City Labor Will Erect New Adult Recreation Structure! \$2,000,000 WATER BONDS CARRY 13,500 Last Minute Push Center **Deciding Factor** RESS)

be housed on the rear lot of the library in the patio, will be constructed by City of Torrance labor with a large portion of the building materials donated by local firms, it was revealed today by a source close to the

• program. It is believed that once the bids are rejected, the city maintenance and building department will construct the center THIRD YEAR at less than half the cost of bids. The city has erected several of its own buildings, including one at El Retiro Park.

Bids for the project were closed at the regular Council meet-Ding, Tuesday evening, but this might only be a formaility to comply with the law. In actuality, it is well-known that city officials realized that they could not compete with the rising construction market.

A total of ten bids were received at the Council meeting. all in excess of the original \$7500, earmarked by the Recreation Commission, for the building. The lowest bid was \$11,281, submitted by Walter Witman.

Highest bid for the adult center was submitted by Beckner Construction for \$17,365.75.

Other bids included M. Dichier, \$14,883; Blair and Dolan, \$12,125; Julian Construction, \$11, 600: Samuel Widre and Son, \$12,-100; Crown Development Company, \$13,500; and Richard A. Meine, \$11.545.

The City Council members unanimously agreed to refer the bids to City Manager George Stevens.

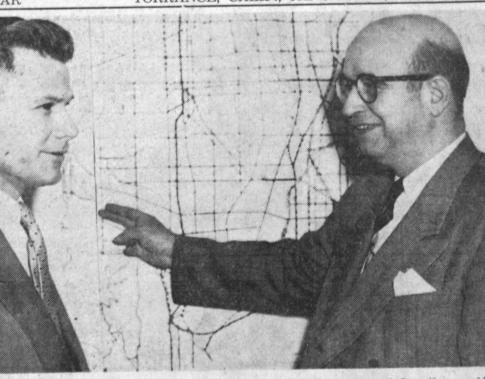
Mother of Prisoner **Gets Letter**

Even though Pueblo is still hopeful that Private First Class Daniel Arellano, a captive of the More than Three Million Chinese Communists, is safe, his mother Mrs. Josephine Gutterner, Reports in the engineering office, this week, showed the partial shutdown of new car

is "keeping her fingers crossed." that the year 1951 was overshadowed by over \$3,000,000 production will soon hit Torrance,

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Newly-elected Chamber of Commerce President Robert _I. Plomert explains city-wide plans he envisions to First vice-president-elect Gerald Eastham. The two men took office without an installation after a Board of Directors election, last Monday afternoon. Both Plomert and Eastham promised to work as a team in putting over a solidified program for

Torrance. Plomert succeeded acting-president Henry W. Creeger who chose not to run for a regular term. Creeger stepped' into the presidency's shoes when Pat Tillotson was suddenly called East by his firm. One of Plomert's first actions as President was to appoint a screening committee for the selection of a new Ex--Press photo. ecutive Secretary.

TRIP EAST

Critical auto shortages due to

1185 - 1186 40 **President Plomert**

THE LARGEST

CIRCULATION

NEWSPAPER

IN TORRANCE

AND LOMITA

PHONE TORRANCE

Maps Chamber Plan Annual Torrance Chamber of Commerce elections with the flagrant use of secret ployees, J. J. McNally, Chairskyrocketed Robert I. Plomert into the presidency of that meetings, they will have a chance man of the Grievance Committee organization on Monday afternoon. Plomert is known as to clean house in the Spring bal- for local 1414 of the CIO United the "Goodwill Ambassador of General Petroleum" in loting, and the water bond mon- States Steel Workers Union, re-Torrance.

Expansion

At Airport

Bv

interview today.

worth said.

Touch and Go

Employs 160

Other officers elected at the New City Council. Real Census same meeting included Dr. Gerald Eastham, First Vice-President; Darwin Parrish, Second Vice-president; and William Zoeller, treasurer. Mrs. Gladys Tucker has Torrance for the past year," money. As a result, a foreman served as assistant secretary since When one medium of communicathe resignation of Blaine Walker tion and only one gives its full last week. support to an issue, and the peo-

Plomert Reigns Since the Chamber had a lot of proof rests in the results.

