



**PROTEST CABBAGE WASTE . . .** Weaver Jones, a candidate for Congress in 1946, gave vent to his protest against plowing under cabbages in nearby fields while prices remain so high by offering a trailer load of cabbages, for which he paid a farmer \$1, to Torrance High School students Monday. He said the least the farmers could do would be to give it or sell it at proper prices to charity institutions. Jones was stopped by Police Captain Ernest Ashton because the students began littering the streets with the cabbage. Jones and Ashton are shown conversing over the matter in the presence of students. A Letter to the Editor from Jones is on an inside page. (Torrance Herald Photo).

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES UNIFICATION OF SCHOOLS; ELECTION JAN. 23

Creation of a new high school district in Torrance was authorized by the State Board of Education at its session in the Biltmore hotel Los Angeles on Friday afternoon, and an election will be held Jan. 23 when voters will pass upon the matter which will result in formation of Torrance Unified School District.

## L.A. Delivers Deeds To School Property Here

Los Angeles City Board of Education Thursday approved a recommendation of Vierling Kersey, superintendent, that the inter-district agent be authorized to deliver certain deeds to the governing boards of Redondo Union High School District, Torrance High School District, and Culver City High School District.

The documents are for the following school properties: Torrance High School site, acquired by the Redondo Union High School District; Torrance Elementary, Walteria and Fern Avenue School sites, acquired by the Torrance City School District; La Ballona, Farragut Drive and Betsy Ross School sites, acquired by the Culver City School District.

Culver City followed the pattern of the Torrance Parents Association adopted by the Charter Committee in forming a Culver City School District involving all schools within the corporate limits of the city, and thereby took all over all Los Angeles school sites, buildings and certain fixtures and equipment.

Torrance will take the High School site and property from Redondo Union High School District upon unification, vote upon which will be held on Jan. 23.

The Education Code provides that upon formation of the high school district in a chartered city boundaries of which are contiguous with a city elementary school district the elementary Board of Education shall automatically become the high school board, thus bringing about the unification of all schools from kindergarten through high school under one Board of Education.

There was no opposition to the petitions signed by some 2000 voters which were presented to the State Board of Education asking for the unification program.

Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Torrance City Board of Education, Mrs. Grace W. Wright, vice president, Mrs. Evelyn Carr and George P. Thatcher, members, attended the

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## Stanger Says Resignation Due on Feb. 9

Accusing the City Council, acting as directors of the three Torrance Municipal Water Districts, of "dilly dally" procedure in refusing to cooperate with management policies in the water departments, William H. Stanger, former mayor and for years head of the water system, has given notice of his resignation as of March 9.

Stanger said that he will have his resignation ready for the meeting of the Board of Directors at the next meeting, Feb. 9, effective 30 days thereafter.

The decision to quit his job was made on Monday night, Jan. 12, when Stanger brought up the discussion of an increase of salary for certain employees of the Municipal Improvement District No. 1 (six in number who also serve Municipal Water Districts Nos. 1 and 2) amounting to only \$100 a month or \$16.66 per month per employee.

The Council declined to consider the matter at the time,

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## CITY ATTORNEY UPHOLDS DRESSER IN HIS DEMAND FOR BUILDING INSPECTOR'S JOB

Efforts of James S. Dresser to obtain reinstatement as City Building Inspector met opposition of the City Council Tuesday night, but brought a warning from City Attorney C. Douglass Smith that "Dresser is eligible for the job and the only one entitled to that position," and that "the court would enforce his rights."

## 93 More Homes For Seaside Ranchos Okayed

Subdivision map No. 13514, calling for the development of the second unit of Seaside Ranchos, Southwest Torrance, was approved by the City Council Tuesday night.

Being developed by Ben Haggott, the second unit will consist of 93 lots, and will adjoin the first unit on the east. Haggott already is completing 140 homes at Seaside Ranchos.

Ultimate plans call for building of some 600 homes on the 207 acres purchased from the C. N. Ellinwood interests. The tract is inside Torrance, east of the Redondo Beach-Torrance line and immediately north of 101 highway.

