

RIVIERA BUS LINE HOPE REVIVED

New Dump Site Offered As Drale Plea Loses Survey of Area May Govern Route

RULING '4' AGAIN SHUN HOMEOWNERS

"Lost for want of a second" for the fifth time was the dismal fate of Councilman Nick Drale's motion to close down the city dump Tuesday night, as even another idle pit the city might use for dumping was suggested.

Councilman Drale mentioned to the Council that K. Sande-Senn had an immense dump on his property at Pacific Hills in Waveria which he might be willing to lease to the city. Both Drale's suggestion and motion to close down the city dump fell on deaf council ears, as for the fifth time, Mayor Bob Haggard and Councilmen Ed Karlow, Harvey Spelman and Willys Blount failed to support Drale's motion.

STANDARD OIL DUMP
At the present time, City Manager George Stevens is awaiting a reply from Standard Oil Company concerning negotiations with the city to use the 1d16 Standard Oil dump in Southwest Torrance. The City Manager was not instructed in public council meeting to open negotiations for the leasing of another city dump.

RESIDENT PLEAS IGNORED
Residents in the area near the present city dump at Plaza del Amo and Border avenues have persistently complained to the City Council at recent meetings about the near proximity of the city dump to their homes and the hazard it creates. They claim that the dump breeds rats, mice, vermin and flies, which endanger the lives of more than 1000 children living within a few blocks of the dump.

The City Council, however with the exception of Councilman Nick Drale, have seen fit to ignore the pleas of the residents.

Street Work Contracts of \$42,871 Let

An aggregate of \$42,871.78 in street improvement for several blocks of streets in central Torrance, as well as portions of Crenshaw, Sepulveda and Torrance boulevards will soon be started, according to City Manager George Stevens.

Contracts for the above street improvement work was awarded at the City Council meeting Tuesday night.

The bids were opened at the City Council meeting of April 10, 1951.

With the low bid of \$10,81.30, Oswald Brothers will resurface Cravena ave. from Post ave. to Marcelina st., Post ave. from Arlington ave. to Sartori ave., and Arlington ave. from Carson st. to Torrance Blvd.

Ken H. Jones won the contract for the other three street improvement jobs.

Crenshaw Blvd. from 203rd st. (Continued on Page 12)

Board to See High School Plans in June

Completed plans and specifications for the 13-unit additions to the Torrance High School, is expected to be put before the Torrance Unified School District Board for approval in June, announced Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent.

All working drawings for the estimated \$600,000 to \$700,000 additions were completed this week for approval by the State Division of Architecture.

Included in the high school additions are a gymnasium, nine classrooms, a band room and orchestra room, and a cafeteria.

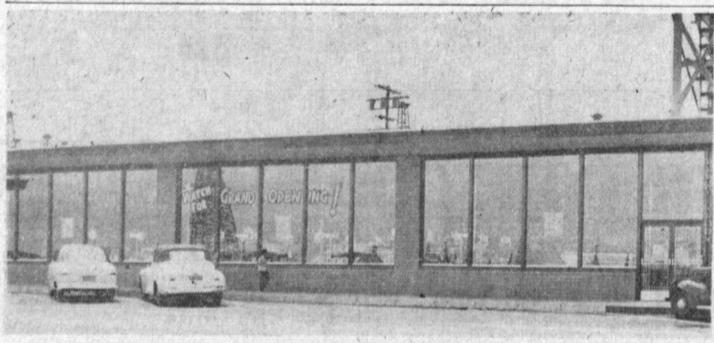
Torrance War Dead Returns
The body of Corp. William B. Gossett, husband of Mrs. William B. Gossett, 22111 S. Hall-dale ave., has arrived at Oakland aboard the transport Ocala Victory, the Defense Department announced this week.

The 22-year-old marine was killed in September while serving with a signal company of the First Marine Division in Korea. The transport brought back the bodies of 120 servicemen killed in the Korean fighting. Funeral services for Corp. Gossett will be held in Renton, Wash., his home town.



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GRAND OPENING PREPARATIONS... are Tex Harrison, famous western television and his horse, Sunset, to be at the radio star and store from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Tex will give demonstrations of trick roping, whip cracking and will sing favorite Western songs. Torrance Press photo.

