

# County Restores Recreation Funds Taken from City

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## Recreation Funds For City Boosted

By City News Service

Funds lopped off the county's budget intended for 15 cities and 13 school districts as a contribution towards recreation and school playgrounds were restored by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

Requests from the cities and school districts totaled \$499,878, but last spring this amount was reduced by the supervisors to \$385,000, leaving a difference of \$114,878.

The Pasadena School District and the city protested this reduction and Administrative Officer Arthur J. Will was ordered to dig up the deficit.

Torrance's request was for \$4822 and this was cut to \$3425.75 last spring. Tuesday's order will restore the \$1396.25 to bring the total to be received by Torrance to the original \$4822.

Among the cities and school districts which will benefit by the Board's action Tuesday are Pasadena, Long Beach Unified School District, Santa Monica, Arcadia, Beverly Hills School District, Burbank Unified School District, Hermosa Beach and the Lynwood School District.

In addition to Torrance, the cities of South Pasadena, Culver City, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Paramount, South Gate and El Segundo were benefitted by the action.

## Post Office To Be Closed For Holiday

The Torrance Post Office will be closed all day Monday, Feb. 22—Washington's Birthday—according to Postmaster Clara A. Conner.

Only a "skeleton crew" will be working in the mailing division on that day and a complete mail service will not be available. Mails will be dispatched at 10:10 a.m. and at 2:10 p.m. Mails for each of these dispatches will be closed one hour and 10 minutes before dispatch time.

Any incoming mail that has been distributed may be called for by firms using "make-up" case at the post office annex at 1:30 p.m. All special delivery mail will be worked and delivered.

Until further notice, this schedule will apply to all postal holidays, the postmaster said.

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# BONDS FOR NEW SWIM POOL, CIVIC CENTER UP TO VOTERS

## Two Candidates File For Council Contest

Attorney Albert Isen, of 1504 Engracla, and Francis W. Burk, of 5104 Zakon Rd., were lined up in the front row of the City Council Derby this week as they became the first two official candidates for the posts in the April 13 election. Both filed nominating papers as candidates for the Council Monday.

Only other candidate to file so far is Mrs. Harriett Leech, incumbent City Treasurer, who will seek re-election.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, who is completing his 32nd year in the job, took out papers this week but has not indicated yet whether he will be a candidate for re-election. Deadline for filing nominating papers is March 4.

In addition to the two Council posts, City Treasurer, and City Clerk, at least four bond propositions will be on the April ballot.

**Four Bond Issues**  
A list of propositions being prepared by the City Council will include one for \$250,000 for a swimming pool; \$700,000 for new City Hall, jail, and police department; \$300,000 for new central fire station; and \$150,000 for improvement and development of the city's parks and recreational facilities.

Included in the first proposition for a swimming pool will be plans for a bath house, water heating and purification facilities, dressing rooms, and other such facilities.

Most important, probably is the tentative Bond Proposition No. 2 which will seek voters' approval of a \$700,000 bond issue for a new civic center at Torrance Blvd. and Madrona.

Planned for the city if this bond issue receives the required two-thirds majority in the voting in April is purchase of the site bounded by Torrance Blvd., Madrona Ave., Maricopa Ave.,

**Clyde Beatty Circus Due Here Monday, April 5**  
The circus is coming back to town!

Presentation of the Clyde Beatty Circus here again this year under the sponsorship of the Torrance Optimist Club was announced yesterday by Chris Sorensen, president of the local service club.

Advance ticket sales in which the club participates (for a percentage) is under way, Sorensen said.

The circus will be at 220th St. and Western Ave. for one day, Monday April 5.

"Last year we were forced to turn away crowds at both the matinee and evening performance," Sorensen said. "We are making arrangements to show two matinees and two evening performances if they are necessary," he said.

Plans are being made for an old-time circus parade in town, complete with elephants and camels, to herald the performance here. Members of the Optimist Club have been divided into committees to handle the various phases of the one-day showing.

## Progress on Clerk Union Pact Claimed

Progress in union-merchant negotiations for a new Retail Clerk contract was announced this week as principals in the talks agreed to meet again next Monday afternoon to continue discussions on terms of the new agreement.

Representatives of the various groups under the Mercantile Agreement with Retail Clerks Local 905 met Tuesday to discuss terms of the 1954-55 agreement.