Longren A study of the water bond Constructing the whole air-fice from Henry W. Creeger of ing and gratifying. There were agreed to return the 13 men to plane, rather than just small American Radiator and Standard 1,957 voters who cast their balparts of the plane was being Sanitary without a formal instal- lots in 31 precincts within Torplanned by executives of lation. Longren in the near future

The new president said that he as they approached Torrance City was greatly surprised that he was officials on the possibility of get-selected. However, typical of Plotion airport, Hampden Wentworth, mert, he collected himself quickly vice president of the concern, in- and mapped out a program:

"It's the Chamber's aim to ce- City Clerk Tied formed the Press in an exclusive ment and solidify all segments of all groups in the city," he said. Up with Bonds

"We are planning a tentative "This includes working with busprogram of expansion at the air. iness, retail merchants, and coport which will include testing operating with labor." motors and other equipment pro-**Chamber** Screens vided that we can get cooperation from City Hall officials," Went-

the Water Bond Election. group to study qualifications of made three trips to get 62 polling candidates for a new Chamber booths, 31 ballot boxes, supplies,

Executive Secretary, Chairman of and Great Registers for 31 in-"Frankly, everything is touch the committee is William Zoeller spectors. that the year 1951 was overshadowed by over \$3,000,000 in new building construction over 1950. The grand total for Chevrolet dealer for Torrance and go, and I can't release any of and three members: Henry Cree-"Booths, ballot boxes, and sup-

Water bonds which will cost taxpayers \$2,000,000 were overwhelmingly approved by a six to one vote at a special election, this Tuesday. Since The Torrance Press was the only newspaper that gave its unqualified support to the issue, the phones in our office have been kept busy congratulating the Press on the com-

munity interest it was able to In its unqualified support the Plant generate. Torance Press pointed out:

"While the democratic rights of residents have been ignored by the Ruling Four Councilmen, the 5c Per Copy NUMBER 39 answer does not lie in defeating a needed improvement."

ple follow that recommendation,

(Continued on Page 3).

Numerous phone calls that have Work stoppage at kept the office of this newspaper Steel may soon affect the entire who voted to support the water economy of Torrance. Close to 1200 bonds on recommendation of the workers have joined a continuous Press, are looking forward to the meeting until management rect-April election house-cleaning. ifies its action in firing two em-

ey will be administered by the ported today.

McNally said that last Friday, "This election," was the con- 13 men were requested to carry sensus of a large group, "is the out duties as hookers in the rolonly authentic readership survey ling mill They refused claiming that has been conducted within that the job was worth more suspended them.

Men Return

On Saturday, union officials and management straightened the matter out, it was believed. mert took over the reigns of of- election figures is very reassur- McNally said that Columbia had their jobs on Monday of this

> Frank A. Burns, public rela-Of this number, 1,681 tions director for United States voted for the bonds, and 276 were opposed to issue. Since it took Steel, claimed that two of the Steel, claimed that two of the 13 men had previous records of a two-thirds vote for a victory, not wanting to work and were

fired on Monday. McNally said that the records of the two men were no different from the other 11.

According to management workers began to slowly drift off the job on Monday until by dusk, the plant was shut down.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett's office had a busy weekend due to Union Claims Plomert immediately appointed Bartlett said that a city truck statement is erroneous. It was The Union claimed that this pointed out that Local 1414 called a continuous meeting at noon on Monday after the firing of the

> two men. At the rec

'I won't believe it until I see 1951 was \$12,805,814. Grand total for 1950 amounted to and Lomita. him" said Mrs. Gutierrez. The Torrance Press in an ex- \$16,009,783.

clusive report in this area on Dec. 1951 got off to a good start, 27, disclosed that Arellano is still and it looked as if this last year 1745, 1755, 1727, and 1721. elieved to be alive. Within the past week, Mrs. would outdistance 1950—which had had made a good showing already. dition to store room, \$400; Earl were visiting relatives. believed to be alive.

store front, \$500.

Resident Addition

the Department of the Army.

Here is the letter that Mrs. Bush, 4312 W. 179th St., store and garage, \$12,600. in the letter." Gutierrez received:

Department of the Army G Office of the Adjutant General Washington 25, D. C.

