

ALONDRA ANNEXATION MOVE DROPPED

BUS SERVICE COSTS ONLY 5¢ MONTH

Deficit Found Trifling

It cost the average home owner in Torrance a total of five cents to provide bus service for all the people of Torrance to Los Angeles, Long Beach, El Nido, El Camino College, Kettler Knolls, Hollywood Riviera, Walteria and Seaside Ranchos, in the month of February. It cost the average home owner a total of one and one half cents to pay the deficit on the line to Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos, which the City Council cancelled on motion of Councilman Harvey Spelman (who lives in Seaside Ranchos), at the last Council meeting.

The City of Torrance made a net profit of \$1,795.68 on operations of the Los Angeles line during the month of February.

There was a total loss of \$3073.82 on other lines during that short month.

The net loss was \$1,278.14, according to computations made from figures of Bus Superintendent Marshall Chamberlain.

This net loss amounts to one-fourth cent per \$100 assessed valuation.

The cost to Mr. Average Home- (Continued on Page Two)

LIONS MAGIC SHOW HERE APRIL 14

It won't be long now before the Magic Wonder Show being brought to the Torrance Civic Auditorium, 10:30 a.m., April 14, by the Lions Club gets nearer to showtime. This "Modern Magic and Old Fashioned Fun" show is being sponsored by the Lions as a benefit show for underprivileged children of Torrance.

Audience participation, prizes, beautiful girls, music and good clean fun for all the family will be featured, along with such spectacular mysteries as "The Mad Doctor's Dream," the extravagant production hailed as the "Fantasy of the Flowers," and "The Magical Mortons," magicians.

One of the highlights of the performance will be a series of contests in which local youngsters and adults may participate for generous prizes. Specially arranged Hammond electric organ (Continued on Page Two)

YMCA Moves Into New Locale Today

The YMCA is moving today — right into its new location, the former VFW hall at 2080 Washington Ave., announced Milt Isbell, executive secretary of the YMCA.

The YMCA office was formerly located at 1105 Sartori Ave.

The new Y location was purchased for a fraction of its cost from the VFW by the YMCA, said Isbell.

The first big event to initiate the new Y headquarters will be a "Learn to Swim" awards presentation 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, to which 200 boys and their parents are invited to attend.

All the Y boys and girls clubs will meet in the newly acquired YMCA building.

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'Nix' to Park Plan Oil Company Says

The Alondra Park annexation deal is off. The Press learned that members of the City Council (except Councilman Nick Draie who was not invited) had a meeting in the office of a big oil company in Los Angeles and were talked out of the deal to annex the valuable park, with its golf course, swimming pool, clubhouse, and our own El Camino College.

\$1,143,000 BUILDING PACE HOLDS

The tide of building for Torrance continues to hit the monthly \$1,000,000 mark as \$1,143,820 building permits were issued during last month of this year, according to city hall records. The month's building permits, however, show a slight slump in comparison with the \$1,595,942 worth issued during March, 1950.

The year's total for the first three months of 1950 and 1951 show a neck and neck competition with this year's permits leading 1950 by less than \$1,000. Permits issued this year amounted to \$3,863,580, while those issued during the first three months of 1950 amounted to \$3,662,827.

Torrance Out As Site For Worlds Fair

It is not very likely that the World Transportation Fair, once planned to be in Torrance, and not receiving the Arcadia City Council nod, will return here, according to Ira W. Curry, producer of the extravaganza.

Curry said that the \$5000 government restriction, and Torrance not having the necessary facilities already built, the return of the Fair here is not very likely. At Arcadia, Curry has facilities to seat 80,000 persons already built.

However, at the objection of residents in the area to the Fair and the \$175,000 promised to the city if the Fair is held there, the Arcadia City Council voted down Curry's application for a permit, stating that it did not conform to the city business license ordinance. Curry, however, stated that he will re-submit his request for a permit.

Clerks' Union Accepts Offer Of Pay Raise

An agreement was reached Tuesday in the strike-threatening situation between the AFL Retail Clerks Union and several hundred food employers in a large area centering in Long Beach and including all of Orange County.

The union accepted the employers' proposal to increase clerks' wages \$4.50 a week, retroactive to last Sunday, and on May 1 to begin putting \$2 per employee per week into a welfare fund. The basic clerk's wage now is \$65 a week.

