

**Weather Forecast**

Early morning fog clearing by 10 a.m., hazy sun rest of the day. Temperature will be near 72, the water temperature near 72.

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## SCHOOL TAX RATE FIXED AT \$2.2887

### UNIFIED DISTRICT RATE \$1.65

Tax rate levies necessary to finance the operation of Torrance schools and retire the bonded indebtedness on local school buildings were determined this week by the County Auditor and released by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District.

A breakdown of the total \$2.2887 school tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation follows:

Torrance Unified School District, operation.....	\$1.65
Bond Retirement for T. U. S. D.....	.5696
Torrance Elementary School Bonds (former Los Angeles District).....	.0350
Torrance High School Bonds (former L. A. District).....	.0341
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2.2887</b>

Junior College District levies, covering Torrance's share of El Camino Junior College costs, will total 60c per \$100 assessed valuation. Of this 60-cent tax, 35 cents will be required for operation and 25 cents special building tax, according to the County Auditor.

### Polio Victim Selected as Queen for Day

After searching for the past three years, 18-year-old Betty Schaefermeyer of 23747 Eshelman avenue has found someone to share her shoe problems.

Chosen "Queen for a Day" on the KTSL-TV show last week when she requested five pairs of shoes for each foot, Betty, who was stricken by polio when she was five weeks old, was told about another young polio victim.

Both need a larger shoe for one foot than for the other, according to Betty's mother, Mrs. William Schaefermeyer. But, the fortunate thing is that the girls can trade shoes. After buying one pair for each foot for Betty, for example, the family can now do something with the others because the remaining odd-sized pair will fit 14-year-old Jo Ann DeVoux on 11421 Chandler, No. Hollywood.

Following her selection as Queen for a Day, Betty and young Jo Ann held a shoe-trading bee in the Schaefermeyer home.

Besides the thrill of finding someone to share in the shoe problem, Betty received a living room set, a wardrobe of clothes, an order for five pairs of shoes, jewelry, cosmetics, and four dozen roses as gifts from the show sponsors.

## Private Flyers May Get Wartime Workout

In the event of an all-out war effort, private flying activities here will be intensified rather than curtailed, Ed Dietrich, manager of the Torrance Municipal Airport, revealed this week. Quoting from a lengthy plan proposed by the Civil Aeronautics Authority, Dietrich said that rather than prohibit private planes from operating on the West Coast as they were during the last war, the civilian flyers in the area would be asked to aid and support national defense.

### WOULD NEED HELP

Dietrich said the plan calls upon the private plane owners to aid the Air Force by offering their planes and flying ability to do patrol work, fly search missions, patrol for submarines, and fly mercy missions and thus relieve the strain on the military pilots and planes. "Strict supervision of all planes and pilots would become the responsibility of all



RETURNED... Mrs. Grace Wright (standing) a member of the Torrance Board of Education, was reelected unanimously as moderator of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee last Monday noon and thus started her fourth year as head of the local advisory group. She has served as moderator of the organization since its founding. Elected to serve with her were Mrs. Lois Babcock (left) secretary-treasurer and Mrs. G. H. Miller as vice-moderator. (Herald photo).

## Woman's Club Supports Crusade for Freedom

### Merchants Rap Proposition No. 1

Expressing unanimous accord, the Board of Directors of the Torrance Better Merchants of the Chamber of Commerce at their last meeting went on record as being vigorously opposed to passage of Proposition No. 1 on the November 7 ballot.

In a letter to City Manager George W. Stevens, the Board stated:

"Any proposition which would require our city to substantially increase business licenses and local sales tax is undesirable and would deter local retail business. Proposition No. 1, if adopted, would have this effect."

### New C of C Member

Archie Wachs, owner of the Mayflower Dress Shop, 1322 El Prado, has taken out membership in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in the name of the new store.



A. L. BOND Career Ended

### 'Pop' Bond, One Of City's First Barbers, Dies

One of Torrance's earliest barbers, Arthur Lee Bond, 85, known to most as "Al" or "Pop," was buried last Monday following his death at his home at 1823 Andree avenue Friday.

A resident of Torrance for 30 years, "Pop" Bond had run the Postoffice Barbershop here for 25 years before retiring about five years ago. He was still shaving customers in his shop after he had passed his 80th birthday.

A native of Indiana, the old-timer came to this area after World War I. He first opened a shop in Lomita, then two years later came to Torrance. Services were held in the Stone and Myers chapel, with Rev. C. M. Northrup and Rev. Ben Lingenfelter officiating. Interment was in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Survivors included his widow, Rose Etta Bond, of 1823 Andree avenue; Don A. Kelley of Torrance, and Ayden Moore of In-

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### Three Reasons For No Council Meeting Tuesday

The regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was called off by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett Tuesday night due to a lack of a quorum.

Mayor Bob L. Haggard, president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, was in Santa Cruz attending the state convention of Kiwanis International.

Councilman Harvey B. Spelman Jr., and Mrs. Spelman were the honored guests at a party in Long Beach in honor of their 11th wedding anniversary.

Councilman Willys G. Blount, wife and youngest son were the guests at a party in Long Beach in honor of their 11th wedding anniversary.

### TEAC Told New Techniques of Teaching Math

Methods used to give youngsters the conception of mathematics and techniques used in teaching arithmetic were outlined before a meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday noon of this week in the Torrance High School Cafeteria.

