



**HIS HONOR, THE JUDGE**  
DONALD ARMSTRONG, newly appointed judge for Torrance.  
—Press Photo.

### Armstrong Appointed Judge for Torrance

A prominent local attorney has been appointed by Gov. Goodwin Knight to fill the newly created third judgeship of the South Bay Municipal court.

Donald Armstrong, 58, of 812 Via Conjejo, Palos

### SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 12

Torrance schools will open Thursday morning, September 12, at 9 a.m., school officials announced this week. Children will remain for their full day session and the school cafeteria will be open the first day.

In the Torrance Unified School District, children in kindergarten through 8th grade attend elementary schools. Children in grades 9 through 12 go to their respective high schools.

Children beginning school for the first time will be admitted to kindergarten if they were born on or before December 2, 1952.

Children entering first grade will be admitted if they were born on or before December 2, 1951. There can be no exceptions to this State law.

Parents or guardians of children must present proof of the legal minimum age for admission by bringing to the school office a certificate of birth, a duly attested baptismal certificate, a passport or an affidavit of the parent or guardian of the minor.

Parents new to Torrance are urged to call the Special Services Offices, Fairfax 8-8080, for information concerning the school their child is to attend. Questions relating to the child's program in school, the teacher, room or class, should be directed to the principal, who will be at the school beginning September 3.

Children currently enrolled are not to be concerned by pre-enrollment in the Torrance schools next month. They are to be present Thursday, September 12.

### Crash Kills Local Woman

A 22-year-old Torrance woman died last Saturday night in Harbor General hospital from injuries suffered in an auto accident.

Mrs. Marcelle May Hampel of 1653 W. 227th st., was pronounced dead three hours after being admitted to the hospital

when the car she was driving crashed into an abutment of the Pacific Electric viaduct over Torrance Blvd. west of Western ave.

The victim is survived by her husband, Ernest. It was the fourth auto death this year for the Torrance area.

### PRESS TO PUBLISH TELEVISION SECTION

Newest feature for Torrance Press readers starting Sunday, September 8, will be a complete weekly television section.

This special reader bonus coincides with the announcement by Publisher William R. Zappas that the Torrance Press will be coming out twice a week as of that date.

The television section, edited by Gene Inge, dean of Southern California TV-radio columnists, will carry accurate program listings for every day of the week, plus informative program notes.

Separate listings will be provided for the week's motion picture screenings on television as well as sports events and children's programs.

The section will also feature a special story by Gene Inge on television personalities, together with notes about major shows.

Both stories and logs will be printed in large type, clear and easy to read.

Inge, one of the nation's first radio critics, began writing about the medium in 1930 when it was still a comparative infant.

Having written and produced his own shows as well, he has comprehensive behind-the-scenes knowledge of both radio and television.

# SEARCH CONTINUES FOR DRIVE-IN MURDERER

## Driver Dies, Truck Out Of Control

James P. Stoddard of 6561 South Van Nuys ave., Los Angeles and Mrs. Harriet Kyler of 1360 E. Mariposa ave., El Segundo were credited with averting a serious accident during the swift mid-day traffic on the Pacific Coast highway.

The two motorists were driving in opposite directions, along the busy highway on Monday when a truck, driven by Erwin Nitzsche, 53, of 8632 State st., South Gate, began weaving erratically across the white line just east of the intersection of Vermont.

**Driver Dead**  
Missing many oncoming vehicles, the truck swerved into the curb when Stoddard leaped out of his car, which was close behind the truck, and jumped into the driver's seat only to find the driver dead from an apparent heart attack.

The truck started back onto the street, when Mrs. Kyler, coming in the opposite direction and witnessing the action, stopped her car and swung it broadside to halt the traffic while Stoddard stopped the truck.

Detective Wayne Butts, Harbor division police officer, who investigated the accident, said that Mrs. Kyler and Stoddard undoubtedly averted serious collisions by their quick thinking.

Nitzsche was pronounced dead at the scene.

## Bond Issue Supported By CofC

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants association have endorsed and will actively support both the Recreation and Airport Bond issues in the special election to be held on October 29. It was announced today by President A. E. Thompson.

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## Scot Clans To Gather On Saturday

Faye Muraski, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley V. Muraski, 24835 Winlock drive, will dance at the Highland games, when the clans gather in Burbank on Saturday.

Little Miss Muraski, who has been dancing for three years, dances the Highland fling, Sword dance, Reel of Tulloch and the Seann Triubhas.