Mrs. Josephine Gutierrez 3462 Emerald Street Torrance, California Dear Mrs. Gutierrez:

ning Rudolph/ Ramos, 1316 Cordary, I am writing you co your son, Private First Class redwood fence, \$175; J. P. Spitzel, Daniel Arellano, who was report- 1336 Post, remodel show room, ed missing in action sinceDecem- \$3000; George R. Johnson, 23513 ber 2, 1950 following an engage- Madison, residence and attached May, of 2340 W. 249th st., is an all time high in Detroit. ment with the opposing forces garage, \$8000. in the Chosin Reservoir area of Michael P. H

list provided by the opposing forces giving the names of were to be constructed at the fol-were to be constructed at the fol-



the Engineering-Construction Department of General Petroleum Corporation who are congratulating each other on receiving two "Million Hour" accident prevention awards from the American Petroleum Institute is B. C. Mc-Coy, Superintendent of the Torrance Plant.



Gutierrez received a letter from However, the last three months H. Brooks, 3308 W. 188th St., Dr. slowed down considerably. Here Plunkett, contractor, private gar- said Loranger, more steel has there." tierrez "which keeps me from getting up my hopes. The Army is the construction recorded for the month of December: Cravens, Gilespie Neon, contract-Cravens, Gilespie Neon, contract-industry than is used in the en-plated airport operation, we will members Don Wagen and Darwin getting up my hopes. The Army George N. Cullum, 3411 188th or, neon sign, \$300; H. F. Rope, tire defense program." told me to be careful about that George N. Cultum, 3411 188th 188th 188th 211 Camino Del Campo, residence in the letter."

'51 Construction Slumps HOME FROM

Block Fences room addition, \$75; W. R. Pearing and double garage, \$11,500; fences valued at \$1456 were con-that new car quotas to dealers At present the Carson St. plant Commerce. son, 460 Via Los Miradores, dwell-Sam Levy, 1953 Carson, remodel tracted for by the Paramount will be greatly slashed-(Continued on Page 3)

LOMITA SOLDIER James D. Leffler, 3950 Newton St., addition to residence, \$1,200; **RETURNS HOME**

Michael P. Kalzer, 212 Paseo de arrived Monday in Seattle from ately, we're not dependent on the 000.

May was graduated in 1950 Loranger said that while he was can get satisfactory cooperation 30 degrees; Friday, 31 degrees; one-half years, of which nine 1,000 men to shovel snow.

Mrs. May said. He served with said Loranger, "that three thousthe 25th Infantry Division. he 25th Infantry Division. The 20-year-old Lomitan has a the best efforts of the police detwin brother in the service, Corp. Ross R. May, attached to the air partment to avoid a riot." force base in Wichita, Kans.

In addition, he has another In addition, he has another brother in the service, Corp. Pilot Hits Charles W. May, 27, a brother James in Occidental college, a Power Line High school and two small brothers, John, 12, and George, 8,

around 20 years in Lomita, where lines near East Long Beach air-the father is a carpenter. Isbell, executive function of the security of the

Educators Meet at Ding How

Suggestions for a bond brochure and Social Studies in the Curriculum are the two topics for discussion by the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee when the group meets in a regular monthly meeting at the Ding How Cafe, 1652 Cabrillo, next Monday at noon.

Grace Wright, Board of Euucation member, will serve as moderator. Members are requested to make reservations by postcard or by telephoning Superintendent J. H. Hull's secretary at Torrance 2111 no later than todayl

Loranger, his wife, and eigh- clared.

returned last week, from a two- one thing: "If we can't get a fav- tee with Dean Sears as chairman house, located at Telegraph and mill. However, when Columbia week trip to Detroit where they orable lease, we will move our and members Jerry Eastham, Fay Santa Fe.

"Due to government bungling," know we can get a good deal The final group was the annual ters were picked up at Registrar membership voted to pull out all been taken away from the auto

get enough strategic materials to in Torrance," Wentworth said. The following concrete block maintain a full crew. That means employs 160 workers with a pay-

said.

"While three shifts in the large roll of \$60,000 per month. auto factories is a normal oper- However, just the day before ation, all of the large companies New Year's a company official have had to trim their program turned the first shovel on an exto one working shift," Loranger pansion program which includes

modernizing the present structure. LOMITA. -- Pfc Sammuel M. He emphasized that as a re- Once construction is completed, May, son of Mr. and Mrs. George sult of this, unemployment has hit it is contemplated that 100 work-

Gracia, concrete block fence, \$300; Korea. They are aboard the trans- auto manufacturing plants for "Even though the first shovel for five consecutive mornings. W. 186th St.

months were spent in combat, "Unemployment was so bad," "Y" to Hold **Boy Contest** at Ding How

The Hi-Y "Boy of the Year" contest for the Harbor area including San Pedro, Wilmington, Gardena, South Gate, and Torrance will be held at the Ding An electrifying experience with How Cafe today at Noon, Milt

