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County Sets School Tax at 2.9846

TAX RATE JUMPED BY BONDS

A tax rate of \$2.4346 was set this week for the Torrance Unified School District. An additional \$.55 is added to school district taxes for El Camino College.

These figures bring the total tax burden for each citizen up to \$6.5736 per \$100 assessed valuation for the support of county and city agencies.

Tax Bill \$164.34

Based on the \$2,500 estimated assessed valuation of Torrance homes, local residents will shell out approximately \$164.34 this tyear in county and city taxes alone.

Last year, support of the same agencies took \$162.24 out of the pockets of each taxpayer.

Bond Issues

The \$.1459 jump in school district taxes was caused by a \$2,-000,000 bond issue voted here by the public early this year.

Another climb was noted in the pcal city rate, which jumped from \$1.12 to \$1.1250. Flood control district took a jump from \$.1878 to \$.1893.

Declines

On the brighter side, declines were noted in El Camino College rates, which fell from \$.60 to \$.55, Los Angeles County general taxes, which dropped from \$1.6391 to \$1.6306, and in the county library, down from \$.0171 to \$.00673.

Metropolitan Water District rates fell to \$.28. Last year it was \$.30.

Another decrease was seen in \$.2883.

Following is a list of individual and city:

	L. A. County	\$1.6306	
	City	1.1250	
	Schools	2.2887	
	El Camino	.5500	
	Flood Control	,1893	
	County Library	.0673	
	Metropolitan Water	.2800	
	Sanitary District		
	Total rate	\$6.5736	1



STATION A-Branch post office station opened for business Tuesday morning. Postal clerk Mrs. Ellen Wright receives first parcel mailed from the new station from Mrs. O. A. Shelhart of 23314 Falena Station A will be open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is located at 23433 S. Western Ave., near Kettler Knolls.

6500 Return to School Another decrease was seen in Sanitary District No. 5 tax rate, which dropped from \$.2978 to

More than 6,500 boys and girls kindergarten students, it was dis are expected to return for the Fall closed. A special schedule is cartaxes to be levied in this county term at Torrance schools one week ried out for kindergarten students from tomorrow on Sept. 12, it during the first week at most of was announced today by school the elementary schools, which en-

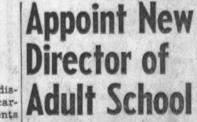
lists parent cooperation and paradministrators. Torrance schools will open this ticipation.

year with one new additional **Closing Date** building, the elementary school in Any child who was five years of Hollywood Riviera. This brings age on or before December 1, the total to 11 elementary schools, 1951 or who has completed one one high school, and one adult ev- year of kindergarten may be en-

ening school, officials reveal. rolled in the first grade. Thirty Registration and enrollment of days after the opening of school, all new students is being conduct- new kindergarten and first grade ed now at each of the schools, it pupil registration closes for the was disclosed. year.

The entire staff of 273 instruct- Bus schedules will be available ors will report a week earlier than next week, it was announced. the students for a series of meet-

ings, workshops, and general pre-paration for the opening of Frosh Urged



Neblett was arrested in a motel on the weekends. Because the recabin at 3902 Pacific Coast Hi- sponse to this service was so great, The Board of Education way, two hours after an all-points it was necessary to add another announced this week that bulletin was issued for his arrest registrar during the first week-Vernon Sheblak has been ap- on grand theft auto and burglary end.

Spot Car at Motel

Local Police

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pointed to fill the vacancy counts. **Daily Registration** created when Donald Mana- Torrance Police Officers H. B. Continued heavy registration shaw resigned recently as di- Ingrum and T. O. Pattishall on a made it necessary to have a regisrector of the Adult Education final night check of motels for trar available during business wanted cars spotted an automo- hours of each day, Dabbs pointed Dept. of the schools. bile listed as stolen. Mrs. Mary out.

cialist took over his duties on Sept. 2. A graduate of U.C.L.A. auto Thursday, Sept. 11, the deadline Neblett, according to Lt. Alex for registration for the general

hompson, in charge of the squad election on Nov, 4. the based in on the well-armed City Hall will remain open late suspect, was listed in an all- next Thursday evening to accompoints bulletin sent out by Valley modate persons who are unable to Division police as "armed and register during the day, it was desperate. disclosed.

captured here by Torrance police registrar of voters was stationed

officers early Saturday morning. at a major downtown intersection

According to Det. Sgt. H. S. Loranger Lauded Clarke, of the LAPD, Neblett also In commenting on the results of

tered voters of this city through the credit for the achievement goes trusion and forging plant for Twenty-one-year-old Roy Wil- the efforts of the Ballot Battalion, to Paul Loranger, president of the the Harvey Machine Comliam Neblett, of Van Nuys, Sat- it was announced this week by Kiwanis Club of Torrance, who urday was turned over to the Val- Jack Dabbs, general chairman of ley Division of the Los Angeles the Ballot Battalion. Police Department, after he was Beginning on August 15th, a

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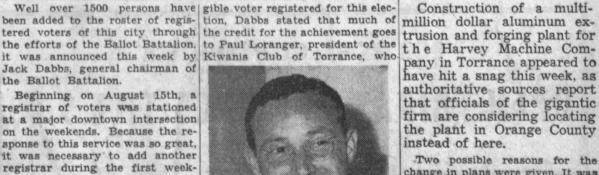
Voters Out in Force

Theft Suspect Registration Heavy Captured by As Deadline Nears

Two possible reasons for the change in plans were given. It was hinted that company officials were disgusted with top Torrance city officials who have done nothing to aid the machine company in acquiring 40 acres at 190th St. and Western Ave., and in installing the huge structure. In addition it was rumored that efforts of the Harvey firm to purchase the 40 acres from the Dominguez Water Company had hit an obstacle in escrow.

