CHARGE CHILDREN BEING CHEATED

Topheavy Payroll On \$1,000,000

The number of persons employed by the recreation dept. of this city came in for sharp criticism at a special meeting of the city council last Friday night.

City Manager George Stevens informed the council, after being asked by Councilman Victor E. Howard Percy Benstead, that there are seven full-time and seven part-time employees on the payroll of the recreation dept. at this time.

Benstead, pointing out that there Realty Board is virtually no program for Tor- Howard Percy was this week rance youngsters during the win- named 1953 president of the Tor- 180 by 300 feet, with corrugated about large quantities of highly mable Christmas trees, decorations atories approved material. months, stated that he felt rance-Lomita Realty Board. He aluminum siding and roofing. Ten two persons could very easily run the department at this time of the Elected to serve with Percy we

He charged that the children are being short-changed, while the adult program gets all the attention of the recreation experts.

Another councilman pointed out that nearly 70 per cent of the recreation department's annual budget was used to pay salaries. How, it was asked, can a good recreation program be established for the children, when most of the money allocated was used to pay wages?

At another recent meeting of the council, former recreation commission member, Tom Babbitt, charged that the recreation dept. does not represent the interests of Edith Smith, vice president, and the people as a whole and does Perry Connett, who was re-elected not appear as an integral and im- secretary-treasurer.. Mrs. Smith prtant part of city government. succeeds Gerald Alter. He recommended tighter control

of the recreation dept. by the city

ated \$1,000 for Christmas parties for sometime next month. W. E. dent. to be staged at four Torrance Bowen is in charge of arrange-

Awards Party at Adult Recreation Center Tuesday

party will be held on Tuesday,

will be made. H. L. Baldwin will on Saturday. ceive an award for winning in the Elaine Tillman, both 19, led the a telephone pole guy wire. shuffle board doubles contest. procession,

Refreshments will be served. Inrs, and chess will follow. "Ferdinand the Bull." **Carson Plant**

Work got under way last ing plant for the Apex Shiell-ing Co. at 2211 E. Carson St., citizens to be aware of the fire should use only non-flammable or in the Carson district. problem and to follow these sug-

The plant, which will convert gestions. scrap aluminum into ingots for completed by next Jan. 30.

It will be of structual steel, feet of space will be provided be- cartons which will present a great- in the home. Elected to serve with Percy were tween the floors and walls to faconstruction.

The plant will have a six-truck dock area and railroad dock space capable of holding six more. Complete laboratory facilities will be installed. Designer and builder is the H. E. Ferguson Co.

Midnight Chase Ends in Crash; Two Arrested

hoe shuffle board competitions East Los Angeles Junior College ted Simon's auto traveling at a high rate of speed near 182nd St. be given top prize in horseshoes. The celebration included a float and Prairie Ave., and chased the Ernest Krig is runner-up. Harry parade keyed to the theme, "Chil-Larman took top place honors for dren's Stories." Sally Harday, 18, Inglewood Ave. before they caught shuffle board singles, and Clara the college's "Cinderella Queen" up with the fugitives after the Witmer and John Raynor will re- and her princesses, Lois Weber and car careened off the road and into



Onyx Ring

Grand float prize was won by Where there is no vision, the door games including cards, check- the Phi Sigma Upsilon entry, people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he -Proverbs



CHRISTMAS IS HERE-Festive scrolls, shiny stars, and gay colored lights mark the downtown streets as Christmas approaches. The garlands were this week hung over Sartori and El Prado aves, by the Jones Decorating Co. Nearly \$2,000 was spent by the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce to make this Torrance's most festive Christmas season.

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Caution Urged

Christmas Fire Hazard **Great Chief Benner Says**

ly approaching, and with it will large quantities. come the usual fire hazards. In There will probably be a tenweek on the first unit of a order that Torrance residents may amount of decorative materials, \$1,000,000 aluminum smelting plant for the Apex SmeltFire Chief J. J. Benner urges all
semblage, and these concerns lights should be carefully checked.

Sealy Posture-pedic mattre
the wiring of all Christmas tree
semblage, and these concerns lights should be carefully checked.

There will be a heavy invoice commercial use, is scheduled to be of merchandise in all of our stores er than normal hazard in our mercilitate ventilation through roof cantile districts. The chief recomopenings. A 40 by 80-foot office mends that these highly com- tree, make sure that it has not posed of as soon as possible. Do do not burn rapidly but when the invisible.

ing Christmas trees.

Fresh Tree In selecting your Christmas Benner concluded.

making a new cut across the base away from any heating device and where it will not block an The Christmas season is rapid- not allow them to accumulate in and by all means, remove the tree before the needles get dry.

Tree Lighting

fire-retardant decorations, includand that there are no breaks or of other civic notables will also As the Christmas holiday season frayed spots in the wire insul- be in attendance. and markets. This heavy stock approaches, we are again con- ation. In purchasing new wiring, Bartlett, known to many as of merchandise will likewise bring fronted with the hazard of flam- insist upon Underwriters' Labor- "Bart," has been a Torrance re-

day season an enjoyable one, Chief that time.

tensely. Keep the tree fresh by making a new cut across the base and submerging it in a can of fresh water. Select a location Universal's Re-opening

> Second and third prizes are as Youngstown dish washer and a and entry is made by simply pick-

will feature concrete tilt-up slab bustible packing materials be dis- been allowed to dry. Green trees Vision is the art of seeing things resident to enter the drawing, son St. Dr. Howard A. Wood will

A deluxe Magic Chef kitchen range tops the list of 21 exitway. Anchor the tree so that prizes that will be given away in a drawing that will climax it will not be easily knocked over, Universal's remodeling and expansion celebration. The drawing is slated for Friday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. at the store.

Electrical plugs, sockets, and Sealy Posture-pedic mattress. ing up a ticket at the store, filling it out, and dropping the stub lights should be carefully checked Torrance City Clerk Albert H. in a large barrel at the store. to insure that there are no cracks Bartlett will be master of cere- Universal Furniture is located or loose connections in the fittings monies at the drawing. A number at 1317 Sartori ave.

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Report on the P-TA-sponsored sident for nearly forty years. He dental clinic and progress report Observance of these simple rules was elected city clerk in 1922, on the school's building program will do much to make your holi- and has served continuously since will be made at next Monday's meeting of TEAC.

John Gerster, manager of Uni- Meeting will be held at 12 noon versal, has invited all Torrance in the YWCA clubhouse, 2320 Car--Swift There is no obligation, he said, serve as moderator

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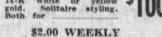
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