

# ALONDRA PARK ANNEXATION TO CITY WOULD AID COLLEGE, SAYS OFFICIAL

## Schools Get \$22,000 from Federal Govt.

The Torrance Unified School District received a final installment of over \$22,000 from the Federal government on their application for \$158,000 Federal school aid under public law 874.

Of the \$158,000 asked by the Torrance School Board, the Federal government granted \$152,500, or 96% of the original request, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, revealed today.

The first payment of \$130,000.00 was received in August and added to the operating budget, he said. With this money additional school sites were purchased, he further disclosed.

## Junior Chamber Sponsors Drive On Election

"Get Out And Vote" is the slogan of the latest campaign being sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The campaign got under way last Sunday when members of the Junior Chamber donned overalls and, wielding a deft brush, painted their slogan on curbstones at all important intersections in town.

The committee organizing the campaign includes Frank Dominguez, Dr. Joseph Bay, and Dick Jensen.

Jim Woods, who is aiding the committee, said that the voting campaign program will include posters on lamp poles, stuffers in the mail, and, on April 6, 7, and 8, a sound truck under the direction of Dick Jensen, will issue final reminders to all voters.

A parade, to be held on April 5, is in the planning stages now, Woods said.

## Y-Teens Set Up Inter-Club Advisory Group

A president's advisory group was adopted by the members of the Y-Teen Interclub Council at a meeting in the YWCA.

The new group will work out inter-club problems. Also adopted was a vice-president's council to promote area-wide events.

First project of the group will be a Spring dance.

The girls elected Donna Fuller to serve as Y-Teen representative on the Torrance YWCA annual meeting committee. Ruth McDougall and Madeline Goerke were chosen to say the invocation at the Torrance annual meeting April 3, and at the Harbor Area annual meeting, April 16th.

The training program presented ideas to be used by the club groups. The possibilities of using various crafts as a part of club programs was outlined by Lou Ann McFarland. Adele Curtiss demonstrated finger painting as an example of one craft that could be used where quick decoration was needed.

The use of dramatics at Y-Teen meetings was discussed by Pat Friberg. As a part of this demonstration, Pat Merritt read a play and had the audience supply the sound effects.

Ruth Lanman, chairman of the (Continued on Page Three)

## More Flood Control to Be Asked by Shoestring

Councilman John S. Gibson will be guest speaker before the March 25th meeting of the Shoestring Community Association.

Flood Control work along 212th st., and lighting along Torrance Blvd., from 109th to 212th sts., are his principal topics.

The councilman and his advisory boards from Harbor City and San Pedro will be guests of the Shoestring association at 7:30 p.m. March 25 in the new Normandie Recreation Building.

H. T. Unander, president of the association, said residents of Shoestring will ask that a bridge be built over 212th st. and that a drain be constructed to route water into a nearby slough.

Besides requesting modern street lighting along Torrance Boulevard, Unander said his association will back residents of Harbor City in their fight to obtain a bus line from Harbor City



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A CAMPAIGN to remind voters of the date of the coming council election is the latest project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Shown painting their slogan on one of the many intersections to get the treatment are, left to right, Jim Woods, Dick Jensen, Joseph Bay, and Frank Dominguez. Encouraging them and adding glamour to the scene is Pauline Smart.

## ADVISORY BOARD TO CITY COUNCIL URGED

In order to make possible a thorough knowledge of problems confronting all areas of Torrance, the Torrance Unified Taxpayers suggests an advisory board to the City Council. The idea, suggested at a Torrance Unified Taxpayers Town Meeting recently by Albert Isen, lawyer and candidate for City Council on the "Bid for Better Government" ticket, is winning wide endorsement, and the idea has been subscribed to by the other BID candidates, Victor E. Benstead and Councilman Nick Drale.

Already a number of Torrance outlying areas have organized associations for local betterment. With new residential areas constantly developing, the local associations will increase in number. These neighborhood groups should be brought together into a closer relationship with central Torrance and with each other.

The plan suggests that each organization appoint or elect one or more delegates whose duty it will be to attend City Council meetings. They will assist and advise the council relative to problems of their particular area, and would hear the problems of the other areas. They would be advised as to the financial condition of the city at all times. They would be able to report back to their respective groups on the pro and cons of the proposition under consideration.

The Torrance Unified Taxpayers will sponsor a Town Meeting, held quarterly, at which time the City Council and heads of the various departments of the city will be asked to be present. The meetings will be open to all interested residents of Torrance. The floor will be open to discussion of all problems of local interest.

## Meyer Named To Post Here

K. L. Anderson, agent for the Pacific Electric Railway in Torrance, has announced the appointment of John Meyer as assistant agent. Meyer has been an employee of the railroad for seven years, and has been assistant agent at El Segundo during this time.