A contract between the union and employers expired last Sunday and union officials had been given authority to call a strike for a \$5 a week pay increase they said.

Daylight Saving Starts April 29

The fine warm weather, coupled with the urge toward spring gardening, has stirred anew the question: "When does daylight saving start?"

The answer is: "Sunday, April 29th."

Officially, in the East as well as in California, the daylight saving season opens on the last Sunday of April and not, as some think, on the fourth Sunday.

It ends on the last Sunday of September.

Complaints of Perry School Voiced

Complaints that sanitary conditions at the Perry Street School are not up to health standards and are being neglected by the Torrance Unified School Board were voiced Tuesday night to the Board members by mothers of children attending the school. A letter from the group was also read to the Board.

Spokesman of the group of seven, Mrs. H. L. McGeachey, 4339 W. 179th St., Torrance, complained particularly about lack of ventilation in the auditorium, lack of screens in the building, lack of privacy in the lavatories as well as the need of painting and cleaning of the building.

School Superintendent J. H. (Continued on Page Two)

Bill to Allow Borough Rule Passes, 67-0

A bill proposing a constitutional amendment to allow creation of boroughs in any part of a city was approved by the Assembly, last Thursday, March 29, 67-0.

If the Senate concurs, the measure by Assemblyman Vin- (Continued on Page Two)

(Editorial) BAD POLICY

Torrance Municipal Bus Lines were established for the convenience of the people of Torrance. It never was intended that they should make a profit. No municipal agency should make a profit off its operations.

The City Councilman who has deprived his neighbor of a bus line perhaps has not lived in Torrance long enough to know this. His inexperience in public life perhaps has deprived him of the knowledge that government is FOR THE PEOPLE.

The man in the big office who gives him orders, however, does know. But we happen to know that this man is one of those who wanted to turn the bus lines over to private operators, and almost did until stopped by W. J. B. Hughes and his lawsuit, a few years ago.

New residents of Torrance don't know this, and Mr. Spelman is a new resident. But he should have been told by his advisor.

We of the Torrance Press grant that the Hollywood Riviera bus line was not making a profit. Yet, it cost the average taxpayer only one and one-fourth cents (total) to run the line throughout February.

We insist that you don't progress by going backward, and you cannot promote the retail trade from that wealthy area by deliberately handing it to Redondo Beach.

Private bus operators do pioneer that area, and they lose money, too. Perhaps they CANNOT afford that.

But the municipality CAN afford to lose money, because it is for the convenience of the people and the people pay the bill.

The City of Torrance owes it to the business men of the community to PIONEER that territory. The business will not come if you do not go after it. The cost of pioneering is small, as told in the bus operations story on this page.

We feel that the City of Torrance owes it to the business men of the community to give better bus service to ALL SECTIONS of Torrance. Thousands of homes are being built in outlying areas.

Bring these people to Torrance. They will come if provided convenient bus service.

The community will prosper; the sales tax fund will grow.

Youth Band 'Fun Festival' Here Now

The "Torrance Fun Festival", a gayly lighted midway of thrill rides, concessions and entertainment, got under way this Wednesday night, April 4th and run through Sunday, April 8th.

The show is located on a huge lot at the corner of Cravens and Engstrom just south of the Stone and Myers Mortuary.

This lavish spectacle is sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands and is a repeat performance of the event staged last year by the Torrance Lions and Optimist Clubs. Proceeds from this week's event will be used to defray the expenses of the Youth Band's "Fifth Annual Band Benefit Parade" to be staged in Torrance on May 19th.

The Midway attractions include rides for kids of all ages. Included are a Ferris wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Fly-a-Plane, Tilt-A-Whirl, Roller Coaster and many others.

The Midway will include special entertainment nightly and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Thursday nights entertainment will include a concert at 9:00 p.m. of the S. P. E. B. S. Q. S. A. Barber Shop Chorus directed by Bud Bartholomew, Friday night at 8:00 p.m., Andy Alexander and his famous trick horse "Tony" will give a show. On Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. the Youth Band will play a concert. (Continued on Page Two)

Moore Faces Runoff For Council Post

Councilman George Moore, of the 15th district of Los Angeles, faces a run-off with John S. Gibson, San Pedro contractor, in his race for reelection to the Los Angeles City Council. They were running neck and neck as returns poured in.

