

PICTURES TO MAKE CHILDREN HAPPY

The recently formed Torrance Art Group is busily engaged with brushes and bright paints making pictures for the walls of the children's wards at Harbor General hospital. Displaying some of the pictures are: (I-r) Mrs. Jean Townsend who has done the Pinocchio, Mrs. Ann Gentry who made the circus picture, Mrs. Vicky Feldon with her Davy Crockett painting, and Donald G. Hopkins, assistant to A. L. Thomas, director of the hospital. Mrs. Feldon is president of the Art Group. Press

Victor Election Set for May 15

A special election to determine whether residents of the Victor area wish to annex to Torrance will be held class stated. nesday, May 15, according to action taken by the City

The 604 acres involved are bounded by Torrance blvd., Del Amo blvd., Hawthorne ave., and the Redondo boundary line.

About 200 registered voters are involved.

At a hearing last week, protests received in the annexation move were ruled insufficient and denied, on the basis that those who protested represented only \$58,000 of the total \$500,000 land value.

A number of individuals expressed concern that the council might change present land uses if annexation goes into effect.

Members of the council Indicated that their feelings in the matter are that present land uses should con-Baird Will

Tax Consultant

State Income Tax forms. There be introduced. will not be a federal tax con- Fred W. Mill and Dr. Gerald sultant this year.

Speak Here

JOHN BAIRD

A representative of the Cali- company will be guest speaker walks. fornia Franchise Tax Board at the chamber's breakfast will be at the Torrance Chammeting Tuesday morning, of Commerce, 1345 El March 20 at 7:30 a.m. at the do, Tuesday, March 20, from YWCA. Candidates for the Tor-Prado, Tuesday, March 20, from YWCA. Candidates for the Tor-9 a.m. until 4 p.m., to help in- City Council have been invited dividuals with their California to attend this meeting and will

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SOLOMON SAYS:

Prevention Answer to Juvenile Delinquency

"Where you have a concentration of sub-culture elements-whether among the rich or among the poor -there you have delinquency . . . The answer to delinquency is prevention, rather than correction . . . We must find the vulnerable children and then examine, diagnose,

That was the gist of the comprehensive talk on juvenile delinquency delivered here Thursday by Ben Solomon, noted author, lecturer, and authority on the subject.

Solomon indicated that sub-culture elements can be found in all areas, regardless of creeds, colors, nationalities, or income brackets.

Two Elements

"There are two kinds of problems faced by youngsters," Solomon said. "One is hereditary—the qualities they are born with. The other is environment—the most important part of which is the mother."

"If you have a child with personal weaknesses and a bad parent, then you have a community problem," he maintained. Parental quality has nothing to do with income, he said

"Most children from poor parents grow up to be fine citi-

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Construction To Begin On New Hospital

Construction of the new 52bed general hospital to be located in Torrance half a mile west of Hawthorne blvd., between Redondo and the new Civic Center, will begin around April 15.

Proposed plans are for an opening date around December 1, announced the hospital builder-owner Howard Miller construction co. and associates. Architect for the new hospital s Herman Charles Light of Los Angeles.

Though the initial plans are for a 52-bed hospital, officials stated that the proposed ultimate expansion will be for 100

The hospital will handle maternity, medicine, and surgery

Plans are for the most modrn construction complete with air-conditioning and complete

The emergency facilities will function, in addition to the regular hospital facilities, 24 hours

Initial cost for the 52-bed construction plan is \$600,000, offi-

Shoestring Will Start

Two long awaited street imthe Shoestring area, Council- rated county areas. man John S. Gibson, announced. from Western to Halldale and the county's leash law is not for improvement of 205th street from Harvard to Denker, the district representative said.

Oswald Bros. of Los Angeles was low bidder on the 227th street job, getting the award on Parking Law an offer of \$39,275. The project includes also the paving of Harvard blvd. from 226th and 227th Under Study and for construction of sidewalks on 227th st.

for the Southern California Gas street and also includes side assessment district is trying to

Seems Bad

Not only the city of Torrance, are difficult to approach at sion, to speak on the matter. times, Councilman Nick Drale discovered Tuesday night.

in the habit of making his mo- parking law and the council them to the council for council two weeks. action, had another one this

council's attention to the fact that since its founding, "Torrance has been a difficult city to approach"-due to the manner in which its streets were laid out some 45 years ago.

ways, byways, exits and entrances of Torrance.

Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Victor Benstead felt that Monday. was absent.

