WRITE-IN SPARKS SCHOOL BOARD VOTE

Center-Strip Parking Plan Gains Favor

- AMPLE AUTO **SPACE SEEN**

thority again has been reminded that sufficient space exists in the center strips of the wide Cabrillo and Torrance boulevards to provide ample parking for years" to come. Parallel parking along the curbs and center strips would provide all the parking spaces needed-without necessity of buying more property and without installation of parking meters.

Off-street lots should be bought, it was pointed out, but on a long-time basis with city or assessment district funds, but the center strips will suffice for

Elimination of unneeded curb cuttings and red zones, and alley parking, also would aid, it was pointed out at Thursday's open (Continued on Page Two)

CHAMBER **ASKS COUNTY** PROJECT AID

County Board of Supervisors to fulfill their often voiced promises to improve the Avalon-Sepulveda Park, members of the Carson Chamber of Commerce and interested residents of that area decided at a meeting Monday night to circulate a petition asking the Board to allocate funds in the budget for the coming year to finance the improvements.

The petition is being circulated "in the general interest of the community," said J. G. Caldwell, member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber.

It was disclosed at the meeting that all residents of that area rely on the Park as their only recreation site. Half of the proplage Co., the other half sold to the County at contractors cost. it was revealed.

At the time of this transaction,

spokesman said, the Board has consistently side-stepped their day's Council meet. responsibility.

meeting heard Jack Barnes of refusing to OK two of Browne's and no capital improvements the Regional Planning Commistract maps after they had been may be included therein. sion explain the zoning problems of the area. Citizens are urging that commission to complete the sion and the City Engineer were a well balanced development of Willys Blount. the Avalon-Carson area.

Torrance Acts To Renew Bus Service to HC

the Gardena Municipal bus lines the Gardena Municipal bus lines for a franchise to operate in Mrs. V. Agapito Harbor City was handed down by the Los Angeles City Public Utilities Commission as the Press Dies Suddenly closed its forms Tuesday night. Reams of testimony were

Wednesday at 10 a.m.

pervisor for Torrance Municipal morial Hospital Saturday afterbus lines, was slated to protest noon bus lines, was slated to protest noon. the duplication of two Torrance the Gardena request. The Torrance boulevard and 182nd street due to pneumonia, the hospital of the Traffic Committee of the and 223rd street to 235th street, reported. would be duplicated if the Gardena franchise is granted.

rance will renew its service She was a native of Seattle, through Harbor City if a request Wash. now before the commission is Mass was conducted yesterday granted. Our service would be an morning at the Nativity Catholic day, May 21. extension of the Kettler Knolls Church, under the direction of run, he said. The Torrance Bus Rev. P. J. McGuinness. Inter- be discussed. These objectives Lines would run south to Palos followed the service. Funeral ber of violators of the promise • Verdes drive north, around to arrangements were handled by to appear in court, stopping viothe five-point intersection of Stone and Myers Mortuary. Gaffey and Anaheim, and back Besides her husband and par- infractions of the vehicle code,



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Dump Closing

Conclusive steps to end two heal and safety menaces in Torrance were taken by the City Council Tuesday

ting the present dump operation at Plaza del Amo and Western avenue.

Second, legal proceedings against the owners of the Walteria pit dump operations for failure to abide by the City Ordinance requiring fencing of the

area were ordered. The Council accepted the 15cre site for the new dump at price of \$3,000 per acre. It was ought from del Amo Estates ompany. One legal obstacle has to be removed, City Manager George Stevens said, that of getting approval of water polution authorities for operation of the site. This will be forthcoming, he predicted.

The present city dump which became a political issue lasting a year which resulted partly in the reelection of Councilman Nick Drale with the highest vote ever accorded a councilman, will Tuesday morning and boarded of the Torrance Press, Drale cara bus for an inspection tour of ried a lone fight to close the Multiple Listing Service real es-of home owners in the Kettler area who complained of rats, Each broker was invited to flies and other filth which was a present one of his listings for menace to children and adults

It was Drale who led the fight to keep the Walteria pit closed, ing for city and county action to the major problems of the "Wal- a representative of the Board, only to have the old Council the tour was made to better ac- ignore his protests and license the operation. Then came the of the nominees have not been fight on behalf of Pacific Hills contacted, Loranger said. zation, which has been function- and Walteria residents to fence the operation. An ordinance was adopted, and now is in effect. Drale's motion that it be en-

forced against the dump, former- election. ly a gravel pit, carried unani-Both City Attorney James Hall Fatal injuries were sustained mously Tuesday night.

