

### Torrance Rated Third in Ten-Year Sales Record

Third highest in Southern California\* beaten only by West Covina and Anaheim, the City of Torrance recorded the highest increase in retail sales in the past ten years, according to a report issued by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Report included all California cities between Fresno and the southern border of the state. President R. S. Pyle said the figures, compiled from Security First National Bank records, indicate that Torrance sales increased a whopping 523.9% in the 10-year period from 1948-58. To prove the record, Pyle pointed out that in the four year span from 1954-58, Torrance retail sales figures increased 100.4%.

**ANNEXATIONS BOOST** West Covina, boosted by a fantastic series of annexations, leads with an almost unbelievable 20,896%. In addition to the annexations, the San Gabriel Valley city has enjoyed the benefits of the huge Eastland shopping center, whereas the even larger Del Amo shopping center figures were not included in the 10-year total.

Anaheim, rapidly expanding Orang County city, edged Torrance out of second position by less than seven percent by recording a 533.8% increase.

Pyle added that the entire Centinela-South Bay area is moving forward with rapid strides, racking up records far ahead of other communities that have long held retail sales leads.

**BEACH CITIES FOLLOW** Manhattan Beach follows Torrance in this general area with 317.6%, with the other area cities close behind; El Segundo — 310.7%, Hawthorne — 287.2%, Redondo Beach — 27.9%, Gardena — 265.5%, Hermosa Beach — 161.9%, and Inglewood — 112.7%.

### Nurses League Holds Session

District seven of the licensed vocational nurses league of California held an informal meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Agnes Wagner, Torrance.

Mrs. Mildred Bourke, executive director from Sacramento, was the guest of honor.

A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed by every one including Misses Vena Crow, Pat Richardson, and Mary Janes who attended as guests.

Max W. Warner, chief of the neuro-surgery department of the L.A. General Hospital, was guest speaker at a combined meeting, Nov. 4, at Rands Round-Up in Los Angeles. District four had issued an invitation to the local district to join them in a meeting.

### Roady Elected VP of Dealers' Ass'n

Tom Roady, Tom Roady Dodge, Gardena, was elected vice president of the Los Angeles-Orange County Dodge Dealers Association last week.

The dealer group, one of the oldest active dealer associations in Southern California, formed primarily in the interest of unified advertising effort is composed of 38 Dodge dealers in the greater Los Angeles and Orange county areas.

### Promotion for Torrance Area Bank Official

A Torrance man has been promoted by Bank of America. He is Preston H. Bennett of 4208 West 172nd Street, who becomes employment supervisor for the bank's Southern California personnel.

Bennett has been assistant operations officer at Inglewood branch for the past two years. Before that, he worked for both the Hawthorne and

Hermosa Beach branches since joining the bank in 1953. The New York-born banker is a former advisor for the Los Angeles County Junior Achievement Program; past member of the Hawthorne Junior Chamber of Commerce; and past treasurer of the Hawthorne Middle Baseball League. Bennett is a graduate of

Leuzinger High School and the American Institute of Banking. He is an Air Force veteran, having served for two years in Japan. He and his wife, Gerry, have a daughter, Teri, 5, and a son, Greg, 2.

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