

# RECREATION SET-UP HIT

## Demand School Control

In a plea for a recreation program that will curb juvenile delinquency instead of fostering it, a Torrance citizen appeared before the City Council Tuesday night and urged that the recreation program be shifted in its entirety to the administration of the city's schools.

Charging that the recreation set-up now existing is totally inadequate, Arthur F. Sues, of 1734 W. 234th St., pointed out to the Council that Torrance youths have no access to important recreation facilities during a good portion of their free time.

**Guidance Needed**  
The result he claimed is that the youngsters are around the streets when they should be occupied in constructive recreation under the guidance of skilled recreation personnel.

Sues declared that the schools here have the personnel, the equipment and the facilities for a well-rounded, progressive play program that would serve the needs of Torrance's younger generation.

Councilman Victor E. Benstead, who has long championed the cause for a better recreation set-up here, publicly thanked Sues for his spirited interest in recreation and in the youth of Torrance.

**Council Favor**  
Benstead later told a Press reporter that he favored the plan to shift the direction of recreation to the school administrators.

He stated that under the guidance of the schools all recreation facilities, both those owned by the schools and those owned by the city, could be co-ordinated and used to the fullest possible extent to provide recreation for children here.

J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, commented yesterday that the recreation program could feasibly be handled by the school system, but that financing of the program would have to (Continued on Page 10)

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# FOUR POINT PLAN OFFERED TO EASE PARKING PROBLEM

## Recommend City Purchase 3 Lots

A four point program to solve the critical parking problem in downtown Torrance was advanced this week by members of the Chamber of Commerce parking committee. Committee chairman J. H. Paget met with Sam Levy, Bernard Lee, Abe Robinson, and Councilman Nick Drale.

### Four Points

The four point program outlined by the group includes the following recommendations:

1. Extend central street parking north along Cabrillo ave. as far as Cravens ave.
2. Remove parking restrictions from curbs in front of public buildings when those buildings are not in use.
3. Make all alleys in the downtown area one-way traffic, with one-way parking.
4. Ask the city to make a parking area of the grassy plot immediately behind the city hall for the use of city employees.

## MOVE TO BUY LOS ANGELES ELECTRICITY

City Attorney James Hall was asked Tuesday night to investigate the possibility of this city buying its electric power from the Los Angeles Municipal Light and Power Co.

The action follows protests by the City Council over a proposed increase in electric rates here. Torrance is now served by the Southern California Edison Co.

A recent investigation of power rates here revealed that Torrance is being charged the highest rate in the entire South Bay-Harbor area, and that the requested rate increase would do nothing to equalize the rates.

Councilman Victor E. Benstead asked his colleagues at a recent council meet to study the possibility of establishing a city-owned electric power plant here.

**Save \$100,000**  
Two hundred parking spaces is the equivalent of five off street parking lots which would cost \$100,000, he stated.

These 200 spaces could be acquired now to eliminate part of the problem, he added.

A more long range program to acquire even more parking by purchasing lots was also proposed by the group.

The committee is set to ask the city to buy outright at least three lots that are still available downtown.

The lots would be paid off by a four-fold assessment program.

**City Assessed**  
Assessments would be levied against the downtown property owners, the merchants, professional people and also against the City of Torrance on the basis of (Continued on Page 10)

## Official Hits Blanket Rule Against Home Business

Strong opposition is developing throughout the city against a plan to deny business licenses and license renewals to persons doing business in their home.

The plan was devised by the City Planning Commission at their meeting last Wednesday. Eight of the city planners favored the plan, with only one dissenting.

The commission will urge the city council to halt the licenses for businesses being conducted in residential areas not zoned for commercial establishments.

**150 Businesses**  
Approximately 150 small business enterprises will be affected, and a solid opposition to the program is developing.

Councilman Nick Drale blasted the plan at Tuesday's council meeting. Pointing out that a widow doing a little sewing or washing in her home is in no way harming her neighbors or jeopardizing property values, Drale declared that restrictions could and should be placed on large-scale home operations, but that a blanket ruling against the businesses would cause untold hardship.

**Variance Ruling**  
One city official stated that an ordinance requiring a zone variance permit for such a business would give the city adequate control over the types of business being conducted in residentially zoned areas.



**FIRE DESTROYS HOME**—A raging blaze Sunday night swept through a dwelling at 2219 W. 203rd st., leaving Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Marino and their 12 children homeless. Above, members of the family stand before their fire-razed home. The Torrance chapter of the Red Cross is giving aid to the stricken family, which escaped the fire with only the clothes they were wearing. The Marinos are temporarily living with relatives here.

