



TORRANCE RETAIL DISTRICT GROWS — Torrance's retail district grows as the population expands in the many new home districts. Here, the Press photographer presents a graphic story of new El Prado and Sartori avenue structures. From left to right are shown Sam Levy's building occupied

by the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., which is being enlarged, equipped with new fixtures and readied for a grand reopening; Frank's Furniture, a new store, inset is George Binder's new building on Van de Kamp's former parking lot; next is the new McCown Drug Store, with May-

flower Dress Shop, which will have its grand opening August 10, adjoining. Then is Sidney Kales new Children's Shop and other store space in a Binder group. Inset is the corner of the J. J. Newberry Co. store which is being enlarged by almost one-third. Last is the new structure being erected by Adams

Dress Shop on Sartori avenue. A. & P. is open for business during the remodeling. These are but a few of the new business structures being constructed in Torrance.

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# HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA BUS LINE SAVED

## City Loses Dairy Court Action

### Owner Wins Right To Run Business

Peter Nuccio may operate his dairy on 182nd street near Yukon avenue, according to a memorandum decision by Superior Judge Julius V. Petrosso.

In the law suit against the City of Torrance and members of the city council, Judge Petrosso ruled "the defendant city and is stopped from revoking its action of March 14, 1950, granting an extension of the non-conforming use."

The Council had on March 14 authorized the plaintiffs to conduct a dairy on the property in question, the records show. The court found that the Council was legally authorized to take this action notwithstanding the disapproval of the application by the City Planning Commission.

However, the Council later purported to rescind the action taken on March 14, but meanwhile, the plaintiffs had expended the sum of about \$2000 in readying the premises for use as a dairy.

**EVIDENCE LACKING**  
Judge Petrosso said in his memorandum decision, handed to Donald Armstrong, attorney for the plaintiffs as a guide to the preparation of findings and judgment: "The court finds that there has been no discontinuance of the nonconforming use of the premises in question for dairy purposes. . . . The court is clearly of the view that the evidence here fails to establish that either the plaintiffs or their predecessor intended to abandon the existing right to continue the non-conforming use which had attached to the property by reason of its use as a dairy at the time (Continued on Page 12)

### Local Woman Reported Missing

Reported missing last Sunday afternoon by her husband is Mrs. Dorothy Ferrar of 18529 Amie Street, Torrance.

Mr. Ferrar reported that his wife left home Sunday afternoon for Redondo Beach in their 1941 Dodge sedan, license number 33T295. Mrs. Ferrar is 42 years old and is said to have been wearing gabardine slacks and a white blouse when last seen.

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## PARKING ENFORCEMENT DRAWS FIRE

### Gambling Hearing Set For August 15

The City Council was silent on gambling matters in Torrance Tuesday night, except for a notation on the letter of City Manager George Stevens that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 8:30 to 9 p.m., on the matter of the final passage of the ordinance to ban pinball machines.

The ordinance has been adopted for the first reading, but then gambling interests got busy and the Council failed to adopt it for the second reading on July 25. At the hearing, out-of-town proponents of gambling will make a plea for their lucrative "business" which each week is taking thousands of dollars of money from players of the "skill" games. Meanwhile, business with the games is flourishing, and payoffs over the counter continue as if the machines were not "on the spot."

Parent-Teacher groups, the Torrance Council of Churches and the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee are backing abandonment of the games, because they are openly used for gambling and because school children are allowed to play them. Hundreds of private citizens are supporting the organizations.

The Press, in listing the out-of-town owners of bars, taverns, liquor stores and restaurants who seek to keep the games inadvertently listed Robert L. Cunningham, of Cunningham's Cafe, 825 Border avenue, as an out-of-town resident. He now is a Torrance resident.

### Burning Causes Complaints

Burning at the city dump on Plaza del Amo and Western avenue over the week-end caused many complaints to be registered by residents east of the dump.

The dump is supposed to be a "cut and cover" one, and not used for burning, it was pointed out. "The city is under orders from the smog authorities not to burn refuse there."

### Site for Harbor Incinerator Set

The long fight over the location of a site for the harbor area incinerator was settled.

The city council, by unanimous vote, approved an ordinance designating the site on city-owned property north of Harbor Parkway and east of Gaffey Street.

Councilman George Moore, of Wilmington, who sponsored the measure, said the property comprises about 60 acres.

### City Bans Union Dues Check-Off

Torrance City Council Tuesday night moved to discontinue the collection of union dues from city employees for Local 360, United Public Workers of America, "until such time as city employees members have severed their affiliation with the United Public Workers of America who have been declared to be Communist controlled."