Dresser was hired on Sept. 16, 1946, as building inspector, passed the civil service examination, entered his probationary period on Oct. 24, 1946, and was laid off in the economy sweep of the Council in April, 1947, just two days before his probationary period expired.

He asked the Civil Service Board for his job recently, after having turned it down at the time John Patrick was named inspector and William Munds deputy inspector.

Upon the protest of Councilman C. M. Gilbert that "Dresser had a chance to take back his job," the City Attorney said that "Dresser did not lose his rights when he refused the job, as the job now is occupied on a temporary basis."

The Civil Service Board asked for the reinstatement of Dresser, but Gilbert said: "I am not in favor of any change. We have another man in the job."

Neither Patrick nor Munds has taken the examination for the job, and both are on temporary status. Patrick substituted as City Engineer during the period following the resignation of Glenn M. Jain and the assumption of the engineer's duties by Administrator George W. Stevens.

"Dresser has certain rights," Smith told the Council. He is eligible for the position as building inspector and the only one entitled to that position. The layoff was without cause, due to the financial status of the city, and he is in good standing; his standing was not changed by his refusal to accept the job. There is a difference between 'temporary' and 'probationary.' The job can be filled only by someone else who is eligible to overcome Dresser's 'probationary' rights, and there is no one available. You do not have a civil service eligible list. No examination has been called."

This brought an immediate motion by Gilbert that an examination be called by the Civil Service Board immediately, but Dresser was not reinstated even after Smith said "you could appoint him and then dismiss him within the two days of his probationary period."

Smith's statement was challenged by Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr., claiming that the Council was within its rights, but Smith replied, "Sorry, Mayor, I cannot agree with you."

Sherfey asked Smith to check with the County Counsel and the County Board of

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## COMMUNITY CONCERTS PLAN MEETS WITH GREAT SUCCESS AS MEMBERSHIPS ARE SOLD

Success of the plan to stage three concerts of internationally known artists or organizations was assured this week as the membership drive to enroll sufficient supporters in Torrance Community Concerts, Inc., neared its close.

The drive to sell 850 memberships and thus assure a minimum of three concerts to music lovers of Torrance got under way with a dinner meeting in the Woman's clubhouse on Monday night.

It was pointed out by President James L. Lynch, of Torrance Community Concerts, Inc., that unless the full amount of money is subscribed to guarantee the payment for three concerts, to be held in the Torrance High School Auditorium, the whole plan will be cancelled and money paid into the organization will be returned.

Participating in the dinner meeting Monday night were three score of workers who took the field this week to close the big drive to promote the advancement of good music in Torrance by bringing the artists available to the group, to the community.

Craig Hutchinson, representing Columbia Concerts, Inc., outlined to the group the concert program, how it functions, their method of selecting artists, and gave a brief history of its inception 17 years ago, which now boasts association in every state in the Union, three in New Foundland and ten in Old Mexico.

Hutchinson said that their motto was always "Music For Fun" and that with that in mind they had obtained artists who would present the type of music that a large percentage of people would appreciate and would want to return another year to hear. "Programs are arranged for listeners," he said, and stated that the 1947-48 list of artists and attractions are the best ever secured.

He climaxed his talk with the statement that "Whatever success you have may be attributed to the individual member."

Lynch called on many of those in the group to express their views on the organization of the association and its

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## First Grade Enrollment Due To Start

No kindergarten enrollments will be taken in Torrance City Schools when the second semester starts on Jan. 28, but pupils may enter the first grade if they are of the required age.

The kindergarten will have to remain as it is, according to Superintendent of Schools J. Henrich Hull, because of crowded conditions and the fact that the schools are veering away from mid-year classes.

A child who will be six years of age on or before Aug. 1, 1948, may enter the first grade, according to Hull. Proof of age such as a birth certificate in the hands of the enrolling parent or guardian must be presented, it was said.

## Hour Parking Ordered Near Ideco Plant

Establishment of one-hour parking for the north side of Carson street from Madrid avenue to Crenshaw boulevard, and on the south side from Oak street to the boundary of International Derrick & Equipment Co. was ordered by the City Council Tuesday night.

