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## Deaf Ear

(Continued from Page One) City Attorney Jim Hall: "I it ought to be referred to the Planning Commission very definitely."

ouncilman Willys Blount: "Frankly, the man is doing the City of Torrance a service in and will be employed during the retting the oil sumps cleaned

Drale: "You mean by using the Pacific Hills backyard as a dumping ground?

No answer was forthcoming to Drale's question. Mayor Bob Haggard: "I faemployees.

vor sending it to the City Engineer," he said jokingly. "The Council had just accepted the City Engineer's resignation. **FAVORS DUMP** 

Haggard continued: "I'm definitely in sympathy with the dump. I see no reason why we should have to worry about zoning. The, dump was there before zoning existed."

City Engineer Jacob Joseph commented: "There might be a Str's law which prohibits the operation of the dump due to water polution. It ought to be checked."

Drale: "A small sign for Jim Dandy's Market is sent to the tices, the City Council re-Planning Commission. Yet a serves the right to reject any dump that can effect the welor all bids. fare of hundreds of residents is cleared vithout checking zoning bids for the above insurance or sending it through the Plancontracts may be obtained by ning Commission. It's a mystery calling at the office of City Manager George Stevens. to me."



We are glad to announce Mr. A. J. Mason is now associated with this organization as Interior Decorator and Home Adviser. Mr. Mason has been in the decorating field many years, most of the time with prominent large home furnishings stores in Southern California. He is a long-time resident of this area and many local homes furnished by him are eloquent testimony as to his ability.

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**Insurance Bids** 

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(4) Liability insurance for

At the same time oids will

(1) Employees' position

Further information on the

be received by the City of

Torrance for the following:

Torrance Municipal bus lines.

from Here cently from a Christmas sales By Harry Klissner training program at the college

rush season by local stores. Politically speaking, there are Among the local stores emtoo many secret meetings in ploying the student-salesmen will Torrance. I mean meetings that BOLAS REPEATS be Newberry's, Torrance. Donald ought to be open to the public. Frame, director of student place- A a good example: The Recreament at the college advises em- tion Department huddles with ployers to call his office for in- the Planning Commission and formation concerning student the City Council at the Club Alondra.

As It Looks

The meeting is not open to the newspapers. Yet the city taxpayers are billed for 2'4 steaks at a cost of \$88.14.

Why shouldn't the taxpayer (3) Public liability and know what is being discussed if property damage for the Torhe is paying for the meals?

On top of that, some place along the line, a trash tax idea was developed. It could have meeting or the one held by the ence). Recreation Commission last Tuesday.

If there's nothing to hide-(2) Tires and Tubes for the why is the press excluded? According to two public no-

cians?

**Browns Wins** 

install the mains.

sorry to see him leave. He un- try to save the taxpayers some There are other secret meetderstands our problems and had money." ngs which continue to weaken some very good ideas. I was hopdemocracy. The City Council ing that we would have a chance has agenda meetings. Why do to try them out. It'll be a long the ruling four find this necestime before we can get another man as capable and as conscisary? As an example, the possibility entious as Joseph.

The recommendation to send Torrance for hundreds of thou-Joseph the letter of appreciation sands was never brought out in was passed unanimously in the the open. Again, why was it form of a motion. found necessary to hide this?

## Are these secret meetings mere-ly a substitute for the star chamber sessions of machine politi-

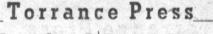
Johnnie L. Pitts, son of Mr (Continued from Page One) fornia Water Service refused to was recently promoted to the At the same time, Torrance of-Infantry Division.

at a much higher cost. This Browne considered unfair. While the controversy was World War II he served with the

continuing, Browne claimed he was losing thousands of dollars because he could not ask people to occupy homes without an ade-

quate water supply. This week, as late as Monday, City of Torrance officials claimed that they didn't know the status of Browne's 150-home subdivision as far as the water complications were concerned. However, there was no question in Browne's mind. He revealed he planned to lay his own

pipe, the job to be completed within the next five or six days. It was at that time that Jim Hall, City Attorney, ruled that Browne would be given an excavation permit to construct his own mains.



