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AERIAL VIEW - 200 ACRE PARCEL RANCHO LOS PALOS VERDES H. TRUMAN BROWNE, DEVELOPER

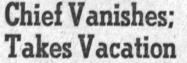
- Tract 13028-150 homes now being built VA-5% down
- Tract 16831-48 lots proposed development Tract 16832-179 lots proposed development
- 100 acre parcel unimproved
- New Grade School
- Seaside Ranchos-over 500 homes From \$10,000 to \$12,500
- Sepulveda Blv'd
- Hawthorne-La Brea Bly'ds
- Pacific Coast Highway (Highway 101)
- Hollywood Riveria-500 acre residential development \$15,000 to \$35,000

### Browne Wins First WS FLASH! **Round with Torrance** Harry W. Harper, South Bay

- \$8500 to \$10,500

Threats of a suit against the City of Torrance by Truman Browne, subdivider of a 150 home development on Sepulveda, west announced yesterday that he had of Hawthorne haven't faded yet.

However, Browne did win an important round with the city over his contention that he could install his own water mains.



Chief of Police John Stroh has disappeared again. This time, however, our elusive constable is not away on business. His last absence was urgent business

in Sacramento. This time the Chief gave notice that he was going on his vacation.

Stroh wouldn't or couldn't re- letter: veal his destination. He said, "I'll have to check with my wife before I know where we're going."

W. H. Haslam is acting chief while Stroh is on his vacation.

No. 13028. Xmas Lights Ready Dec. 7

man by Prudential on negotiations between the Prudential Life Tuesday of this week, the city Insurance Co. of America and gave him a permit to excavate the Insurance Agents in the Naacross public streets for water tional Unions A.F.L. on a new installation purposes, City Atcontract covering 15,000 District torney Jim Hall revealed today. Agents in 35 states. Negotia-PLANS SUIT

tions were discontinued Tuesday The story that Browne was after failure to reach an agree planning to sue Torrance, was ment. revealed in an exclusive story by the Press, Nov. 1.

The water controversy between Browne and the city of Torrance cember 1 and has threatened a dates back to the latter part of strike if its demands were not 1950. City Manager George Stev- met. ens sent Browne the following

Dear Mr. Browne:

000,000 per year. Later, reduced "Reference is made to your them to \$35,000,000 per year letter of Dec. 26, 1950, in which which amounts to about a \$45 you requested that the City per week increase for each Council act on the matter of agent; and finally notified Prufurnishing water to your tract dential that the Union would call

a strike if Prudential did not "The City Council has determsubstantially improve its offer. ined that it is impossible for the Prudential offered higher com-Torrance Water Department to mission rates which would near serve Tract No. 13028 and there- \$3.45 weekly increase for its avfore, authorized either the Cali- erage agent in addition, offered fornia Water Service Company to change its present retirement

Torrance is going to be one of of Redondo Beach and/or Do- plan whereby the agent would the best illuminated cities in minguez Water Company of Los be relieved of a weekly contribu-Southern California this year, Angeles to install water mains tion of \$3.14.

Action will be taken soon to vacate the office held by City Treasurer Mrs. Margaret Fordyce, Jim Hall, City Attorney, District Manager for Prudential revealed today. Life Insurance Co., headquarters

Official

To Lose

**City** Job

Hall said that according to the State Political Code, Section announced yesterday that he had 1770, a position may be declared been appointed official spokesvacated if a person is absent from his job for 90 days or more.

A check with city officials showed that Mrs. Fordyce has been absent from her job more than 90 days.

"There's no question in my mind that the City Council will raise a question as to Mrs. Fordyce's right to hold her position," said Hall. "I'm sure I'll The Union had terminated the be compelled to do something in existing contract effective Dethe near future."

Mrs. Fordyce was elected by an outstanding vote at the last election, having served a previous The union had originally determ. manded increases totaling \$64,-

Drainage

**Stymies** 

ounci

this week-who will replace Jim Hall, City Attorney, when check of \$24 from Senness be he reenters the Navy as a Lieutenant on Feb. 7.

One thing was certain, Hall has traveling orders to

"Unless they cancel my orders, I'm in," said Hall. He said that the government even sent him a map showing

him where the various Armed Forces dispensaries are located. "I'm sweating it out," declared Hall. "You're guess is as good as mine.'

