

GAMBLERS FIGHT FOR MARBLE GAMES

Torrance Bus Lines Costs Low

High Court Rule Hits Operations

Council Gets Long Needed Analysis

Torrance Municipal Bus Lines are operating at a lower cost per mile than the privately owned San Pedro Motor Bus Company or the municipally owned Gardena Lines, a survey by the Press revealed this week.

The cost per mile of San Pedro operations runs from 30 to 40 cents, while a few months back it was 31 cents a mile, according to an estimate by Bob Landier of the San Pedro firm.

Gardena Municipal Bus Lines' estimated cost per mile is between 34 and 35 cents.

Torrance Municipal Bus Lines' cost before depreciation, 25.7 and including depreciation, 28.2, according to a profit and loss statement given the city council Tuesday night.

These figures, showing a lower cost of operation by the Torrance Line, point to the fact that with good management and proper schedules, reaching all the people when and where they are, the Torrance Lines should be making a profit.

According to the report filed Tuesday night, the bus lines had total revenue of \$141,686.18 in the period from July 1, 1949, to Feb. 28, 1950. The operations cost's total before depreciation was \$149,400.02, or a loss before depreciation of \$7,713.84. After depreciation the loss was \$22,627.44, the report said.

ACTION

The report was ordered by the city council after the Press revealed that the bus department does not keep a record of costs and revenue per mile, costs of operation on various lines, and other data important to a successful operation.

Some surveys still are being (Continued on Page Three)



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Volume II, Number 1.
It is a happy day when a newspaper reaches that point, for in the realm of the Fourth Estate, the first year is the hardest.

We made it, thanks to you, our readers and our advertisers, and we are on the way to building a great newspaper for a great Torrance.

We have had our share of first-year problems, but by sound judgment, fair play and devotion to our duty to the community, we have done what no other competitive newspaper has done in Torrance before. And, we are here to stay.

We have endured vilification, yes, slander, from our contemporary publication, but we have returned good for evil; we have turned the other cheek. We know we are RIGHT, and that you have a RIGHT TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE IN TORRANCE TODAY.

Support has been better than we expected. This is because you want the true picture, presented as only a progressive, fearless and fair newspaper can present it. Yes, we are doing well, and we have you to thank.

You can help us, too, in patronizing our advertisers, and in urging those merchants who do not use our columns regularly to advertise in the Press.

Say, "I saw your ad in the Press" when you do your shopping.

Statement of Policy

This newspaper has taken its place in the community, as a public servant, to serve all of the people, and as we grow, we will expand our news coverage to a point where complete reporting is accomplished.

We will put the emphasis on news coverage in accordance with the relative importance of the news events to the community and its people.

First emphasis will be placed on news of the affairs of our governing bodies, their functions, policies, accomplishments; on taxes; on where the money goes that you pay to finance your city, county, state or federal government, and why. We feel that this is the most important function and duty of a newspaper in covering the news, because this source comes more closely to each and every man, woman and child than any other source. This being a Democracy, your government is run by YOU, and we believe that it is your right to know what goes on inside your government. Because this type of news involves more of our readers than any other, it comes first.

Second emphasis will be placed on schools and the churches, because they formulate and mould the character of the citizens who run your government and who are your neighbors, and because of their influence in the running of your government today. When we say "schools", we include what goes on within your Board of Education, in your Superintendent's office, in your schools, and this includes school sports and other student activities. Churches should always have a prominent place in a newspaper, because their spiritual influence is needed daily to keep the mental affairs of the community in balance for GOOD.

Third emphasis will be placed on what John, Mary and the rest of the folks are doing, with no favorites. We think that society or women's pages should be for everyone. More local folks will find their names in this newspaper than in any other.

Fourth emphasis will be placed on adult sports, veterans, lodge, union and club activities; civic affairs, and other news in accordance with their relative importance to life in the community.

Last emphasis will be on crime and the sordid news of the community which should not exist, the publication of which helps no one, and often hurts many, particularly younger people and children. The sensational treatment of news by most newspapers is an insult to the intelligence of the readers. Further, most folks want peace of mind when they sit down to read. More people read this newspaper than any other local newspaper.

