

Community leaders today fore-| Mayor Isen further predicted | economy. cast a bright and prosperous that the population increase will Chamber of Commerce Presi-1960 for Torrance. Predictions of show a new upsurge for Torrance dent J. H. Paget joined his voice In making this move, Marina growth and economic well-being in 1960. The Mayor said that to the chorus of confidence. He Federal will be leaving its presranged from thoughtful optimism the population increment has predicted that retail trade will ent Torrance location on Marslowed down during the last two jump at least 25 percent in the celina Ave. to considered enthusiasm.

Only one somber note sounded years but that the new year will coming year. Paget pointed out in a survey of community feel- add at least 500 new citizens a the development of new retail ing has been constructed at a ing. That was the steel strike month.

situation. Otherwise, the unparalleled op- share of the sales tax monies and the growth of fringe areas struction and operational ideas. Otherwise, the unparalleled op-timism was supported by hard facts and figures, as spokesmen of industry, business, and gov-

ernment made known their views vens heartily agreed with Mayor Paget asserted today. He cau-today. Isen, "It looks like a big year tioned that there may be a brief The entire Mayor Albert Isen said: "1960 a h e a d for Torrance," Stevens period when retail establishments approximately 10,000 square feet will be the greatest year in the commented. "New jobs will be develope faster than the popula- and is entirely air conditioned. history of Torrance in practical- created wholesale in the coming tion influx. If this happens, it Other innovations include pipedly every aspect of activity. In- year as recently constructed in- will be but a temporary situa- in background music, employee and commercial will dustrial plants go into operation. tion, according to the Chamber lounge and kitchen and the most dustrial forge ahead while residential "The trend toward multi-unit of Commerce president.

This new office is located at

22200 Hawthorne Blvd. in the heart of one of the South Bay's most rapidly developing areas.

The new Marina Federal buildareas in Torrance, a steady in- cost of more than \$250,000 and "Torrance will get a bigger crease of population in Torrance, features the very latest con-

The entire building contain modern electronic computation Paget concurred with Mayor machines designed for financial ailding will skyrocket. "Torrance will at last be rec-toward alleviating that sort of Isen in that the city will receive transactions." a proportionate increase in sales William Richardson, assistant tax revenues as more retail areas vice president, will manage the open and as more citizens spend new Marina Federal office. Plans their dollars in Torrance. one somber note was heard as 4, include the appearance of pro-Alex McJannett, president of fessional organists who will play United Steel Workers Local 1414, in the lobby of both the branch commented upon the steel strike office and the main office in and from the City Hall located About 100,000 persons are ex- will face Washington. The Rose measures applied during last deadlock. McJannett emphatical- Westchester, a circus clown who at 3031 Torrance Blvd. A varied and colorful career ended Sunday with the death of Albin K. Peterson, 67, Mr. Pe-terson, of 3325 Newton St. died ly stated his opinion that the will entertain at the Peninsula terson, of 3325 Newton St., died after an extended illness. after an extended illness. The good of San Diego; and, Peterson, USN, San Diego; and, net's declaration that the Steel prizes at both offices every Purchasing Sump Site for Project working day up to and includ ing Jan. 11. fray worker's pressing money ob-"Nobody will go hungry," Mego-cart and an electric organ. In sump site for the Walteria Lake city hall. addition, Marina Federal will al-so offer free gift selection for Rosecrans National Cemetery in Aside from the dark spot (Continued on Page A-4)

FINISHING TOUCHES-Torrance's Tournatitled, "A True American," is in strong conment of Roses entry is being finished by float builder Dan Dolim. The pretty girl watching is Beverly Thomas of South High

tention for parade honors, according to float chairman George A. Bradford of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

**Redondo** Police

**Responsible** for

**Own Prisoners** 

dondo Beach prisoners.

working to complete the float by midnight this evening. Chamber officials pointed out that the Terrance entry, the only one in the South Bay Area, is one of the few floats that use volunteer decorators and is financed entirely by public sub-

scription Chamber President J. H. Paget said "It certainly shows the type of civic - consciousness embodied in our citizens when we can build and decorate a float entirely through community spirit." He added that no City tax funds are ed for the

building will skyrocket.