Retires



City Manager George Stevens

# OKAYS DUMP IN WALTERIA **Deaf Ear Turned Home Owners**

Members of the Pacific Hills community near Walteria ca thank the four ruling Councilmen for an oil dump that has been officially placed in their backyard. At the Council meeting Tuesday evening, K. Sande Senness applied for a permit to operate the Walteria oil sump which has been closed for the past few weeks. The permit was granted four

to one-Councilman Nick Drale dissenting. The dump had been closed after the Torrance Press Police Vie waged a year-long fight on behalf of the Pacific Hills ocmmunity. Residents of that area had

complained about the oil tankers and trucks that had made bus line schedule trips into the area before the Council closed the

Drale.

dump on motion of Councilman who the new assistant chief of police is by the end of next week. Tuesday evening it seemed as it was revealed today. Yester-

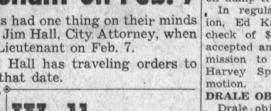
if the fight would have to be day, two men took the examinawaged all over again. Pacific tion for this position at the City Hills residents will again be Hall. They were Captain W. H. faced with dust kicked up by the Haslam who is acting as chief oil dump trucks. while Chief of Police John Stroh

In regular steamroller fash- is on vacation and Captain ion, Ed Karlow moved that a Ernest Ashton. The examination was conduct-

accepted and he be granted per- ed by the Los Angeles County mission to operate the dump. Civil Service Commission and Harvey Spelman seconded the lasted close to three hours. Captain Haslam became a

DRALE OBJECTS member of the Torrance Police Drale objected: "I think it Force, May 24, 1935. Captain ought to go to the Planning Com- Ashton joined the force, July 5, mission. Besides I wouldn't be 1930.

surprised if Ordinance 316 -An examination is also sched providing for an agricultural uled for patrolmen. Police records zone doesn't permit licensing of show that the payroll permits dumps in this area, How about 30 patrolmen. At present, there it, Mr. City Attorney?" are only 24 on the force. Six (Continued on Page 12) more are needed.



be in Washington, D.C. on that date.

In the meantime a check of Unsolved drainage problems records at City Hall showed the in the Hollywood Riviera area original civil service list has ex-

For Assistant Torrance residents will know



COLUMBIA STEEL receives National Safety Award. Shown in picture left to right: O. A. Kresse, Don H. Hyde, Joe Kaplin, Victor Teer.

H. P. Dotson, Charles Monaghan, Tom Burke, L. C. Burger, and

**City Attorney Hall Enters** 

Navy as Lieutenant on Feb. 7 Politically-wise residents had one thing on their minds

according to Harry Abramson, and service lines in the tract, in Chairman of the Christmas decorating committee. of the City of Torrance and the

Aluminum garlands and gaily rules and regulations of the Calicolored lights will brighten four fornia Utilities Commission. blocks along Sartori and El Pro-"We will be pleased to assist do. The decorations, to be susyou in any way possible in the pended over the street, are exdevelopment of the above tract. pected to be in place by the end "Yours very truly, of next week. They will be light-(Signed) "George W. Stevens, ed December 7. "City Manager' BEST EVER GWS:lh

The above letter was sent on Abramson said the business merchants of Torrance are going January 15, 1951. all out to make this year's dec- MAKES CONTRACT

As a result of the letter. orations the best ever. Last year unlighted post decorations were Browne contracted with the Caliused. They were unsatisfactory, fornia Water Service. Later the particularly at night, so the mer- city changed its mind and in-

The Jones Decorating Com-On the basis of this, the Caliany has been contracted to do the \$2,000 job. The Jones Com-

pany has been doing a large part of Southern California's Christmas trimming for the past twenty-five years.

According to Michael Lawrence, sales representative for the company, there are twentyfive local cities using decorations similar to Torrance's. Santa Monica, Lynwood, Compton, Covina, Florence Ave. in L. A., Sherman Oaks, North Hollywood and Van Nuys are among the cities using the same scroll-type

constructing the Hollywood parade and the Tournament of the business for fifteen years. Roses street trimmings.