The attitude of the people tovens approved the plan, accord- ton electrical transformer fell on ward the two dump operations ing to Earl Lloyd, secretary of him at the new Douglas Aircraft was shown when precincts of Co. plant, at 190th and Nor- Kettler area and Pacific Hills returned their heaviest votes Drale and his running mates,

State Aid for **Armory Project Expected Here**

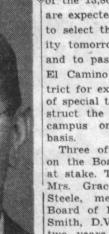
The hope that Torrance will get a state armory to house its Dealers, Torrance 578. Ask for trations is 37.8 percent. Demo-578th Engineer group came one Larry, step closer to actuality at Tues- Schultz & Peckham-Ford Dealday's meeting of the City Coun- ers, Torrance 309, Ask for cil, when City Manager George Larry, Stevens disclosed that he received a communication from the State Adjutant of the National 1144, Ask for George Whittlesey. Guard notifying the city that the Guard wishes to maintain places, listed by precincts: pre- PINTS OF BLOOD control of the site deeded to cinct 1, Perry Elementary School them by the city in 1950.

there is a good possibility that School, 17220 Casimir Ave.; pre- Glass Co. turned out in force funds for the building will be cinct 3, Fern Avenue School, Friday when the jointly spon-

within three years.

Electors to Pick Three Members

Interest in the Torrance Unified School District election tomorrow to pick three members of the Board of Education was sparked yesterday by the announcement of Wilford E. Walton, long time resident of Torrance that he is a write-in candidate for the Board. Approximately 2000



WILFORD WALTON

Businessmen **Elect Board**

First, the Council pur- ation of the Torrance Chamber paign did not develop until chased a 15-acre site near of Commerce met for breakfast Tuesday when Walton announ-Del Amo and Mardona as a and business Tuesday morning ced that he would accept the

To get the ball rolling in a new campaign. streamlined program of activicluded on the slate are Jim in a similar move, amond.

ship of the Association would ported.

meet monthly.

paigns.

of the 13,800 voters of Torrance are expected to trek to the polls to select the next Board majority tomorrow (Friday, May 16, and to pass on the proposal of El Camino Junior College District for extension for five years of special tax being used to construct the popular local college campus on a "pay-as-you-go"

Three offices out of the five on the Board of Education are at stake. The three incumbents, Mrs. Grace Wright and Carl Steele, members of the first Board of Education, and R. R. Smith, D.V.M., appointed about two years ago to succeed Al Jackson, resigned, are candidates for re-election.

Contending for the offices are J. A. Beasley, long-time Walteria resident, civic leader, church worker and business man, and Mrs. Kathryn Matson, popular Parent - Teacher Association worker and civic leader of North Torrance.

WRITE-IN While there had been rumors that there would be a write-in candidate to give the people a chance to vote for a complete change in majority control of the Board of Education, the camcut-cover dump site elimina- in the Chamber conference room, office if elected on a write-in

Two years ago, W. H. Tolson, ties, a temporary ten-man Board Realtor and former Mayor of Directors was chosen. In- Torrance, was swept into office defeating, Squires, J. Mac Ieve, Leonard with Jackson, both Dr. H. A. Baron, Frank Dominguez, J. H. Wood and Mrs. Evelyn Carr. Jus-Paget, Harry Abramson, Abe tice of the Peace John A. Shid-Robinson, Eddie Raphael, Ar- ler was the third candidate, and thur Strumwasser, and Paul Di- he was re-elected to the Board. Judge Shidler must resign before It was decided at the meet- Jan. 2, 1953 if he is elected to ing that the Board would meet the bench of South Bay Municiweekly and the general member- pal Court on June 3, it is re-

