Seventeen Sites for City Dump Submitted by Stevens

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TRAFFIC SIGNAL SWINGS over the intersection of Five-Points. Erected Tuesday, the light won't be in operation until the signal controller is received, city hall reports. Other traffic lights are scheduled for intersections at Crenshaw and Torrance Blvd., and Crenshaw and 190th. George Stevens, city manager, revealed that single overhead signals are the most economical type. All three, he said will be installed at a cost under $5000. —Press photo

5 POINT TRAFFIC LIGHT READY FOR USE SOON

Long awaited, long overdue traffic signals have finally been installed at Five-Points.

City Manager George Stevens revealed that the signals were ordered several months ago after approximately $1,500.00 had been apportioned in the budget for this purpose.

The overhead signal was installed Tuesday, but will not go into operation until the signal controller arrives, he said.

Reports from City Hall indicate that action on the drainage problem at the Five-Points intersection is anticipated soon.

Stevens further revealed that signals will be erected at the intersections of Crenshaw and Torrance boulevards, and Crenshaw boulevard and 190th street, in the very near future.

Total cost of the three traffic lights will be about four or five thousand dollars, Stevens said.

Drale Reports Roettger on Beach Work

The suggestion of Paul Roettger, members of the City of Torrance Recreation Commission, that Torrance beach be improved for use of the people of the city won the support Tuesday night of Councilman Nick Drale.

Roettger had proposed that the city find some means of providing shelters and other conveniences along the beach from Hollywood Riviera beach club to the south.

He asked for a combined program supported both by the city and the county of Los Angeles.

The county long has had its "eye" on the beach, as has the State of California, but Drale proposes that Roettger have the support of the City Council of Torrance to work out a good program for the people of the community.

The Torrance beach is about one mile in length.

Ask Pawn Law Be Part of Present Ordinance

Councilman Nick Drale told the City Council Tuesday night that the proposed pawn brokers' ordinance could be incorporated into the City License ordinance without additional cost of creating a new law on the city statute books, and he proposed that such action be followed.

The council members had before them for consideration a lengthy ordinance to control pawn brokers which would cost the city hundreds of dollars to print after adoption.

Register Now For School Board Election

Registration for voting in the coming election of members of the Board of Education of Torrance Unified School District will end on March 23, 1952. The election will be held on May 16, 1952.

Voters may register at city hall or with official registrars in any of the following places:

City hall, 1511 Cravens Ave.; Willys G. Blount, 17036 Wilkie Ave.; Mrs. M. Catharine Garner, 803 Amapola; Mrs. Irene F. Wilkes, 2717 W. Carson St.; Henry L. Powell, 24260 Ocean Ave.; Mrs. Theresa H. Fetherolf, 1028 Cota Ave.; Mrs. Dorothy D. Johnson, 23077 Doris Way; Mrs. Isobelle R. Slater, 5005 Macafee Rd.; Mrs. Evelyn Glick, 3223 W. 188th St.; William A. Mason, 204[illegible] Via La Corcela; Mrs. [illegible] M. Bowman, 311 Calle de Andalucia and Mrs. Margarethe R. Brennan, 609 Calle de Arobles.

5-Cent Call On Last Legs

The U. S. nickel will lose one of the last stands beginning on March 21, when the ten cent minimum charge on local calls becomes effective. Public telephone users throughout California will see two nickels or one dime slip down the slot in all coin boxes.

There's good news for regular subscribers, though. On the same day the three per cent surcharge on monthly bills will be dropped.

A. B. Smith, local manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, said that the surcharge was designed to avoid

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C. Jones Heads Concert Group

Charles Jones was appointed to head the Torrance Community Concert Association last Wednesday at the first meeting of the group in the Chamber of Commerce.

Jones will be assisted by Mrs. Paul Roettger, first vice-president; Mrs. Ella Levy Schwartz, second vice-president, and general chairman; and John Stein-

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Drale Praised For Act Against Park Drinking

Councilman Nick Drale has been commended by the citizens League for Liquor Law Enforcement for his stand against drinking in public parks or public buildings of Torrance.