STATESMANSHIP 1951 Variety

Councilman Nick Drale, upon failure of any other members of the City Council to second his motion to close the city dump, made for the fifth time, and to reinstate the Hollywood Riviera municipal bus line, made the third time, Tuesday night addressed his colleagues as follows:

"You other gentlemen of the Council can go on ignoring the interests of the people if you want to, but when I have completed my tenure in office on the Torrance City Council I want to be able to look back, with an honest heart, and with satisfaction know that I have done the best job I possibly could to give good government and the best municipal facilities and service to the people who elected me to office.

"What you do is your own business, vote as you please. But I have a conscience, and I am trying to give the people the kind of government they are entitled to."

We consider this a sample of the type of government representation and statesmanship which is needed today in this nation more than ever before.

The people owe Councilman Drale a debt of gratitude for his devotion to his oath of office and to the people. His remarks will make local history.

Torrance to Host Junior Baseball Opening Day

Torrance City has been honored by the Centinella Valley Junior Baseball League, by having their spacious Municipal Park chosen as the site for the grand opening day of the league, to be held on Memorial Day, May 30.

Plans for the opening day ceremonies, according to "Red" Moon, league prexy, include a nine inning ball game, with each member of the six city leagues playing three innings, and introduction of league and city officials, from Gardena, Lynwood, Hawthorne, Culver City, Los Angeles and Torrance.

The Torrance area youth band and Girls' baton corps are slated to perform, baseball celebrities from the Coast League teams, and some of the big names in wrestling are being asked to appear.

Following the flag-raising, (Continued on Page 12)

Sixth Graders Put Out Paper For Open House

The actual news-gathering and printing of the school newspaper by William Lewis' sixth grade class will feature the Open House of Public Schools Week tonight at 7 o'clock at Fern Avenue School.

Work that children have done during the year will be on exhibit in each room where teachers will be on hand to greet parents and visitors.

The display tonight will feature the "3 R's" in the present day school with the emphasis on arithmetic, a subject that has stressed this year.

After the Open House the P-TA will have a program in the new cafeteria. This will consist of several numbers by the school band and orchestra under the direction of Miss Merlyn Anderson as well as numbers by the girls' chorus directed by Lloyd Jones.

Reverend C. J. England will give the address of the evening, entitled "There's No Place Like Home." (Continued on Page 12)

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Steady Rise in School Enrollment Here Noted

Enrollment and average daily attendance in Torrance schools continues its steady growth as new homes are completed and occupied, figures from the office of Torrance Unified School District show.

The enrollment for the seventh month (March) was 4743 in all grades, kindergarten through high school. The average daily attendance was 4638.15 in all grades, to which is added the adult and continuation classes average daily attendance of 210.34, making a total a.d.a. of 4848.49.

In the seventh month of 1949-50, the enrollment was 4070 pupils, with an average daily attendance, kindergarten through high school, of 3964.29, and in adult and continuation classes, 248.59, making a total of 4212.88.

Thus, the a.d.a. has grown in one year by 636, more than the capacity of one school.

Since January of this year, the a.d.a. has increased by 110.

At present, there are 503 pupils in the kindergarten, with an average daily attendance of 492.36; there are 3365 enrolled in grades 1 through 8, with an average daily attendance of 3290.38; and there are 875 enrolled in the high school, with an a.d.a. of 855.41.

High school enrollment dropped from 885 in January to 875 in March, but a year ago, it had an enrollment of 810, with an a.d.a. of 788.08. In the high school, the a.d.a. had dropped from 864.58 in January to 855.41 in March.

Although reflecting a steady increase this year since January, adult and continuation classes are behind March of last year, when a.d.a. was 248.59.

Thus, it is shown that principal growth is in the kindergarten and elementary grades.

BUILDING PROGRESS
At their meeting of April 17, the School Board was notified of the progress made by the architects Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall on the building (Continued on Page 12)

Lucille Stroh Resigns as Policewoman

After nine years of service to the city of Torrance, Policewoman Lucille Stroh, daughter of Police Chief John Stroh, tendered her resignation to the City Council Tuesday night.

The City Council accepted Miss Stroh's resignation and voted to send a letter of thanks for her service to the city.

Miss Stroh resigned the Torrance Police Department to accept a position with the Compton Police Department as policewoman. Her resignation will be effective May 1, 1951.

