

### COUNCIL CONSIDERS BOND FOR CLEANUP OF OLD OIL SUMPS

Torrance City Council Tuesday night undertook new consideration of proposals to require posting of bonds to guarantee the cleanup of old oil sumps and abandoned wells.

The matter was discussed in connection with the complaint of W. J. Elliott, of 1809 W. 228th st., which was registered at the regular meeting of the Council.

### STREETS IN NORTH TORRANCE GETTING ATTENTION OF CITY

Streets and roads in North Torrance are taking on a new appearance.

Equipment of the street department has been at work in the area bringing gutters to grade to the full width of the streets.

Nearly every street in the area is being so treated and the work promises to aid drainage of the area.

### High School District Costs Are Outlined

Redondo Union High School district will require a budget of \$859,865 for operation next year, as a result of the addition of Torrance high school to the district. The increase over last year's budget is approximately \$289,000, according to figures announced by the High School district board of trustees.

However, the district will have the benefit of the assessed valuation of the City of Torrance, estimated at \$31,500,000 for next year, in addition to that of the cities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach.

The tentative budget for next year, compared with the budget for this year, in various classifications, follows:

Classification	Tentative Budget 1947-48	1946-47
Administration	\$26,000	\$16,245
Certif. Salaries	445,200	279,400
Other Expense	18,000	14,600
Instruction	55,570	34,595
Plant	5,000	4,280
Oper. of Plant	58,795	40,330
Maint. of Plant	37,625	14,600
Transp. of pupils	19,800	13,345
Attendance & Health	20,285	6,300
Fixed charges	18,040	6,300
	\$687,615	\$452,095
Capital outlay	\$100,000	\$45,179
Community service	2,250	500
	\$789,865	\$497,774
Undist. reserve	\$45,000	\$57,600
General reserve	25,000	15,523
	\$859,865	\$570,897

### County Transfers Beach Properties To State Control

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday approved recommendation on the transfer of certain beaches to the State with all right, title and interest to the oil under such lands to be vested in the County of Los Angeles. The recommendations, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, chairman of the board, were based on a report received on the practicability of slant drilling for oil under beach lands at 1500 feet beyond the property line.

Negotiations for the transfer of Clifton Beach, Redondo County, Beach, El Porto and Castle Rock have been held up pending settlement of the question of rights to the oil which might be lying under such lands, said Supervisor Darby.

Large scale appropriations will be required in years to come for the building of groins and other beach development and it would be advantageous to the County to have these beaches pass to the State and thus secure matching money for all of the future projects planned for the beaches by the Board of Supervisors, according to Chairman Darby.

### Local Youth To Attend Naval Training School

Milton Jones, a member of the 1947 graduating class of Torrance high school, will be sworn in Monday in the service of the U. S. Navy, it was reported this week.

Jones signed up last week and will be sent to the Great Lakes Naval Training station to study electronics, he said.

He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones, at 1318 W. 221st st. in Torrance, and works in the stereotype department of the Torrance Herald.

### Council Awards Gas Contract To Tidewater Co.

The Tidewater Associated Oil Company was awarded the City gasoline contract by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night at their regular meeting.

Tidewater submitted a low bid last week of .1190 per gallon for high octane gas and .113040 per gallon for regular gas.

The contract for the year ending June 30, 1947, is held by the General Petroleum Corp.

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**Local Residence Clause Lifted For Bus Manager**

The City Council Tuesday night voted to authorize the Civil Service Board to call for examinations for a bus department manager, waiving the residence restrictions.

Examinations had been conducted previously for this position, but there were no local applicants who qualified. Restrictions in the test required residence inside the Torrance city limits.

It was pointed out that waiving the residence restriction applied only to the position of bus manager.

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