

## Torrance Could Be Center Of Manufacturing Empire

facturing center.

In addition, Torrance has the

Torrance could become the greatest industrial centers in all Southern California, L. E. Jenkins, district manager of the Southern California Edison Company, told City Planners at their regular meeting last Wednesday. He expressed the belief that by proper conservation of industrial territory, Torrance can be-

## **Council Rules** To Penalize

The Torrance City Council pany is not equipped to furnish Tuesday night handed down a that it can in the City of Torsplit decision on a motion by rance Councilman Nick Drale, which GREATER INDUSTRY was designed to settle once and for all the question of a zoning violation on Torrance Blvd.

On Drale's motion, declared sound and practical by City At- growth of this city, Jenkins distorney James Hall, Mr. and Mrs. closed. Bert Lynn were granted permission to complete a hotly contested addition to a medical center they own at the corner of Torrance Blvd. and Acacia Street.

However, in view of a zoning needed by the heavy industry. violation allegedly committed in Jenkins appeared before the the addition, Drale planners to request a changemoved that the penal section of the Land Ordnance be invoked.

Section Company at the corner of 190th St. Penalty for a violation of this of 190th St. and Western Ave. law is a minimum of \$300 fine NEW FACTORY HERE 30 days in jail, or both. CITY ERROR

The building was originally site, which has a 627 foot front- tack. erected on a zone, variance grant- age on 190th St. and a 313 foot The 33-year-old mariner, huspleted, was based on a permit ob- (heavy manufacturing.) tained thru building dept. Planners claim, is a 'violation modern furniture,

Mayor Mervin Schwab and turing property in Torrance." Councilman Willys Blount dissented in the vote. Schwab stat- matter has been set for June 18. ner. satisfy the protests of residents that time. in the area surrounding the medi-

for comment on the Council's de-

cision TREASURY SURPLUS

City Manager George Stevens told the Council Tuesday night First, the in-lieu tax on motor the house, vehicles from the State of California reached a new high of approximately \$65,000, much of a new official census. The second main increase is due to the concellent financial condition, Stev-

ens stated. He asked the Council to place \$45,000, recently voted for the smoke damage left the rest of in escrow immediately, as the total wreck. The damage was essite, located at Madrona Ave. and Del Amo Blvd. had passed all state examiners. He also request- OWNER WORKING ed an appropriation of \$21,500 (Continued on Page Two)

### Wife Beater Gets Five Days

A five day jail sentence resulted when George M. Simmons, 44-year-old cook, pleaded guilty to charges of wife-beating be- FURTHER DAMAGE fore City Judge Otto Willett last

Simmons' wife, Christine, on the adjacent property, besigned a complaint charging her longing to A. F. Somonoff, was husband with twisting her arm ignited and partially burned. and otherwise abusing her while in a drunken condition.

ley in North Torrance.



Capt. H. P. Jensen

### advantage of being a part of the Capt. P. Jensen Metropolitan Water District, and consequently can supply the Dies of Heart tremendous quantities of water Attack Here

Friends and relatives this week mourned the death of Captain for each day of the violation or To accommodate a prospective. Harold Philip Jensen, who died buyer, the utility company is Saturday at Torrance Memorial asking the city to rezone the Hospital following a heart at-

ed by the Planning Commission. frontage on Western Ave. from band of Maxine Steele Jensen, The addition, which is half com- A-1 (light agricultural) to M-2 who is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steele.

A graduate of Torrance High The prospective buyer is a error, it was reported. This, City company which manufactures School, Captain Jensen completed the course at the State of the variance, since the original A Mr. Brattrud, representing Nautical School near San Franvariance reportedly forbade fur- the furniture co., promised that cisco. Jensen became one of the ther construction on the proper- the factory would be one of the youngest ship's masters, earning "best looking pieces of manufac- his papers at the age of 26. His first ship was the American-A second public hearing on the Hawaiian Lines' S. S. Otis Skin-

ed that he felt simply fining the Each member of the Planning During the war, Jensen served violators would not remove the Commission has been instructed as a Merchant Marine officer in "illegal" building, nor would it to inspect the property before both Atlantic and Pacific waters,

### Lynn, owner of the disputed medical center, was not available fire Destroys Home, Charrs 20 Acres in North Torrance

that anticipated revenues for the blazing inferno that virtually destroyed a home and dam- work on a 50-house subdivision into the matter. Free-riders aided current fiscal year will be exceeded by approximately \$100,ceeded by approximately \$100,afternoon. The home of Dr. Grace McCleary at 2084 West
000. According to Stevens, this
166th St. was largely demolished by a blaze which black
Electric Typer

No one was occupying the building at the time that the fire leaped across the Santa Fe which was due to establishing tracks and a deep gully which runs across the rear of the property. After igniting a grove of tinuation of building activities eucalyptus trees in the yard the at record-high levels. The City fire raced through the fortywill end the fiscal year in ex- year-old shingled structure, reducing to ashes the roof, walls and floor of the rear portion of the house. Extensive water and purchase of a new dump site, building and furniture an almost timated at \$10,000.

