

PARKING METERS PLANNED FOR DOWNTOWN TORRANCE

400 Meters Proposed On Trial Basis

Installation of parking meters in the downtown shopping area as well as the purchase of additional parking lots received favorable consideration by a majority of the city council at an informal meeting held Tuesday night.

Four councilmen met with members of the chamber of commerce committee on parking. At the end of the 2½-hour session the council asked the city attorney to draft a parking meter ordinance to be presented at a regular session of the city council.

Appearing on behalf of the parking meters and parking lots were: Sam Levy, J. H. Paget, George Bender, Charles T. Rippey, Dean Sears, Mrs. Emma Roberts, and Paul Lorange.

It was proposed that 400 parking meters be installed to begin with and that a \$125,000 assessment district be formed in order to purchase lots for parking purposes.

Lots considered are the following: (Continued on Page 20)

Plywood Plant To Locate In Torrance

One of the largest manufacturers of plywood products with factories located throughout the United States have chosen Torrance as the location for their new facility. The mill and plant is to be located near the corner of Arlington and Dominguez adjacent to the American Rock Wool and Columbia Steel plants, it was learned this week.

No starting date has been set as yet on the construction of the plant. A master plan is being drawn up at present which will be submitted to the city for approval. It is stated that a 15-acre area is involved.

Hearing On Carson Zone Plan Set

A public hearing on the proposed zoning plan of the Carson district will be held by the Regional Planning Commission in Room 100, Los Angeles county engineering building, 108 West Second street, Los Angeles, on Tuesday, May 25, 1954 at 10:30 a.m.

All property owners of this district are asked to be present to indicate their preferences for or against zoning. This proposed plan or a modification thereof, if approved by the commission and adopted by the board of supervisors, will regulate the use of land, establish building setback lines and will also provide off-street parking for portions of the commercial and industrial areas that may be established within this district. (Continued on Page 20)

Cancer Victim Worried Over Plight Of Destitute Family

A hidden, treacherous cancer and ceaseless worry over the plight of his destitute family are methodically gnawing away at the life of John Pierce, who lived and worked in Torrance for a number of years.

Pierce, who is only 32 years old, has been a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach for the last eight months. For four months he has been on his back and is unable to sit up any more. Even the double and triple dose shots he has been getting every three hours cannot kill the devastating pain of the malignant stomach cancer.

The family hopes that Pierce's life can be saved if the source of the cancer can be detected in time. Pierce's condition is constantly aggravated, though, by his continuous concern over his family.

No Source of Income There is no more money coming in. (Continued on Page 20)

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"HEAR YE, HEAR YE!" . . . Three humorous "characters" representing the three divisions of the Hobby, Arts, and Flower show will parade through downtown Friday and Saturday to call attention to the annual festival to be held this weekend. TAP members from left to right are: Theresa Reddington (art), Cynthia Beadle (hobby), and Pat Kline (flower).

HOBBY, ARTS, FLOWER SHOW STARTS TOMORROW

The most spectacular hobby-art, and flower show ever to be staged in Torrance will open its doors this weekend, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 21 to 23 at the civic auditorium, 1349 El Prado.

More entries will be on display in this annual show than have ever been exhibited before. There will be entries in such classifications as ceramics, china painting, collections, paper, craft, leather work, models, rugs, hobbies by children, oil paintings, water colors, photographs, specimen blooms, potted plants, corsages, arrangements by clubs and organizations, commercial arrangements, floor displays, among others.

Last year over 2000 people came to see the show which is sponsored by the Torrance Terrace Garden club, North Torrance branch of the California Fuchsia society, Jayettes, and recreation department.

Free Admission Admission to this colorful event is free. The exhibit will be open to the public from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, May 21; from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 22; and from 12 noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday, May 23.

First, second, and third prize winners will be selected by a group of judges at 1 p.m. Friday. Ribbons will be awarded just prior to the public showing and will remain on display throughout the three days.

Judges The following judges will determine the awards: Forrest Murdock, president, El Camino college; Miss Marjorie Burrill, instructor in homemaking at El Camino college. (Continued on Page 20)

Smash 5-Man Building Tract Burglary Ring

A burglary ring which concentrated on equipment stored in housing tracts under construction was smashed this week with the arrest of the ring-leader and his four henchmen, it was announced by Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton of the Torrance police department.

