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## 3 NGIL AGTS TO BUY OF LAND FOR NEW GIVIG

#### Land Near Board to Probe Charges **Against Union Secretary** Torrance Gardens

Clerks union members and employers alike were watching with interest the controversy between executives of Retail Clerks Union Local 905, which now is in the hands

The City Council Tuesday of the international offices of the Union. It became appar-night authorized City Mana- ent this week that a change in the administration of the ger George Stevens to go affairs of the Union is certain no matter which faction ahead with plans for acquir- emerges victorious.

ing a site for a new proposed

TRIAL BOARD

blvd., Maple ave. and Madrona Elliott, the union's president, and eve. be purchased by the city. The John Anderson and Daniel Andercouncil unanimously approved the son, two of the trustees of 905. All three, like Tidwell, are business recommendation. agents.

The property would extend northward to the city-owned property on which the municipal was named to hear the charges American pass-time, baseball. dump is now located. union.

The need for a new, larger civic This board is reported to consist center, to contain all the city de- of Allen Risk, of McCown Drug bulldozers are busy leveling and partments including maintenance Co., Ben Scott, of Sav-Mor Marards, has become extremely im- kets, Walt Scheppman, of Better grading a diamond for Torrance's

Stevens indicated that negotiations with the owners of the land, the affairs of Local 905, until an Moir, president of the Little completed. Then, the League Santa Fe Railway, would begin audit

Stevens submitted a recommen-lation to the City Council that a D-acre site bounded by Torrano dation to the City Council that a 30-acre site bounded by Torrance charges against Haskell Tidwell, clerks union secretary and treas-urer for many years, by Wally Ball Teams

> year when most all of us turn was named to hear the charges our attention to that great And that's what's happening out

near the airport this week, where

Volunteer Workers

heavy graders donated by the Coy

Construction Co. of Lomita and

Volunteer workers using two



**Phone Torrance 1185** 

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fore the body to delay action on legislation calling for a \$100 per gross acre park and recreation NUMBER 50 gross acre park and recreation fee on new subdivisions, Mayor Mervin M. Schwab called for an-Mervin M. Schwab called for another motion to ramrod passage of the law. He was backed by two other councilmen, and was stopped only when City Attorney James Hall pointed out that a four-fifths majority of the vote was necessary to enact the ruling.

"Discriminatory"

City Councilmen Nick Drale and Victor Benstead had protested the ruling as "discriminatory," and sion by the council.

plied by another councilman. them of the four-fifths majority ruling.

**Duplicate** Facilities After the close of the stormy

which would provide more leisurehour activities for children after council session, Councilman Ben- school, on week ends, and during stead told your reporter that he the various school holidays opposed the ruling because he felt throughout the year. that the money gained by it would The only economically feasible be used to duplicate existing play way to organize and administer

facilities and to finance additional such a program is thru the coand expensive park sites. operation of both the city and the He declared that he would favor schools, a committee spokesman

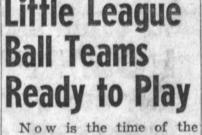
the bill if the council would agree said this week. Under the existing set up play to earmark all funds thus collected for a centrally-located swimming facilities are being duplicated and pool to serve all Torrance resi- available funds are not being used to the best advantage. A citydents. financed program that would util-

He pointed out that if plans to ize the technical skills of school move Civic Center to the western administrators is the only solusection of town materialize, there tion, the spokesman stated. would be an excellent site for the swimming pool, which, he added,

Support Gained

A number of prominent citizens have expressed favor of the idea of a joint city-school program. Robert I. Plomert Jr., president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and General Petroleum tax expert, last week stated that co-operation Named to Top last week stated that co-operation between the city and the schools was essential to any type of wellrounded, well-run recreation pro-

Realtor Howard Percy and At-



ing to Herschel Womack, interna- fathers, is rapidly approaching tional officer placed in charge of realization, according to Douglas



DRARK FEESTOPPE



# Citizen's Group

*Inadequacy* 

**Seeks Action** 

Joint Program

ing a drive to institute here a joint

city-school recreation program

The Citizen's Committee is back-

Striking another blow at what he terms the "inadequaasked their colleagues to delay cies of the existing recreation the bill for further study. Drale's program," Arthur Sues, motion for delay was seconded by chairman of the Citizen's Benstead and followed by discus- Committee for Better Recreation this week declared that Following the brief debate, the unless the city and the Mayor asked for a motion to pass schools act now to improve

the law. This was quickly sup- the recreation system here juvenile delinquency will con-The city attorney then reminded tinue its rapid upward climb.

immediately.

