

#### ASSEMBLY SAYS 'O.K.' Tauxager, March 18, 19 54 **\$15 Million Shopping Center Torrance** Airport Slated A bill which will pave the for the Senate and observers of the Legislature by Assembly- Thomas at the city's request. quired for other city purposes,

mercial development on the arise from those quarters.

rance Municipal Airport was commercial development would property from 25 years to 50 the Committee on Municipal ous kinds for retail use." passed this week without a involve a regular business cen-ter with a chain drug store, a A s dissenting vote by the Cali- restaurant, a department store, fornia State Assembly. shoe store, and other stores. A telegram from Assembly- Torrance would receive \$200,000 man Vincent Thomas informed in sales tax from this center, it the Torrance Press of the bill's was disclosed.

Assembly Bill No. 19, intro passage. The measure is now headed duced in the 1954 special session

way for a \$15,000.000 com- believe that no opposition will man Vincent Thomas, and in- City Attorney James M. Hall for planned commercial decluded on the agenda by the flew to Sacramento last week velopment consisting of retail southeast corner of the Tor- It has been stated that the governor, would extend the city's leasing powers on city the Committee Market to present the city's problem to ties, and retail outlets of vari-

and County Government. City Attorney Hall also spoke Proposed Change on behalf of traffic improve-Assembly Bill No. 19 would ments on Pacific Highway from ested in the site told city of- add a section to the Govern- the Lomita boundary to Redondo Beach. The city formally

"37395. A City may lease for requested that the entire length 50 years property owned or held be divided and that left turn or controlled by it, or any of lanes and other safety features

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**3 MONTHS' COMA ENDS** 

**City Request** The bill was introduced by its departments, when not re- be provided.

A savings and loan spokesman from Long Beach interficials that they could not ment Code stating: amortize their investment on less than a 50-year lease.



**BOND ISSUES ENDORSED** 

100,000 READERS

NUMBER 50

Huge 2300 Home Project Sets Building Pace

Construction of the first 450 project are two different shop- has been one of the leading de **BY INDUSTRIES TAX GROUP** of a total 2300 homes to be ping centers, two parks, and velopers of homes in the Los located at Hawthorne ave. and schools. The Dominguez Land Angeles area since 1906, having 190th St. has finally begun, it Company from whom the 450- built more than 10,000 homes in was announced this week by acre site was purchased in the the last ten years in the L.A. Milton Kauffman Construction middle of last year, is handling area. plans for the shopping centers. Corporation.

Included in the \$30,000,000 Consideration is still being

Mercantile **Negotiations •** To Continue

other proposed park. The subdividers, the County Negotiations on the Mercan-tile agreement and Drug agree-from the tract may all partici-

cording to a joint statement is-sued by Frank S. Selover, ex-ecutive secretary of the Em-ployers' Council, and Ben N. Scott, acting secretary treating secretary t to a temporary halt Tuesday, base and paving will be conwill be resumed this week, ac-cording to a joint statement is-subdivision ordinance. The contest will be partly a "popularity" contest and partly a "popularity" contest. Finalists

ployers' Council, and Ben N. required of veterans, it was an. However, the queen will be Scott, acting secretary-treasurer nounced. of Local 905.

The negotiations were ter. minated by Herschel Womack, International Representative of The Kauffman organization said when

given to the extent and location of such centers. Complete shopping facilities will be provided, Approximately four and a County Fair, it was disclosed. half acres have been set aside for a proposed park, and four and two-tenths acres for an-

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Plan' Used For

**Press Distribution** 

Two eager parties stormed They are given the newspapers, us through to Walnut Street has

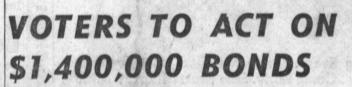
You are entitled to a free Chace.

Two eager parties stormed the home of Mrs. R. L. Meek of 1619 W. 203rd street first thing Thursday morning in order to

If you wish, you may pay the

he receives, he keeps.