The twenty-fifth annual Scottish Highland games will be held on Saturday, August 24, at (Turn to Page 7)



CAN-YA DANCE THE HIGHLAND FLING, LASSIE?

Faye Muraski, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley V. Muraski, 24835 Winlock Drive, practices the Sword Dance in preparation for the gathering of the clans in Burbank on Saturday, where she will dance in competition with dancers from all parts of the country. Faye has been dancing the intricate folk dances since she was six years old.—Press Photo.



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## Pay-Hike Granted Policemen, Firemen

There was good news Tuesday night for Torrance firemen and policemen as the council approved a three per cent salary increase, over and above the normal increase granted for the coming fiscal year.

The action resulted when councilmen learned that the city was richer than predicted.

While city officials used a \$139,000,000 assessment figure in predicting the city's income, the County Assessor's office informed the city that the figure is actually higher, totaling slightly more than \$152,000,000.

City Manager George Stevens indicated that \$149,500,000 will be a safe figure to use, giving the city \$108,000 more in revenues than originally anticipated.

This will raise the unappropriated reserve fund from \$140,000 to \$204,000, with about \$60,000 already committed, according to Stevens.

The pay hike will cost the city about \$30,000 out of this fund.

Councilman Nick Draie, who actively pushed the pay-hike, was applauded by the audience. The pay hike passed unanimously. Stevens also received permission to bring other specific rather than general "obvious inequities" before the council for salary adjustment.

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The Chamber leader added that if Torrance is to maintain its steady growth with commensurate good city operation its citizens must be willing to support its elected city officials in their efforts to justify its "All America City" rating. A "Yes" vote on each issue will insure this, Thompson said.

The Chamber Board of Directors endorsed the Recreation Bonds "because if Torrance is ever to have adequate recreation facilities for its great population—now is the time to purchase the property before steadily increasing growth would make purchase almost prohibitive."

The Airport Bonds are backed because "Torrance now has one of the few remaining Class A Municipal Airports and its improvement is vital to the industrial growth of the city."

## Council OKs Purchase of Parking Lots

With the support of downtown Torrance merchants fully behind them, the Torrance City Council Tuesday night decided to use present parking meter funds for the purchase of two lots for off-street parking.

This action will provide additional parking in time for the Christmas season for the convenience of Torrance area residents.

The lots are located corner of El Prado and Cabrillo. The church property is offered at \$35,000 and the lot on the opposite side of the street at \$36,000, with a \$5000 gift contribution made towards acquisition of the properties by George Binder.

City Manager George Stevens indicated that the city has about \$35,000 in the parking meter fund. The lots in question, Stevens indicated, will be "good parking lots" since Torrance Blvd. has been realigned.

On Councilman Bob Jahn's motion, the council agreed to taking the above action on three conditions: 1) that the off-street parking district be abandoned; 2) that additional lots in other parts of downtown Torrance would be purchased with additional parking meter money; 3) and that the condemnation suit against the Mayfair creamery property, on Post near Cravens, originally intended for deck parking, be dropped.

Councilman Victor Benstead alone opposed the action, passed by a 4-1 vote.

## South Bay Center Holds Gala Opening

The giant South Bay Shopping Center will hold its grand opening celebration this week-end starting today.

One of the most modern centers in Southern California, it offers one-stop shopping facilities to residents within the greater Torrance area.

The center is located at 174th st. and Hawthorne ave. For details about the various stores and shopping values, turn to the special editorial and advertising section starting on page 25.



THE ROADS ARE A ROTTEN MESS

County Supervisor Burton W. Chace knew what he was talking about when he called for an all-out drive on litterbugs, even with rewards being offered for their arrest. This disgusting scene can be found at Vermont ave. and 203rd st., just a short way from the county dump.—Press Photo.

## Councilmen in Free-for-All Over Mayor-at-Large Issue

Councilmen, who appeared united last week on placing the mayor-at-large issue and 7-man council issue on the ballot, locked horns this week on a number of details.

The issues, however, will appear on the ballot, with

voters to decide 1) if the mayor is to be elected at large, instead of being appointed by the council, as is presently the case; 2) if the council is to be increased from five to seven members (to include the mayor); 3) if the mayor is to serve a four-year term of office; and 4) if he is to receive \$100 a month, like the rest of the councilmen.

All these provisions are contained in one amendment.