Civic Center.

board will meet and it is hoped Tentative plans have also been that it may return its findings on made to include a large central April 17, when the union members Councilman Victor Benstead has gone on record as favoring the

pool on the park site. **Jack Dabbs Elected Rotary** 

**Club President** 

of the club last Thursday.

The directors for the coming

city park on the development. again are scheduled to meet. TIDWELL CONFIDENT Tidwell is reported to be confi- the City of Torrance are preparing construction of a public swimming dent that he can prove himself the diamond and the organization

innocent of the charges, and it is of fathers and sons are lining, up generally accepted that in this the teams and procuring uniforms event, Elliott and the two Ander- for the boys.

son brothers will retire from their Play is expected to begin just jobs with the union. If not, then as soon as the playing field is Tidwell's own fate is said to be up ready and will be well underway to the union members. (Continued on Page 2)

Meanwhile, the Harbor Area Employers' Council is urging its attitude in the controversy. Frank Local Men . Selover, executive secretary, ad-Jack Dabbs, prominent local vised the members that "all our Named Top theater man and insurance agent, contracts with Retail Clerks Local was named to succeed Attorney 905 are with the UNION, and not Don Armstrong as president of with its officers. Members are

the Torrance Rotary Club follow- urged to remain neutral and to Two Torrance men, Otto B. Wiling the election of eight directors assume a hands off attitude toward the current controversy last week elected to the top slate within the union. Much has been of officers of the Redondo Beach Elks Club.

said in the press. Our purpose is Shidler, John Ebbinghouse, A. E. said in the press. Our purpose is to establish better relations. This Thompson, George Post, Carl Warner, Cecil England and Dabbs. Dabba

Willett, who is a South Bay Municipal Court judge, was named loyal knight. Everett will serve

ner was named vice president. The posts of secretary and treas-urer will be filled some Deby. Two color sound films dealing with cancer will be presented free with cancer will be presented free urer will be filled soon, Dabbs to the public at the Torrance Thea- which was attended by 400 memter on Thursday, April 16 at 8 bers. Also elected were Foster

said. The new officers will take office p.m., it was announced today by Day, leading knight; A. T. Laron July 1, following a demotion Howard J. Percy, publicity direc-party for the out-going cabinet. Howard J. Percy, publicity direc-tor of the local cancer fund drive. urer; and Elmer Rohr, tiler.

EAGER LEAGUERS-Members of the Torrance Little League team can hardly wait to get play started at the Little League baseball diamond, which is in preparation now. The boys, sporting their league uniforms, were out in force last Saturday to offer their help in grading and leveling the diamond. Here, however, they hold up operations to get in a few fast throws. Paul Moir is about to hurl a quickie to his team mates. They are, left to right, Ronnie Evans, Charles Thorne, Richard Nix, Jim Hawkins, Dennis Hanon, Garry Schmidt, David Hawkins, David Warren and Tommy Coleman. In the rear, Bane Hale of the City Construction Co., James Hix, league official, and Jack Stephens. Torrance city employee.

lett and William Everett, were BUDDING VIRTUOSO-Glenn W. Briney, of 2537 Sierra st., is the proud photographer of the above

**Photo Finalists** 

the First Annual Torrance Press Amateur Photography

photo, which won him an opportunity to compete against five other local amateur photographers in the First Annual Torrance Press Photography Contest. Briney is the last of six finalists selected by three judges. Winners of the contest will be named next week,