Harbor Freeway Plans Are Revealed By City Officials

Moves by groups to reroute the proposed Harbor Freeway came to a halt, as Los Angeles officials released actual information this week.

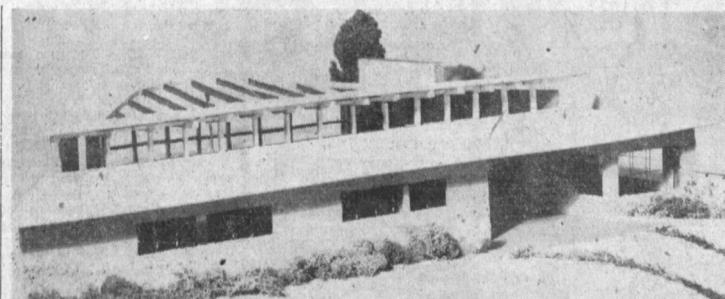
"The route taken at present by the proposed Freeway," according to Charles Chandler, park-

way location engineer, "will travel down what roughly would be Hoover street, if that street were completed through to the Harbor. Except for minor changes which have been made, and for minor changes which may occur in the future, the route will remain fundamentally the same, although plans are still in the preliminary stages and will be under study for several years."

Several unofficial news releases have disclosed that the Freeway would follow Figueroa street down to 101 highway, but Chandler pointed out that at no time has Figueroa street been contemplated as a possible route.

"A Freeway is designed to supplement an existing street, not to supersede it. Figueroa street in its present state is not wide enough to handle a Freeway, and boulevard frontage is much more expensive to purchase than land some distance away. Therefore it would be

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PICTURED ABOVE is a model of the proposed Y.W.C.A. which was constructed by two Torrance High School students, Edward Forcier and Bob Yoes under the direction of Mr. Halm, teacher of architecture. The building as tentatively planned would cost approximately \$25,000. Part of the money needed to build such a building has already been raised by the Junior Women's Club of Torrance. The 1950 Queen contest, launched by Saturday's parade, has as its purpose the raising of additional funds.

Election Contest Filed Tuesday By Benstead

The election contest of Victor E. Benstead, Jr., who in the voting of April 11 for the City Council, polled 114 votes to 1421 for Willy Blount, according to the official canvass, now is pending in Superior Court.

Filed Tuesday by Attorney Albert Isen, the contest must lie dormant until May 18 before any official action can be taken by the court. This is to allow time, under election laws, for other contests to be filed.

Benstead contests the right of Blount to the office, and the statement filed Tuesday reads: "That the particular grounds of this contest are as follows:

"1. That there were eight candidates for said two offices of City Councilmen, including contestant and defendant; that the City Council of the City of Torrance at its adjourned regular meeting on April 18, 1950, canvassed the votes at said election and passed resolution number 2061, and in said resolution declared the results of said general Municipal election, declaring that Harvey B. Spelman, Jr. was elected Councilman for the full term with 1,572 votes, and that Willy G. Blount, defendant herein, was elected Councilman for the full term with 1,421 votes, and that Victor E. Benstead, Jr., contestant herein, received 1,414 votes. That the other candidates for the two offices and votes received by each of them, according to said canvass of votes, are as follows: Adalbert J. Patronsky, 749 votes; George W. Downing, 659 votes; C. Ed Jones, 693 votes; Frank Schmidt, 571 votes; and Carmelo S. Mirabella, 224 votes.

"Contestant is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief alleges the fact to be that the greater number of legal votes and ballots cast at said election were for contestant herein, rather than for the defendant, and that at said election, contestant received more of the votes cast for the office of

Cooperation Urged for Newsboys

TORRANCE—The Press urges all its readers who are living in Torrance, Shoestring Strip, and Hammerton Tract to cooperate with the newsboy who has been assigned to your district. He is a little merchant who is in business for himself. He is being trained to be courteous and to earn money for himself.

The Press suggests to its readers that a compensation of 10 cents per month for their newsboys. Whatever he collects he keeps for himself, therefore he will be eager to please you by giving you porch or door handle delivery.

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only such votes as were legal and entitled to be counted had been counted for the defendant, contestant would have received a higher number of votes than defendant.

"That had the legal ballots cast in said precincts been properly counted, contestant would have received a higher number of votes than Willy G. Blount, and entitled to be declared elected to said office of City Councilman.

