Councilmen Flay Railroad for 'Messy' Property

Balk at Fee for Planting

ouncil balked at paying \$50 a ear to the railroad.

"They've been here 45 years and contributed nothing of beauty. We regulate businesses and home owners, I can't see why the P.E. can't get off the dime and clean up its own mess," declared Councilman George Bradford.

Mayor Albert Isen said he agreed with him, but that the city's entrance had been an eyeore for years, and that by paying money to the transit firm, the city could at last do some thing to landscape the right-of-

But Councilman Nickolas O. Drale pointed out that if the P.E. receives payment for letting the city beautify its property, this might set a precedent for the Santa Fe Railroad.

"Perhaps we can shame them," ggested Councilman Victor

The agreement was finally tabled until a council committee can work out a more acceptable deal with the railroad.

Planning Board to Be Cut

Commission from nine to seven two victory team. will be prepared by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer, and if that her son's victory was the adopted, one of three present ommissioners will be squeezed

By a 5 to 2 vote, the Council the age of nine, and entered ordered the change, with only Councilmen Willys Blount and competition at 13. Nickolas O. Drale opposed.

bers, President Bert Lynn, John the sport and have served as Mulvihill and Kenneth Uyeda ex- judges in various roller events. pire Jan. 15, only two of them could be reappointed if the membership is cut. There are present-

to be made until the new ordi- ed to register last fall but denance goes into effect, leaving layed his studies in order to

WORLD CHAMP-Robert Wollard, 18, of Torrance has won

the world championship in men's singles in the International

Collerskating Championships in New Zealand, while Peggy Tip-

ron, 16, also of Torrance, came in second in the women's free

distributed at the Tuesday and Torrance Blvds. Friday.

esident John Calas announc- pital were Harry Charles Wood-

Three Injured in

ruff, 81, of 4540 W. 161st St.,

22, of 22514 Gaycrest Ave.

Auto Collision

skating class.

Carson Postal

Petitions Set

Petitions to obtain a new post

of Commerce at 8 p. m.,

Winners in the Christmas

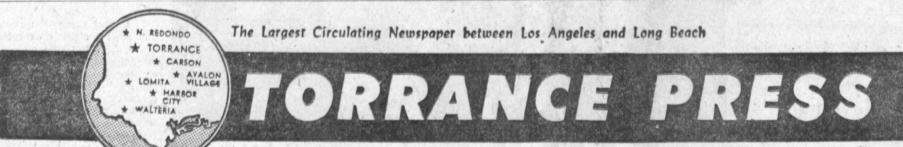
decoration contest were an-

nounced by Jack Henry, chair-

man of the Chamber-sponsored

They are the Carson Fire Sta-

Lawndale, Lomita Area Eyed A proposed agreement to lease the Pacific Electric right-of-way so that the city can beautify its eastern entrance bogged down when a majority of the City of the



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City Youth Wins Skating Title

TorranceYouthWins World Skating Title

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men's single free-style division as result of winning the title in international rollerskating competition in New Zealand.

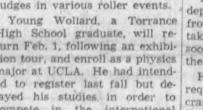
Robert Wollard, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Wollard of 1434 Fern Ave., topped United States and foreign competitors to win the title in the World *

Championship event last week. Peggy Tipton, 16, of 1230 Madrid St., won the second place in An ordinance to reduce the the ladies free-style skating membership of the Planning event to give Torrance a one-

Wollard's mother points out result of good teaching and steady, four-hours a day practice.

His parents, while not in com-Since the terms of three mem- petitive skating are also active in

High School graduate, will rely only eight members with one turn Feb. 1, following an exhibition tour, and enroll as a physics No appointments are expected major at UCLA. He had intend-





Use of the old City Hall by the Recreation Department and its activities, was requested by Director Harry B. Van Bellehem, Tuesday,

The officials proposed that his department transfer its offices from the new City Hall, and take over the older building as soon as it is no longer needed by the Torrance Municipal Court.

He said that he has received equests to expand the arts and crafts program, now held in the the issue dangling like a time compete in the international Cravens Ave. building, and pointed out that the old City Council chambers could be remodeled for a Little Theater and meeting

> Other parts of the building could be used as meeting rooms and for office space, Van Belle-

> "For a city of the size of 100 -

to the Civic Auditorium which he described as rather inflexible. "Groups smaller than 200 to 300 are lost in the vast area of the auditorium. Many of these smaller groups could be accomodated in the old city hall," Van Bellehem said.