Meyer now lives in Gardena and plans to live in Torrance.

## Group Urges Greater Voter Registration

Voter registration for the June election closes April 10.

Torrance Unified Taxpayers Inc. this week issued a plea for full registration. "Voting is one of the great privileges possessed by the citizens of this nation; and it is one of our most important civic duties," the TUT statement said. "Only if this duty is carried out intelligently, may we be sure that the government by the people, as contemplated when our Republic was created, will survive.

"For that reason, it seems essential that more citizens be

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## Chamber Gains Four Members

Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, announced today that the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of that body would be held Monday evening, March 24.

He disclosed that the meeting would be open to all members, and would probably be held in the council chamber of city hall.

Henry W. Creeger was presented with a gold-banded gavel at the annual Fellowship Banquet at the Jonathon Club recently for completion of a successful year as president during 1951, Isenberg reported.

April 16 has been set by the Chamber as the date of the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Isenberg said.

A representative of the State Franchise Tax Commission will be at the Chamber of Commerce all day today to aid citizens in filing their state income tax returns, Isenberg disclosed.

He announced that seven new firms and individuals have joined the Chamber. They are John's Paint and Venetian Blind Co., Garsh Auto Supplies, Liberty Home Economy Co., Mrs. K. Bufington, Dr. J. S. Roberts, Dr. Allen Pyeatt; and Town and Country TV.

Applications for membership have been filed by the following: Rich Food Plan, National Paint and Wallpaper, Lloyd Dennee TV, Whittlesey Motors, Crest Furniture, Hibbard Food Club, and Bill's Donut Shop.

## HONESTY... OUR POLICY

(An Editorial)

The Torrance Press always has refused to be a party to a "hoax" or to falsification of circulation figures.

We know how many dwelling units there are within the confines of Torrance city limits. They are a public record.

We know how many dwelling units there are in Lomita, in the Shoestring Strip, in Harbor City, in the Keystone (county unincorporated) area, in El Nido and in all sections of this fast growing metropolitan district. These figures are also available.

A contemporary newspaper, forced by our leadership in "re-its" and reader interest, has announced a plan to circulate 22,868 copies of nine different "community" newspapers in the Greater Torrance area, on a sliding scale of advertising rates really "out of this world."

We know that there are not 22,868 homes in the area in which our contemporary paper says it will give such coverage.

We DO KNOW, however, exactly how many dwelling units there are.

We are covering the area with ONE ADVERTISING RATE, with a newspaper which has more reader interest than all other newspapers in the area.

We will continue to serve ALL THE HOMES in that area, on the LITTLE MERCHANT PLAN which the TORRANCE PRESS inaugurated in Torrance and area.

We will do it with ONE ADVERTISING RATE—based upon the space used, and not on blown up circulation figures. This means that approximately 60,000 persons will read your advertisement in the Press.

This is our promise.

The Press respects the intelligence of the local business men, and does not believe that they can be fooled so easily.

Aside from that, our READER INTEREST and our RESULTS will tell the rest of the story—speaking for themselves.

## 'BID' Recreation Plan Gets Support

Proposal of candidates on the "Bid for Better Government" ticket for City Council in the Torrance Municipal election April 8 that the storm-flooded Walteria sump area west of Hawthorne boulevard between Pacific Coast highway and Sepulveda boulevard be transformed into a vast recreation area has won city-wide acclaim.

"We are pleased with the reception of our idea for a big recreation area in the Southwest part of Torrance," said Councilman Nick Drale, who is a candidate for reelection on the "BID" ticket with Victor E. Benstead and Albert Isen.

"We feel that with state water resources funds and county flood control aid, the City of Torrance can develop a fine park, athletic field, lake, swimming pool and general recreation facility, without any major cost to the city."

The candidates said that they are pleased with the support being accorded the "BID" ticket on its whole program.

Three former mayors of Torrance, J. Hugh Sherfey, W. H. Tolson and Wm. Stanger signed nomination papers for candidates on the "BID" ticket and large elements of the city are giving whole-hearted support to the campaign for better government of the trio.

## Four Days to Register for School Vote

Two more registration places have been added to the list of registrars for the coming Board of Education election. They are: Mrs. E. Wright, 18328 Roselin avenue; and Mrs. A. Collins, 17025 Crenshaw boulevard.

Registration closes Saturday, March 23. The election is to be held on May 16.

Dr. J. H. Hull announced that three incumbent members of the Board have filed for re-election. They are Mrs. Grace Wright, Carl Steele, and Dr. Rollin Smith.

Dr. Smith, appointee to the board, filling the seat vacated by A. L. Jackson will seek election for the first time.

