

# New License Office Will Open Here Tomorrow



NEW OFFICE OPENED . . . State and local officials gathered here Friday afternoon to open the new Department of Motor Vehicle office at 1907 Border Ave., just south of Carson St. Helping Gaye Wilson (Miss Torrance) cut the ribbon are Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (left) and Ralph Calveti, (right). In the rear row (left to right) are City Manager George Stevens, Manager Carlos Caldwell of the DMV, Chamber President John Ebbinghouse, and Acting Mayor Nick Drake.



A PARTING GIFT . . . Alex McJannet (left), president of Steelworkers' Local 1414, presents Carl S. Warner with a scroll signed by fellow workers at the plant, and a portable barbecue set. Warner retired Friday after putting in 50 years with U.S. Steel.

## Steelmen Honor Carl S. Warner

Approximately 200 friends and associates heard Carl S. Warner described as being "among the steel industry's best liked and most highly respected members" at a dinner honoring him on his retirement after 50 years with United States Steel held at the Palos Verdes Country Club, Friday.

Corporation officials from throughout the west joined local steelmen in feting Warner, who began his career in steel Sept. 6, 1906, in Pennsylvania as a 14-year-old mechanical department apprentice. At the time of his retirement, Friday, he was superintendent of engineering and maintenance of the Torrance Works of the Columbia-Geneva Steel Division.

Family Feted

Sharing the spotlight with Warner, who lives at 1452 El Prado Ave., were his wife, Emily Grace, and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Robert Warner, of Palo Alto.

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## New DMV Office Opens Monday At 1907 Border

Complete driver licensing and vehicle registration services with the Department of Motor Vehicles will become available to motorists of the Torrance area effective tomorrow in a new field office located at 1907 Border Ave.

Paul Mason, director of motor vehicles, in announcing the opening of the new office, said "The State recognizes the population growth in the Torrance area has brought about an increase in the need for Motor Vehicle Department service. The additional facilities will reduce the travel distance that has been necessary for the many residents in the area to cover for these services.

Open Ceremonies

He invited State and local officials, Chamber of Commerce representatives, business and industry leaders and interested members of the motoring public to attend an informal opening ceremony at the new office held Friday.

Carlos S. Caldwell, manager of the local office since May 1 of this year, said that the original opening of the Torrance office was Jan. 25, 1954. At that time the office consisted of four employees and has grown to a present employment of 15. The daily operation of the office results in 250 registration daily and 130 driver's license applications processed, Caldwell stated.

## Businessmen Will Erect 6 Billboards

As Torrance's downtown Christmas decorations went up this week, Charley Gotts, president of the Downtown Torrance Businessmen, announced Friday that six billboards directing customers to the business district soon will be erected.

The six signs, urging residents to shop in downtown Torrance, will carry the slogan, "Better Buys—Friendly—Convenient Parking." They will be erected at Torrance Blvd. and Earl St., 192nd and Hawthorne Ave., Carson and Moneta Sts., 213th and Western, and on Carson St. west of Figueroa. An illuminated sign will be placed at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Ocean Ave.

The signs are expected to be up by Dec. 17.

Meanwhile, downtown Torrance took on a festive atmosphere as silver Christmas decorations were erected, crisscrossing downtown streets.

### Thief Gets Nickels

Intruders took a bank and a collection of Indian head nickels from his bedroom, Edmond Leroy Roberts, 1838 W. 254th St., told sheriff's deputies Friday. The thief apparently crawled in through the window.

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# WORKERS SET TO STRIKE NATIONAL SUPPLY PLANT

## Deadline Ends Without Pact

Threat of a plant-wide strike of workers at the National Supply Co. here appeared imminent last night as officials of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers' International Union, Local 1-128, called a general membership meeting for 1 p.m. today at the CIO Hall in Long Beach.

D. D. Brymer, representative of the international union, told THE HERALD yesterday that the membership had voted to authorize a strike last week, and that the 48-hour strike notice had been sent to company officials Thursday.

"Upon completion of the 48 hours, this contract shall be of no further force and effect and this union and your employees are free to exercise their right to strike," the notice said.

Talks Ended

Commissioner Fred Ferguson, of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, has been sitting in on the negotiations, which were broken off last Wednesday.

Four issues remain to be resolved, both company and union officials report:

1. Pay increases.
2. Retroactive increases to Nov. 1, 1956.
3. Time and one half pay for Saturday, double time for Sunday.
4. Pay for chairman of committee when working on grievances in the plant.

Wages Near Accord

On the matter of wages, the union asked for \$1.82 as the basic wage, and has since lowered its demand to \$1.77. The best company offer has been \$1.749—a difference of 2.1 cents to be resolved.

The union officials maintain that if the company had entered into negotiations with the OCAW officers earlier, the contract would have been resolved by the Nov. 1 deadline of the contract, and therefore ask that any wage agreement be made effective on that date.

Walkout Rumored

Brymer told THE HERALD yesterday that the first company offer was received by the union just 10 hours before the contract expired at midnight on Oct. 31.

Rumor in the plant had the time of walkout fixed at midnight tonight, but THE HERALD was unable to confirm the report. The action the union will take now probably will be decided at the Long Beach meeting today.

About 1400 persons are employed in the National Supply Co. plant here, company officials say. About 65 per cent of all the personnel, which includes office and salaried positions, are represented by the OCAW-CIO.