ognized as one of the country's housing shortage." important cities with a popula-| Stevens expressed the opinion tion of over 100,000. The 1960 that the Walteria Lake project, Federal census will prove this when resolved would give an-

beyond all doubt." other big boost to Torrance's

## **Aviation Pioneer**

Long active in aviation circles, Mr. Peterson co-founded the sons as well as two brothers and cient financial resources to de-Zenith Airplane Co. in Santa four sisters. Ana in 1927 and helped organize

the Longren Aircraft Co. in Torrance in 1940. He was associated the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary with Longren Aircraft until his with internment in the Fort Jannett said.

death.

Peterson's interest in flying began in the early days of aviation when he achieved pilot status in the U.S. Navy in 1919. As a member of the Navy's fledgling air arm, Peterson developed aviation photography techniques. In 1921, he participated in Billy Mitchell's demonstration of air power, photographing the sinking of the ex-German warship Ostfriedland by U.S. Army bombers.

Leaving the Navy in 1927, Peterson co-founded the Zenith Airplane Co. and designed, built, and flew a large transport aircraft the Albatross. New world's record endurance flights were made with the Albatross in 1928 over the Imperial Valley.

In 1935 and 1936, the pioneering flyer shifted his scene of operations to Africa where he made the first aerial survey of the giant Firestone Rubber Co. plantations in Liberia. Incidental to this survey, he supervised the construction of Liberia's first airfield.

In recent years, Peterson ac-ted as Chief Engineer for the Longren Aircraft Company in Torrance, devising new methods for the stretch-forming of aluminum aircraft parts.

A native of Wadena, Minn. Peterson was a member of Arcana Lodge No. 187 of Minneapolis as well as Aviator's Post No. 350 of Los Angeles, the Ex-

Services were held Tuesday at ligations.

San Diego.



CAREER ENDED-Death took the life of Albin K. Peterson, Torrance industrialist and aviation pioneer. Peterson, who ecutives' Dinner Club of the Tor- long was active in local aviation circles, was instrumental in rance Area, and the Torrance organizing Longran Aircraft Co., now Aerones Manufacturing. Lion's Chab.

through Jan. 11. Marina Federal recently an-

Jan. 1 for the period ending March 31. This new rate is 41/2 % per year, payable quarterly.

and sump itself.

COUNCIL COMMENDS CHIEF the councilmen and the citizens A permaplaque resolution com- discovered they were talking BIRDS FLY

mending Torrance Police Chief about two different things. Bennett is in the work today. A second reading of the or-The City Council acted on the dinance providing for unlimited Resolution Tuesday night after parking on city owned parking receipt of a laudatory letter from lots passed smoothly. This is the measure which will allow parkthe Walteria Men's Club.

## First Baby of 1960 Sponsored by Press

Continuing its annual tradition, the Torrance Press again will aponsor the First Baby of 1960 Contest.

An official entry blank, as well as rules of the contest and list of prizes, is contained in today's issue of this newspaper.

Purpose of the contest is to determine the first baby born in the new year. The contest is open to all expectant mothers who reside in the Torrance Press circulation area.

It will take only a few moments to have the entry blank filled out and return it to our office, 1406 Cravens Ave., Torrance.

Although the baby may be delivered anywhere, records must be easily available for verification. The publisher and editor of the Torrance Press will be judges and their decision dill be dimal.

Busses Going to Parade Police Prepare for Torrance Municipal busses will Highway and Figueroa St. at fresh blossoms, plus 20 bands, New Year's Eve

leave City Hall for the Pasadena 7:20 a.m. Tournament of Roses Parade at Tournament officials estimate

School in Torrance. The 16-foot choir boy,

that millions of dollars will be Round trip fare to view the spent by upwards of 2,000,000 000 to build and assemble for Torrance Chief Percy G. Bennett 7 a.m. tomorrow. people for transportation when the holiday procession. yearly spectacle is \$2.75.