Porpoises Rerouted From City

Six Atlantic porpoises were deby-passed Torrance Municipal Loan, Lawson's Jewelers, How- ently entered the company park-Los Angeles International.

Each of the 300-pound passengers was, whisked off by truck after their flight here from Dayona, Fla.

The porpoises will be swapped for a Pacific whale to be shipped by Marineland

"We are importing the Atlantic porpoises because they are better show animals than the Pacific variety. We are able to supply a whale to Florida because a method developed by our collecting crew has enabled it to be the only one which has ever captured a whale alive in the open sea," said William F. Monahan, Marineland vice president.

Three persons were injured in Due to an apparent mixup in office branch in the area were a two car collision at Hawthorne carrying the porpoises did not instruction the plane which was put down at the Torrance air-Taken to Harbor General Hos- field.

APPROVE APARTMENTS

Lawndale, driver of one of the 116-unit apartment house project cars, his wife, Elsie, 64, and Karl Carpenter, 21/2, of 4440 W. was approved by the City Coun-161st St., Lawndale police said. cil last week. Plans for the \$1, The other machine was oper- 100,000 project are now being tion, Blythe Johnson and Ben ated by Joseph A. Walker, Jr., checked by the building depart



Dwain Ray Hibdon's face, you might suspect that something terrible has happened to him. But quite to the contrary, the young man was New Year's Day.

NO NEED TO CRY - By the expression on the winner of the Torrance Press "First Baby of '59" contest, entitling his parents to numerous merchandise prizes. The baby was born on

C of C to Honor

Reid Parkin and Glenn Koger.

Air Parts Firm

HAWAII TOUR SLATED

trip is set for April 3.

"For a city of the size of 100,000 population, the old city hall is not too large to consider as a recreation center... Many cities of this size have even larger recreation centers than this," he New Year's Day Baby Boy Boy Wins Press Baby Confest

Aside from bringing the usual joy to his parents, the timely The official said the building arrival of Dwain Ray Hibdon also netted them numerous mer-Jan. 27 at 7:20 a.m. in the Amerwould make an excellent annex chandise prizes as winners of the Torrance Press "First Baby of lican Legion Hall, 1109 Border '59" contest

the annual contest because of his speedy arrival on New Year's pliance, McMahan's Furniture employ 5000.

The 8 pound 14 ounce baby was delivered at Riviera Hospital moved to 1644 Curtis Ave., Manto hospital records.

baby, Mr. and Mrs. Hibdon will as a machinist. be entitled to such prizes as baby food, furnishings, clothes, jewelry and portrait.

Teens, Ruth Davis, Torrance wheels,

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Bootery, Photo Arts Studio, H. Hibdon, who until last week Squire Style Shop, Foods Co. ber will honor the firm which resided at 427 Harbor Hills, Lo- Market, Daniel's Cafe, Walters has purchased 66 acres on 190th mita, was declared the winner of Rexall Drugs, Scottie's Depart- St. and will build a plant which and Gary's Jewelers.

The Hibdons, who last week at 9:06 a.m. on Jan. 1, according hattan Beach, have another child, for an eight-day tour of Hawaii, Deborah Lynn, 2. The father is President Fred Mill of the Cham-As the parents of the winning employed by Northrop Aircraft ber of Commerce announced. The

CAR STRIPPED

All four wheels and tires were Prizes are offered by the fol-stripped off William Paul's auto lowing merchants: J. J. New- last week while he was working livered to Marineland Tuesday, berry, Food King Market, Owl- at North American Aviation, despite a mix-up in which they Rexall, Southwest Savings and 2321 Abalone St. Thieves appar-Airport and instead landed at ard Jewelers, Neta's Tots and ing lot and speedily took off the

Better Bus Service

An Editorial

City officials, who are preesntly casting around for a Torrance Municipal Bus terminal, might well look into the possibility of using a facility that was built as a transportation

We are speaking of the Pacific Electric station at 1200 Border Ave., which is at a convenient location in the downtown area and could easily be adapted as a terminal for our

There is a possibility that the Pacific Electric Co. might be interested in either selling or leasing all or part of the station, and if the price is right, the city could obtain much improved facilities for its passengers. City Manager George Stevens recently notified the City

Council that the city will have to pay an increase in rent if it wants to continue to use the present terminal at Cravens and Cabrillo Aves. A committee of the Council has been investigating the comparative merits of the present depot, use of the old city.

hall for such a purpose, or merely using a street loading zone as a terminal. If the city can work out an agreement with the Pacific Electric, it would be a progressive step to provide for the

public transportation needs of the city of 100,000.