Moore represents the Harbor Area and shoestring strip as well as South Los Angeles on the City Council. Bob Hillyer, San Pedro liquor store owner, was out of the race, polling only one-fourth of the votes cast.

Los Angeles bond issues were debated.



TOP CONTENDERS—for the Torrance Queen of 1951 are, left to right, Pat Merola, Zola Bellwood, and Sandy Gulbranson. As of the latest known vote tallies, Pat leads the race with Zola following closely behind her. Sandy is third in the competition. Coronation of the Queen will take place at the Coronation Ball this Saturday evening at the Torrance Municipal Auditorium. —All Photos By Dixie Lee Studio.



"HERE'S A DUMP THE CITY OF TORRANCE CAN USE"—says Councilman Nick Draie as he points to the far end of the Standard Oil dump isolated from any residential area on the Standard Oil property. The portion of the dump shown in the photograph is the section thus far used for dumping purposes. —Torrance Press Photo.

Dump Protestants Want Border Avenue Paved

Action to close the City Dump and private dump adjoining took a new turn this week as residents along Border avenue from Plaza del Amo to Lincoln avenue planned action to require the city to pave the street in front of their homes to its full width.

"This is a serious matter," said Howard V. Perkins, "and that street as it is now is actually dangerous to life and property."

"Not only is it dangerous because it is only two lanes wide, and parking is permitted on one side, but it is a menace to life due to the increased traffic caused by new housing development in the southeast section of Torrance."

"More important, the condition of the street and that dump on the vacant property which we were promised would be made into a recreation area when we bought here are killing property values," Perkins continued.

Border avenue is the only outlet direct to Torrance for the hundreds of homes in the Kettler and Budget Homes tracts located north of Sepulveda boulevard, between Border avenue and Western avenue, he pointed out, and Border is paved only a half-width for the distance from Plaza del Amo to Santa Fe avenue.

"I remember the City Council promised to widen and pave Border avenue six months ago," said another property owner on the unsightly street. "But then, they promised to clean up and close the dump too, and have done nothing that we can see. I should think that those four Councilmen would take their duty to their people more seriously. Nick Draie can't do it alone, and they vote him down every time he tries to do something for us."

Meanwhile, the "ruling" members of the Council have been studying the dump situation, and (Continued on Page Two)

'51 Torrance Queen To Be Crowned Sat.

Suspense heightens as the question, "Who will be Miss Torrance of 1951?" gets closer to the answer.

Coronation of the still unknown Torrance queen for 1951 will be held this Saturday evening, April 7, at the Torrance Municipal Auditorium at which time Miss Torrance of 1951 will be publicly announced.

As of the last known vote results, according to William A. Zoeller, local certified public accountant, leading in the race was Pat Merola with 33,666 points. She was closely followed in the competition by Zola Bellwood who only lagged behind Pat by 255 points. Taking a third place was Sandy Gulbranson with 30,209 points. The contest closed midnight Saturday, March 31.

As of Tuesday, March 27, the 1951 contest, sponsored by the Junior Women's Club, had raised \$1,543.33 all of which will be used by the Juniors to add to the YWCA building fund. A new "YW" building is being constructed. (Continued on Page Two)

Death of Rev. Lingerfelter Mourned Here

One of Torrance's best known and loved humanitarians, Rev. Benjamin H. Lingerfelter, 85 years, passed away last Monday at a Hermosa Beach sanatorium.

Rev. Lingerfelter was injured in an accident several weeks ago from which he suffered injuries till his death.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, April 6, at the Stone and Myers Chapel. Rev. Cecil J. England of the First Christian Church will officiate. Interment will be at the Inglewood Park Cemetery with graveside services by Rev. England.



HOW ABOUT A KISS, JOSEPHINE?—and Josephine, the mascot seal of District 12 of the Junior Chamber of Commerce complies with the request as she bestows Howard Percy, Torrance Jaycee with a kiss. Josephine was dedicated as a mascot by the Torrance Junior Chamber for the 1952 Jaycee meeting at Catalina Island. The photograph was taken at the District 12 meeting of the Junior Chambers held at El Segundo last Thursday night, March 29. Twenty-seven Torrance Jaycees attended the meeting. Howard Percy is a candidate for vice-president of District 12. Also represented were the Gardens, Inglewood, El Segundo, San Pedro, Wilmington, and Redondo Beach Junior Chambers. —Torrance Press Photo