## 5 Torrance GOP Leaders Re-elected

Five Torrance Republican leaders were elected officers of the 88th District Republican Assembly at the annual meeting and election of officers held Tuesday night at the Fireside, San Pedro.

Frank S. Selover was re-elected executive vice president; Boris Woolley, was re-elected first vice president, Al Gianni was elected third vice president, Mrs. Virginia Selover, re-elected secretary, and Dr. Alden Smith, re-elected treasurer.

Leonard DiMiceli, San Pedro, was re-elected president; Mrs. Jean Haley, San Pedro, was re-elected as second vice president, and Mrs. Marie Holden was elected assistant secretary.

The executive committee includes two additional Torrance residents, Donald Armstrong and William H. Tolson.

DiMiceli, Selover and Mrs. Haley are delegates to the state convention of the California Republican Assembly. Alternates are Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Helen Spires and Charles Soderstrom Jr.

## Fourteen Homeless as Fire Destroys Pueblo Dwelling

Fourteen persons were left homeless after a fire swept through and totally demolished a Pueblo home last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Marino and their 12 children escaped with only the clothes they were wearing when the fire broken out in their home at 2219 203rd street.

## Darby Lauds Park Council For Interest

Avalon-Sepulveda Park Recreation Council received the official thanks of the Board of Supervisors last week, when the council contributed a public address system to the park.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby extended his personal thanks as well as those of his fellow supervisors for the contributions of the Park Recreation Council, not alone in gifts to the area, but in the personal time, energy and interests of the members.

## Seek 20-Acre Site for Large Manufacturing Company Here

Officials of Computer Research Inc. will arrive in Torrance late this week to find a 20-acre site suitable for the erection of a giant plant here, it was revealed today by the Chamber of Commerce.

The firm, a subsidiary of the National Cash Register Co., manufactures computing machines of various types. They are reportedly the developers of the "magic brain" used to calculate the possible returns of the last elections.

**Huge Plant**  
Now located in El Segundo, the

company needs a 20-acre tract on which to build a 100,000 square foot factory.

Every effort is being made by the Chamber and by realtors here to locate a piece of available land for the plant.

Dale Isenberg, executive secretary, reported that the firm had its origin here and moved to El Segundo. The Computer Research Corp. was recently purchased by National Cash Register Company.

## 'I Got the Best Results In the Press'

"Better results than I've ever had from a local newspaper," was the comment of Mrs. V. Newman, of 1559 W. 216th St., after selling two pieces of baby furniture through a Torrance Press classified ad.

"I tried to sell the items in another paper, but got no results. I ran a tiny ad in the Press and sold both pieces the very first day," she stated.

"This is the small, inexpensive, "jet result" ad that sold the furniture for Mrs. Newman: CHROME and leather hi-chair and bathinette, \*2155-J, 1389 W. 216th St.

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## BEGIN THIRD WEEK OF PHOTO CONTEST

Entries continue to pour into the Torrance Press First Annual Photography contest, as the winner of the second of the six weekly contests was announced.

Frank Kristufek, of 2104 Martina ave., was named the second finalist when his picture of his infant son at dinner time was named top this week.

Winner of the first week's judging was Ron Forestall, of 22632 Gaycrest ave.

Next Monday at 5 p.m. is the deadline for entries in the third of the weekly judgments. All amateur photographers living within the circulation area of this newspaper are invited to enter the favorite snapshot or photograph in the competition.

First prize in the contest is \$50 in cash to be awarded by the Torrance Press. Second and third prizes are a complete home developing outfit, donated by A-1 Photo Supplies, and an Eastman



**WHAT? MORE OATMEAL?**—Tiny Billy Kristufek can't tell Mom what he thinks about cereal in so many words, but his expression is a sure indication that he doesn't think much of it. This photograph was judged the best in the second week of the Torrance Press First

Annual 6-Week Amateur Photography contest, and makes Billy's father, Frank Kristufek, of 2104 Martina ave., a finalist in the six-week competition. Kristufek is employed in the metallurgical department of Columbia Steel.



**ALL THAT GLITTERS**—And glitter was the order of the evening at Monday night's Kiwanis dinner meeting, when Meral Hinshaw, right, vice-president of the Felker Manufacturing Co., makers of diamond abrasive wheels, addressed the group. Commenting on a series of colored slides he took while in Africa recently, Hinshaw told of the diamond mining industry and the relationship of the precious gems to modern technology. Above he explains and exhibit diamonds (all paste, he says) to Kiwanis President Charles Bagdale.