the public and schedule their noticed a light in Gorman's was using his office as a member house, he reported. of the City Planning Commission

An hour later, when Cullem started to go to bed, he noticed of the city." a blaze in Gorman's house. He drove a mile and a half to the Lomita Fire Department. Here he learned that the fire

was in Torrance. While the Lomita department notified the Torrance unit, Cullem drove back to the scene and

Chief J. J. Benner's firemen

fought the blaze for nearly three hours before being able to take Gorman's body from the build-

His clothes were burned off his body except on his back. His wife, who was with her sister in a trailer at 1270 101 Highway, when the tragedy occurred,



Activities in the U.S. Post sharply since one year ago. Reports for the month of October On June 8, 1950, under the tito November show that total

Inquiry" this newspaper pub-One year ago during the same lished an article reporting a month, the total intake was \$14,-

A. Conner, Postmaster. "for other than the best interest

This newspaper retracts, unmore than 200 a day. conditionally and in full, any im-Not more than one-half dozen plication in any article published parcels are broken due to poor in this newspaper that may have wrapping every month, it was revealed.



Construction in Torrance hit a new high mark for the year so far although the total of \$311,820 in permits for October was comparatively small.

way, when the tragedy occurred, lost most of her clothing in the year to date equals \$12,000,318. This figure is more than \$1,-Gorman's body was taken to Stone and Myers. He had been wasident of Torman of the store than the \$10,-403,119 construction value for





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GROWTH FORCES SEARCH FOR MORE SCHOOL FUND AGREEMENT ENDS STRIKE **Any Problems? Problem Eased by**

Here's the Dope on **Municipal Meetings!**

Frequent inquiries by residents within the circulation area of the Press as to when meetings of municipal Boards and Commissions are held made this newspaper decide to bor Area Employers' Council week in a report submitted by even if no new families move in. Office in Torrance have spiraled publish as complete a list as it could obtain.

It was discovered that several public bodies schedule clerks union on terms of the meetings infrequently and give no notice to the public. These include the Civil Defense Board, the Library

Board, the Parking Authority, and the Traffic Committee. by the negotiating committees PUBLIC BODIES

Public bodies which give notice meetings in advance include the She also reported that the City Council, the Civil Service number of packages taken in over the window — not counting Districts, the Board, Board of Directors of the Torrance Water Districts, the Planning Commission the Board business firm packages, total Planning Commission, the Recreation Commission, and the Board of Education.

ANNUAL AT Residents who have been wondering how to present their wants and needs to public groups that do not give advance notice Neighbor Breakfast, to be held a ject to proper filing with the of meetings should contact the week from. Saturday when the Board. Estimates of this amount following chairmen: The library board, H. L. Mitchell, 1317 Aca- the Ding How Cafe, last week. week, per clerk, Selover said. cia; the parking authority, Charles T. Rippy, 1611 El Prado; Another meeting is scheduled todav the traffic committee, Chief John Stroh, 1732 Watson; and Civil Defense, George Powell.

Counsel's Ruling A threatened strike of food Future need for a bond issue | gress through th clerks who are members of Reseemed to be implied at the the report, "we will have to more tail Clerks Local No. 905 was avoided this week when the Har- Board of Education meeting this than double present facilities reached an agreement with the Superintendent J. H. Hull Tuesday evening.

1951-52 contract. The new agreement arrived at of the Employers' Council and the Union provides that the term of the contract remains unchanged, effective Nov. 1, 1951 and expiring Nov. 1, 1952, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council.

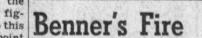
Clerks were granted an increase in wages equal to that allowable under regulations of the bending economy in the building More original ideas continued Wage Stabilization Board, retroto flow on the YMCA's Good active to Nov. 1, 1951, and sub-

"Y" money raising board met at run between \$3.60 and \$3.90 per John T. Binkley, counsel for

Milt Isbell, YMCA executive Union agreed that "Any increase secretary, announced that two in wages on May 1, 1952, will be letters have come in nominating automatic, providing that the that the first grade class in the Mrs. Margaret O'Toole as a good Bureau of Labor Statistics Cost Torrance schools has 626 pupils, secretary of the Harbor Area neighbor. Anyone who knows a good neighbor should send a recommendation to the Y, it.was 1952, has reached a point to be neighbor. Anyone who knows recommendation to the Y, it.was 1952, has reached a point to be neighbor. Anyone who knows recommendation to the Y, it.was 1952, has reached a point to be neighbor. Anyone who knows recommendation to the Y, it.was 1952, has reached a point to be neighbor. Anyone who knows recommendation to the Y, it.was 1952, has reached a point to be neighbor. Torrance schools has the based on the lat-the kindergarten, 865. It was pointed out that the neighbor. Anyone who knows recommendation to the Y, it.was neighbor. Anyone who knows recommendation to the Y, it.was neighbor. Anyone who knows neighbor. Anyone

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"These children will require

every bit of bonding capacity

the District possesses. They

will require every bit of aid

from sources that we can mus-

we can, and find more dollars

tering our schools.