Little Merchan



Four city bond issues a city for less than half the pre-totaling \$1,400,000 were en- sent population, Stevens told

It was definitely decided dorsed by the Torrance In- the group. As a result, he

provements called for by the Committee is composed of rep-

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tion; and \$150,00 for recreation facilities.

The present city hall and poice station were designed for

Lomita Blvd.

closed by Supervisor Burton W.

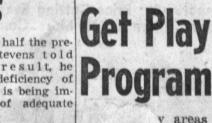
Extension

Approved

Torrance Press carrier boys Extension of 255th Street in

are in business for themselves. Lomita from its present termin-

paper boy for his services. What 2 Appointed



Negotiations on the Mercan-tile agreement and Drug agree-ment between Retail Clerks Lo-cal 905 and the Harbor Area 1905 and the Harbor Area 190

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mentary schools and at Mc-Master's Park.

Schools The Board of Education unanimously agreed to let the City Recreation

**3** Areas To

the druggists refused to agree **Pow!** Right to an "improvement factor" in (Continued on Page 3)

# **ANTI-RABIES PROGRAM NO EXTRA COST**

grab the bedroom set which she delivery of the Torrance Press. had advertised in the Torrance Cost of a compulsory anti- Press classified section. rabies vaccination program is no higher than what is It was practically necessary now being spent in combat- to flip a coin to determine the ting actual and suspected "victor."

the Los Angeles County lows: Health Department revealed.

In Torrance alone, one human being and 15 dogs died a dread-

ments, the only safeguard get your results. If you get rance Press whether you pay lowing the resignation of B. F. against rables, had to be given swamped with calls, don't say or not and regardless of how Johnson and the pending resig-

(Continued on Page 3) we didn't warn you!

The sum you give him shows To Recreation your appreciation of his careful service and is his compen- Commission cases of rabies, figures from Mrs. Meek's 'ad read as fol- sation. Each carrier is required to J. H. Paget, manager of New-

Where It

Counts...

FOR SALE-3-piece bed set. Old but good. \$15 FA. 8-7870 bedroom give a receipt for the sum you berry's, and Mrs. A. E. Collins, give him.

You can't go wrong if you

Thursday morning in order to

of North Torrance, were ap-The amount you give him is pointed to the Recreation Comful rabies' death within the last place an ad in the Torrance optional. You are entitled to mission by unanimous vote of 10 years. Painful Pasteur treat- Press classified section. You'll receive your copy of the Tor- the City Council this week fol-

ALBERT ISEN

much you pay.

nation of A. J. Patronsky.

# Council Candidates Reply..

In an open letter published by this newspaper last week, the Torrance Press invited candidates running for City Council to state their position in regard to the local building scandal. The following replies were received: WILLYS BLOUNT

public.

In reply to your invitation to

of Torrance to air their com-

plaints relative to certain de-

State of California were re-

These investigations were

with the City's Building depart-

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quested.

fore the City Council of the City building code.

with.

cated that the responsibility lay against this reoccurrence.

FRANK BURK

tween the City Council and the your request.

HERMA TILLIM

answer an editorial appearing This is in answer to the open I read with great interest I wish to thank the Torrance in a recent issue of your news- letter referring to poorly con- your "Open Letter" to the can- Press for its public spirit in the it appears that a restatement of the facts surrounding the inves-tigation of Tract No. 18540. structed houses in Torrance. didates for the City Council in We, the people, can definitely the March 11th issue of the lay the blame on our Building Torrance. Press with reference tigation of Tract No. 18540, lay the blame on our Building Torrance Press, with reference been brought to public attenwhich resulted in the suspen- Inspection Department where to the charges which have been tion.

which resulted in the suspen-sion of the employees of the City of Torrance, is in order. Upon my recommendation, a Upon my recommendation, a group of citizens appeared be- structure will come up to the ter to the attention of the have started my private investigation in to all of the facts.

