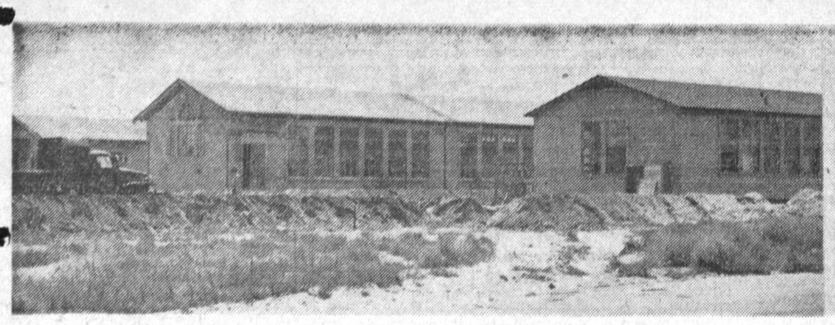

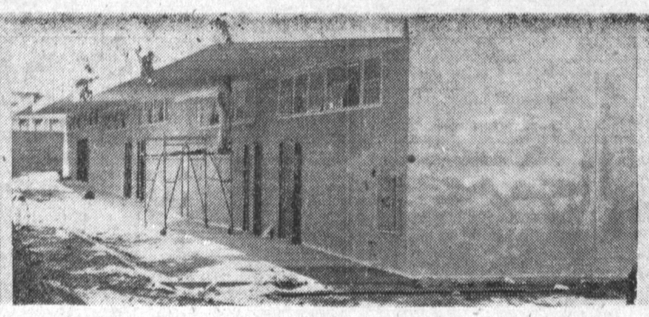

RUSHING TO COMPLETION . . . for the opening of the fall semester on September 17 are the three elementary schools of the Torrance Unified School District shown above. They are, left to right, the El Nido School, the Greenwood Avenue School, and the Crenshaw School. The El Nido bungalow school is located at 186th and Hawthorne avenue, the new Greenwood School at Greenwood and Sonoma avenues, and the Crenshaw School at 186th street and Crenshaw boulevard. According to school officials, the opening of these schools for the coming school semester will eliminate most double sessions.
—All Torrance Press photos

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(A LETTER TO THE EDITOR)

Torrance, California
Sept. 4, 1951

Editor, Torrance Press:

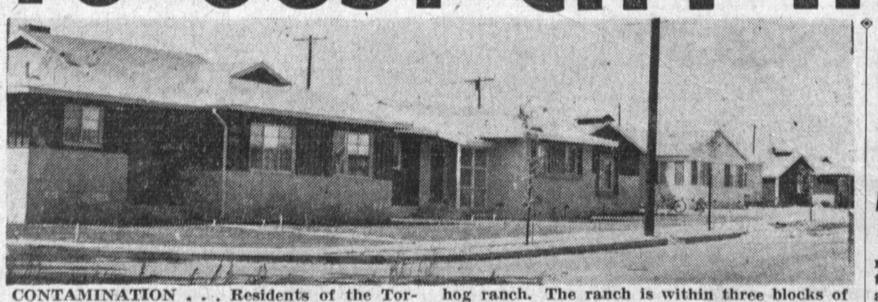
The "No Parking Meters in Torrance" Committee wishes to express its thanks to you for your valuable publicity and community spirit in helping to defeat the recent parking meter ordinance.

This Committee feels that this letter is voicing the sentiments of the 1400 voters of Torrance who signed the referendum petitions against parking meters in the short space of five days, and the hundreds of others who would have signed them had they had the opportunity.