Prior to his own motion, inci- different times as is presently dentally, he had tabled Isen's the case. and Benstead's motion asking for action on a 90-acre recrea-



A relatively new seal coating process was started in Torrance with the coating of Acacia and Beech streets between Torrance blvd. and Carson st. last week. The material is composed of rock, dust, sand and Bitumul oil. A thin veneer which seals the cracks and prolongs the life of the street is spread over the old street. Officials of the American Bitumuls & Asphalt co. of San Francisco were here to witness the operation last week .- Press Photo.

audio-visual system for complete for communication and nurses. Gas Station Attendant hot, AWOL Soldier Held

A bandity shot an unsuspecting gas station manager in the chest during a holdonday evening and then ran off empty-handed.

Captured a day later on suspicion of attempted murder and armed robbery was Donald Heien, a 20-year-old AWOL soldier from Fort Ord, according to Lenox shernff's station

Improvements Vaccination Against Rabies Ordered In County Areas

With the dread rabies disease still plaguing the counprovents are scheduled to be ty, the Board of Supervisors voted an ordinance Tuesday started within three weeks in for the compulsory vaccination of all dogs in unincorpo-

Contracts have been awarded County Health Officer Roy O. effective as an anti-rabies meas-The action was urged by for the paving of 227th street Gilbert, who told the board that ure.

Off-Street

The lack of a law requiring McAmis and Baker on a bid off-street parking for new busi-

This is for the south side of the good that an off-street parking Counsel's office. do downtown, Councilman Mervin M. Schwab said this week. He referred to the fact that right now to prevent property owners from building on present off-street parking lots. Nor law can adequate parking facilities be required.

He asked George Powell, sec-Powell said that the commission wold make a recom-Drale, who has recently been mendation for an off-street

Dr. Gilbert declare that "ra- he told sheriff's officers. bies is endemic in the county and in no year since 1922 have to the cash register inside the Program Set bies is endemic in the county we been free of the disease." location. The county's antirables or-

dinance will become effective in 30 days. Dr. Gilbert urged the Super-

visors to put teeth into the new rabies legislation so it would include vaccinations of all dogs. "It'?" the man replied, "Just sion while completing training clude vaccinations of all dogs. "The shooting the victim under the new Southern Caliclude vaccinations of all dogs.

ports. Torrance only last year The bandit ran off to a wait. nounced. passed such a law as a result ing car and, together with the of a turbulent rabies outbreak driver made his getaway.

The bandit ran off to a wait

The scholarship program has lems? Let a Torrance Press been set up with the coopera- classified ad do the work for of a turbulent rabies outbreak driver, made his getaway. there is nothing on the books in this area. Following weeks Heien was traced through a tion of the School of Education you. Just call FA. 8-2345 and a of heated activity, the City license number on the car used at the University of Southern friendly classified sales girl will

Voting for the rabies law were Councilman Victor Benstead, who initiated it, Councilbut Torrance city councilmen, retary to the Planning Commiss man Mervin Schwab, who changed his vote in favor of the law, and Mayor Albert Isen.

Opposed were Councilmen Nick Drale and Willys Blount. The Torrance Press and local

tions in writing and reading would receive the matter in residents campaigned actively Drale proceeded to call the Blount Reverses Stand

Councilman Willys Blount, one of the strongest proponents of consolidation and the individual who cast the He had nine recommenda deciding vote in putting the issue on the ballot, this week tions for improving the high-announced that he has changed his opinion on the subject.

On Consolidation Issue

The surprise move came at a cational Advisory Committee with a "clear conscience" and the matter was too complex to speakers had been invited to he did. act on right then and there. voice their opinions on the The council's action, he said proposal died for lack of a sec- and School Board elections at the same time rather than at

> Not Ashamed Blount, stating that he spoke

meeting of the Torrance Edu-that he cast the deciding vote Blount and other that he is not ashamed of what

pros and cons of the matter. has already resulted in "great The consolidation proposal and resounding goodness, caus-calls for holding City Council ing people to do some thinking." Blount indicated that he thought that what wrongs there

> are being taken care of. "Therefore," he said, "I'm go-(Turn to Page 9)

were have now been righted or

TRAFFIC COUNCIL SET UP

rance, Mayor Albert Isen estab-

safety-minded.