Hull also reported to the Board that a new ruling by the The report in part read: County Counsel permits uni-"We are just beginning a buildfied school districts to ask the ing program. The war babies have been housed, but now it is

13,500

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people to vote for bonds covering the entire district rather than for either the elementary. or high school district. "That means that we can ask

for a total of 10 percent instead of 5 percent for each district," Hull said.



Retailers employing help under the jurisdiction of the several labor unions in the Harbor The report further stressed Area were reminded this week by Frank S. Selover, executive vember 12.

> Under the prevailing contracts. working conditions on Monday, the legal holiday in view of the fact that Armistice day this year

1. All stores under the Mer-

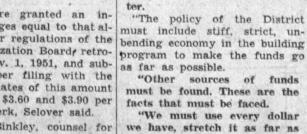
cantile Contract with Retail

Clerks Local No. 905, including

drug stores, department stores,

dress shops, hardware stores,

falls on Sunday, follow:

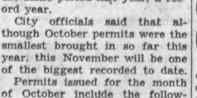


a resident of Torrance for the the same period last year, a recpast 30 years. By vocation, he ord year. was a machinist.

New Gate to Be Open for Last 3 Games

A new ticket gate on the Plaza valued at \$500. Del Amo side, just north of the \$10,000 HOME Board of Education, will be open for the last three Torrance High School football games, Principal John Steinbaugh, announced tovalued at \$10,000. day. The Tartars play Redondo Beach in a homecoming game this Friday. Gramercy-valued at \$375.

He said that the parking space G. A. Baumen is building will also be available. The prin- storage building at 4024 Pacific cipal pointed out that during the Coast Highway-valued at \$3000. greater part of the season three regular gates and a student gate tion to his residence at 188sthave been open.



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TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL

Over Community smallest brought in so far this Chest Campaign Torrance was one of the first cities to go over the top in its month at 5:30 p.m.; the Planning

reported this week Charles B. Oaks, a private garage at 17114 Ardath avenue, The residential unit was headed by Mrs. B. T. Whitney and

by Division Chairman Ed Loren Maddux is building a Schwartz. They set up headquarters in the YWCA during the house and residence for Q. W. Hokanson at 22730 Grammercycampaign.

The quota of \$2221 was exceeded on schedule in the one-Tom Brummett is adding an addition to his premises at 2439 day canvass by volunteers, it was revealed. Actually the residential committee managed to go over the top by \$14 during that period. The business area, it is reported, is almost complete. Money is John Ruckle is adding an addialso coming in from the industrial sections, Dabbs disclosed.

He said that the total quota for Torrance is in the neighborhood of \$29,000.

North Torrance **Civil Defense Gets Underway**

Civil Defense activities started in earnest at North Torrance this week. Mrs. Albert Gianni, chairman of the North Torance Casuality Committee, called a meeting at her home 2131 West

of the area present.

as the Professional Chairman. She will contact professional people of the area and find out paign isn't over although the possible serious injuries, accordwhat part they can play in area exceeded its goal by two ing to Police. Reports at the Hos-North Torance's Civil Defense. dollars last Tuesday. She may be contacted at her This week, their total had swelled to \$1833 which is \$68 ting along well." home 18820 Haaf Ave.

Mrs. Patricia Bartlet, who more than the quota. So far Lolives at 16210 Haaf Ave., was mita has raised \$103.85 per cent Warren, 28, of 2244 W. 248th drafted as first aid chairman, of its goal. even though she wasn't at the This year Lomita had increas-

suspicion of drunken driving. meeting. ed its Chest goal nearly \$400. He was picked up last Satur-Both Mr. nad Mrs. Lawrence over last year. day after Rossbottom of 25831/2 Stevenson, also not present, who And even though the city has Oak street, also of Lomita, ramreside at 2246 West 182nd. St., gone over the top, Mrs. Gale Ford med into the rear of Warren's were drafted to fill positions, and her residential workers auto at 236th street and Pennhaven't stopped yet. (Continued on Page Eight)

sylvania.

at 8 p.m. The Board of Educa-tion—second and fourth Tues-R. I. Plomert, chairman of the fund raising campaign; an-should be 186.6. According to thus figure, Binkley said, this point should be 186.6 plus 3.8, or 190.4 days of every month at 8 p.m. nounced that tickets for adults the Civil Service Board-first are \$1.00 and children may be points. Wednesday of every month at admitted for \$.50.