Also authorized was one-hour parking on both sides of Acacia and Beech avenues from Carson street to Sonoma avenue, and on to the west side of Border avenue from Cravens avenue to Arlington avenue.

## SCOUT OFFICIALS SAVE 3 IN ICY JACKSON LAKE

A dramatic rescue of three persons from the ice-encrusted water of Jackson Lake was effected Saturday by a quartet of Harbor District Boy Scout officials, one of whom has been recommended for a national Scouting award.

A 15-year-old Los Angeles girl, Angie Picazo, drowned when the ice on which she and her three companions were playing collapsed, plunging them into the Big Pines area lake.

Frank Epperheimer, 2215 Andree avenue, Torrance, and leader of local Boy Scout Troop 215, has been recommended for a national honor for the part he played in the rescue, according to Conrad V. Christensen, Harbor District Neighborhood Commissioner.

Christensen named the other three who braved the treacherous ice to save the trio as Leslie Steigh, 2219 254th street, assistant district commissioner and Bud Greene, Harbor District Scout executive; and Dr. G. E. Burke, of Gardena, Scout Health and Safety Committee chairman.

According to Christensen, who was not present but learned of the tragedy officially, the Scout leaders, arriving at the lake ahead of their troops, answered screams from the center of the lake.

They ran out across the ice and managed to make the rescue only after the ice had broken under Greene sending him into the water.

While Steigh assisted, Epperheimer and Greene pulled a 14-year-old girl whose name was given as Gloria Garcia from the water and were credited by an eyewitness as saving her life.

More than 70 persons watched the tragedy from the shore. Steigh and other Scout leaders set out in a boat and recovered the body of the missing girl with grappling hooks, after Dr. Burke had plunged into the water in launching the boat.

The four took turns for more than an hour in giving artificial respiration to Miss Picazo before a paramotor arrived, but all efforts proved futile, Christensen recounted.

"As an example of the benefits of Scout training, the rescue work done by four officials is worthy of high praise, and their demonstration of courage was especially timely in view of Boy Scout Week, which starts Feb. 6," Christensen said.

## MAYOR SHERFEY MOVES

Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr., and his family, who purchased the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dalton at 1519 Post ave., have recently moved into a newly redecorated home.

## Youth Stabs Man With Srewdriver In Auto Attack

"I may have killed a man," was the statement of Austin Holt, 17, of 15411 Berendo st., Gardena, as he walked into the Torrance Police Department early Wednesday morning to report that he had stabbed an unknown assailant with a screwdriver.

Holt reported he was parked in front of a house on Spencer street when two assailants suddenly approached the car and forcibly smashed the car and two windows. The two alleged attackers then leaned in through the windows and started beating Holt and his girl companion, the police report showed. Holt then grabbed a screwdriver and struck the man on his side several times in the shoulder and in the eye. He managed to start the car and as he did so the man on the girl's side fell off. Holt made a quick turn and threw off the man on his side. He then drove the girl home and reported the incident to the police.

A short while later police were notified by authorities at the Harbor General Hospital that John Foley, 18, 3401 Spencer st. had received treatment for a stab wound in the eye. He was turned over to the Torrance police and booked on charge of malicious mischief, battery and disturbing the peace.

Police later picked up Tony Sanchez, Los Angeles, who has admitted being with Foley during the alleged attack on Holt. He was booked and held in the Torrance jail on a similar charge.

Sanchez made the statement that Foley had started the fracas "just to scare them."

## LUTHERAN LADIES PLAN MEETING

The Rebekah Circle of First Lutheran church will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the home of the Circle president, Mrs. M. Migeo, 1412 Fern ave. A large attendance is anticipated.

## CITY TO SWAP 105 FEET OF PARKWAY FOR CIVIC, SCHOOL BUILDING SITES

Paving the way for an early start on the 349 unit multiple rental plan of Sunhaven Properties, Inc., along Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway, the City Council Tuesday night authorized City Attorney C. Douglass Smith to enter into a stipulation with Oliver O. Clark, attorney for Sunhaven, providing for the setting aside of 15 acres of land in the new tract for schools, fire and police stations, parks and a branch of the Torrance post-office.