The family has lived for two 11,000 volt Edison Power Isbell, executive secretary of the Jack O'Cain, 18, president of

Payne, was piloting his PT-22. the Torrance High School Student didn't even shock him, Body and Hi-Y club is Torrance's Payne who lives at 708 Border representative. There will be five

Ave., admitted that the incident campeting in the contest. The winner will be selected to had quite a sobering effect on compete with the other districts

"I'm lucky that I wasn't burn- in the Los Angeles Metropolitan ed to a frazzle," Payne declared. area, Isbell said. He charged the accident up to Last year, Bill Johnson, Torrance representative, won the carelessness on his part. "I started a pattern from Tor- Metropolitan award and a \$500

rance airport," said Payne. "I saw cash scholarship to UCLA where a ship on the ground, as if it he is now attending. was ready to take off in the op- Don Hitchcock, local attorney, posite direction. Since the ground is the district chairman of the directions wern't set, I had no judges. In all, there will be five guide. Follow the leader in this judges, one from each branch. case certainly got me into Selection of the winner will be made on leadership ability, serv-

trouble. For all his troubles, Payne's ice, scholarship, and personal plane only damaged the wheel qualities.

pans and had a couple of dents. O'Cain is captain of the Varsity Payne works for the B and M Basketball team. He was second team All-Bay Team in Football. Machine works in Torrance.

the details at this point," he de- ger, Reed Parkin, and Paul Lor. plies," declared Bartlett, "were the Union had kept a few helpers anger. teen year old daughter, Alicia, Wentworth was emphatic about He appointed a budget commit-

entire operation to Ontario. We Park, and C. T. Rippy.

"Should we move our contem- of Bob Haggard as chairman and cated at 808 No. Spring.

also move the plant, located at Parrish. Also serving with this resenting the Junior Chamber of

Freeze Hits Chilly City

this week.

rance last week. There was frost County General Hospital. ers will be added and the monthly on the ground and a real nip in He was survived by his wife,

The records show that a name believed to be his appears on a list provided by the opposing dences and garages by Harlan reported. Saturday, 32 degrees; Sunday, 34

> (Continued on Page 6) drive, and offered her services as



Postmaster Clara Conner signs up Mrs. Chas. Rickabaugh, Jr. for the current March of Dimes campaign as a fund raiser for the charitable organization. Polio made Mrs. Rickabaugh a widow when her husband died in the Los Angeles County General Hospital on Nov. 15. Mrs. Rickabaugh is the mother of the five children appearing in this picture. Her sixth child, Carl, 11, was visiting a girl friend at the time the picture was snapped. Reading left to right in the picture are Cherie, 7; Catherine, 8; Mrs. Clara Conner; Mrs. Charles Rickabaugh; Chloe, 9-holding her baby sister Charlotte-one month old; and Hugh, S.

picked up at the Los Angeles around to tend the furnaces and County Registrar of Voters ware- prevent buckling within the steel continued its adamant stand He said that the 31 Great Regis- against compromise, the Union

membership committee consisting of Voters main headquarters, lo- men out of the plant at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

He pointed out that as a re-sult, the auto industry cannot get enough strategic materials to in Torrance," Wentworth said. **Related by his Widow**

The March of Dimes campaign for funds to combat polio, which is now underway, should have a special meaning to residents of Torrance. For, just a little less than two months ago, 30-year-old Charles Rickabaugh Jr. died from Winter weather really hit Tor- infantile paralysis after spending 12 days in the Los Angeles

among 3000 officers and men who "You know," he said, "fortun- payroll will be increased by \$40,- the air when the mercury dipped Arlene, an expectant mother, and a "door to door worker" for the to the freezing level and below five children. They reside at 3219 fund raising.

"I know lots of money is need-Marvin W. Davis, 17218 Ardath, ports Pvt. Sadao Munemori and the majority of our jobs in Cal- has been turned," Wentworth Low temperatures for the past Last month, on Dec. 6, Char- ed for research" Mrs. Rickabaugh

As soon as the polio campaign Rickabaugh that the greatest degrees; Monday, 45 degrees; opened, Mrs. Rickabaugh called contribution could be made if the Tuesday, 38 degrees. 58 degrees Postmaster Clara Conner, chair- story of Charles Rickabaugh Jr.'s was the average high temperature man of the March of Dimes illness from polio could be pre-