

CITY WORKERS' UNION RAPS COUNCIL STAND

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"FOR PARK MAINTENANCE—Torrance, 184 to \$221; Compton, \$220 to \$240.
"FOR GARAGE ATTENDANT—Torrance, \$193 to \$231;

Compton, \$225 to \$250.
"The city employees, as a whole, have not received a salary increase in over two years. In the meantime commodity and food costs have increased appreciably and continue to do so. As a result the lower bracket employees are being subjected to hardships because of the low rates.

"The lowest starting rate for labor in this area is \$1.19 per hour. The hourly rate of a number of the lower bracket employees of Torrance ranges from \$1.06 per hour to \$1.14 per hour. So in comparison with another city of less assessed valuation and with private enterprise there is an appreciable inequity.

"However, at the top Torrance pays more: the City Manager receives \$10,000 per year, while the Compton City Manager receives from \$7,200 to \$7,800 per year.

NO REDUCTIONS

"We do not advocate a reduction in salary for anyone but we do advocate an equitable rate for all brackets.

"Upon presentation of facts and figures the Council made the statement that they would take the matter under consideration and notify us of their decision. However, upon the close of our meeting they proceeded immediately into the Council Chambers and convened in regular session.

"During the meeting a motion was made by Councilman Drale to allow all employees 11 holidays, this to adjust the inequity existing because of clerical workers receiving 11 holidays and manual workers receiving only seven. The motion was seconded

by Councilman Powell. Upon vote Drale and Powell voted yes; Councilmen Blount, Spelman and Haggard voted no.

"A second motion was then introduced by Councilman Drale to advance all employees one step in the five step plan now in effect in Torrance. Again seconded by Councilman Powell. Upon vote Councilmen Blount, Spelman and Haggard voted no.

"We are inclined to wonder where they had time and opportunity to discuss these matters. "This might be likened to a jury that made up their minds the defendant was guilty in advance and even when presented with incontrovertible evidence as to the defendant's innocence still returned a verdict of guilty.

"Neither of the above seem just and democratic procedure to us."

30 New Homes To Be Built By Kettler

Now under construction at various locations here by Kettler Knolls, Inc., of Torrance are a total of 30 new homes.

John E. Kettler, head of the homebuilding company, said 26 are under construction at President Ave. and Palos Verdes Dr. north, and four more are being built at Senator Ave. and 257th St.

All homes are two-bedroom frame stucco dwellings, Kettler said, and will be completed within two months.

2456 Now Unemployed Street Lights for Kettler Knolls Will Save Homeowners \$135.00

Unemployment hit the Torrance area with a total of 2456 unemployed and seeking work, the Torrance State Employment office announced this week.

The area included in this figure includes Gardena, Lomita, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and adjacent territories.

Of the above figure, 1020 are women and 1436, men. 37 percent of the men are veterans.

These applicants are classified as follows:

June	July	August	Professional — includes accountants, industrial chemists, industrial, chemical and mechanical engineers, musicians and other entertainers, draftsmen.
126	138	156	Clerical—includes bookkeepers, cashiers, inventory clerks, posting clerks, grocery checkers, general office clerks, receptionists, comptometer operators, payroll clerks, shipping and receiving clerks, typists, stock clerks, telephone operators.
435	438	451	Sales people.
205	169	169	Service—includes domestic day workers, bartenders, chambermaids, dinner cooks, fry cooks, waitresses, dishwashers, kitchen helpers, practical nurses, watchmen, guards, fanitors.
385	319	298	Skilled—includes machinists, sheet metal workers, boiler-makers, structural iron workers, welders, electricians, carpenters, painters, pipefitters, auto mechanics.
621	548	458	Semi-skilled—includes various machine operators, assemblers, routmen, truck drivers, laundry and dry cleaning workers, service station workers.
484	430	359	Labor—includes a variety of skilled and unskilled labor.
369	338	363	
2859	2717	2456	

Rev. Pedersen On Vacation

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Pedersen, pastors of the Torrance Foursquare Church located at 1207 El Prado, left Sunday with their family for a vacation at Yellowstone National Park. They will be gone for two weeks and during their absence, Mrs. Martha Bell, a graduate of L.I.F.E. Bible College will have charge of the Wednesday night services.

Robert Byers, the church youth leader will conduct the Friday night services and guest ministers will conduct the two Sunday services.

Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Pierce, noted musicians will render beautiful music and preach both at 10:45 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 20th. They play the marimba, xylophone as well as sing and preach. Sunday, Aug. 27th, Rev. Frances Luddington will speak.

An association has been formed in the newest addition of Kettler Knolls, Tracts 4 and 5, named the Knolls Homeowners Association.

The area includes the following streets: Marinette, Santa Fe, Martha and Calamar. Immediate purpose of this organization is to secure street lights.

California Edison Company will install suitable street lights at a cost not to exceed \$15 per homeowner. Maintenance of the street lights, which will burn continuously during the night, will be under the city's department of streets and services. In the event that this project does not receive the cooperation of the residents of the above

area, the city will eventually install lights and assess each homeowner approximately \$150. Confirmation of these facts may be obtained by contacting George Stevens, Torrance City Manager.

Residents of this area will be called upon by a member of the committee who will solicit payments for street lights not to exceed \$15. One hundred percent cooperation will result in lower cost and a rebate to every participating resident.

Chillington to Speak to B'nai B'rith Tonight

Featured speaker at the South Bay area branch B'nai B'rith meeting, 8:30 o'clock tonight at the Gardena Teen-Age Center, 1652 Market Street, Gardena, will be Joseph Chillington.

Chillington was a chaplain in World War II.

The public is invited to attend tonight's joint men and women's meeting.

Refreshments will be served.

Holds Potluck Dinner Tonite

Starting at 6:30 o'clock this evening, the Lomita Area Fuchsia branch of California Fuchsia Society will hold its meeting at the VFW Hall, located on Lomita Blvd., in Lomita.

Following the dinner will be a round table discussion on fuchsias.

At 9 p.m., following the discussion, will be a drawing for a lath house and about 50 additional prizes, donated by local nurserymen and hardware stores.

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