

# CITY MAY BUY EIGHT NEW BUSES

## Garbage Contract Bids Called by City Expansion of City Service Proposed

### SPELMAN IN SUPPORT OF DRALE PLEA

Councilman Nick Drale won a point and got a second to a motion Tuesday night at the City Council meeting when his request that the city call for bids on the \$27,500 garbage contract elicited the support of Councilman Harvey Spelman.

Mayor Bob Haggard objected to the motion, declaring he thought it was "too early" to call for the bids on the contract with George Green which expires July 1, 1951. Haggard, openly shocked by Spelman's support of Drale's motion, asked City Manager George Stevens for his opinion on the matter, and Stevens replied that if the city is going to call for bids on the garbage contract, proceedings should start at least eight weeks in advance of letting the contract.

Haggard and Councilman Ed Karlow then went along with the motion, and bids for the collection of garbage and rubbish will be called.

Drale contended that the City Charter requires calling for bids on such work.

City Manager George Stevens presented to the City Council a report defending the position of George Green in asking for an increase in the cost of collection of garbage and rubbish to the equivalent of 40 cents per month per home, and stating that "considering the size and population of the City, Torrance has a very favorable contract at the present time."

The City Manager's statement in full is as follows:

"The City's two-year contract with George Green, for the collection and disposal of garbage and non-combustible refuse, will expire June 30, 1951. Mr. Green has asked that consideration be given to extending the contract for one year, on the terms of \$2,300 to \$2,400 per month, as a basic payment, and 40c per month for each new service started during the year.

"The present contract was awarded on July 1, 1949, for a basic price of \$1,535 per month plus an additional 25c a month for each new service. On July 1, 1950, the base price was increased to \$1,795.75 per month as a result of 1,043 new services being added during the period July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950.

"It is presently estimated that approximately 2,080 new services will be added during the period July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951. This is based on the assumption that there is an average of 100 new services per month.

### Junior Women Honored for Community Work

Winner of the "Build A Better Community" prize at the annual California Junior Woman's Club Convention in Coronado last weekend was the Torrance Junior Women's Club.

The Torrance Juniors, competing against the state's 150 other clubs, won the prize for raising funds to construct a YWCA here.

Torrance in winning the sweepstakes prize ranked first among medium size clubs. The Juniors also won the philanthropy award.

The two-day conference of California Federation of Juniors, which precedes next week's senior convention in Coronado, last night drew a record of more than 400 delegates, Torrance women reported.

### Merchants to Stay Open Saturday Night

Torrance merchants will keep their stores open until 9 p.m. this Saturday night, May 12, for the convenience of last minute Mother's Day shoppers, it was announced. Regular Saturday store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Stores remaining open are as follows: Sam Levy Department Store, 1311 Sartori avenue; J. J. Newberry Company, 1274 Sartori avenue; National Home Appliance, 1267 Sartori avenue; Mayflower Dress Shop, 1323 El Prado; Lawson Jewelers, 1317 El Prado; Benson's, 1271 Sartori avenue; Adams Dress Shop, 1274 Sartori avenue; and Allen's Jewelers, 1312 Sartori avenue.



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## Attempt to Block Dump Motion Fails



FIRST TO SIGN UP... for the war bond employee savings plan during "Defense Bond Month," designated for this month is Howard Percy (seated), local realtor, George Post (standing), of the Torrance National Bank, and chairman of the Torrance U. S. Defense Bond Committee is shown as he explains to Percy where to sign. Percy is signing up for the firm of Percy and Vaughn, The Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which both Post and Percy are members, has voted to give all its support to the war bond campaign. "We expect to sign 80 percent of all businessmen who employ one or more persons, on the payroll defense bond savings plan," announced Post.

### Civil Defense Leaders Of Area to Meet Here

Torrance will take the initial step in organization of the Civil Defense Mutual Aid program as a meeting of Coordinators of Civil Defense in this area has been called for 3 p.m. Friday, May 11, at the Torrance Civil Defense Building, 1754 Torrance boulevard, announced George C. Powell, assistant director of Civilian Defense.

Invited to this meeting are representatives from Culver City, Los Angeles County, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa, Inglewood, Los Angeles City (Harbor), Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes and Redondo Beach.