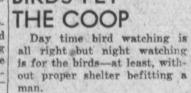
Tickets are available from bus they stream into the Crown City Concessions may average a in full force with instructions to operators, the bus office at 20466 from all over the country for the harvest of \$500,000 along the pa- watch for drunken, erratic, or Madrona Ave., the Chamber of biggest event of its kind in the rade route and at the Rose Bowl speeding motorists. Chief Ben-Commerce at 1511 Cravens Ave. nation.

t 3031 Torrance Blvd. The busses have scheduled ad-for grandstand seats along the 000 representing 100,000 fans at apply this New Year's holiday ditional stops at the intersections parade route. The spectators will \$6 each, plus the revenue from weekend. of Gardena Blvd. and Vermont see a parade of 60 floats bear- television and radio broadcast Chief Bennett urged all drivers

Ave. at 7:10 a.m. and at Imperial ing approximately 8,000,000 rights.

These prizes include a mink sors today have a plea from the chase of a \$4 monthly permit. stole, portable battery and trans- Torrance City Council to expe- Decals are now on sale in the istor-powered TV, motor-driven dite the final selection of the Business License Office at the

in the form of a protesting citi- Jan. 4 in order to consider other are now available.



So today aviary owner Michael Thomas is still losing rare birds to nocturnal thieves. Thomas, who operates a rare bird aviary at 4400 Del Amo Blvd., appeared before the City Council and requested permission to establish a sentry box in the form of a house trailer on the aviary grounds. This way, his caretaker could watch his feathered friends at night and so prevent them from fly-

ing the coop. Councilmen listened with sympathy until the question of sanitary facilities arose.

It turned out sanitary facilities were non-existent or extremely rudimentary, depending upon your point of view. The rare birds were never identified but they're still tak-

## 200 equestrian units and other Police will crack down hard on

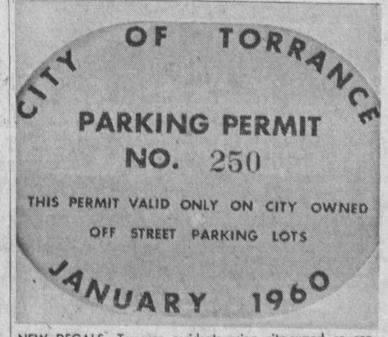
All shifts will be out tonight football game where Wisconsin nett advised that the same stern

> to make it a safe and sane New Year's Eve for all. Inebriated autoists will receive no mercy, the chief said, although if a tipsy celebrant is apprehended before climbing into his car, he will be given the opportunity to take a taxi home or spend the

Beginning tomorrow Torrance night in jail as a common drunk. Police will no longer have the Other law enforcement agenresponsibility of harboring Re- cies in the area are also set for an all-out effort tonight. A

Redondo law violators have spokesman for the California so offer free gift selection for At the regular council meet-all new savings accounts opened or additions to existing accounts ing Tuesday night, councilmen ing Tuesday night, councilmen and approximation to be resolution of thanks and approximation to be resolution of thanks approved a resolution requesting and appreciation to be presented to retiring Senior Structural In-

This resulted from condemna- Los Angeles county Sheriff's it will pay to savers effective and construction of the sump site tion to be permaplaqued. A tion of the former jail facilities units are ready for maximum special meeting of the council in the beach city. New police and law enforcement on the streets was also called for on Monday, jail facilities for Redondo Beach and highways over the long weekend holiday.



NEW DECALS-Torrance residents using city-owned or controlled parking lots will need the new city parking decal on their windshields to do so after today. The city parking ordinance goes into effect tomorrow. The decals may be obtained in the eity business license office in City Hell. Cost of the perking permit is \$4 per month.

## Los Angeles County Supervi-|ing on the lots with the pur-

In other actions, the Torrance

to hurry the selection, purchase, spector John Russell, the resolu-

zen but objection dwindled when pressing matters.