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## Leader Says Trustees Miss

Annexation of Alondra Park and El Camino to Torrance in no way will jeopardize the college nor its future, but on the other hand might be of material benefit to the institution. An official of the Department of Education so informed the Torrance Press this week after another newspaper had printed a report that "El Camino Board of Trustees Tuesday night charged that the future of the young college would be put in serious jeopardy" if Torrance annexes the park.

The official, stating that he did not want to enter into the purely local controversy, asked that his name be withheld.

He declared that to have El Camino College located in Torrance would be no different than to have it located in Inglewood and El Segundo, where it actually was located during the first year or more. Classes were held in Inglewood High School and El Segundo High School, and taxpayers of all cities in the district contributed to its operation.

They are Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood and Torrance. County unincorporated area also contributes to the college fund, all taxpayers of the district paying at a rate of 35 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. For five years, the taxpayers also have been contributing to the "pay as you go" building fund at the rate of 25 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

CAN'T GET OUT "It would be impossible for any of these communities to withdraw their support from El Camino College, without an act of the Legislature, because they are a part of the district," the state official stated.

"They must pay the tax levied by the Board of Trustees of the College just as taxpayers must pay their city, county or local school taxes. Where the College is located makes no difference.

Local taxes such as levied for the building fund are levied by a vote of all the people of all the communities of the district, and the reluctance of one community to favor such a special tax can be overcome by the favorable vote of the others."

It was also pointed out that El Camino College might have (Continued on Page Three)



DELBERT VAUGHN

## Re-Opens Office

Delbert Vaughn, well known real estate and insurance man has reopened his office at 1529 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita.

Closed in November, 1950, when he was recalled into the Navy, Vaughn opened the office two weeks ago, the day after his discharge.

He served as a chief petty officer in the Navy.

A member of the Torrance Optimist and Toastmaster Clubs, and the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, Vaughn uses the Multiple Listing Service.

He and his wife, Lucille, reside at 3852 W. 244th st., Welteria.

## Local Soldier Wins Medal In Korea

Cpl. Felix J. Herrera, 2164 203rd street, Torrance, California, is among the first members of the 40th Infantry Division to be awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, symbol of the front line fighting man, since the unit's arrival in Korea.

The badge shows a miniature Revolutionary War flintlock rifle mounted against a blue rectangle which is surrounded by a wreath.

Herrera, who has been in the army for two years, trained first at Camp Cooke. He was shipped to Japan with the 40th where he trained for 16 months before going to Korea in January.

An eight resident of Torrance, the 22-year-old Herrera worked for Columbia Steel before his induction into the army.

He is the son of Mrs. Alejandra Herrera of 2062 W. 203rd street.

## 10c Phone Rate Starts Friday

Today is your last opportunity to drop a nickel in the slot of public telephones. Commencing tomorrow two nickles or one dime will be required to get the "hello-girl!"

## Crest Opening Breaks Record

Record crowds of over three thousand people jammed the grand opening celebration of the new Crest Furniture Store.

Large selections of top quality furniture as well as free gifts for the women and children attracted the many, many wise shoppers.

After the celebration the happily fatigued owner of the new business, Jerry Baldwin, said "I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Torrance for their wonderful welcome last Friday night. All of us at Crest wish to sincerely thank everyone for helping us make the opening celebration such a success. We want to thank all for their wonderful compliments and good wishes and for the chance to get acquainted. The large crowd Friday made it impossible to meet everyone personally, but Rod and I hope to meet everyone during the coming weeks and show them around our store. We will continue to have the same (Continued on Page Three)

Thus, it was disclosed, the use of existing plans in the construction of the new buildings will result in a considerable savings.

The Board considered proposals for the purchase of the El-linwood property, Dr. J. H. Hull (Continued on Page 10)

## Special Ballots Available Now

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, said today that applications for absentee ballots must be obtained before April 3, 1952.

They are available at the City Hall.

He further disclosed that absentee ballots will be canvassed by the City Council at an adjourned meeting on April 9.

In the event that all absentee ballots are not in by that time, the Council will convene daily until April 15, to complete the canvassing, he said.

## Sneak Storm Hits Torrance

Torrance was hit by a sneak storm last week-end. Rainfall amounting to 1.55 inches caused considerable damage to buildings, inundated many areas, and uprooted numerous trees.

Many principal arteries into Torrance were barricaded because of near flood conditions. No interference with public utilities was reported, however.

This storm brings local season rainfall figures up to 15.66. Last year's total rainfall was 6.02.



END-OVER-END crash resulted in serious injuries for two young men when this convertible skidded and then flipped over along 190th St., east of Normandie Ave., Sunday night. The driver, Louis Laws, 22, of 13615 Vermont Ave., was booked by Harbor division police on sus-

picion of drunken driving. Passenger in the car was Paul Singleton, 18, of Torrance. The auto rolled for more than 200 feet after apparently striking railway tracks at high speed, officers said.