Local Group to Sing At Quartet Contest

A group from Torrance will be exercising their vocal chords Saturday night along with representatives from California, Utah, Nevada and Manila at the regional preliminaries of the Barber Shop Quartet Contest. The singing will begin at 8:15 p.m. at the Shrine Auditorium.

The quartet, which will represent Torrance's chapter of the S.P.E.S.S.Q.S. Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, will include "Bud" Bartholomew, tenor; Dean Lougee, lead; Bill Bartholomew, baritone; and Howard Foster, bass.

Besides these, eleven other members of the local group will participate in the sing fest by joining the 300 voice chorus, announced Herb Allen, president of the Torrance chapter.

The day's festivities will begin at 8 a.m. with a breakfast at the Biltmore Hotel, followed by an all day convention. At 2:00 p.m., about 20 of the competing (Continued on Page 12)

School Board Meet Postponed
The regular May 1 meeting of the Torrance Unified School District Board has been postponed to May 8, it was announced.

Postponement of the meeting was made to permit Board of Education members to attend the Public School Business Officials 24th Annual Convention, April 29 to May 2, 1951 at Hoberg's, Lake County.

Council '4' Bars Refuse Pickup Bids

Councilman Nick Drale was again blocked by the councilmanic "four" Tuesday night when he made the motion that the city advertise for garbage and can collection bids, as the present refuse collector has seen fit to raise his fee 40c for every new home in outlying Torrance.

Contract with the present collector expires June 30, 1951, said City Manager George Stevens.

It was pointed out that garbage collection cost the city \$29,000 last year. Stevens said that the city was comparing rates it paid with rates paid by nearby cities for that service.

Drale addressed the audience and said that it is their right as taxpayers to request that bids for the garbage pickup be advertised. He also said that he didn't think it would work a hardship on the city to call for bids.

The motion was lost "for want of a second."

Thomas, Drale Push 174th Improvement

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas has requested the State Department of Public Works to reconsider all of the issues which were presented by Councilman Nick Drale and City Manager George Stevens in regard to the improvement of 174th street, and a report is promised within the next few days.

This was the statement of Drale to the Press in reporting that he is pushing for paving of 174th street at once.

The street is a state secondary highway, and the City of Torrance has no jurisdiction over its improvement. It has a 100-foot right-of-way and was acquired as a possible part of the metropolitan freeway system.

The State has been reluctant to pave 174th street, as they see no need for it at this time, but homes are being built on the thoroughfare in large numbers, making the improvement necessary, Drale said. During the rainy season, 174th street was an adobe mudhole, he declared.

The City of Torrance has required that subdividers and home developers pave streets, but the state places no such requirement on developers. Also, it will not permit improvement of the street by the city, Drale pointed out.

Navy Plans Expansion of Depot Here
The Torrance Navy supply depot, reactivated in February of this year, may be included in large expansion plans, along with the San Pedro depot, a Navy source reported this week.

The San Pedro depot was also reactivated during February, 1951.

While no details have been made available, the Navy is laying the groundwork for expansion of the depots in the event requirements in the Far East demand it.

On a standby basis for a period of about a year, the Torrance depot now has a personnel of 100 persons, according to Jack Nair, in charge of the local depot. Nair says that he knows nothing of the official statement concerning expansion of the Torrance depot, but has heard rumors to that effect.

WORK DUE HERE
Rear Adm. C. W. Fox, chief of the bureau of supplies and accounts, advised Rep. Cecil King (Continued on Page 12)

Borough Bill Slated for Next Ballot

A measure which would allow creation of boroughs in portions of cities will be on the next general election ballot, Vincent Thomas told the Press this week.

The senate yesterday gave final legislative approval to the constitutional amendment proposed by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.

Sen. Jack B. Tenney, (R-Los Angeles) said it would allow the Los Angeles city council to live up to an agreement with the harbor cities of San Pedro and Wilmington.

He said that when they were annexed to Los Angeles, it was with the understanding they would be given a borough system.

But the state supreme court ruled in 1917 that parts of cities could not be formed into boroughs—only the entire city.



PUPPETEER—Jack Vinik, of the Torrance Upholstery Shop, 1927 West Carson street, takes time out from his regular upholstery occupation to demonstrate his one-time profession of puppeteering. Vinik's puppets, which he made himself, can be seen at all times in the windows of the newly opened upholstery shop, which is located near Five-Points corner. Vinik and his wife, Millie, reside at 1519 Greenwood avenue, Torrance.

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