Otis L. Linns, of Palo Alto, president of the league, wrote to Drale commending his stand against a move to permit drinking "by special permission of the City Manager" in city parks and buildings.

Councilman Drale's opposition to the "special permit" move brought the issue to public attention and forced abandonment by the other four members of the City Council, Bob Haggard, Ed Karlow, Willys Blount and Harvey Spelman, of their own plan to allow drinking in public parks and public buildings of Torrance.

Drale had the solid backing of the clergy and groups on his stand.

New Dumping Operation to Start Soon

Operations are due to start in about two weeks on the huge dump west of Crenshaw boulevard, south of the city boundary near Rolling Hills, it was announced this week.

The office of Ben Kozarian, holder of a county permit to operate the facility, said that final arrangements for opening of the site are now under way.

The dump is to embrace about 300 acres, containing deep depressions left by dicalite mining operations during the past two decades. The cut and cover method of fill is to be utilized in the operation. No burning is to be involved.

All loads of refuse being borne to the site are to go over a road being extended from the present right-of-way of Crenshaw Blvd., south of Pacific Coast Hwy.

The dump is to be available to the general pubilc, it was stated.

No Takers on Challenge Yet

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Aronoff have yet to find a comer on their challenge of Honey Bear, smallest Chihuahua on the West Coast.

The 17-ounce Honey Bear is all primed to stand up against any other Chihuhua in a size competition. The many blue ribbons and gold cups Honey Bear has walked off with add to her confidence that she underweighs all competitors.

Mrs. Aronoff, who manages the kennel she and her husband own at 629 W. 214th St., said Honey Bear was born on February 12, 1952, and didn't look like much at the time. "She was all white and not too pretty, so we couldn't sell her. She changed to a cream color and grew to be very pretty and very tiny, so we're glad we didn't sell her," she said.

Alden Elected to Credit Union Post

At a business meeting held February 26, 1952 in the El Camino College cafeteria, Joseph R. Alden, Secretary-Treasurer of Enesco Federal Credit Union with offices at National Supply Company, Torrance, was elected as Vice-President of the Long Beach Chapter, California Credit Union League and also as State Alternate Director of the League.

Alden has been serving as Chapter secretary for the past two years and is also an active member of the Los Angeles Credit Union Managers Association.

Credit Unions from the Torrance area who were represented at the meeting included Amstan Employees Federal Credit Union serving the employees of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp.; Columbia Employees Credit Union serving the employees of Columbia Steel Corp.

March Brings Wind and Rain

March roared in this year not just windy, but rainy also.

Temperature have been held down by sporadic rainfall that started on March 1. Total for the month is 2.44, inches; season total is 14.85 inches.

Last year's total rainfall at this date was 6.02.

Temperature this week had an average low 41° and an average high of 59°.

NOTICE!

If at any time you do not receive your PRESS Thursday morning, call Torrance 1185 before 11 a.m. Your paper will be sent to you by special messenger.

DRALE PLEA TO BLOCK GAMBLING SHUNNED

(AN EDITORIAL)

The Torrance Press, in its edition of last week, had the privilege of reporting to the people the published platform of the "BID for Better Government" ticket, on the City Council ballot of April 8.

The three "BID" candidates, Victor E. Benstead, Albert Isen and Councilman Nick Drale, have teamed up on a platform which we believe should have the support of all the people.

The "BID" candidates are the first ever to offer a published platform, and we think that it should be published again for the enlightment of the people, and that the voters might know that here we have a ticket of candidates who WANT TO DO SOMETHING for the people.

Therefore, we repeat this platform:

WHAT THE 'BID' TICKET STANDS FOR

1—Good, progressive government for all of Torrance.
2—Lower taxes.
3—A well-rounded park and recreation program, financed by the existing city sales tax.
4—More industry for Torrance.
5—Development of the finest business district in the County.
6—Removal of the City Dump to a point away from habitation.
7—Annexation of Alondra Park and El Camino College, with adjacent territory to Torrance.
8—Attention to the public service needs of ALL the City.
9—Economy in government.
10—Improved bus service for all of Torrance and area.
11—Efficiency in government
12—Open meetings to the public.
13—Equal benefits for all outlying areas as well as central Torrance.
14—More police and fire protection for all of Torrance.
15—Free public off-street parking.
16—Unbiased treatment of all petitioners under the Land Use Ordinance.