-Walton, who was an original The first considerations of the member of the Torrance Parents Board will be permanent officers. Association, the agency respon-Other problems to be acted up-sible for withdrawal of Torrance on in the near future include schools from control of Los Anestablishing uniform business geles school districts in 1946, hours, a study of the parking lives with his family at 1415 problem downtown, and promo- Acacia street. He is a native of tion of city-wide sales cam- California, a graduate of Uni-(Continued on Page Two)

Ballot Battalion Provides Cars for School Election

Ballot Battalion will soon be in the mail for those who attended the organizational meeting of this group, Paul Loranger, temporary chairman of the Batallion, announced after a meeting of the nominating committee last Thursday. The proposed slate of officers

was not revealed, because some The first undertaking of the

Ballot Battalion will be to air in getting out the vote for tomorrow's Board of Education Nine local automobile dealers

have volunteered the use of 30 cars to provide transportation tomorrow's election. The head of the Ballot Batta- City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. lion announced today that all you

signated voting place, is to call the following Dealers. They will figures showed, and the Republigladly send a car for you which can trend is continuing here as will transport you there.

for Dick.

Mrs. King. Post Avenue Motors-Nash

Whittlesey Motors-DeSoto & Plymouth Dealers, Torrance

Following are the polling 17831 Prairie Ave.; precinct 2, diator and Standard Sanitary The communication stated that North Torrance Elementary Corp. and the Pittsburgh Plate allocated in the 1952-53 National 1314 Fern Ave.; precinct 4, Tor- sored blood mobile visited their rance High School, 1200 Carson plants. The deed to the site, which is St.; precinct 5, Torrance Ele- A total of 125 pints of the located near Torrance Recreation mentary School, 2205 Martina blood so desperately needed both Park, contains a clause providing Ave.; Precinct 7, Seaside Ele- at home and on the Korean war that the land would automatical-mentary School, 4651 Sharynne front, were collected by the unit ly revert to the city in the event Lane; precinct 8, private resi- which was stationed at the Amthat no armory was erected dence, 716 Calle de Arboles, Hol- Stan cafeteria between 2 p.m. lywood, Riviera.

Republicans **Gain 58.3**

Torrance Republican registrato the polls for voters who would tions have shown a 58.3 percent otherwise be unable to vote in gain since November of 1950, according to figures released by

Republicans have trimmed the Democratic lead in registrations in Torrance by five percent, the well as all California. There are 4664 Republicans in Torrance Dick Barton-Chrysler & Ply- at this time against 2939 in 1950. mouth Dealer, Torrance 606. Ask There are 8545 Democrats against 6504 in 1950. Sixty-four Paul's Chevrolet-Chevrolet percent of the voters are Demo-Dealer, Torrance 617. Ask for crats this year as against 69 percent in 1950.

The overall increase in regiscrats increased by 31 percent. Independent Progressives lost 15 registrations, dropping from 34 to 19. Prohibitionists dropped from 8 to 6 in total registrations.

RED CROSS GETS 125

Employes of American Ra-

Tuesday morning joined in a tour of inspection of real estate being sold through the Multiple Listing Service. Shown above before boarding the bus to begin tour are Realtors (left to right kneeling) Harry Peterson, Dick Miller, Paddy Ryan, Don Kelley, B. C. Buxton, Georgia Marlow, Gretchen Earle, Margaret Alter **Browne Hits**

REALTY CARAVAN-The Torrance-Lomita Realty Board last

of certain council members in re- into financing of the joint pro- emergency ordinance to prohibit fusing to pass the maps solely ject. because the number of lots to be reduced since passage by the Planning Commission. It was (Continued on Page Three)

grieved this week to learn of the ation, the National Production heard at the Tuesday meet, and death of Vonetta Anna Agapito. Authority lifts its ban on certain the case was continued until The 34-year-old wife of William critical materials. A. Agapito, 1006 Sartori Avenue Marshall Chamberlain, bus su- died suddenly at Torrance Me-

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. the Gardena request. The Tor- Ave., Mrs. Agapito was taken to rance routes running along the hospital Friday after an Western avenue between Tor- asthma attack. The death was

> An employee of Kale's Children's Shop, Mrs. Agapito had

ment at Holy Cross Cemetery include the reduction of the num-

down Western to Torrance. The ents, Mrs. Agapito leaves a and to achieve greater unifor-daughter, Joan, and two sisters, mity in the assessment of pen-Peck, both of Torrance.