AFTER THE FIRE . . . A Torrance fireman shovels out some of the debris after a fire which swept through a house at 2438 W. 238th St. Friday. The fire apparently started on the porch shown here. A charred refrigerator is shown at the left. The occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Quenton McGee, were burned out for the second time in five years.

## Hearing Set Tomorrow for 7 Men on Dope Charges

Seven men facing dope charges will come up for a hearing tomorrow in South Bay Municipal Court before Judge Otto B. Willett.

The men were picked up on Nov. 25 in two surprise raids at a local bowling alley and at a rendezvous spot in an alley in the 1200 block on Madrid Ave. At the same time members of the sheriff's narcotics detail impounded 7000 pills and a half pound of marijuana, valued at \$4000.

Men Faced Charges

Facing charges will be:

- Tony Albert Almeida, 18, 5202 W. 182nd St., held on \$5000 bail.
- Merton Neil Stoner, 20, 4244 W. 179th St., released on \$5000 writ.
- Burt John Smith, 21, 23304 Falena Ave., held on \$2500 bail.
- Jack William Boal, 21, 2360

Torrance Blvd., held on \$2500 bail.

Dick Darrell Fields, 20, 1620 W. 219th, released on \$1000 bail.

William Charles Codd, 20, 1130½ Ocean St., released on \$1000 bail.

Robert Eugene Fulbright, 19, Manhattan Beach, held on \$1000 bail.

Codd's Wife Hurt

Codd's wife, Earsie, 19, was still in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital yesterday after a Tuesday automobile accident at 229th and Pennsylvania. Codd was released on bail to be at her bedside.

Mrs. Codd was driving to work at a trailer construction firm at the time of the mishap and her auto sheared off a water hydrant and smashed into a power pole.

## School Officials Receive Doctor Degrees at SC

Two Torrance school administrators who worked jointly on the "Little Red Schoolhouse" project here for their doctoral dissertations have received their doctor of education from the University of Southern California.

Walter Rehwoidt, director of instruction for the Torrance Unified School District, and Warren Hamilton, director of special services, successfully passed the requirements and now can put "Dr." in front of their names.

The "Little Red Schoolhouse" project, Rehwoidt's idea, was tried at Walteria School last year and continued this year. It involved teaching



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children from three elementary grades in one room, based on the theory that the youngsters learn more through interaction of age levels. Hamilton joined Rehwoidt in making the study.

Director of instruction in the Torrance Unified School District for the past nine years, Rehwoidt formerly held administrative positions in the Montebello, Calif., and Grand Junction, Colo., school systems. He taught for 12 years in Colorado schools.

A native of Nebraska, he received both bachelor's and

master's degrees from Colorado State College. He is a former summer session lecturer at Pepperdine College.

Hamilton has served as director of special services in local schools since 1949. He formerly taught in elementary and high schools in Indiana and Ohio, and served three years as a pilot during World War II.

Born in Iowa, he graduated from Franklin High School, Los Angeles, and holds a bachelor's degree from Antioch College, Ohio, and master's degree from the University of Southern California.



WARREN HAMILTON

### Temperatures

	High	Low
Sunday	89	42
Monday	89	45
Tuesday	81	32
Wednesday	75	41
Thursday	79	40
Friday	85	43

19 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

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Christmas Greetings

## 'Messiah' Performance Will Usher in Christmas Season

The start of the Christmas season will be officially heralded this afternoon, as Handel's oratorio is presented in the First Christian Church, 2930 Eldorado, by 16 massed church choirs under the direction of Frank K. Owen.

The work, featuring four soloists, will be presented at 4 p.m. It will be presented simultaneously today in 78 churches throughout the greater Los Angeles area, sponsored by the Church Federation of Los Angeles. This marks the third year that it has been presented locally and the 11th that it has been presented in this area.

Soloists Return

Three of the four soloists who performed here last year will repeat—Trudy Troy, alto soloist for the First Lutheran Church, Los Angeles and Don Ogren, tenor and bass soloists at St. Paul's Cathedral, Elizabeth Moser, soprano soloist at All Saints' Church, Pasadena, will make her first appearance here.

Back again to direct will be Frank K. Owen, director of the St. Paul's Cathedral Choir and of one of the five boys' choir schools in the country. He is dean of the Los Angeles chapter of the American Guild of Organists and a member of the music commission of Los Angeles.

Accompanists will be Mrs. Orpha Meissner, Seventh-Day Adventist organist, and Mrs. Ruth White, organist at the First Methodist Church.

Committee Plans

Laurence Sargent is a

chairman, assisted by a committee of Marjorie Wrlacy, Naomi Morgan, Ruth White, Jean Whitmer, Betty Clemenger, and Fred Lincoln.

Participating choirs include those from these churches:

- First Baptist, First Lutheran, Nativity Catholic, First Methodist, Seventh-Day Adventist, First Christian, Lomita Presbyterian, United Brethren, Riviera Presbyterian, St. Paul's Episcopal, Lomita Missionary, St. Catherine Labourne, Seaside Community, Narbonne Baptist, and Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Before the program, the Mothersingers of Fern-Greenwood School will hold a musical tea at the home of James N. Oswell, 2529 Sierra St., and then will attend "The Messiah" in a body.