Following the meetings, which involved drug stores, hardware stores, and furniture stores, meetings with union representatives were held.

A joint statement by the Union and the Employers' Council issued after Tuesday's meeting said that "progress is being made toward settlement of the Mercantile agreement."

## Trial Date Set For Man Accused Of Stabbing Wife

Trial date has been set for March 15 for Willie Bivins, 41, of 25027 S. Vermont Ave., who pleaded not guilty on Feb. 5 to charges of assaulting his wife with intent to commit murder.

Bivins was arrested Jan. 2 and accused of attacking and stabbing his wife, Josephine, with a pen knife and a butcher knife in the family home after an argument over the couple's dog.

At arraignment on Feb. 1 in Dept. 44 of Superior Court of Los Angeles, a public defender was appointed. On Feb. 5, Bivins entered a plea of not guilty and will be tried in Dept. 39 of Los Angeles Superior Court on March 15.

His wife was discharged from Harbor General Hospital on Jan. 9 after recovery from her wounds.

## Navy Man Pleads 'Not Guilty' In Auto Crash Death

Sailor Donald Farris, 20, Wednesday pleaded "Not Guilty" to charges of felonious manslaughter arising from the auto crash death of a Torrance mother of three children on Feb. 2, and the Navy man will appear April 5 for trial.

Trial will be held in Dept. C of Long Beach Superior Court on April 5 at 9:15 a.m. Farris has been released on his own recognizance to the custody of the U. S. Navy. He and three other sailors who were riding in the car at the time of the crash, are stationed on the USS Higbee.

The accident occurred at 208th St. and Normandie Ave. Mrs. Volner, who lived with her husband and three children at 908 Del Amo Blvd., was fatally injured in the crash and died the following day.

Witnesses said that Farris apparently did not stop at a boulevard sign on Normandie and hit the Volner car broadside. The sailor told investigating officers that he had been drinking.

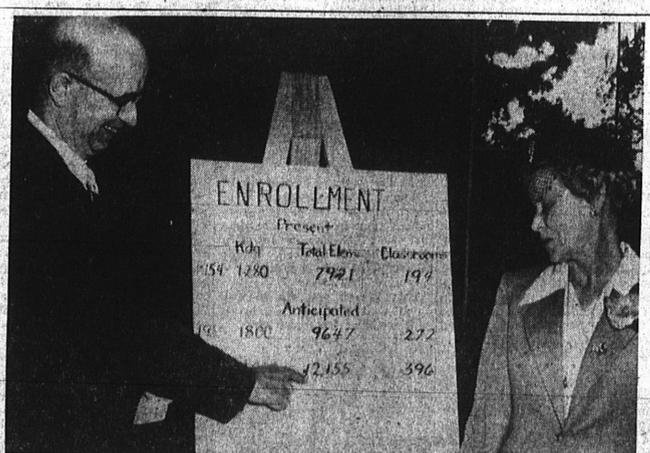
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OUTSTANDING... Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, Torrance librarian, and R. I. Plomert Jr., past president of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Industries Tax Commission, and member of the TEAC since its inception in 1947, examine a chart showing anticipated enrollment in Torrance schools during the next two years. The two were awarded honorary life memberships for their outstanding service to the schools when Torrance Council FTA held Founders Day ceremonies at the YWCA yesterday morning.



THE BIG DAY... Paul Losanger, president of the Chamber of Commerce, left, points to the date—Aug. 11—when the Torrance Community Fair will begin. Vern Lovelady, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, looks on. The Chamber and the Junior Chamber have joined forces to make the five-day fair bigger and better. The two groups will sponsor the fair jointly and plan to erect a huge tent which will house displays, games, etc. from Aug. 11 to 15.

## Red Cross Goal Set at \$14,425

The Torrance goal in the Red Cross drive, which begins March 1, has been set at \$14,425, according to J. Hugh Sherrey, city fund chairman.

The overall quota of \$91,200 for the entire Southwest Region of Red Cross was announced at the same time by Frank H. Afton, southwest regional fund chairman.

In announcing the quota for Torrance, Chairman Sherrey pointed out that these quotas are easily filled if enough volunteers are found in each area to go door-to-door and business to business to tell the Red Cross story.

Urgently needed, Sherrey said, are captains to complete the canvassing battalions who will go out to get the money that is there for the asking. All who want to help are asked to call local campaign headquarters at FAirfax 8-4233.