WHAT THEY DO NOT WANT

The BID ticket candidates have agreed as follows:

1—They do not want gambling in Torrance, any kind of gambling.
2—They do not want parking meters in Torrance.
3—They do not want nuisance taxes such as the garbage and trash collection tax proposed by the "ruling four" on the City Council.
4—They do not want government for the few.
5—They do not want special favors granted local cliques.
6—They do not want waste and inefficiency in government.
7—They do not want closed and secret meetings of the City Council and commissions.
8—They do not want the City Sales tax unless used for recreation.
9—They do not want punch boards and marble games returned to Torrance
10—They do not want open sumps and dumps.

"BID" Candidates Ask Advisory Group

To give citizens residing in the new home sections rapidly springing up throughout the 19 spuare miles of Torrance a more direct voice in the affairs of the City Government, candidates for the City Council on the "BID for Better Government" ticket Victor E. Benstead, Albert Isen and Councilman Nick Drale—are proposing an Advisory Council. It would keep members of the City Council in more close contact with their constituents through citizens named to the Advisory Council by residents of the various districts.

The plan was discussed last Friday night when Torrance Unified Taxpayers Inc. conducted an organization meeting of Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Rancho citizens in the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club.

Presided over by Frank P. Brennan, who led the fight aided by the Torrance Press and citizens of the area, to restore

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Cluff Improves Drive-In Dairy

Speed, efficiency, and economy are the keywords in describing the new Ben Cluff Milk Station, which was opened Tuesday at 17006 South Figueroa avenue.

Cluff, whose first milk station was opened seven years ago at Avalon near Carson, said that this new station will provide the latest in convenience and the best in quality dairy products.

Wide entrance and exit driveways circle the massive glass showcases displaying a wide variety of milk, cheese, butter, ice cream, and other dairy items.

Council Ignores Alondra Appeal

Councilman Nick Drale again Tuesday night asked the City Council to take immediate steps to annex Alondra Park and El Camino College to Torrance, as a protection against the danger of public gambling halls in the area if Gardena is successful in its drive to "get" the park.

He was blocked by the ruling four on the Council, in spite of his plea, Mayor Bob Haggard, Councilmen W. Blount, Ed Karlow and H. Spelman denying him a second to his motion.

Drale told the Council Gardena already has started proceedings to annex territory east of Crenshaw boulevard, and that when its drive is completed to Crenshaw, that city will be in a position to "take" the park and college without an election.

City Manager George Stevens said it would cost about $35,000 a year to provide police and fire protection to the Alondra area. Drale declared the increase in assessed valuation from the area north of the park will more than offset this.

COUNCIL GETS 'ADVICE'

Jack Baldwin, reporter and self-appointed "advisor" to the City Council, said the trustees of the College district do not want the park annexed to Torrance. He did not say anything as to their attitude of annexing to Gardena.

Torrance is in El Camino College district. Gardena is not. The neighboring city is in Los Angeles Junior College district.

Drale told the Council he is interested in the future of the city, in providing the people with the lake, swimming pool, golf course and eventually a four-year college and stadium.

The park and college are in county unincorporated area, and Torrance is the only incorporated city adjacent to the park.

Councilman Drale, a staunch and avowed opponent of gambling in Torrance, is running for reelection to the City Council on April 8 along with his friends,

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JERRY BALDWIN

Furniture Store Newest Addition Here

A battery of kleig lights will announce the grand opening of the new Crest Furniture store at 1413 Cravens avenue tomorrow night.

But that's not all!

There'll be free orchids for the ladies, souvenir gifts for the children, and musical entertainment for all, by the Rudy Bowen Student Band.

Visitors to the store on the grand opening day may register for their choice of a free living-room suite, bedroom suite, or complete kitchen, to be given away in the near future.