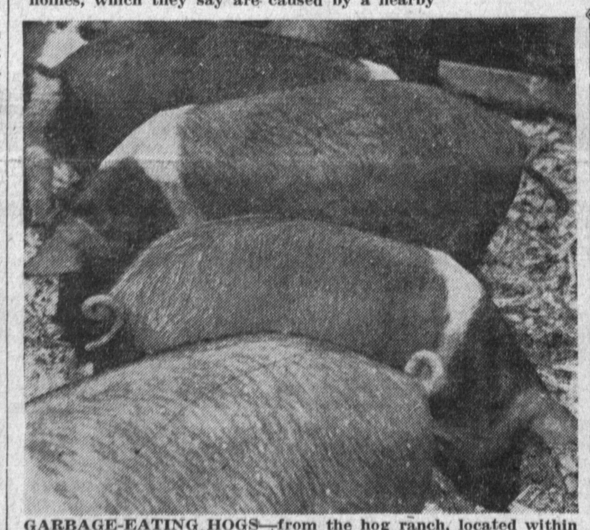
You are to be congratulated as the only newspaper in Torrance that saw fit to give this matter full coverage. As a result, our community was enabled to know what was going on and to rise in opposition to the City Council-sponsored parking meter ordinance.

Sincerely,
NO PARKING METERS COMMITTEE
ALBERT ISEN, Chairman

NEW HOME OWNERS FIGHT TO OUST CITY HOG RANCH



CONTAMINATION . . . Residents of the Torrance Gardens home tract, of which a row of homes are shown above, complain about the swarms of flies and the foul odor invading their homes, which they say are caused by a nearby hog ranch. The ranch is within three blocks of the tract. Residents complain the ranch is a health menace to over a thousand children recently moved into the homes.
—Torrance Press Photo.



GARBAGE-EATING HOGS—from the hog ranch, located within three blocks of the newly built Torrance Gardens home tract, are pictured above during feeding time. Residents of the tract claim that the hogs on the ranch are the cause of the numerous flies and foul odors reaching their homes and creating a health menace to their children.
—Torrance Press Photo.

Odor, Flies Held Menace to Kiddies

Residents of the new Torrance Gardens home tract at Crenshaw and Torrance boulevards raised cries of protest and indignation this week when they discovered that a hog ranch within three blocks of the tract was the cause of the multitudes of flies and unpleasant odors invading their homes.

Not visible from the boulevard, residents complained that they were unaware of the existence of the hog ranch when they invested their savings in homes here. They charge that, because of the approximate 1000 new homes in that area, the ranch should be moved to a more isolated area, and the zoning changed.

COUNTY INVESTIGATES

Meanwhile, it was learned, the County Health Department is undertaking investigation of the hog ranch.

Maurice Hattem, who has recently purchased a home at 820 Maple street, said that he and his neighbors had noticed that there were swarms of flies in the area, endangering the health of the thousands of children, newly moved into the tract.

They had also noticed, at certain times of the day, that the odor pervading the area was almost intolerable. Upon investigation they discovered the close proximity of the ranch, which because of the land structure, is not readily visible from the road.

Hattem said, "I think that it's the duty of the city to protect it's new residents and taxpayers from this health menace. It was perhaps alright to have such a ranch operating when there were no homes near at hand, but now that so many families with youngsters have moved in, I think the city ought to do something about getting it moved into a more isolated area."

CITY GARAGE SPENDS $2 TO $1 AWAY

More than $2.00 is spent out-of-town by the City Garage for every $1.00 spent in Torrance, according to figures supplied to Councilman Nick Drale by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett at Drale's request.

In March, April, May and June of 1951, the City Garage spent $9,538.71 for materials, supplies, parts and other maintenance material out-of-town while only $4,491.86 was spent in Torrance.

The figures were demanded by Drale to support his contention that the garage was not patronizing home-town suppliers, especially since W. L. Craven started his "efficiency" survey of the department which has cost the city some $3000.

In the month of March, the City Garage spent $3,537.90 oue-of-town while spending only $1,724.31 in Torrance. Torrance purchases numbered 130, but averaged only $13.26 each, while out-of-town purchases numbering 77 averaged $45.95.

BIG DIFFERENCE

In April, the City Garage spent $1,438.67 out-of-town and only $852.41 in Torrance. Out-of-town purchases numbered 52, averaging $27.65, while Torrance pur-

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Parking Survey Undertaken Here

Survey of all available on and off-street parking space in the central downtown district of Torrance is now being made by Torrance Parking Authority, according to Charles T. Rippy, chairman.

The City Council, at its last meeting, repealed the ordinance calling for installation of parking meters in Torrance, even as 1400 signatures on referendum petitions protesting the meters were being checked by the City Clerk. However, the parking authority created by resolution was continued in office with the request of the Council that it seek a solution to the parking problem by securing off-street parking lots.