City to Hire Prober For Merger Reaction

nex parts of Lomita and Lawndale, and will hire an investigator to make a survey of desirable land to be merged, the City Council decided informally Tuesday.

will be receptive to areas that want to come in," Mayor Albert Isen pointed out.

north and east of Torrance that want to annex. "I'm not interested in whole sale annexations. I want to know

what these areas can offer us," asserted Councilman Willys Gathering around a map, counparts of Lomita, fronting on the plants. east side of Crenshaw Blvd.

east of Pennsylvania. the welcome mat stretched out the death of children. is a portion of Lawndale south of Manhattan Beach Blvd, and including the commercial front-

these areas send their comments plants." on how they would feel about becoming part of Torrance. City Manager George Stevens was authorized to hire someone for two months who could investigate desirable areas to be annexed and also determine the desires of the residents of these communities.

Narbonne Problems Aired

Improvements in public transwalks were aired at last Thurs- worst record." day's meeting of the Narbonne Area Council. The March meeting of the group will be designed city. to arouse greater community interest.

"The big city is not going to " Individual councilmen reported that they knew of areas to the

No action will be taken against poisonous landscaping plants by the city as the City Council Tuesday night buried a requested law cilmen informally agreed that for the control of castor bean

Regulation of the plant was rewould be welcome if they care quested in a petition containing to join, although they did not 143 signatures, submitted by appear too interested in Lomita Mrs. Vera Kiesler, a North Torrance housewife, on grounds that Another area which will find the beans, if chewed, could cause

"Parents have some responsibility" asserted Councilman J. A. Beasley. "Just as they teach age on Hawthorne and Crenshaw children to cross streets when they are clear of autos, they Isen asked that residents of should educate them about these

"Do your youngsters do everything you tell them to do?" asked Mrs. Kiesler.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer explained that only one city in Southern California, Oxnard, has a law to regulate castor bean plants. He said that two children have died from chewing the beans.

"Considering the causes of death to children, castor beans ere relatively insignificant," he portation, recreation and side added. "Oleanders have the

City officials pointed out that poisonous plants have been placed in city parkways by the

Action on the matter was uanimously tabled.

Margie's Sad Story Brings Her Cash, Room in Pokey

The sad story told by the young woman touched the hearts of a score of knitting club members meeting in the Torrance Woman's Club Monday afternoon.

She hadn't eaten for 31 hours, and passed out three times be- members of the knitting club put "Salute to AiResearch" will be cause of hunger pains. There aside their needles and passed the theme of the Chamber of was no food for the starving Commerce breakfast meeting youngsters.

> really let her have it if she testi- the money. fied against him. Refused Coffee

shunted her around without to meet a man who was quite help. Even the members of a dubious about the young lady's church group were so stone plight. Arrangements have been comhearted as to refuse her a cup for something to eat. Touched by the sad story told man

by the tearful tall blond woman.

the hat around. The collection of \$9 was pre-

sented to the young woman, who And her husband was so mean left hastily. In such a hurry, as that he beat her up on several a matter of fact, that she even occasions ,and threatened to forgot to thank her donors for Police Called

But when one of the members Why, things had become so observed the young woman head bad that welfare agencies had for an automobile she happened

Torrance police were called, of coffee when she begged them and after a few minutes conversation, arrested the young wo-

> Booked on a begging charge, she was identified as Margie Dutton, 28, of 15431 Denver St. Gardena, presently on probation for a similar charge.

> A search of the "destitute" young woman, revealed that she had not only the recently solicited \$9 in her purse, but another \$117, allegedly obtained from begging.

Police aid that same morning, the had solicited for funds at three different churches, telling her audiences her hard luck

May Co. Charge Account Form in Today's Press

Readers of the Torrance Press will again have the opportunity to apply for charge accounts at the new May Co. store in the South Bay Shopping Center.

Application forms with which to open charge accounts will be included in a full page advertisement which appears

in today's issue on Page 3. All readers will have to do is clip out, fill in and return the form to the May Co. This convenient way to open charge accounts is offered for the second time by the Torrance. Press for readers who might have missed the ad in a pre-



EYE ON TARGET—Gerry Day, playing the part of Penelope, portrays a wild tomboy in the Torrance High School senior play, Every Family Has One," to be presented tomorrow and Satur-