Jim Wood, of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, announced that a contest would be held to judge the best dressed window in the downtown stores. This is the first such contest

to be held in Torrance, it was revealed.

four classifications: 1. women's, men's and children's stores; 2. furniture stores; 3 jewelry stores; 4 all other stores not classified above will be classed as miscellaneous.



Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Basin Water Association will be held this evening at 6:30 at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

A report from the group showed that engineering work by the Metropolitan Water District is now in progress on 16 million dollars worth of new distribution lines.

Frank Deford, owner of the

city, Browne said.

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**Donut Shop** 

**Opens Friday** Donut lovers take notice! Bill

ornamentations. The Jones Company is also

JIM WOOD

Wood stated that there will be

PAPA G. H. Hull proudly looks at newborn son, also named G. H. Young John was born at Torrance Memorial Hospital. -Pressphoto

brought a delegation to the City pired "We sincerely hope that none Council Tuesday evening. accordance with the standards of our agents will be led into a Spokesman R. F. Jones, 134 December 23, 1950-at the end strike based on such unreason- Paseo de Gracia, said: "What of two years.

able grounds. The District is the Council doing about our FOUR MEN Agents are among the best com- drainage problem. We're afraid pensated in the entire industry; that we'll be flooded out this receiving an average of over winter."

\$110 weekly in cash earnings Included in the delegation were and Co. paid welfare benefits," L. M. Barnes, 146 Paseo de Gra- McNary who placed number one according to the Company, "with cias. He pointed out to a resome agents as high as \$10,000 porter following the meeting trict attorney under Los Angeles (Continued on Page 12) per year or more."

**Engineer Joseph Ouster** 

Jacob Joseph, well-liked in the was the general attitude of that community and apparently one body.

of the most efficient city engi-Even so, Stevens told the Press neers that Torrance has ever that Joseph did not understand number three on the original list had, is being forced out of office the "small city" picture. The said: "They bipassed me once. I by a minority at the City Hall City Manager also said that the was higher on the list than Jim at the close of business tomor- engineer wanted to retire from Hall. There's no reason why they row as the Press disclosed ex- the engineering field. clusively last week. DIFFERENT STORY

Today Joseph has something & Frank's Donut and Coffee to gloat about. All of his re- brought out a different story. Shop is having its grand open- ports signed by City Manager He is being employed in atomic ing tomorrow and Saturday, As George Stevens on file at City energy engineering in the Los an opening special donuts will Hall showed that he did an ex- Angeles area. He said that due be sold for forty cents a dozen. cellent job.

Not only that, the entire Planwork, he could not reveal the shop at 1314 Sartori, says they're ning Commission went on record firm.

the best sinkers in town. And expressing their regrets that At the Planning Commission Frank should know, he's been in Joseph was leaving. "He was meeting, A. K. Hill moved that efficient and very cooperative," a letter of appreciation to Joseph be addressed for the ex-

cellent job he has done. "I'm sorry to see him leave," said Hill. "He has at all times been very helpful. I was hoping that he would be here tonight so that we could thank him in person.

"Where's Joseph going? (Continued on Page 12)

## **Torrance Opens Insurance Bids**

Insurance bidders have chance to cash in on some City of Torrance business if they turn in sealed bids to the City Clerk's office by a week from Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m.

Bids are being opened up on the following insurance policies:

(1) Comprehensive liability, including automobiles. (2) Fire, theft and compre-

hensive insurance on city ve-(Continued on Page 12)

December 23, 1948, and expired

was establish

The list

that Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will retire Jan. Of the four men who took the 1, 1951.

examination, the late Douglass The oft-reported rumors of the Smith, number two on the origipast appear to be true. Walker nal list, died in office. Tom B. on the list is now a deputy dis-County District Attorney Ernest Roll, W. E. Kalbfleish was third

Beach. on the list and Jim Hall placed fourth. Walker is a retired movie cam-

"I wouldn't be interested in eraman. He is a reputedly wealthe position under any circumthy land owner and is believed stances," declared McNary, "as to haxe extensive holdings in long as the present click is in various Southern California comcharge in the city council. Be- munities.

of time.'

places.'

sides," he pointed out, "I've seven more years to serve before

Stevens my retirement means anything with the County.' W. E. Kalbfleish who placed