Rippy said that not only is a survey of present available parking space being made, but also a survey of how many people park in downtown Torrance each day and who they are and where they go.

He added that the parking authority is scheduled to meet at

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Board Makes Offer for School Site

The Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District voted Tuesday night to make a purchase offer for a 12½ acre school site located between an extension of Lomita blvd. and 230th st., west of Hawthorne blvd.

The Board voted to make an offer of $2500 per acre for the land, which is property of the Corsaro estate.

Three other sites are being considered by the Board. No action has as yet been taken on them but they are as follows: Land on the old Weston Ranch on the east side of the proposed extension of Crenshaw blvd.; on Arlington ave., south of an extension of 178th st., and east of Arlington ave.; and a nine acre site south of 168th st. on the Neilson property between Yukon and the old P. E. right-of-way.

Name Dandoy Outstanding CIF Player

Aramis Dandoy, former Torrance high school athlete, was honored last week by renowned sports dignitaries by being selected as outstanding player of the C.I.F.—Los Angeles all-star football game played last Friday at San Diego, according to Rex Welch, former football coach and head of the high school boys physical education department.

Dandoy, who graduated Torrance High School last June, was chosen to play quarterback on the C.I.F. all-star team, which won last Friday's game, 19-16.

An outstanding athlete while at Torrance High, Dandoy has been offered a four-year scholarship at the University of Southern California, upon which acceptance is pending, according to Welch.

Funeral for Traffic Victim

The remains of Frank L. Gonzalez, 2461 W. 203rd street, killed in a traffic accident here last Thursday, were shipped by Stone and Myers Mortuary for burial services at El Paso, Texas. The funeral was held last Saturday.

Gonzalez was killed while walking on Torrance Blvd., near

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BUILDING NEARS $2 MILLION

A new high for the year of 1951 was reached when the building permits issued last month soared to $1,979,657. Permits issued during August of last year amounted to $658,425.

Reflected in this high permit total was the almost doubled number of single home permits issued. During last month 147 single home permits were issued. Only 75 single home permits were issued during August, 1950.

During the first eight months of this year, the building has amounted to $10,570,520. The corresponding figure for 1950 was $8,502,274. W. C. Bradford, senior clerk in the building office, said a new record will depend on tract developments.

HOME TRACTS

The developments, he pointed out, have contributed heavily to the high rate of construction. Of the $1,979,657 valuation of building last month, $1,012,670 was for Truman Enterprises and Camino Building corporation building.

The Truman firm took out permits—on which the building figures are based—for 93 homes and 3 unattached garages at an evaluation of $685,000. Camino officials were issued permits to construct 35 homes and 8 unattached garages at $327,620.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Major permits outside of tracts, went to the Torrance Unified School district for $600,000 worth of additions to the high school and to D. E. Wagoner for a $25,000 service station at Carson bld. and Western ave.

Passing of Police Capt. Mourned

A loss to the city of Torrance was felt this week with the passing of Capt. Frank Joseph Schumacher, 58, of the Torrance Police Department.

Schumacher died last Thursday at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach, following a major operation.

Funeral services were held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Tuesday morning, with U. S. Army Chaplain Peter N. Holmes of Fort MacArthur officiating. Private cremation was held at the Inglewood Crematory.

Capt. Schumacher, who had been with the department here since June, 1928, was promoted to Captain in 1940.

Having undergone surgery about a week before his death, Captain Schumacher was well on his way to recovery when he suffered a heart attack, according to reports.

HERE 31 YEARS

A member of the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Torrance Masonic Lodge, Schumacher came to Los Angeles 31 years ago. He was a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

A veteran of World War I, Schumacher served seven years in the Seventh Cavalry and was with the unit during the "Pancho Villa" campaign into Mexico, according to Chief of Police John Stroh.

Previous to joining the Torrance Police Department, Schumacher was employed as a blacksmith in the Pacific Electric shops in Torrance.

He leaves his widow, Myrtle, and a son, Ray G. of 1313 Cota avenue.