The City Council recently took a dim view of allowing the Water Co. to continue to furnish water to the area. It was hinted that nounced that the Ballot Battalion this may have helped to sour the deal.

A local civic leader pointed out



Indifference

Of City Cited

As a Cause

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tion newspapers of America.

NUMBER 21

Phone Torrance 1185

Reports that International Der-rick and Equipment Company will maintained on the opening day, To Register soon close its doors has had no it was revealed. official confirmation as yet. However, sources close to the plant in-

school.

dicate that there is no doubt but of age on or before December 1, All new Torrance High School that the huge manufacturing fa- 1951 may be enrolled in kinder- students are urged to report to old-time Torrance firm.

It was reported recently that bids on the plant have been received from such firms as National Supply Co. and other Torrance industries.

Indications are that the firm is closing its Carson St. location because it is no longer large enough to house their expanding equipment and operations. It is unknown whether the firm will seek larger facilities here, or relocate elsewhere.

\$60 Earned

'An inexpensive Torrance Press Classified Ad earned \$60 for Mr. E. Willett, of 616 E. Carson St. Mr. Willett advertised a .32 calibre Winchester rifle in the classified section recently, and was highly pleased when he sold the rifle for \$60 on the day the paper was distributed.

This ad, inserted only once, sold the gun for Mr. Willett:

*'32" Winchester rifle. Good cond. \$60. See at 616 E. Carson St.

You can get the same results, oo! To place a fast-action Press Classified Ad, call Torrance 1185 or come to the office at 1406 Cravens Ave., and a courteous ad taker will help you write an ad that will get results.

Children Safety Week.

he said

Dates Set

This Week Age Requirements Any child who was four years

New School

Return Date

able to take care of all the loose

ends of registration and assign-

ment of classes in just one day.

This way classes can proceed on

Monday at full steam, and with-

out distraction. In the past we

have always had a few students

who are not located in a class

until Wednesday or Thursday,

so considerable class work is

day allows us to release the

students earlier for the Christ-

mas holiday, thereby permitting

Motorists Urged to Watch Out

Now that vacation time is draw-in that flashing red lights on a zones, when children are going to

sand Torrance school children will meaning. When the red lights flash school yards, will be strictly en-

For Returning School Children

"In addition, the extra school

missed.

to," he stated.

Explained

cility will be abandoned by the garten. Birth records are re- the school this week for counselquired for all new first grade and ing service and registration, it

was announced by John Stein-baugh, principal of the high school. Only students who have moved into the district recently need do this, he stated.

Counseling offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day between now and the opening of school on Sept. 12. Both boys' and girls' counselors will be on Something new is being tried duty. The high school is located

by the administrators of Torat 2200 Carson St. rance schools this year, as children prepare to return to classes On Thursday, Sept. 11, a general meeting of all high school on Friday, Sept. 12, instead of freshmen will be held in the school and Claremont Graduate School, the customary Monday. auditorium at 2 p.m. Classes will he is currently working for his In a statement to the Press,

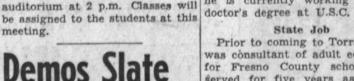
Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, said, "By beginning meeting. school this year on Friday instead of Monday, we hope to be



Congressman Cecil King will guest speaker at a meeting of announced today by Nick Drale, president of the Democratic group.

United Steelworkers Union Hall on Border Ave. near 213th St., at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7.

students to work if they wish rally. Drale said.



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his duties on Sept. 2.

gram in Torrance. He took over

Torrance Democrats, Inc., it was DRIVE KEY The meeting will be held at the MEN HERE

nessmen have been named to out of control. City Chairman Don Arm- 000.

strong announced yesterday. Torrance campaign were A. E. Thompson of the General Petro-leum plant and John Ebbinghouse of the American Rock Wool Corp. Advance Gifts

Also picked for a top spot was the structure and adjacent office ing to a close, and over six thou- school bus has definite life saving and from school or playing in the B. T. "Red" Whitney of the Whitbuildings, warehouses, truck garas chairman of the advance gifts ages, and cement mixing unit, the

division of the Red Feather appeal plant will not be in operation for many weeks, declared Chandler.

be trekking back to class rooms, all citizens are urged to practice extra caution when driving in areas near and adjacent to schools, stat-ed Robert I. Plomert Jr., president of the Torrance Chamber of Com-merce, when he announced the lic to the School Children Safety solicitations of special prospects Week as evidenced by the many in advance of the general camphone calls and letters received paign kickoff. The advance gifts Recently the California Highway from them in the past few days." campaign is slated to start on