It was said that the schools will require at least 10 acres of land to provide for the children of the housing program. Other sites would be building size and the balance would be used for recreation, it was said.

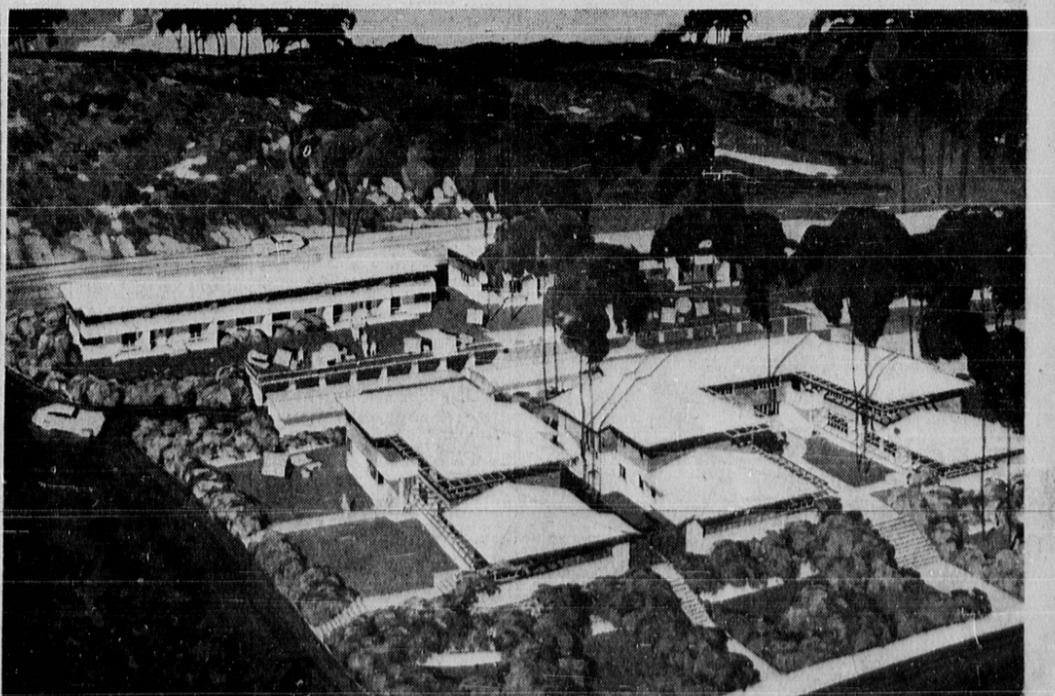
The deal is a "trade" for the west 105 feet of Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway, also known as Catalina avenue, which the City Council intends to abandon in proceedings due to start at 10 a.m. Friday. The parkway at present is 225 feet in width, and a thoroughfare of 120 feet in width is all that ever will be needed for that area, it is said, will be located west of the parkway, toward the beach.

The Council members met at breakfast with R. W. Mayer, president of Sunhaven Properties, Attorney Clark and City Attorney Smith last Friday and will meet again this coming Friday to work out final details of the selection of sites and abandonment of the 105 feet of the parkway. The land would revert to the owners of adjoining land.

## STREET LIGHTS ON 101 HIGHWAY ASKED BY MASON

William A. Mason, president of Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association, Tuesday night requested that steps be taken to install street lights on 101 highway in the vicinity of various roads and streets leading to Hollywood Riviera.

His request, pointing out the danger to cars entering and leaving Hollywood Riviera, was referred to Administrator Geo. W. Stevens.



**BEAUTIFUL RENTAL UNITS FOR TORRANCE . . .** Here is an artist's drawing of 19 of a total of 349 rental units to be built by Theodora Mayer, president of Sunhaven Properties, Inc., along Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway [Catalina avenue, on the shoreward section of Hollywood Riviera. The big development, units of which will be available for rental only, it has been announced, will be strung along the area in Torrance from the Redondo Beach line to the Palos Verdes line. The City Council tomorrow will pass on final phases of abandonment of the westerly 105 feet of the parkway, preparatory to launching the \$3,000,000 development. The drawing above is the first publication of any sketch of the gigantic program.