Henry Lachman, about 50 years old, owner of the Lincoln lumber company in Venice, admitted that he hired four men to steal equipment from the various sub-divisions in which they worked. Lachman then resold the equipment to other sub-dividers.

The ring was smashed through the joint efforts of Det. Viney, of the Sheriff's office, Lt. Lauritzen, Det. Bisshouren, and Det. Lovold of the L.A.P.D. central burglary detail, and Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton.

Lachman was released on \$5000 cash bail. The other four men are in the county jail booked for burglary. The ring was responsible for at least four big burglaries in Torrance, including one in the Ellinwood tract where approximately \$1000 worth of electrical equipment was stolen.

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Voters To Elect 2 School Board Members Tomorrow

FOUR IN RACE FOR 2 POSTS

Voters will go to the polls tomorrow, Friday, May 21, to elect two members to the board of education of the Torrance unified school district.

The names of the following four candidates will be found on the ballot: Dr. Joseph P. Bay, (incumbent), Mrs. Opal Benard, Charlton Mewborn, and Edward Schwartz.

A LIST OF ELECTION PRECINCTS IS GIVEN ON THIS PAGE

The two posts to be filled are those now occupied by Dr. Joseph Bay and the one occupied by William Tolson until May 5. At that time Tolson informed the board that he wished to resign and that he was withdrawing from the election race for which he had originally filed.

Dr. Bay was appointed to the board to serve out the remainder of Judge John Shidler's term who also submitted his resignation April 6 of this year.

Tolson served on the board for four years. He resigned because. (Continued on Page 11)

11 POLLS OPEN FOR ELECTION

Voters will go to the polls tomorrow, Friday, May 21, to elect members to the Torrance and El Camino school boards. The polls will be open between 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. Election precincts were announced as follows:

1. PERRY SCHOOL, 17831 Prairie, (Includes Election precincts 20, 43, 58, 59, 60 and all of El Nido General Election precinct).

2. CARR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 3404 West 168th street, (Includes precincts 34, 35 and 52).

3. NORTH TORRANCE (Continued on Page 20)

Juvenile Delinquency

By Police Sgt. D. C. COOK, Guest Editor (In Charge of Torrance Juvenile Division)

(In order to air our civic needs, the Torrance Press is running a series of weekly editorials written by people of the community. Editorials may be submitted by anyone. All manuscripts become the property of the Torrance Press. We welcome ideas on any subject, controversial or otherwise. Editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the publishers.)

I was asked to write about some of the types of juvenile delinquency we have in the City of Torrance. I feel that the boys and girls of Torrance are no different than the boys and girls of other towns. I feel that we should talk about some of the causes of delinquency, and maybe something to correct the causes.

First we have lack of love and understanding from the parents.

This tends to make the boy or girl leave home, and go look for love and understanding. They can find this at drive-ins or any place where young people congregate. After they find someone that understands them, and will pay attention to their problems, they want to be with the group, and to do the things the group wants them to do, causing them to stay out late, drinking, smoking, etc.

Number Two, is this: Lack of security.

When a boy or girl feels insecure in their home they feel that they are not wanted and they do not count as much as the father or mother does. They feel just tolerated. This also is a great cause for deviant behavior. We must make our children feel that they are wanted. That they are part of the family. Make them feel secure. Make them feel that they count as much as anyone in the family.

Number Three. (Continued on Page 11)



EDWARD SCHWARTZ ADDRESS: 3244 Eldorado. PLACE OF BIRTH: Newark, New Jersey. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE: nine years.

EDUCATION: Rutgers University, University of Southern California (master of science in education).

FAMILY: wife, 5-year-old son.

OCCUPATION: mathematics teacher at El Camino college.

FORMER OCCUPATIONS: associated with Sam Levy; wartime army service (three years, three months).

CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS: formerly with Optimists, charter member; Phi Delta Kappa (national educational honorary society).

STATEMENT: "As the parent of a school child and as a professionally trained educator, I believe that I can help to build a public school system best suited to the needs of all the people for all of Torrance."



MRS. OPAL BENARD ADDRESS: 1448 Engracia. PLACE OF BIRTH: Washington.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE: four years.

EDUCATION: University of Idaho, degree in medical technology.

FAMILY: husband, three daughters (high school, junior college, college).

CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS: Woman's club (in-going ways and means chairman); Community Coordinating Council (membership chairman); past president of Torrance Council P.T.A. girl scout work; worked on all drives; original committee setting up dental health program.

STATEMENT: "I am interested in the board post and wish to serve on it because it goes right along in general with the kind of work I've been doing."



DR. JOSEPH P. BAY (incumbent) ADDRESS: 2558 Torrance PLACE OF BIRTH: Torrance.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE: since birth.

EDUCATION: Torrance elementary, Torrance high school, California State Polytechnic (four years), L. A. College of Optometry.

FAMILY: wife, one child, (pre-school age).

OCCUPATION: optometrist. FORMER OCCUPATIONS: Chief pharmacist in navy during war (5 years).

CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS: Rotary, Jaycees, senior scouting.

STATEMENT: "I think we have had a good school administration up till now and I shall try to keep it that way, if elected. As long as we adhere to good policy, we'll progress right along."



CHARLTON MEWBORN ADDRESS: 5321 Reese road. PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City, N.Y. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE: seven years.

EDUCATION: B. A. from University of Michigan; LL.B., University of Southern California.

FAMILY: wife, three children (9, 11, 13 years old).

OCCUPATION: attorney; was with Bethlehem Steel during the war; practiced law in Memphis, Tenn.

CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS: Kiwanis; Seaside Heights Homeowners assoc. (president, treasurer, director); board of YMCA; L. A. Harbor, and South Bay bar associations; Seaside P.T.A.

STATEMENT: "I'm interested in seeing that my children get a good education and that school money be distributed in the best way possible in Torrance."

State OK's Funds For Armory

Construction of the Torrance armory was given the go-ahead sign this week when the State Board of Public Works appropriated \$51,953 for the project. The new National Guard armory will be built at Lincoln ave. and Cabrillo ave. Total cost of the new hall is expected to exceed \$125,000. National Guard officials report.

Torrance Postmen To Walk In Cerebral Palsy Drive

Postmen of Torrance this year will again take part in the annual "Postman's Walk" to aid the local victims of cerebral palsy, Earl Sumpter, of the Torrance branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers, announced today.

Sumpter, who is chairman of the Torrance "walk," said the mailmen will live up to their slogan, "We Walk Again, So They May Walk."

Earl Sumpter, chairman of the Torrance "Postman's Walk," said that householders wishing to contribute to the UCP's campaign fund Tuesday, May 25, through the local "walk," should either turn on their porch light, or hang a red ribbon, tie or sock from their mailbox. Postmen will call on all homes displaying any or all of these signs by retracing their routes Tuesday, May 25, between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., as their (Continued on Page 11)

Planners OK New Mortuary

Variance application to erect a mortuary at the corner of Cravens and Engracia has been recommended for approval to the city council by the city planning commission.

Request for such a variance came from Henry Halverson of San Pedro. The mortuary would be erected near the city's only other funeral home.

CALIFORNIA BANK TAKES OVER MONDAY

California Bank, Los Angeles, officially takes over the local Torrance National Bank, the shareholders of each bank having given final approval of the transaction last Monday, Frank L. King, president announced. The bank will open for business as the Torrance office of California Bank Monday morning, May 24.

According to King, "The acquisition of Torrance National bank provides California bank with an office in an important industrial area not heretofore served by the bank where a continuing growth in both industry and population can be expected."

The appointment of Arthur O. Otsea as vice president and J. W. Post, formerly president of Torrance National bank, as vice president was also announced. Other official appointments were that of G. W. Post, formerly vice president of Torrance National, as assistant cashier and M. A. Pagel and R. G. Leech as assistant managers of the new office.

Otsea entered banking more than 30 years ago in his hometown, St. James, Minn. He (Continued on Page 11)

Nativity Buys Building For Youth Center

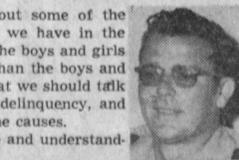
Rev. P. J. McGuinness of the Nativity Catholic church this week announced purchase of the former First Christian church building at Arlington and Engracia.

The building was bought from Sam Levy, local businessman, for \$25,000. Levy had originally bought the building for the same amount. The building will be used as a youth activities center for the Nativity parish.

"There has long been a need (Continued on Page 11)



JOHN PIERCE . . . cancer and desperation



D. C. COOK



A. O. OTSEA . . . vice-president