Drive Data

The advance gifts campaign will so that no Torrance school child the Chamber by Torrance Police to the Torrance area where many be the second phase of the Chest will start the school year maimed, Chief John Stroh. Commenting on of our major arterials do not have appeal to begin work. The com-Safety Week program, Chief Stroh sidewalks for the use of pedes- merce and industry unit is sched-John Mock of the Transporta- said, "As usual you can count on trians and school children. Motor- uled to start on Sept. 15. These tion Department of Torrance Uni- the Torrance Police Department ists must also watch out for the two units will be followed by pubfied School District, calls our at- for 100% cooperation," and he unexpected actions of not only our lic employees, business, and resitention to the importance of the warned the driving public "the 15 school children but of our pre- dential campaigns, Armstrong sobservance of school bus signals mile an hour speed limit in school school age group."

is wanted for questioning in re- the Ballot Battalion's gard to a series of "shotgun" rob- planned campaign to get every eliberies staged recently in the San

Fernando Valley area. A search of the automobile Neb- Protest Delay in lett was driving turned up a double-barreled shotgun and a New Harbor City trunk of the car was loaded with clothing, clocks, coins, electric shavers and other, paraphernalia A drive to enter formal protest believed taken in burglaries in the San Fernando Valley area. against the delay in the start of

Sgt. Clarke said the shotgun construction of a new Narbonne in the campaign. (Continued on Page 12)



was consultant of adult education smoke were visible for at tion of a protest of the delay to Recreation and Park Commission

unit of the Chandler Sand and Gravel Co. Reportedly started by sparks from a welder's torch, the raging

flames roared through the wooden structure, housing oily machinery and rubber conveyor belts. Workmen atop the structure attempted to extinguish the flames

with a small fire hose, but were A trio of Torrance busi- forced to flee when the fire got

The public is invited to the key spots for the 1952 Com- Owner Lynn Chandler estimatmunity Chest campaign here, ed the damage at \$75,000 to \$100,-

Named as vice chairmen for the and surrounding area rushed to Five fire engines from Lomita

DAYS

BEFORE

REGISTRATION

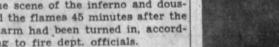
DEADLINE

BE SURE YOU

REGISTER TODAY!

alarm had been turned in, according to fire dept. officials.

Because of extensive damage to



group, said various organizations in the communities to be served Harbor City by the new high school, which was to be built in 1953 and now will

High School is being led this week

mediate start of construction of center in that community. the high school, the site for which The Chamber is spearheading a great size and strength which will has been purchased and is located drive to obtain a public park in mean faster, stronger, and better

at Western Ave. and Lomita Blvd. that city.

eligible voters registered before the deadline next Thursday. Dabbs is general chairman of the Ballot Battalion.

JACK DABBS this week an-

will stage a final drive to get all

that one possible reason for the city's indifferent attitude toward the \$20,000,000 plant may be that

introduced the Ballot Battalion to the facility will be federally ownthis city, and then worked tire- ed, and so will not contribute to lessly to get the movement under local taxes. However, he declared, way. Further credit, he said, goes the plant will ultimately revert to to Russ Egan, who is serving as private ownership, and will then registration chairman, and to the add heavily to the city's coffers. members of service clubs, wo- In addition, it will attract other men's groups, P-TA's, and other industry, particularly aircraft organizations which have helped manufacturers into this area, he stated.

When registration closes, the A part of the Air Force's \$375,by two organizations, the Harbor Ballot Battalion will concentrate 000,000 heavy press program, the on getting the voters out to the gigantic addition to Harvey facipolls on Nov. 4, Dabbs stated. lities will include two aluminum

extrusion presses of 8000 tons and 20,000 tons, and two heavy forging presses of 25,000 and 35,000 tons. Structures to house these huge machines will be over ten Harbor City Chamber of Com- stories high, it has been said.

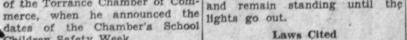
Towering pillars of black not start until 1955, are being contacted prior to the presenta-week by the Los Angeles City have run as high as 3,000 persons. When completed, the huge facifor Fresno County schools. He least ten miles last Saturday the Los Angeles Board of Educa- that no funds are available at this lity will provide west coast airtime for the construction of a craft manufacturers with access

supervisor of education for the rock-crushing, sand refining The protests will urge an im- municipal park and recreation to extrusions and forgings for the

aircraft for the future.



DAMAGE AMOUNTING TO nearly \$100,000 resulted last Saturday when a huge rock - crushing, sand refining unit of the Chandler Sand and Gravel Co. was swept by traging fire. Inferno was believed to have been caused by sparks from a welder's torch.



Laws Cited

The week of Sept. 7 to 13 has Patrol issued a bulletin citing traf- Isenberg further stated, "The uni- Sept. 22. been set aside for special observa- fic laws that protect children and form observance of these safety tion of driving safety regulations which has been made available to measures is especially important