7:30 p.m.; the Board of Directors One of the letters nominating of the Torrance Water Dist- Mrs. O'Toole which the YMCA ricts-first Wednesday of each received, read: one day Community Chest resi- Commission-first Wednesday of Q'Toole for a good neighbor be-"I nominate Mrs. Marge dential campaign, Jack Dabbs each month at 8 p.m. and the cause I have lived next door to was agreed upon.

Sponsors

Recreation Commission - first her for five years or more and Monday of each month at 7:30 from the first time I ever saw (Continued on Page Two)

BREHMAN THANKS PRESS FOR HELP IN ELIMINATING CITY LOT WEEDS

Editor: Torrance Press

I want to thank you for printing a picture of the lot filled with weeds and other rubbish which has been a land mark in our city of Torrance for several years.

It may have been a typical scene btu the lot near the library and civic center has caused much comment by sintere persons who take pride in keeping their city clean and in keeping its cultural and busines aspects.

Your November 1st issue has proven that your paper brings results for which you are to be congratulated. Early the same day a consciencious man and a lover of Torrance began cleaning the lot and I understand did the work gratis which reveals that your paper is also read by persons taking pride in our city.

It is certainly a worthy gesture and we pray that many blessings come to this man (Mr. Robb) in return for his kind consideration of our fast growing town of Torrance.

If city officials claim that the weed ordinance in its present form cannot be enforced, I advise revision at once. If property owners do not cooperate in keeping lots clean, a city ordinance, compelling them to do so or to pay the city for doing the work should be enforced.

Yours for continued progress, (signed) ORSON D. BREHMAN

Collision Sends

Man to Hospital

An autoist was in jail this

week while a motorcyclist Ken-

net Rossbottom, 23, was resting

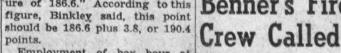
in Harbor General Hospital with

pital yesterday evening showed

that the injured man was "get-

The jailed man was William J.

Street in Lomita. He was held on



Employment of box boys at Twice on Sun. \$1.00 per hour, with duties limited to the handling of merchan-

dise after it becomes the proper-Sunday was not a day of rest furniture, radio and television ty of the customer, and other for Chief J. J. Benner's Fire De- stores, jewelers, variety stores, acts not the work of clerks, also partment Crew. Two alarms, and miscellaneous classifications, shortly after 6 p.m. sent both may remain open at straight Other changes include a sen- fire engines from the main head- time.

iority clause, applicable after quarters on a wild goose chase. 2. Food stores under contract one-year's employment with an Fire number one occurred at with Retail Clerks Local 905 employer; a hiring clause con- Green's Hog Ranch out on the may remain open if they pay forming to Taft-Hartley law, and Northwest boundary line. clerks working time and one-half a successors and assigns clause Fire department reports show in addition to straight time.

to bind new owners to the food that damage was of a minor 3. Shoe stores are closed under agreement. nature - mainly grass and rub- the terms of the Clerks contract.

The exact rate of increase al- bish on the other. 4. Liquor stores may remain lowable to clerks as of the No-Reports show that a television open if they pay clerks double vember 1, 1951, effective date set had been left on for two time.

will not be determined until aft- days. An overheated switch 5. Meat markets under juriser a wage survey now underway caught on fire. There appeared diction of Butchers Local No. (Continued on Page Two) to be no damage.

November 8, 1951 is completed, Selover said.

TORRANCE CITY CLERK A. H. Bartlett is about ready to break into a smile as he gets of his car to buy a ticket to the annual Police Show-to be held this Saturday evening at Torrance High School. Officer selling the

ticket to Bartlett is A. L. Jackson. Watching the proceedings are Torrance Judge Otto B. Willett at the far left as he holds the door open and Chief of Police John H. Stroh at the far

. Torrance High Celebrates Homecoming Tomorrow!



HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES at Torrance High School tomorrow evening will have a special meaning for the four young ladies pictured above. They are members of the Homecoming Court and will have a special place in the bleachers during the game with Redondo Beach. The court consists of left to right Princess Marian McDonald, Homeoming Queen Shirley York and Princess Karen Ness. Seated in front is Princess El Dora Brown.

There were fourteen residents, Lomita Drive The group quickly settled down to work and chose the fol-Continues Mrs. Robert Swan was chosen As far as Lomita is concerned, their Community Chest cam-

p.m.