**Engineer** Joseph (Continued from Page One) haven't heard anything? What's "Don't you read our news-apers?" asked Hill The sites he done?" asked H. B. Bolas. papers?" asked Hill. The city is leaving him go. I am deeply appreciative of the help Joseph has give- our body on engineering matters.

With a smile on his face, Bolas repeated, "I still can't see what he's done. Beverly Smith, chairman of the Planning Commission said: 'Won't you phrase that in a motion, Mr. Hill. I too-'

Bolas interrupted: "Now, be careful!' Smith tried to continue again:

'I also want to-" Bolas interrupted again. "Watch what you say. Joseph has a relative sitting in the audi-

ence." (This remark was never explained. At the time, a representative of the Torrance Press been at that particular secret was the only person in the audi-

EXCELLENT ENGINEER Smith: "I know what I'm say-

ing. Joseph has been an excel-

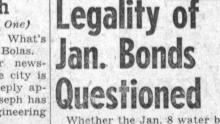
that Truman Browne might sue

## There's an election next April. **Made Sergeant**

and Mrs. Isaac T. Pitts of 915 Portola avenue, Torrance, Calif., rank of master sergeant while serving in Japan with the 40th

fered to install mains for Browne A National Guardsman, Pitts is a platoon sergeant. During

Army in the Pacific Theater.



Whether the Jan. 8 water bond for a part time job. ssue can be conducted without the services of a city engineer this week.

The Council had just accepted City Engineer Jacob Joseph's resignation four to one - Nick Drale dissenting - when Drale asked for clarification of the water bond issue legal question. Before Drale asked for the ppinion, he had moved that for economy reasons" the city revert the position of engineer back

ported from Long Beach. to City Manager George Stevens. Among local attorneys eligible Evidently the Council turned for the job are Albert Isen, deaf ear toward the economy Charles Mitschrich, Boris Woolmove. Drale couldn't even get a ley, W. E. Kalbfleish, Don Armsecond. He pointed out that the strong, Donald Hitchcock, son of city could save \$550 a month. former Councilman Jim Hitchcock; Irving M. Lessing, C. A. "After all," said Drale, "if we

don't want the services of a Mewborn and C. T. Rippy. competent engineer like Jacob lent city engineer. I'm deeply Joseph, then we ought to at least Are you trying to find a rent-

al? Landlords consistently read the Wanted to Rent Columns in the TORRANCE PRESS. Tell them what you want with a WANT AD



## **City Attorney**

(Continued from Page One) (Continued from Page One) this amount \$300 was paid by that puddles are so deep during the City and \$50 by the Water the rainy season that children Deparment. wade knee-deep in the water.

Since that time, along with "There aren't even gutter Dec. 4. other city workers, there have guards," Barnes declared. been three ten-dollar raises. The Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kinch, 118

Drainage

job now pays \$380 per month Paseo, said that they have a vacant lot that turns into a lake If Jim Hall goes into the Serv- in the rainy period. They contendice, only a temporary vacancy ed that one-tenth of an inch of came up for discussion at the will be created until he returns, rain puts the water over the regular City Council meeting Officials at the City Hall could curb. A flash flood would bring

not predict when a new civil the water up to the window sill. H. C. Nelk, 126 Paseo de Graservice list would be established. cia, said :"We're the gateway In the meantime local polito the Hollywood Riviera, and ticians are speculating whether the new city attorney will yet we're an eyesore during those winter months." be imported from the outside W. L. Van Ornun, 127 Paseo de by the ruling four councilmen. Gracia, pointed out that during or whether the position will be the flood period, even cesspools given to a local man. The late C. Douglass Smith was im-

are broken down. A youngster could easily fall in and be enveloped.

The City Council promised to look into the matter at its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday,