"It is expected that this first meeting will be general in scope," said Powell. He added that the purpose of this meeting is for the various representatives to get acquainted with each other and with their respective organizational problems.

It was also suggested that future meetings be held in other cities, with the subject matter confined to specific services, with the Chief of that service invited. It is hoped that this plan would, within a few months, bring all services into accord with mutual aid and understanding the ultimate goal.

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### DRALE HITS COUNCIL AS REPORT PROMISED

An attempt to "throttle" Councilman Nick Drale was made Tuesday night by Mayor Bob Haggard, in trying to prevent Drale from introducing his motion to close the city dump, being made for the sixth time.

Haggard told Drale the motion had been made many times, and had not been accorded a second, in trying to avoid the motion.

However, Councilman Drale persisted in his rights. "How long are you going to ignore the wishes of the hundreds of citizens and taxpayers who live adjacent to the city dump, and how long are you going to close your eyes to the filthy and rotten conditions which exist there?" Drale asked.

"Once again, I move that City Manager and City Attorney be instructed to take immediate steps to close down the city dump and condemn and close down the private dump adjoining.

"They are a disgrace to the city, and insult to the citizens living around them.

"You are disgracing the City Council, and indicating willful disregard for your obligation to the people."

Again the motion went unseconded.

PROGRESS  
However, progress was indicated in the effort of Drale to close the dump when City Manager George W. Stevens declared he was preparing a full report to the City Council on the matter for the next meeting.

Stevens said that the Standard Oil Company had declined the use of its huge pit in the undeveloped area of southwest Torrance because of the same reasons the residents of Kettler (Continued on Page Two)

### Dance Students To Perform at Area Concert

A group of Torrance and Lomita girls, students of the Three Arts Dance Studio, 2252 West Carson street, will perform Saturday evening, May 19 at the Redondo Union High School auditorium for the South Bay Symphony Third Annual Concert.

Included in the group are Deline Goods, Yvonne Graham, Estella Ordaz, Donna F. Isbell, Geraldine Daniels, Vivian Toohill, Jacqueline Pagac, Virginia Gotts, Mary Ann Wilson, Gwendolyn (Continued on Page Two)

### Torrance to Get \$4485 From State

Torrance is scheduled to receive \$4485 in state liquor license fee earnings during the six months ending with last Feb. 28. William G. Bonelli, member of the state board of equalization, reported today. This amount is part of a \$5,420,890 soon to be distributed among the cities and counties of the state, he said.

The city of Palos Verdes Estates will receive \$405 as its share of the fees.

### Chamber Has Alondra Facts, Karlow Says

Residents of North Torrance want to know more about why the City of Torrance has dropped its plans to annex Alondra Park, Burt Johnson, told the City Council Tuesday night, and he was referred to the Chamber of Commerce for the answers.

"All the people up in North Torrance like the idea of annexation of the park," Johnson, president of the North Torrance Civic Association, told the Council.

"We would like to have the golf course and park within the city, and we want to find out all the facts about the annexation."

Councilman Ed Karlow told him to see the Chamber of Commerce for his information.

### Teacher Jailed By FBI To Be Arraigned Mon.

Arrest of Clarence Howard Vetterli, 41, assistant professor of journalism at El Camino Junior College, who was arrested May 2 by FBI agents on charges of perjury in connection with his testimony before a Federal grand jury investigating espionage activities, was postponed from May 7 to Monday, May 14, before U. S. Judge James M. Carter.

Vetterli was released last Thursday, May 3, on a \$10,000 bond.

He was charged in an indictment by the grand jury with having falsely testified that he had not been told that Ignacy Samuel Witzczak, former SC teaching assistant, was a Communist agent and that he had never given anyone any money to go to Japan in 1941.

Vetterli denies the charges and maintains that his testimony before the grand jury here in May, 1949, was the truth.

### Map Approved

The City Council followed recommendation of the City Planning Commission approving Tract Map No. 15574 which is a revision to acreage of Lots 152, 153, 154 and 155 and streets and alleys adjacent thereto of Tract No. 15757, located north of 174th street and east of Hawthorne boulevard, being submitted by Community Airports, Inc.