If the inspection department You ask the candidates to Such an investigation has taken finds discrepancies that are not make a thorough investigation the Press many months and I in the above named tract. These people were heard by the City Coursel for amendment to

Council and by unanimous ac-tion of the Council certain in-tion of the Council certain investigations by agencies of the our inspectors tools to work should be taken and if elected, the City of Torrance and will would take to correct such con- not fail in my pledge to inves-With proper cooperation be- ditions. I am happy to answer tigate both sides of each ques-

tion before I recommend ac-

made by officials of the State of California at the Council's re-(signed) HERMA TILLIM quest, and their findings indi- of Torrance will be insured known or available, even to the No answers were received City officials. It takes more from ROBERT F. EVANS, AL-We, the people of Torrance, than a few days to make a VIN K. HILL, and JACK E. WHITE at press time.

ize an after-school, Saturday, and holiday recreation program at the two schools as of April 12. This program will be the same as the recent pilot program at the Perry School.

The program at Torrance High School on the other hand will be canceled as of April 23. The reason for this reorganization of the recreation program is to permit the greatest use of the limited recreation funds and serve the whole community, accoding to Harry Van Bellehem, recreation director.

**McMaster's** Park The program at McMaster's Park will start Monday, March 22. It will run five days a week, Monday through Friday, from noon to 9 p.m. Les Breitenfelt will supervise the program at

the park. Parents who have children can now send their children to the (Continued on Page 13)

## 7 Candidates **Enter Race** For Council

With the dust cleared after the last minute rush to make the filing deadline and with the eligibility list determined, seven candidates emerged this week to contest the two City Council seats; two others will vie for the city treasurer's post; and one uncontested candidate will run for the city clerk's post.

City Clerk Albert H. Bartlett, seeking his ninth fouryear term of office, emerged unopposed for the first time in many years.

Ineligible

because of the residence re- more can be accomplished. quirement. Candidates must

one year to be eligible to run meeting to come and to participate. public office. Fleetwood for

only 7 months. He lived four in 96 other cities in Los Angeles County. We too can make it has been a Torrance resident (Continued on Page 13) | work for Torrance!



"HI, MOM; HI, DAD" ... These were the first words Freddie Burmester, 15, uttered when he awoke for the first time last week after a deep, unbroken coma which lasted 3 whole months. Freddie, who lives at 22529 South Figueroa, was critically injured when he fell off a motorcycle which he had repaired. There will be no permanent injuries, Henry Burmester (r), father of the boy, said.

### We Need A Community **Coordinating Council**

By Mrs. Patricia Elliott, Guest Editor

(In order to air our civic needs, the Torrance Press is running a series of weekly editorials written by people of the community. Editorials may be submitted by anyone. All manuscripts become the property of the Torrance Press. We welcome ideas on any subject, controversial or otherwise. Editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the publishers.)

Many times I have heard one or another person in Torrance say, "Why don't they do something about this or that." Well the probblems are our problems and we must work together to solve them.

On Tuesday, March 9 a group of interested people met together to discuss the formation of a Community Coordinating Council. It was agreed that Torrance has "growing pains" and that there is a definite need for more unity here. Some means is needed of promoting P. ELLIOTT better cooperation and coordination of efforts amo...g the many fine civic groups, social agencies, service and

social clubs, schools, churches, etc., of Torrance. We all have a stake in the welfare of not only our own

children but of all the children and youth in the community. Of the eight candidates who With a council we can meet together and discuss what is right filed for City Council, Thirvin and what is wrong with our community and what the average Fleetwood, 3637 West 182nd citizen can do about the needs. We can decide what action is street, was pronounced ineligible indicated. By pooling our efforts and our resources a great deal

Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, March 30 at 8 p.m. have lived in the city at least at the YMCA. We are inviting all who wish to attend this

Community Coordinating Councils are operating successfully

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FRANK BURK

More . . .

ROBERT EVANS

council . . .

JACK WHITE