Dr. McCleary shared the buildfor purchase of various maintain- ing with Mrs. Ruth Legus and her three sons, Arnold, 15, Albert, 13, and John, 7. Both Dr. McCleery and Mrs. Legus were at work at the time of the fire. The Legus children were at

> Mrs. Legus reported that the only apparent casualty was a mother cat. Her five kittens were saved.

An additional \$500 worth of damage was caused when a shed

Three Torrance and two Gardena fire engines were required The couple live at 18544 Ash- to extinguish the blaze. Chief (Continued on Page Two)

### Said W. C. Harris of 1213

Maple St. And indeed amazing are the results you get when you use Torrance Press classi-

Mr. Harris was pleasantly surprised at the tremendous response he received when he ran a three-line clasified ad offering an apartment for rent. "I got 32 calls, most of them on the day the Press was distributed. I've never seen a paper bring such results," he said.

Here is the seventy-five cent ad that netted 32 calls and rented the apartment for Mr. Harris.

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SERVING TORRANCE, LOMITA, SHOESTRING, HARBOR CITY AND KEYSTONE

The City Council last Wednes

day night (June 4) abruptly

"closed" the hearing on the for-

mation of the new sewer district

despite the protests of Robert

Reeser, 5269 Bindewald Road,

and his demand that the hearing

"I don't see why we should pay

000 for a job estimated to cost

by the formation of the district

should be required to help pay

Mayor Schwab, Councilman

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hearing over the protests of

however, asked City Attorney

Paul Diamond

Outgoing President

ation.

the bill, it was demanded.

be continued.

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## SEASIDE HEIGHTS SEWER INVESTIGATION ASKED

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1952

# Hearing Closed As Residents Protest

ers of the Seaside Heights district are being assessed for sewer lines being furnished to other non-paying tracts appeared to be heading for official investigation this week -even by the Grand Jury - it was reported.

# **Permits Near**

A near record building boom \$26,000 for something that took place in Torrance during doesn't even come into our tract the month of May. Building per- at all," Reeser complained on bemits issued totalled \$2,484,362, half of the Seaside Heights propbuilding dept. records show. erty owners who are being asked

This brings the year's total up to pay for sewer lines to furnish to \$8,972,397. Total construction at least two other tracts which for the first five months of 1951 are outside the sewer district bewas \$5,223,293. Only \$249,725 of ing formed—and which are conthat took place during May, 1951. tributing nothing to the cost of Three large subdivisions were the sewer system. Due to the started during May, and permits alleged mishanding of the assessfor another were issued. Con- ment plans, the district property struction on the latter tract is owners are being assessed \$86,expected to begin soon.

Stoll Investment Company got \$65,000, it was claimed. underway with a 110-house tract | It was charged that prepara- Tuesday. valued at \$743,526. One hundred tion of the assessment district, and thirty one houses totaling the easements and plans were \$901,732 were started by the not properly handled by the City January Construction Company. Engineer's office, and that the Barton Construction Corp. began Grand Jury will be asked to look

## Demonstrated

A free demonstration of the Reeser and others present, and use of the electric typewriter with Councilman Drale and will be held in the Adult Class Councilman Benstead voting of Torrance Evening High School against closing the hearing. on Thursday evening, June 12 at Mayor Schwab and Spelman, 6:30 in room 204.

Both children and adults are James Hall for his opinion on invited to join this free public how to remedy the involved situ-

Milt Isbell

New Lion President





### Hull Given \$12,000 Year, New Contract

Included in the \$200,000 increase in the annual budget of Torrance Unified School District as tentatively set up are new salary increases for Superintendent of Schools H. Hull and Assistant Superintendent-Business Manager Lyrics by Ted Lloyd and Leo E. W. Ingrum. Dr. Hull and Ingrum were rehired for a period of four years by the school

Dr. Hull received an \$800 pay hike, making his annual salary

us yearly salary up to \$9,500. Before joining the Torrance schools as the first superintendent, in 1947, Dr. Hull was assistant superintendent and business manager of Corona schools. the steel strike ran high among Spelman and Councilman Blount Ingrum had been associated with the families of 1400 Columbia the State Department of Educa- Steel workers until negotiations (Continued on Page Two)