### Expansion Of Machine Firm Told

Under construction at the Torrance plant of the Harvey Machine Co. is an addition which will more than double the plant's already large production ability, it was announced this week by Lawrence Harvey, president of the firm.

The new structure, to be located on the easterly side of the present buildings at 190th St. and Western Ave., is to be a furnace room for the processing of aluminum.

Harvey said that the addition is to cost more than \$100,000 and is slated for completion within five months. It will be manned for the most part, by workers already employed by the company.

Harvey Machine is engaged in vital defense production, in which it uses large quantities of aluminum. The first is constructing a multi-million dollar plant at Kalspell, Mont., to provide its own supply of the light, sturdy metal and to furnish it to other users.

The firm formerly was located in Long Beach, but acquired the war surplus site here after World War II.

### Board Votes \$4000 for Recreation

The Torrance Unified School Board voted to allocate \$4000 toward the city recreation program out of 1951-52 budget Tuesday night.

It is necessary for the school district to participate in the recreation program if county support is to be gained toward that end.

At an earlier meeting of the school board, members said that they would participate in the program in a more modest way than last year. They allocated \$6500 toward city recreation last year.

Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent, said that the amount allocated by the county depends on the combined city and school said that the county would probably allocate about \$4400 toward the program.

CARPENTER REHIRED  
The City Council Tuesday night adopted a resolution to rehire Frank Carpenter as Torrance Recreation Director for the period of April 1, 1951, to June 30, 1952.

### Oil Derrick Report Told To Council

According to a report by William J. Hobbs, safety engineer of the State Division of Industrial Safety, presented to the City Council May 8, 901 corrections have been found in the inspection of 29 derricks.

Of these corrections, Hobbs pointed out, 425 are up for completion of which 240 have already been corrected by the rig builder now working full time in the Torrance oil field. Wells with all safety work completed as of May 8 total to 39.

Hobbs also reported that all of the derricks in the more populated areas have been completed. He has, however, only completed about 56% of the total inspection job.

Beginning his inspection Feb. (Continued on Page Two)

### School District Employees Get Wage Boost

All certificated personnel required for the coming year were awarded a \$250 to \$300 raise in salary. A wage hike of \$100 was voted for all classified personnel. This was the third raise given the classified personnel since November, 1951.

Also discussed by the School Board was a minimum age of 4 years, 9 months for all entering kindergarten pupils. Present minimum age limit is 4 years, 6 months for kindergarten students. A state law was passed requiring the 4 years, 9 months minimum, but it will not be effective until 1952.

### Famed Band Highlight Of Torrance Parade

One of the featured attractions of the Torrance Area Youth Band's Fifth Annual Band Benefit Parade to be held in Torrance on Saturday afternoon, May 19th, will be the famous Huntington Park City Junior Band directed by Phil Moore.

This band, which has 1308 young musicians, is one of the finest stunt bands on the west coast. Their dance stunts and intricate maneuvers is viewed by millions of people in Southern California each year in person and on television. They are always one of the featured attractions of the Hollywood Santa Claus Lane and Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parades.

Other bands entered in the parade include the South Gate Youth Band, Long Beach Youth Band, Redondo Union High School Band, Willowbrook Junior (Continued on Page Two)



STUDENTS OF HAWAIIAN DANCING... at the Three Arts Dance Studio, 2252 West Carson street, are shown above as they rehearse dance numbers for the South Bay Symphony Third Annual Concert to be held Saturday evening, May 19, at the Redondo Union High School auditorium. They are, left to right, front row: Deline Goods, Yvonne Graham, Estella Ordaz, Donna F. Isbell, Geraldine Daniels, and Vivian Toohill; top row: Jacqueline Pagac, Virginia Gotts, Mary Ann Wilson, Gwendolyn (Continued on Page Two)

Nancy Wolfon, Joan Dodson. Pictured in the rear section of the picture is the teen-age ballroom class which has its meeting every Monday night at the studio. Parties are given for this ballroom group every four or five weeks. Last Friday night's party, at which the picture was taken, had the Hawaiian theme, for which the Hawaiian group offered entertainment. —Photo by Photo Arts Studio.