Saddle

won't do it again." \$380 JOB

When Jim Hall took over the time may go away before a new position, the City Attorney's job city engineer is appointed. paid \$350 for a part-time job. Of "You know it means establish-(Continued on Page 12)

School 'Super' **Is New Father** Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull has been passing out cigars lately. The event, of course, is a new baby. Mrs. Hull gave birth to a boy, November 20. Hull first announced the baby excitedly as a healthy eight pounds four unces. Later, at a Board of Education meeting, he stated that the boy is an even healthier eight pounds six ounces. It seems the flustered father overlooked the extra ounces. The Hulls have named the

infant John Heinrich. He will be known as John to the family and to his many friends.

## North Torrance **Group Meets**

The North Torrance Improvement Association will hold its regular business meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 5th, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at McMasters Hall, 174th and Prairie near Crenshaw. The public is cordially invited

to attend.



refused to comment on the re- month of November so far do not ger, 413 Calle de Aragon, contirement. However, it is known seem to be holding their own as tractor, H. B. Hobbs, retaining that he only spends part of his compared with November, 1950. wall, \$500; Pricella Childress, time here now. A good deal of Up to Nov. 19 of this month, the 4116 Sepulveda, barn, \$500; J. P. his time is spent in Newport total building permits issued Thomas, 1621 Amapola, 3T's were \$215,905. For the month of Construction, private garage, November, 1950, the total figure \$500.

> Even with the decline within the 1950 figures once the permits ger, 3141 Opal St., fence, \$50; ruted, it is believed.

through November 19 was \$12,- Park, tool shed, \$50. 256.240. For the 1951 period through the first 19 days of November, the total receipts are the total receipts through the entire eleventh month 'of last

revealed today that quite some DRESSER'S REPORT

Reports received from Building Inspector James Dresser's office indicate that one of the large tract subdividers may aping a new eligible list," said large tract subdividers may ap-Stevens. "That always takes lots ply for a permit before the end tevens. "That always takes lots ply for a permit before the end of November which would send the anticipated building permits Slump in the position, Stevens replied: "I away ahead of the 1950 figure.

was \$1,853,121.

Here are the construction perhave a license as an engineer. mits issued during November of As a matter of fact, I've been a this year:

city engineer in a couple of Robert W. Wratz, 3335 Newton St., convert garage to bed-

room; \$150; Snider, 3327 19th He said that he would handle St., contractor, Commonwealth the position until a new man was Company, new fence. \$200; Du- with City Clerk A. H. Bartlett appointed. ane A. Stewart, 3652 1'8th St.,



TORRANCE TURNS ON ITS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Dec. 7 whole Sartori-El Prado business area will be illu

MORE BUILDING J. Rambo, 2401 Apple, con the last two months, the amount tractor, T. A. Ryness Co., resiof building will probably exceed dence, \$5870; Robert L. Petten-

for the last eleven days are com- E. T. Slocum, 1317 Florwood, contractor, Harbor Homes Co., At present, the 1950 figure fence, \$325; Paul J. Unruh, 24227

Zill H. Carter, 3424 W. 182nd St., addition to residence, \$600; Ed Edwards, 4340 Kedondo Beach \$12,216,323, only \$39,817 short of Blvd., footings for future building, \$400; Ole Moen, 2801 182nd St., contractor, Tailored Homes,

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Voters' registration for the water bond issue on January 8. 1952, closed on Nov. 15. A check revealed that the total figures will be available in the next few

days.

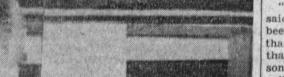
Latest figures computed by Registrar of Voters Ben Hite on September 25 showed Torrance had a total registration of 8,307.

The present figures are over 1700 short of the number registered here during the 1950 general election

Hite said that he anticipates Forrance to go far in excess of the 1950 general election registration before the General elections of next year. He said that he is basing his prediction on the basis of the large number of housing units constructed in this area

He reported that on Sept. 25, the registrants in Torrance were distributed as follows: 5.237 Democrats: 2.667 Republicans: 21 independent progressives: 4 prohibitionists: 14 miscellaneous. and 364 declined to state.





A check with Joseph today

to the classified nature of the