"WHEREFORE, contestant prays that a citation be issued to the said Willy G. Blount, and that proceedings be had pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, and that the ballots cast at said election in said precincts be opened and a recount taken, and that this contestant be declared duly elected a City Councilman of the City of Torrance."

Council Will Survey Dump; Closing Asked

The city council Tuesday night agreed to visit the city dump on Piasa del Amo at Western avenue with the view of closing it as a health menace.

Petitions of residents of the area, particularly in the new Kettler Knolls section, asked that the dump be closed because it is too close to their homes. They (Continued on Page Four)

3 Can Firms Plan Plants In Harbor Area

TORRANCE—Three can companies are in the process of establishing factories in the important harbor district, but no apparent effort has been made by Torrance to secure any of them. They will serve the important fish packing and fruit packing industries of the south land, and railroad trackage such as Torrance has was one of the greatest needs.

Continental Can Co. last week applied to the Los Angeles harbor board of commissioners for permission to erect a \$2,000,000 plant on Terminal Island near Fish Harbor.

American Can Co. already is planning a plant near Torrance. A third can company has expressed interest in locating in the harbor area and is expected to seek a lease of harbor department property.

Continental Can Co. officials at Los Angeles indicated work on a two-story plant and warehouse would begin in early July if their application for leasing six acres of T.I. land is approved.

Nutrition Lecture

TORRANCE—A series of four lectures on "Health Through Nutrition," by Adelle Davis Leisey, lecturer, educator and nutritionist, beginning April 20, will be sponsored by San Pedro Evening High school, according to Glenn N. Gardiner, principal.

Out-of-town gambling interests who want to keep marble games in Torrance got a set back Tuesday night at the City Council meeting when C. Douglas Smith, city attorney, reported on a high court decision that the games are gambling.

Smith said that he is preparing an ordinance abandoning the games entirely since hearing of that decision.

Previously he had been considering an ordinance to license the games for \$500 a year each.

The city council voted unanimously to abandon the games entirely a few weeks ago, and successful council candidates also said they are in favor of outlawing the games.

However, H. L. Sharkey of Compton in a letter to the council Tuesday night urged that the machines be regulated and licensed, stating that the "take" to the city would be \$25,000 a year in five years.

Opponents of the games object to the evil influence of the games on the youth of the community, and their constant use for gambling purposes.

The \$25,000 revenue potential would reflect an out-of-town "take" by the gambling interests of nearly \$500,000, it is alleged.

Said one parent to the Press: "Twenty-five thousand dollars against good morals of the community? It isn't worth it."

Borough Plan Study Begins

Preliminary work on the study of feasibility of the borough system for Los Angeles, and other cities, will get underway shortly, Assemblyman Vinée Thomas announced following his return from the special session at Sacramento.

The legislative committee, headed by Thomas, has accepted an offer of the UCLA political science division to do research on the proposal, he added.

The department, under the direction of Dean D. E. McHenry will study the facets of five major problems which confront the setting up of a borough form of government.

"This survey," Thomas said, "is not just to determine the plan as it might apply to Los Angeles but to all cities."

MAJOR PROBLEMS

1. Legislative difficulties involving the amending of the state constitution.
2. Decide local and general problems and enumerate them.
3. Study geographic division matters.
4. How the move would save the taxpayers money.
5. Consolidation of agencies and departments to prevent overlapping.

"The state in no way wants to control the cities and is not interested in so doing," Thomas added. "However, it is interested in whether the funds allocated by the state to the cities are spent efficiently, proportionately and judiciously."

Authorized

TORRANCE—County Board of Supervisors, at their regular meeting Tuesday, authorized the sale of 2,000,000 in Bonds for the Torrance Unified School District.

According to Raymond V. Darby, supervisor, bids will be opened May 23.