**Against Mayor at Large**  
Councilman Bob Jahn, who is for an increased council, bucked the idea of having the mayor elected at large, favoring the present method of appointment. He tried to place two separate amendments on the ballot, one dealing with the council increase, the other with the mayor's election, but failed.

**Councilmen also squared off on the mayor's term of office, with Councilman Bob Jahn and Willys Blount plugging for a two-year term, while Mayor Albert Isen, Councilman Victor Benstead and Nick Draie united on a four-year term.**

Councilman Blount explained that he was in favor of two years in order to bring "the (Turn to Page 7)

## Youth, 17, Stabbed To Death

A little over a week has passed since the murder of 17-year old John N. Edwards of Hawthorne in a local drive-in theater and police are still continuing their probe into the crime.

Captain E. M. Ashton of the Torrance Police has indicated that all suspects have been released due to lack of evidence. "But the investigation continues and will continue until the murderer is apprehended," he stated.

"We feel the public can give us a hand in our probe," he said. "We'd like to talk to any one who saw any kind of fight, or scuffle on the night of the murder," he told the Torrance Press. "It is the only way we can continue our probe on every possible lead."

Young Edwards was attending the theater with his girl friend, Frances Clemons, 16, and her brother Leo Clemons. According to police, Edwards was stabbed during a fight in the men's rest room. He staggered out the door and collapsed about 20 feet from the entrance to the rest room.

Mrs. Hazel Lizon, 20, of 571 36th st., Manhattan Beach, said the youth staggered past her as she was telephoning from a nearby booth. Earlier, she said she saw four men accost a youth, who was knocked down by one of them.

Five men were initially booked on suspicion of murder, but all were released after they produced air tight, iron clad alibis. They were Johnny Washington, 21, of 1632 E. 101st st.; Bennie C. Meyers, 27, of 11626 Willowbrook ave.; James C. Rucker, 28, of 2124 E. 122nd st.; Philip B. Rucker, 25, of 1929 E. 117th st.; and Robert Richards, 29, of 10944 Hickory st.

The theater management indicated that the regular guard on duty at the theater who normally patrols the area was in another sector at the time of the murder.

## City Council Brushes Off Resignations

Tuesday night's Council meeting brushed lightly over the resignation of J. H. Paget and Mrs. Herma Tillim, from the Recreation Commission, in spite of the fact both resigned over differences with the Council.

Although the Council made no comment in accepting the resignations, it was well known in most quarters that the resignations were the result of long smoldering dissatisfaction existing between the two groups.

The Torrance Press in a story exclusively released last week, indicated that the problem appeared to be the Council's apparent rejection of an important recommendation made by the Recreation Commission. The \$6000 Kroeger Report on the area's recreation needs showed that a minimum \$5,000,000 bond issue could satisfy the needs of the locale. However, the Council pared down the sum to (Turn to Page 7)

## Lomita Chamber of Commerce Endorses Incorporation Move

Expansion of the United Lomita Group into a community-wide "Committee of 1000 FOR Incorporation" and official endorsement and sponsorship by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce of the current campaign for "home rule," were announced today by Werner H. Benson, Chamber president.

Authorization for this move stemmed from a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce on August 16 and was conducted last Monday evening at a joint conference of Chamber representatives and the United Lomita Group, according to President Benson.

Appointment of Linden H. Chandler as general chairman of the newly expanded committee for cityhood, was also announced by President Benson. Serving with him as members of an executive committee will be E. E. Meyers, Glenn Keith and President Benson, in an ex-officio capacity.

Selection of a chairman to direct the activities of a women's division of the community-wide organization will be made within the next week, Chandler stated in explaining that the incorporation group would have ac-

tive representation from every area of the community and from all walks of life.

"Incorporation is a matter of community survival," Ray Ferrin, who made the motion for the Chamber endorsement of the cityhood drive, declared today in commenting on his action. "It's now or never," he stated. "Lomita stands at the cross-roads of her future destiny and faces extinction as a civic entity unless home rule is approved. Only through self-government, with direct and local control over our elected officials can we insure Lomita's future prosperity and orderly development."

Other Chamber members who were active in consummating the program for Chamber sponsorship of the incorporation movement were Glenn Keith, Linden H. Chandler, Gregg Doyle, Lloyd Orr, E. E. Meyers and Tim McCormick.

"Every resident of the community will be invited to join the newly organized committee for incorporation," Chandler declared in announcing plans for a continuous campaign of public education, regarding the need and feasibility of cityhood, between now and the incorpora- (Turn to Page 7)

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