Jerry Baldwin, owner of the new store, said that Crest Furniture will provide the highest in quality and service at the low prices Crest Furniture is famous for.

He announced that the store will provide furniture for the band "rumpus-room" at Torrance high school, in appreciation of the cooperation of the local band group participating in the grand opening tomorrow.

Baldwin also pointed out that the store has its own service de-

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Election Dates Schedule Shown

Municipal elections are to be held on April 8, according to the City Clerk's office. Here is a capsule calendar of events for the elections:

March 19 to April 3: Issuance of absentee voter's ballots.

April 8: Election Day (unused ballots destroyed).

April 9: Final day for receiving absentee ballots.

April 14: Absentee ballots tallied.

April 15: Canvass of returns.

Donations Aiding TUT Campaign

Voluntary contributions to the fund to finance the campaign for election to the City Council of Victor E. Benstead, Albert Isen and Councilman Nick Drale—known as the "BID for Better Government Ticket"—are coming in from throughout the city, according to Al Gianni, treasurer of Torrance Unified Taxpayers, Inc.

"It's remarkable how many citizens are sending donations to help the campaign," Gianni said, "Obviously, it is a demonstration that the residents of Torrance think it is time for a change in city administration, and that they want to make the "BID" ticket the people's ticket."

Gianni suggested that those desiring to contribute to the campaign, send them to him, as treasurer, at 2131 W. 182nd St.

DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING IN THE PRESS IS 5:00 P.M. TUESDAY

Location Near Present Area Suggested

Seventeen proposed sites for a new city dump have been selected by City Manager George Stevens, and steps will be taken at once to acquire one, according to Councilman Nick Drale, who has been the sole advocate on the City Council of immediate closing of the present dump near hundreds of homes at Western avenue and Plaza del Amo.

Drale's fight in support of residents of the Kettler area, urging closing of the city dump because it is a health menace, appeared to be reaching a climax with the submission of Stevens' report to the City Council.

The attitude of other members of the council regarding their promise to close the dump "within a year" (now about up) could not immediately be determined. One "friend" of the present dump within a few feet of hundreds of homes is the councilman who called those demanding that the dump be closed "belly-achers." He is Councilman W. W. Blount.

While admitting that his suggestion for use of the area must be "ruled out," Stevens submitted the proposal that the 5 to 10 acre site at Border avenue and Plaza del Amo "would have been an economical and handy site." This is adjacent to the present dump, the operation of which almost caused a recall of the "ruling four" on the City Council.

OTHERS RULED OUT

Stevens submitted three other sites which he said "must be ruled out at this time." They include the 20-acre brick pit southwest of 174th street and Arlington avenue, zoned A-1 which he said would be good for 10 to 15 years. It has homes nearby, however.

Another site "ruled out" is at 178th and Illinois streets, 5 acres in size; another the Senness

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Drale Asks Caution Light On 101 Hiway

Councilman Nick Drale proposed at Tuesday's council meeting that action be taken to erect a caution signal at 101 highway and Roberts Road in the Seaside area.

He asked city attorney J. Hall what action could be taken by the city to eliminate the hazard on this state road and what the state could and would do in the event that Torrance installed the caution signal.

Hall replied that Torrance had no jurisdiction on the highway and that he didn't know what would result if Torrance installed the light.

Councilman H. Spelman recommended that a committee of himself, E. Karlow, and John Stroh be established to study the traffic conditions in that area.

At this point, Drale suggested that the Torrance Traffic Com-

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23 Building Permits Issued

More than one hundred thousand dollars worth of construction is slated to begin this month in Torrance, records at City Hall reveal.

Twenty-three permits covering construction ranging in cost from $75 to $14,800, have been issued to date.

January permits totalled $584,028, and February permits amounted to $3,191,922.

Permits issued to date in 1952 cover construction totalling $3,896,050.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES, Mrs. W. B. Boswell, center, joins Mrs. E. A. Miles, left, and Mrs. G. Derioun, right, in admiring one of the fashions to be displayed at the show, Wednesday evening. It was announced that buffet refreshments will be served after the show. Proceeds from the event will support womens' club charities. —Press photo.