### **Isbell Takes** Lion Gavel at Club Alondra

Paul Diamond turned over the gavel of president of the Torrance Lions Club to the new president Milt Isbell, in an installation ceremony held last Saturday night at the Club Alondra, Following a dinner attended by by Congress, who told the Presimany club members ,their wives dent to use such existing legislaand guests, Earl Baker, Counselor for the International Lions including Isbell, president; Roy been made in efforts to return lo-Peterson, first vice-president; cal and national workers to the C. B. Walls, second vice-presi- steel mills. dent; Fred Boren, secretary; Pete Redisich, treasurer; Mott Farrell, tail twister; Frank Carpenter, Health Class lion tamer; and Rollin Smith and Albert Posner, directors. Isbell served as first vice-

president under Diamond. After the official ceremony there was dancing in the club



### board at its regular meeting last Steel Strike 12,000. Ingrum's \$600 pay boost brings Deadlocked

Hope of an early settlement of between union and management collapsed in Washington on Mon-

day night. The steel companies in the case have met most of the union's economic demands, but Philip Murray's CIO Steelworkers union representatives are still holding out for the closed shop ruling, which the steel men refuse to grant

President Truman Tuesday asked Congress to grant him powers of seizure. The Supreme Court recently threw our Truman's "inherent power" seizure. The appeal for emergency power to end the strike was denied also tion as the Taft-Hartley Act. At the time the Press closed

A two-unit course in Personal offered at Harbor Junior College erty, Let's Keep it." during the six-weeks summer session program which begins July

will be the theme of the commencement presentation when 178 graduating seniors of the Torrance High School Class of 1952 receive diplomas on the school's athletic field tonight at 8:15.

The presentation will consist of addresses delivered by four top enior students, David Scholl, Mary Ann Valdez, Kelvin Figgins, and Nancy Ruth Miller. Their talks will deal with various aspects of education and their effect on world conditions, past, present and future.

Mrs. Joanna Garver and Ivan Malm, class advisers, have announced that Dayle Denham, having earned the highest grade point average throughout the years, has been named the honor student for the 1952 class, Miss Denham was also made a member of the California Scholarship Federation, and winner of both Elks Club and Lions Club scholarships, and the Bank of Ameri-

ca Achievement Award. Other memberships in the California Scholarship Federation went to Ann Flanagin Stephens, Beth Jenkins, Mary Ann Valdez, Nancy Ruth Miller, Charlotte Anderson, Jeannette Lopez, David Scholl, William Wilcox, Valdez, Nancy Ruth Miller, Charles Warren Bennet. The Bauschomb Award went to Byron Johnson, and William Wilcox won the National Supply Co. Award. Ann Stephens was the recipient of the D.A.R. Citizen-

ship Award. The program for tonight's comnencement is as follows:

Processional "Pomp and Circumstance," Elgar, by the Torrance High School Band, Mr. Abe Milstein, directing.

Salute to the Flag, Edgar Forcier, Directing; "The Star Spangled Banner," Key; Invocation, The Reverend Clarence E. Miller, First Methodist Church; "Someday," Ann Flanagin and Buddy Powers, arrangement and accompaniment by Pat Dunmyer.

Commencement presentation: "There Will Always Be Light." Class Song "As We Go Our Way." Meltvedt, Leo Meltvedt, Directing; Presentation of Class of 1952, Mr. John K. Steinbaugh, Principal; Acceptance of Candidates, Dr. J. H. Hull, Superintendent; Presentation of Diplomas, Judge John A. Shidler, President, Board of Education; "Alma Mater," Edgar Forcier, Directing; Benediction, The Reverend Cecil J. England, First Christian Church; Recessional, DeKoven.

Following is the list of the 178 senior students who will be awarded diplomas upon completion of their high school education in this evening's ceremony:

Anderson, Charlotte E.; Anderson, Diane Rae; Atchley, Shirley Jean; Baer, Marilyn Lee, Barr, LaDonna Rose Juengel; Bellwood, Sylvia Cecile; Bernard, JoAnn Grace; Bergen, Constance Lee; Bishop, Ann Marie; Blake, Lois Lee; Boss, Joanne Carolyn; Bourgeaulty, Anita Louise; Brown, ElDora Mae; Buckley, (Continued on Page 11)

### Kiwanis to **Attend Confab**

Torrance Kiwanis Club will be represented by Lt. Gov. Dr. Howard Wood, President Paul Loranger, and first Vice-president its forms, no further progress had Chuck Ragsdale at the 37th annual Kiwanis International Convention in Seattle, Wash., on June 15th to 19th. The three officers will be accompanied to the four-day event by their wives.

International officers will be elected at the meet, and amendand Community Hygiene, which ments to Kiwanis by-laws will be will deal with problems of per- acted upon. Dr. G. D. Grey will sonal and public health, will be deliver the keynote address "Lib-

> International Kiwanis President Claude Hellman will head the confab.