### MODERATOR REELECTED

Mrs. Grace Wright, a member of the Torrance Board of Education, was returned to office as moderator of the TEAC—a position she has held for the past three years. Her election to office for the fourth term was unopposed.

Named to serve also were Mrs. G. H. Miller, vice-moderator, and Mrs. Lois Babcock, secretary chairman.

Rev. Cecil J. England, reported that at present there are approximately 110 students in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades enrolled in the release time religious study program.

### NO COMPETITION

Albert Posner, school district administrative assistant, reported that a non-competitive type of program was being followed in the regular school room class while the students

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## School Board 'Tables' Jackson's Resignation; Grants 90-day Leave

### Work May Take Ex-Ideco Executive Out Of City

Refusing to accept immediately Albert L. Jackson's resignation as a member of the Torrance Board of Education, the trustees Tuesday night granted the recently elected board member a 90-day leave of absence.

Jackson, now employed with the Beall Pipe and Tank Corporation, of Portland Oregon



ALBERT L. JACKSON Resignation Refused

offered his resignation to the Board at the regular meeting Tuesday evening.

The one time councilman is presently in Portland engaged in moving a steel plant for the aforementioned company. The nature of the work makes it impossible for Jackson to judge how long he will be absent from Torrance, he said.

"I feel that the Board is handicapped by the lack of a fifth member. My present duties render it impossible for me to estimate when, or if, I will return to Torrance and resume my seat on the Board. For this reason I feel the trustees might wish to fill my seat on the Board with someone who would be able to devote more time to the manifold problems facing Torrance's rapidly expanding school system," Jackson said.

Jackson was elected to the Torrance Board of Education at the last school election on May 19. Only a few weeks prior (on April 18) to his election he completed a four year term of office as a City Councilman.

The family, long-time residents of Torrance, recently sold their home at 1448 Ingracia avenue and moved to 1437 Post avenue.

The ex-Ideco executive did not move his family to Oregon due to the temporary nature of his present assignment.

His daughter, Barbara, being a senior at Torrance High School where she is president of the Girl's League, was another reason he did not move his family to Portland.

In considering his offer to resign, the Board felt that within 90 days Jackson might be better able to evaluate the length of time he will be on his present undertaking and whether or not future assignments with the company would bring him back to Torrance.

The former plant superintendent at Ideco has been associated with the northern firm since September 16.

## 39 Day Old Strike at Ideco Ends

Ideco's 39-day-old strike ended Monday morning with a settlement between management and 158 members of the United Steelworkers of America, Local 2470, CIO, on a 12-cent-an-hour pay raise.

The workers, who left the plant on September 1, sought a 25-cent-an-hour wage hike.

In addition to the pay boost, certain other terms regarding a liberalized vacation plan and accumulated vacation time were agreed upon, according to M. L. McGuire, personnel officer at Ideco.

The plant went immediately on a two-shift basis to catch up on back orders which had mounted during the 5½-week-old strike.

## Modern Street Lights Assured

Installation of brilliant mercury vapor street lamps destined to make Torrance's shopping district as bright as any of comparable size in Southern California, has been assured through funds provided by merchants on El Prado and Sartori avenue.

George Bender, heading the street light committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, reported this week that the merchants had subscribed the necessary amount and that a check was being sent to City Manager George W. Stevens to cover the cost of the lamps.

## Shoe Clerks Awarded \$5 Pay Boost

Negotiations between three chain shoe stores and the San Pedro Retail Clerks Union, Local 905, were concluded Friday with the granting of a \$5 weekly pay boost.

Certain fringe benefits also were granted. A retirement plan for the harbor area shoe clerks will be discussed within six months, according to Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the union.

The three chain stores employ approximately 90 per cent of the clerks in the area. The pay boost brings their weekly salaries to \$70 weekly.

### Good Neighbor Feed

## Expect 1500 to Dine At YMCA Annual Affair

Although good neighborliness should be practiced every day, special attention will be focused on the practice on November 4 during the staging of the YMCA's second Annual Good Neighbor Day.

With an increase in the city's population, the Good Neighbor Day Committee Chairman, R. I. Plomert Jr., anticipates that at least 1500 persons, 300 more than last year, will have breakfast in the Civic Auditorium on Saturday morning, November 4.

As last year, menu for the morning meal will consist of hot cakes, coffee, juice, sausage and toast. Purpose of the affair is to create friendships and goodwill among Torrance residents and to make all residents bet-



HOE DO DOODY!... Dr. E. F. Bishop, local dentist, and his next-door neighbor O. A. Kresse, superintendent of Columbia Steel, take a moment out from their respective jobs to engage in a bit of garage-cleaning-out-of-each-other's garden tools. It is all part of being a good neighbor, say the pair of El Prado residents. A special day devoted to being a Good Neighbor will be observed in Torrance November 4, when the YMCA will host 1500 for breakfast in the Civic Auditorium. Meanwhile, the "Y" and the neighbors above recommend a good time to start being a Good Neighbor is—yesterday. (Herald photo).

### This Carpenter Learned the Job The Hard Way!

A carpenter at the J. J. Newberry Store, now undergoing extensive remodeling, realizes the best way to hang on to a hammer—is to hang on to it. While working on a new counter in the store this week he laid his hammer down while he measured a counter piece he fitted into a corner. When he turned to pick up his hammer it was gone. One of the sales girls had sold it!

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