## H. E. Irving Rites Held

Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett, Mass., was the final resting place for Herbert Edwards Irving, 79, of 18088 Kristin Ave., who died in Queen of Angels Hospital on Feb. 12 after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held on Monday at 11 a.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the Hardin and Flanagan Mortuary, Inglewood, with Dr. Hubert Davidson, pastor of the 10th Avenue Baptist Church, officiating. His remains were flown to Boston immediately afterward for interment.

Irving who was born in St. John's, New Brunswick, Canada, was a retired coal yard foreman. He had lived in California for three years and was a member of the East Boston Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

A widower, he leaves a niece, Mrs. Ethel G. Jaakola, with whom he resided.

## Oscar Maples Buys Ford Agency Here

Sale of Schultz and Peckham Ford Agency here to Oscar Maples, well-known Southern California auto dealer, was announced this week by Robert S. Peckham and Charles Schultz Jr.

Upon completion of escrow proceedings, the firm, will be known as Oscar Maples, Inc., according to the firm's new owner.

An avid stock car racing fan, Maples is well known here among racing enthusiasts who have watched races at Carrell Speedway during the past few years. He has sponsored entries in the races and has put up prize trophies for winners of the events.

Maples is looking for a residence in Torrance and plans to enter the community life of the city, he told the Herald yesterday. He is married and has a six-year-old daughter.

He has been a member of the Southwest Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of Masonic organizations and a Shriner.

No permanent assignment of personnel has been made by the new firm owner.

Other survivors are his son Harvey and grandson Mark, of 1220 Hickory Ave.; another brother, Sam Abramson, of Minneapolis, Minn.; and a sister, Myrtle Jacobs, of Los Angeles.

At funeral services held Monday, friends paid their last respects to Jack Abramson, 60, a former resident of Torrance for 20 years and brother of Harry Abramson, owner of National Home Appliance Store here.

Abramson died Saturday at Sawtelle Veterans Hospital. Funeral services were held at Hollywood Cemetery Chapel in Los Angeles.

Abramson opened the first upholstery store in Torrance 20 years ago. In 1940, he joined the staff of National Home Appliance. He was a member of the local Lions Club.

## Supervisor Urges Refinery Crackdown

By City News Service

A crackdown on oil refineries who stall by persistently seeking delays in the program of installing smog elimination equipment was urged by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn Tuesday.

Hahn reported to other board members that Smog Chief Gordon P. Larson had furnished him with information indicating that certain oil companies have failed to meet regulations laid down by the county in connection with storage tanks.

Specifically, Hahn criticized the Shell Oil Co. which, he said, had complied with county regulations only to a 42 per cent extent and the Time Oil Co. and the Tidewater Oil Co. which

he said have done nothing about the law. The Wilshire Oil Co. is still short nearly 85 per cent of supplying required smog preventing devices on its tanks Hahn said.

However, Hahn gave credit to three oil concerns which had followed regulations and had conformed almost entirely to regulations. In one case, the General Petroleum Corp. had a 100 per cent rating along with Fletcher Oil and Union Oil.

Standard Oil Co. had 93 per cent, Hahn said, Sunset Oil Co. 75 per cent, and Richfield Oil Co. 66 per cent.

County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy explained that two courses were open against those who refuse to comply with the law.

Proceedings could be started against violators by the County Counsel through the district attorney's office, or the county counsel could himself seek an injunction in the court.

## Manager Reminds Residents of License Service

Torrance and South Bay area residents were reminded this week that drivers license examinations were being given five days a week, Monday through Friday, at the new Department of Motor Vehicles branch office at 1317 Cravens Ave. in Torrance.

Manager Leavitt Tudor said yesterday that the office would be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day to serve residents of the area with any matter pertaining to driving licenses or auto registrations.

The branch office was opened late in January to handle auto registration only. Complete motor vehicle services were inaugurated on Feb. 8.

The new daily service replaces the twice-a-month service formerly offered for residents of the area.

## Allied Homeowners Meet Stated for Wednesday

Because of Washington's Birthday, the regular meeting of the Allied Homeowners Association will be held Wednesday evening instead of Monday next week, it was announced yesterday.

Ralph Schmidt, past president of the Torrance Gardens and Plaza Homeowners Association, will be guest speaker at the meeting which begins at 7:30 p.m. at Seaside School.

The school will be closed on Monday because of the holiday.



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