Isen asked that 11 individuals serve on this council, and appointed Bill Evans, retired police sergeant, chairman of the

not before a verbal spat with tion Commission for recommen-Councilman Nick Drale. "Looks like everyone's cam-

explained his proposal. "Saving lives isn't campaigning," Isen retorted. "I don't have

to campaign but I know that you've been campaigning for

Downtown Traffic Study Asked

Possibility of hiring a traffic engineer in order to improve for study.

Haslam, upon being asked by Councilman Mervin M. Schwab, what he considered necessary to correct the bottleneck in the voters. downtown Torrance, said that a competent traffic engineer could do a lot of good.

Heien reportedly confessed

shooting Lowden M. Booth,

38, at his service station at

morial hospital.

exclaiming, "This is it."

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2301 Pacific Coast highway He recommended Rainh Dor sey, internationally-known traffic engineer. Dorsey lives in Booth's condition was rethe South area. He is retired ported "fair" at Torrance Menow and was formerly traffic engineer for the city of Los Booth was changing tires at Angeles. the rear of the station when a

man hollered to him from the front of the station, asking if he had change for a phone call, Scholarship front of the station, asking if The man then handed the vice For Teachers tim a quarter at the same time

pointing a blue steel gun at him When the victim asked, have graduated from college "What do you mean, 'this is may enter the teaching profes-The ordinance is being drawn in the right lower chest, ac. fornia Teacher Education Schol-

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of \$8,607 drew the 205th st. job. nesses here is undoing all the by members of the County cording to Lennox sheriff's rearrance the TV had sold itself on the unified School District an- first call."

New Civic Center Site

The possibility of acquiring 90 acres for a centrally located community recreation park which would meet the needs and interests of No. 48 everyone was considered this week by the City Council.

Plans for the area would in-

clude an auditorium (including drama and music center); recreation center (including gym, meeting rooms, teen lounge, arts and crafts rooms, science study rooms); museum (art center, studios for painting, sculpturing, crafts); paved court Because of a recent outbreak areas (tennis, other court of bitter traffic deaths in Tor- games); athletic field; fair grounds; pienie area and outlished a Traffic Safety Council. door theater; natural area; play Purpose of the council is to lots; children's wonderland and study adequate traffic protec- zoo; day and week-end camping tion and make the public more grounds for organized youth groups; and junior museum

(arts and science center). Park Proposal The proposal for such a park was first made last week when Councilman Victor Benstead asked the council to refer the Isen received the council's matter of obtaining 20 acres for concurrence in the matter, but such a purpose to the Recrea-

dation. The commission this week paigning tonight, even the submitted its recommendation mayor," Drale exclaimed as Isen to the council, asking the council to think in terms of 90 acres

instead of 20 acres The park would be north of the new civic center, now under construction at Torrance boulevard and Maple avenue.

While Benstead and Mayor Albert Isen were hopeful that the council would take immediate action to commence condemnation proceedings, Councilmen Nick Drale and Mervin Schwab stalled the matter off in order to "to make an investigation.'

Must Act Quickly

Isen emphasized that it was necessary to act as fast as possible to condemn the land, traffic conditions was referred otherwise' the property value to Police Chief Willard Haslam might be jacked up or the land could be sold for other purposes. Isen and Benstead made it clear that they believed firmly in placing the matter before

> The money for such a park (Turn to Page 5).

Vanishes

One ad and one call is all it ook to sell a 14-inch TV set, Mrs. Ruth Sherwood, 1507 West 260th street, Harbor City, decided happily this week.

Mrs. Sherwood placed the folowing ad in the Torrance Press lassified section:

14-INCH MOTOROLA TV built-in aerial console, A-1 condition, \$30, 1507 W. 260th St., Harbor City, DA, 6-1458

"I sold it on the first call," she said, impressed with the re-Why worry about your prob-

Council split 3.2 in favor of the in the Booth holdup-wounding. California, Robert C. Morton, di-help you word your inexpensive



1,346,328 MAN-HOURS WITHOUT INJURIES

Members of the Joint Safety Committee of the Torrance Works of United States Steel's Columbia-Geneva Steel Division receive the National Safety Council's Award of Merit from H. P. Dotson, assistant general superintendent, third from left. Left to right, committee members are E. J. Ahlstrom, superintendent of safety; James H. Hansen, Dotson, V. S. Benstead, chairman; R. J. Prout, A. V. Berry and A. G. Hazel. The Torrance Works received the plaque in recognition of an injury-free period of 1,346,328 man-hours between February and November, 1955.

Only 15 More Shopping Days Until Easter