PRESS SPOTLIGHT

By ALEX WHITE



M. L. (Mike) FENWICK
Owensboro, a nice, little, city located on the Ohio River, one hundred thirty miles west of Louisville, in the Blue Grass State, was the birthplace of M. L. Fenwick. He received his education there from the Good Sisters of St. Francis Academy and secured his first position in the business that was destined to be his life work, in an Owensboro shoe store. His next move was to Louisville where he became an apprentice shoe builder for the carriage trade that could (Continued on Page Six)



A. G. (Jack) SCHILLING
Life started for A. G. Schilling at Denver, Colo., and there he lived during his school days and for the first few years of his business life. He did his elementary school work in Denver's public schools and graduated from the city's East High. During his high school years he made expense money by delivering the Denver Post. His business life started with employment in the production department of one of the many large sugar mills in the city but by 1921 he tired of (Continued on Page Six)

School Candidates Queried

TORRANCE—Four candidates for three offices on the Board of Education are going to have a lot of questions thrown at them during the several weeks remaining before the school board election on May 19, it is indicated by conversation among local citizens.

The four candidates are: Dr. Howard A. Wood, Mrs. Evelyn Carr, and Judge John F. Shidler, incumbents, and A. L. Jackson, former councilman.

Some of the questions which the candidates will be expected to answer are:

1. What is the candidates attitude toward teacher tenure?
2. Are male teachers being favored over female teachers?
3. Is the present heavy administrative load reflecting true economy to the taxpayers?
4. How many certified non-teacher employees are there on the staff at present, and how many more are contemplated?
5. What are these certified, non-teacher employees being paid a year, in total?
6. When does the contract of the superintendent expire?

Interest in this year's school election is somewhat greater than it has been in the past, it is shown by the type of inquiries which have been voiced.

The incumbent members of the Board of Education are Mrs. Grace Wright and Carl Steele.

Shoppers Shortcuts

By HAZEL KELLER

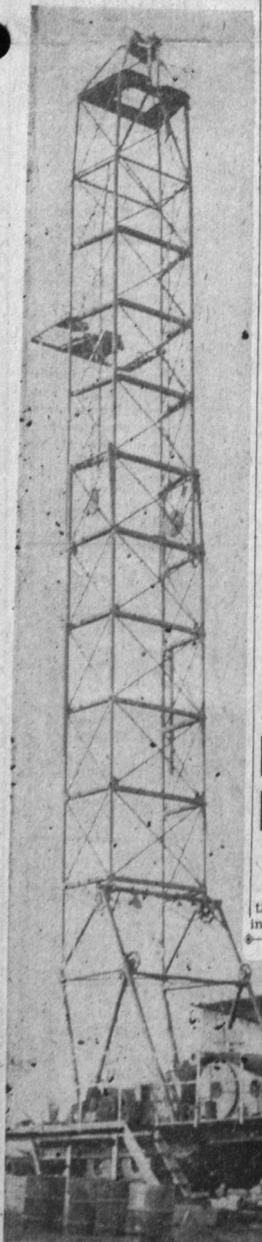
● The Advance Sale for Mothers' day gifts is now on at Benson's Shop, 1271 Sartori avenue in Torrance. Slips are on special at amazingly low prices and they look far more costly! Some frothy with lace and others in tailored styles—so beautiful, in finest crepes and satins of white and pastel shades detailed with exquisite trim. They're so wearable, designed for better fit and greater comfort. They have a budget plan that's keen, too, with no money down and four months to pay, if you desire that convenience. You may phone Torrance 2171 and place your order if there's a reason you can't get in.

● Fashion conscious women will appreciate the complimentary features and superb comfort in wearing qualities of the "Exquisite Form Brassieres" that combine the accentuated uplift with lovely rounded lines and marked lines of separation. Sizes range from a little below average to a little above. They come in white and teardrop in beautiful nylon, broadcloth, satin, strapless and all styles that keep you "figure perfect" in every costume. As usual you will find them priced low at Levy's Department Store, 1311 Sartori Avenue in Torrance. You may phone Torrance 121W for further information.

● Renee Sport Shop presents Ship 'n' Shore play clothes in seven-piece sets or separate pieces to provide mix matchers for your vacation out of door pleasure. Sturdy "California Denims" offer the comfort of pedal pushers, shorts, midriffs, new sun caps, jackets, and halters in brilliant plaids, stripes, and blue garments. See them at 1327 Sartori avenue in Torrance, next to the Torrance National bank.

DING HOW, Chinese food restaurant at 1852 Cabrillo and Car. (Continued on Page Four)

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