Capt. Frank Joseph Schumacher . . . passing mourned here.
—Photo by Dixie Lee Studio

Torrance Soldier Back from Korea

Cpl. Robert K. Burns, of 17014 Wilkie ave., is one of 1177 army troops who arrived in Seattle Sunday on rotation from Korea aboard the navy transport Marine Lynz, the department of defense reported.

Jaycees Take on Water Petition Job

Circulation of petitions for the $2,000,000 water bond issue sponsored by the City of Torrance was begun yesterday with the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce working to gain at least half of the needed 1,000 signatures to put the issue on the ballot.

The Junior Chamber decided to take the job over as a civic project after it had been revealed exclusively in the Torrance Press, that the city intended to pay petition circulators 10 cents per name for signatures to the water petitions.

A meeting of Jaycees and city officials was held Tuesday night at which Councilman Ed. Karlow was named to head the Jaycee part of the campaign. George Powell, assistant director of civilian defense, will also aid in the "sign-up" drive.

According to City Manager George Stevens, it is hoped that all the necessary signatures of registered Torrance voters will be

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Torrance Man Gets Sgt. Rank

WITH THE 1st CAVALRY DIVISION IN KOREA — Thor S. Olson, Jr., of 22325 South Main street, Torrance, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant.

He is serving with the 1st Cavalry Division's 5th Cavalry Regiment. Olson's unit is the colorful infantry force which made the spectacular capture of Pyongyang, the North Korean capital city.

City Busses Increase Fares, Lose Revenue

The Torrance Municipal Bus Lines carried 16,311 more fares during the month of July, 1951 than during April, 1951 yet lost $430.81 more during July than during April, according to bus department records.

Loss incurred during July, 1951 totalled $1,877.25; during April, $1,447.07. These figures include that accounted for depreciation and amortizing, which is $1,575.75 for July.

The Bus Lines collection 69,652 fares during July and 53,341 during April, 1951.

But Superintendent Marshall Chamberlain offered no explanation as to the greater loss incurred by the lines during July as compared to April even though more fares were collected during July than during April, 1951.

The Walteria-Hollywood Riviera line, discontinued during May by the City Council, with Councilman Nick Drale casting the only opposing "nea," cost the city only $750.13 during July. It was

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FROM NEW YORK—Art Strumwasser of Strum's Department Store, 1261 Sartori ave., unpacks one of the lovely ladies' suits he purchased in New York while on a recent four-month buying tour. Happy about the eastern contacts he made for future merchandise purchases, Strumwasser bought much qaulity men's and ladies' ready-to-wear for the fall. He returned August 24. (Story Page 2)
—Torronce Press Photo.

ENROLLMENT NOW

Most Double School Sessions Eliminated

On Monday, September 17, over 5,000 boys and girls in Torrance will report to the public schools for instruction and guidance by a staff of over 220. The schooling staff will report for duty a week earlier than the students for a series of meetings, workshops and general preparation.

Three additional buildings will be ready for use, the new school on Greenwood and the cottage schools at El Nido and Crenshaw. This will enable all buildings with the exception of one to begin the school year without double sessions.

REGISTRATION

All of the elementary schools are open, and it is urged that parents of pupils not previously enrolled in the Torrance schools register their children before the opening day of school. This may

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FOR BUS LINES—Shown above is a photograph of one of the two new G.M.C. 45-passenger diesel motor buses purchased by the City Council at their last meeting for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. The cost of each of the two buses is $17,340.75.

Is Your Time Valuable?

The trouble with most people nowadays, is that they do not place a value on their time spent looking for a used car, house, furniture, etc.

New cars, used cars, work cars, and cheapies; all can be bought or sold through Press Classifieds, according to Bill Neal, used car manager of Hadenfeldt Pontiac, 505 Pacific Coach Highway in Hermosa Beach.

Neal placed a small three line classified ad in the Press advertising a late model used car. "I am very pleased with the results," said Neal. "I received calls from Thursday morning early through Saturday."

So the moral of this story is —for only 60 cents, you can get your message to 11,190 homes in this area, and save your valuable time for work or play, find the party who needs just what you want to sell—and maybe vice-versa. Call Torrance 1185 and let us do your leg work.