The motion offered by Councilman Willy Blount carried four to one, with Councilman Nick Drale dissenting.

### LA COUNTY RENT CONTROLS TO BE LIFTED SOON

Within five to 15 days, rent controls will be lifted in Los Angeles County incorporated areas, said Supervisor John Anson Ford.

Area Rent Director Ben C. Koepke will issue the decontrol order as soon as clarification of details comes from Federal Housing Expediter Tighe Wood in Washington. The board of supervisors has rescinded a previous order for a public hearing on rents slated for Aug. 15.

Koepke said tenants have telephoned and personally brought notices of rent increases averaging \$26 a month. The lowest reported increase was 20 per cent and the highest was 300 per cent. Koepke said, and the greatest number of reported increases was in the \$30-to-\$50 bracket.

### Fishing Boat

Orville Wike of San Pedro is quite elated over the success of his sports fishing boat and plans on making more trips out to lure the wily fish into his lair.

### Injured

Mrs. Martha Carter of 2167 West 250th Street, Lomita, is suffering from some broken ribs as result of an accident while she was at work.

### Joins Staff



Joining the staff this week as Society and Club Editor is Miss Edith L. Pavin.

Miss Pavin, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at the University of California at Los Angeles June, 1950, is a winner of this year's Shirley Robbins Poetry Prize Competition. This contest includes competition from seven campuses of the University of California. Her winning contribution was a sonnet, entitled "Morning Meditations."

Miss Pavin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Pavin of Redondo Beach, and is a graduate of Redondo Union High School.

### Trailer Ordinance Opposed

Stating its position, the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters Association, Inc., according to Mrs. Lillian Cameron, secretary, asserted that it is against a proposed trailer ordinance drawn up by the County.

Yet to come up before the Board of Supervisors, the ordinance prohibits property owners to keep trailers on their lots longer than six months, said Mrs. Cameron. Many owners of trailers will be forced to rent space for their trailers, even though their own property lots be more than ample.

### Plane Trip

Mrs. Mary Schroeder of 1803 Border Avenue and grandson made a plane trip to San Francisco to visit with Mrs. Schroeder's son and family for the coming two weeks.

### Rigid Regulation Hurts Local Trade

Too-rigid enforcement of Torrance automobile parking restrictions by an over-zealous "traffic department" is causing Torrance merchants to lose many thousands of dollars in business a day.

This is the opinion of Torrance merchants and motorists who have observed or who have become the victims of the at times fanatic activity of the "department."

Said one merchant, "They don't give customers enough time to get their shopping done, and it takes only one 'ticket' to cause them to shun Torrance."

Another old-timer said, "Torrance is getting a reputation like Orange County and Vernon had years ago. People just did not drive there because of the rigid enforcement of the traffic laws."

So many merchants spoke to the Press about it, that a reporter was assigned to watch the "enforcement" of the parking laws, to talk to those who got tickets and determine their attitude. Here is the result:

Case No. 1: A salesman who lives in Torrance but whose ter-

### Airport Operation Rules In Effect

While Torrance Municipal Airport may be taken over by the Army Air Forces again for military use, the City Council has adopted regulations designed to make it the "safest and best" regulated airport in California.

Flight rules and regulations suggested by the Civil Aeronautics Authority for a more efficient and less hazardous operation were included in an urgency ordinance now in effect.

For the information of airmen and others who frequent the airport, and that those who live near the airport may know the rules which guide the planes, the Press prints them in full here:

### Local PE Employee Retires

Ellsworth E. Barkdull climaxed over 30 years of continuous service with the Pacific Electric Railway Co. this week by announcing his retirement and receiving a wrist watch from fellow employees at a farewell gathering.

Starting with PE in 1920 as a carpenter and later working as an electro-plater, wireman and air brake machinist, Barkdull resided in Torrance for 15 years before moving to his present address, 435 Eighth St., Hermosa Beach, four years ago.

"I enjoyed my work with PE right from the start," recalls Barkdull. "I believe my proudest moment was receiving a commendation during World War II for a time-saving suggestion."

A native of Big Rapids, Mich., Barkdull, 65, is a past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and a member of the Woodmen of America.

He and his wife plan to sell their Hermosa Beach home and purchase a ranch home in Porterville, Calif., where Barkdull will raise chickens and "just relax and fish."

## 275 Residents Hit Curtailment

Following the presentation of petitions bearing 275 names, the City Council Tuesday night agreed to continue the Torrance Municipal Bus service to Seaside Ranchos and Hollywood Riviera.