### **Council Post**

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**Paul Diamond** 

As a result of the recent re- torney Albert Isen have accepted vision of the by-laws of the corp- top posts in the Citizen's Commitoration, four vice presidents of the tee for Better Recreation, Chair-Harbor Area Employers' Council man Sues reported. have been elected, it was an-

nounced this week by A. J. Mc- Inter-Service Club

They are: Paul Diamond, The Meet Set Monday president; A. J. Moe, Moe Pharmacy, San Pedro, second vice Kenyon J. Scudder, noted penal president; E. W. Spear, Spear's authority and author of "Prisoners

Store for Men, Wilmington, third Are People," will be guest speaker vice president; J. N. Blake, Rob- at the inter-service dinner next erston & Blake Hardware, Gar- Monday night at the American dena, fourth vice president.

The four vice presidents will Isbell, president of the sponsoring Lions Club. their various communities, California Institute for Men at working with Frank S. Selover, ex- Chino, has been acclaimed by ecutive secretary of the Council, McCown said.

Harry M. Carr, San Pedro, is oners, Isbell reported.

Reader's Digest for his unique ap-

Legion Hall, according to Milt

ecretary-treasurer of the body. The dinner will begin at 7 p.m.

proach to rehabilitation of pris-



PRIZE WINNER-Mrs. Douglas McClay affixes ribbon to the "Bird of Paradise" flower arrangement that won third place in the International Flower Show last week. The arrangement was the second entered by the Torrance Terrace Garden Club to win a prize. Shown admiring the arrangement are other club members. Standing is Mrs. M. C. Shanahan. Seated are Mrs. W .B. Hickcox, left, and Mrs. Victor Benstead.

Contest will be announced next week following the close of Glenn W. Briney, of 2537 Sierra best photographic efforts for next into a Heap of Fun for Kids year's contest. This Summer" will be the slow This Summer" will be the slogan of a salvage drive to be finalists who are competing for top prize of \$50. Two other Inexpensive sponsored by the Walteria Businessmen's Club, it was announced following the regular club meeting Thursday. pointed John J. Graham, of the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation,

Graham has requested all resi-

Naslund, 21317 Lynton st., Paul apartment for rent in last week's nate any scrap metal that they may have to the club. "Wonderful results" is the com-

Your neighbors rent rooms, sell ing to A. L. Muir, press chairman.

Roden of the Torrance Press, This is the small, inexpensive committee,

The group feels that this junk

Jack Bauman is chairman of this

Businessmen

**Plan Benefit** 

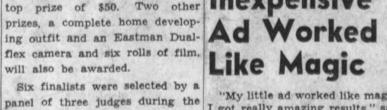
L. E. Green, district manager of Southern California Gos Co., showed a film, "The Challenge of Growth," depicting the growth of the Los Angeles area over the past ten years. Green followed this up

the utilities firm in this area.

"My little ad worked like magic! to serve as chairman.

Kristufek, 2104 Martina ave., and ment of hundreds of satisfied Tor- can be converted into recreation ance Press classified advertisers, funds for Walteria youth, accord-

Plans were also announced for a





panel of three judges during the I got really amazing results," said six weekly contests. Included in Mrs. Della Tolson, of 2008 Gramerthese are Briney, Mrs. Warren cy Avenue, who advertised an dents of the Walteria area to do-

Comon, 1533 W. 228th st., C. H. issue of the Torrance Press.

Selection of the three top win- furniture, trade cars, find work ners will be made this week, it was through Press classifieds. Press dinner dance to be held May 16. disclosed by the judges. Miss Pat ads will work for you too.

Harry Petro, manager of McCown ad that rented Mrs. Tolson's

LARGE 1-room Apt. \$8 per week. 2008 Gramercy. Call Torrance 24-R.

To place your ad just call Tor- with a talk on the activities of

flex camera and six rolls of film. will also be awarded. Six finalists were selected by a

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the contest today.

st., was named the last of six

Stowell, 1533 W. 239th st., Frank

Ron Forestal, 22632 Gaycrest.

Drug Store, and James Giacalone, apartment. manager of A-1 Photo Supplies.

judges expressed their thanks to the many local residents who submitted entries in the contest, and added the hope that they and many others would save their rance 1185.