City Denies Request for erty of the Park was donated to the Council Stall Slough Reclamation Aid

Advocates of the Bixby Slough reclamation project received a set-back this week when the Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commission turned down requests for the Board of Supervisors agreed | Charges of a fast shuffle were the construction of a golf course in the slough area. Pe-

City Council and Subdivider Tru- granted at this time, inasmuch Since that time, a Chamber man Browne tangled at Tues- as the 1952-53 budget of the City Recreation and Park Department On the pan for alleged discri- must be, by direction, less than The 40 persons attending the mination and procrastination in that for the current fiscal year,

passed by the Planning Commis- Petitions signed by several thousand Harbor residents callzoning of the region, to assure Councilmen Harvey Spelman and improve the slough area were teria Lake," the Torrance Planpresented last week. In addition Browne, in appearing before Councilman John S. Gibson inthe city's legislative body, charg- troduced a resolution asking that ing voted to recommend the aded personal prejudice on the part Los Angeles City put \$100,000 option by the City Council of an ing for over thirteen years.

> The County Board of Superdeveloped immediately had been visors has pledged \$50,000 for improvements, it is understood. The Commission pointed out pointed out that the Council had that new municipal golf courses previously passed tract maps are constructed with funds derived from the operation of ex- the Commission. isting city courses. The Commission stated that it would look the Bixby Slough area under its control when another current Family and friends were project completed and in oper-

City Judge Otto Willett will represent Torrance at a meeting State Judicial Council.

Under the direction of Judge Lester O. Luce of the Municipal Chamberlain states that Tor- lived in Torrance for 17 years. Court of Inglewood, the organization will meet at the County Building, 110 E. Regent St., Inglewood, at 7 p.m., on Wednes-

Objectives of the group will lators from committing further service would be hourly, Cham- Mrs. Erma Finley and Frieda alties and to standardize the forms used as traffic citations.

Realtors Tour Multiple List Homes Here

Luther Mumford (behind Mrs. Alter), Maxine Di Cristina (be-

hind Mrs. Alter), Bob and Jack Clayton (Jack is standing be-

hind Bob), Bob Clayton Sr., and Perry Connett (kneeling). Standing on the steps of the bus is Mrs. Florence Sommers.

Seen aboard the bus (left to right) are Hans Norby, Bill Mc-

Ewen, Eliza Trivioli, and Theresa Pustoli

City Planners

elevation of 75 feet.

Urge 'Walteria

Lake' Home Ban

Eighteen members of the Torto allocate funds to develop the leveled at both parties when the titioners were informed that their request cannot be rance-Lomita Realty Board met be closed at once. With the aid

> the inspection and appraisal of as well. the group.

According to Harry Peterson, quaint the citizens with the activities of this business organi-

residential development in the PLANT ACCIDENT 'Lake" area on land below an KILLS WORKER

and City Manager George Ste- by Ralph Perry, 32, when a two-

The several hundred acre hol- mandie avenue. low is subject to severe flooding | Rushed to the Torrance Mewith favor on the construction of during the rainy season. A half morial hospital by and F & M Councilman Vic Benstead and Al- have to do to arrive at your dea 9-hole course in the portion of dozen families residing in homes ambulance, Perry died three bert Isen, who was defeated by a there were forced out by flood hours after the accident oc- few hundred votes. curred

Business Firms Back Blood Drive Because of the urgent need of civilian donations of blood for the armed service, local manufacturers, business firms, and professional men and women have joined in making an educa-

tional campaign to assist in the collection of blood from this

The appeal for donors will be made in a series of announcements made in this newspaper during the coming weeks, urging the public to fill out and send in the front page coupon for the visit of the American Red Cross Mobile blood unit. The Press urges it's readers to call attention of friends and

neighbors to these announcements. ~ COUPON ~~~ YES . . . I WILL GIVE A PINT OF BLOOD FOR OUR BOYS IN KOREA. Mail Coupon to AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS 1754 Torrance Blvd.