Mayor Bob Haggard joined Councilmen George Powell and Nick Drale in voting in favor of continuance of the line. Councilman Harvey Spelman, himself a Seaside Rancho resident, and Councilman Willy Blount, of North Torrance, voted "no"—disregarding the petition. The petition was presented by H. S. Gray, of Hollywood Riviera, who several times recently has made a point of the fact that opponents of the bus line headed by W. A. Mason do not represent the viewpoint of the area, and his petition proved his point. Mason likes Redondo Beach buses better, it was said.

While the line may be operated at a loss for a time, it was pointed out that interest shown in the petition indicates that it will have patronage sufficient to meet its cost in the near future.

There was no action on the Harbor City-Harbor Hills-East Lomita bus service curtailment, as representatives did not appear with their petitions.

## Local 1414 Bans Peace Pledge

Condemning the Stockholm Peace Pledge as Communist inspired and praising President Truman and the United Nations for their action in South Korea, the following resolution of the C.I.O. Council was adopted by Local 1414, United Steelworkers of America, C.I.O., at its last meeting:

### RESOLUTION ON "STOCKHOLM PEACE PLEDGE"

"WHEREAS, Communists and their stooges are circulating so-called 'Stockholm Peace Pledge' petitions in goose-step response to the Communist Party propaganda line laid down by Soviet Russia, and"

WHEREAS, these petitions actually are a Communist propaganda weapon intended to aid totalitarian Soviet Russia's hot war against freedom and democracy everywhere, and"

WHEREAS, the Communists' real attitude toward peace is at work in Southern Korea, where at this very moment American servicemen are being killed by Communist bombs and bullets, and"

WHEREAS, these so-called peace petitions are not intended to promote peace—they are intended to promote Soviet Russia's foreign policy of unprovoked aggression and imperialistic expansion, and exploit (Continued on Page 12)

## City Refused Dump Site

Plans of the city to acquire the two and one-half acre "hole-in-the-ground" at the old brick yard on Plaza del Amo east of Border avenue for a dump have been halted by the refusal of owners to sell just the "hole," according to City Manager George Stevens.

Residents of the Kettler Knolls area nearby protested plans to buy the entire 10-acre tract for the dump, and the city admits it wants just the "hole." The owners, however, insist that the entire 10 acres, in order to get the hole.

Other plans under study to secure the hole include condemnation proceedings, or purchase of the tract by a third party who in turn would lease the hole to the city for a dump until it is completely filled and covered.

## 50 Men Get Ready for Active Duty

Nearly 50 Torrance members of the California National Guard are winding up their civilian affairs preparatory to entering the federal service on or about Sept. 1.

Units of the 878 Engineer Combat Battalion, stationed at Torrance Municipal Airport, are drilling three nights a week in preparation for induction into the U. S. Army. They are Headquarters, and Headquarters and Service Company, and Company A. The 578th is a part of the 40th division.

Enlisted men from Torrance who have been ordered to active duty for federal service were listed by headquarters of the 578th E.C. battalion as follows: CWO James T. Wells, M/Sgt. Roy McCaskey, M/Sgt. James F. Wilkes, M/Sgt. Don Townsend, M/Sgt. Aaron O. Vaughan.

SFC Neal Silence, SFC Glenn A. Price, Sgt. Milton A. Youngken, Sgt. Charles W. Hill, Sgt. Norman P. Baker, Pfc. David L. Baker, Ret. Cameron Selover, Pvt. Elton R. Russell, Cpl. James W. Blackwell, Pfc. Bob J. Bisbee, Pfc. John Bourgeault.

Sgt. George A. Larson, Sgt. Robert H. Fuller, Cpl. Jimmie L. Turner, Pfc. Jack Rambo, Pfc. Homer Armagost, Pvt. Carl J. Armagost, Cpl. Rudy Q. Flores, Pfc. Benny Q. Flores, Ret. Raul R. Almeida, Ret. Richard Viveros, Ret. Dalph Ornelas, Ret. Daniel Villa, Ret. Mike Martinez, Ret. Dick Valdez.

Pfc. Wilfred Guadiana, Pfc. Bequin Vega, Jr., Ret. Robert Bellhouse, Pvt. Elton Russell, Ret. Gary Hale, Ret. Sunao Omatsu, Ret. Milton McNew, Pvt. Kenneth Fagan, Pvt. Kenneth Camp.

## Stroh to Serve As Policewoman

Lucille Stroh has been appointed to serve as policewoman, effective August 1, 1950, and that her compensation be at the rate set for the third step under the classification.

### New Baby

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson of Kettler Knolls are the proud parents of a baby boy, born at the Torrance Memorial Hospital on July 29th. Mother and baby are now at home and ready to receive callers.

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