

# CITY TAX HIKE LOOMS

## MISSES GRADUATION PITCHFORK PIERCES LUNG, LOCAL YOUTH

While pitching hay at his father's dairy Sunday afternoon, Louis Hoekstra, of 20542 Valerie, Torrance, fell off the haystack onto a pitchfork which pierced his lung.

With no one around to help him, Hoekstra struggled to his feet and walked over to the barn. Fellow workers called for the ambulance instantly and the youth was rushed to a local physician.

He was taken to Gardena hospital where he was said to be in "fair to good" condition.

### Graduation Today

Hoekstra, whose father owns the Inglewood Farms dairy, 3400 Del Amo, where the accident took place, was to graduate this week from Leuzinger high school. Prior to attending Leuzinger he attended Torrance high.

George Key, senior counselor, visited the boy Monday to assure him that he had checked with the various teachers and that he will pass and receive credit for all his courses. Even if he will not be able to attend the ceremonies, he will receive his diploma, Key told him.

While 395 of his fellow class-mates will graduate tonight, Hoekstra will be in the hospital, thinking of them. But the graduates have not forgotten him either. The senior cabinet, upon hearing what happened, made plans to write Louis so that he would know that they were all joined in spirit on the day of this great event.

## She Is Really Impressed

"I really approve of the Torrance Press," Mrs. G. Champion of 2708 Carson stated this week. The reason why she felt that way was because of the terrific results she had with her ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

GREEN RUG and pad 12x15 like new, cost \$280. Sell for \$90. Dining set and buffet, \$45. Child sand box, \$3.50. FA. 8-8767

"The Torrance Press has such widespread coverage and every one receives a paper," Mrs. Mrs. Champion commented, "I always use the Torrance Press classified section because of the immediate response I've always had. My phone starts ringing early and people buy the items the very first day."

If you want a ring—lots of them—give us a ring. Call FA. 8-2345 and place your inexpensive classified ad today.



### SWEET AND LOVELY

Eleven attractive damsels vied for the Miss Community Fair title this year. The winner and two runners-up were chosen last night, at the fair's official opening. Competing included: (l-r, seated) Gays Wilson, 17, Mary Burke, 16, Lorene Ledwidge, 16, Nancy Taylor, 16, Phillis Weymouth, 16; (l-r, standing) Pat Dowty, 16, Karen Peters, 16, Karen Brunel, 16, Ronee Lemaster, 17, Juanita Satterfield, 16, and Diane Trimiew, 17.—Press Photo.



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## COUNCIL BRIEFS

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** At a pre-council meeting a request for \$13,152 made by the Chamber of Commerce was discussed by the council. A decision will be reached at a budget meeting Monday, 1:30 p.m. The council's general feeling was that the Chamber should do more to publicize Torrance and to attract commercial developments to the area. Ear-marking of portions of the funds for publicity was discussed. No definite figure was decided upon at this time.

**RESIGNATION:** Resignation of City Attorney James Hall was accepted with deep regret. Hall indicated that the increased burden of his own practice and the fact that the city attorney's post was becoming a full time job necessitated the move. Stan Remelmeyer, assistant city attorney, was appointed to the post temporarily until an examination can be given.

**BUS DEPARTMENT:** As a result of the excellent safety record of the bus department, the insurance rate has been lowered 15%. The city was informed. Marshall Chamberlain is superintendent of the department.

**AIRPORT CONTRACT:** A city attorney's ruling has been asked to determine if the contract with the airport can be renegotiated every 30 months or whether it is binding for the full 10 years.

**CIVIC CENTER SITE:** Action in superior court to condemn 50 acres of land for park purposes near the new civic center site was ordered, according to a 3-2 vote of the City Council.

**RECREATION COMMISSION:** Jack Brown, who has resigned from the commission, will be replaced by Robert S. Kramer of WALTERIA. Mayor Isen's appointment was approved 4-1. Councilman Blount voted 'no', maintaining that the council should be given the courtesy as to the reason of the mayor's appointment.

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL:** The State informed the city that a traffic signal will be installed at Pacific Coast highway and Calle Mayor in 1957, prior to the opening of the new South high school.

**MONEY:** The city will receive \$4,822 from the county for recreation purposes for the coming year.

**TRANSPORTATION:** June 19 was proclaimed as Torrance Transportation Day. The regular meeting of the Transportation Association will be held here that day.



### MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS

Lovely Audrey Stevens, popular Torrance high school senior, who will graduate tonight, exemplifies the spirit of high school and graduation. Some graduates, like Audrey, will go on to college. Others will go into professions. But high school and the thrilling experience of graduation will always be remembered by all as one of the unique periods of life.—Press Photo.

## 566 WILL GRADUATE FROM 3 HIGH SCHOOLS

Tonight and tomorrow night a total of 566 seniors and 80 evening school students will be graduated from Torrance high, North high, and Narbonne high. Torrance schools will hold commencement exercises tonight while Narbonne will hold them tomorrow night.

### Narbonne Hi Graduation

One hundred and eighty Narbonne high school seniors will be graduated Friday, June 15, at 5 p.m. commencement exercises to be held on the playing field.

Dr. William Davenport, professor of English at the University of Southern California, will be the commencement speaker, his topic being "The Noble Risk."

Diplomas will be awarded by Herbert E. Morey, principal, as the class is presented to him by Pat E. Turner, boys' vice principal.

For the professional the Narbonne orchestra, conducted by Dr. George D. Weeks, will play Sir Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," the recessional being "The Host of Youth" by Gus Guentzel.

Donna Reekers, class honor (Turn to Page 17)

### Torrance Hi Graduation

Marching in to the strains of Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" 274 Torrance high school seniors and 80 evening school graduates will start their commencement ceremonies tonight, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. on the high school athletic field.

The Rev. Paul Wenske of the First Lutheran church will lead in the invocation following the flag salute and the playing of the national anthem.

Under the direction of Glen Hawley, the senior commencement choir will sing "Farewell."

Student commencement speakers, using "Moments to Remember" for their theme, will speak as follows: Herman Cobrea, freshman year; Barbara Jean Bielefeld, sophomore year; Penelope Sena, junior year; and Sherwood Tiernan, senior year and summary.

The class song, "The High and the Mighty," will then be sung, under the direction of Verrell Wood.

Principal W. Bruce Magner, (Turn to Page 18)

### North High Graduation

The first graduating class at North high will hold commencement ceremonies tonight, June 14, in the North high school quad, starting at 8:30 p.m. at which time 112 members of the class of 1956 will be graduated.

The North high school band, under the direction of John Baum, will begin the program with Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" and will conclude the graduation exercises with Mendelssohn's "March of the Priests."

Following the flag salute and national anthem, the Rev. John Taylor of the First Methodist church will give the invocation.

This will be followed by soloist Deanna Ball.

Commencement speakers include Bob Davis, "Past and Present"; Arlene Lesar, "Future"; and Beth Ladd, "Summary."

Following the singing of the class song, "Beyond the Blue Horizon," the class will be presented by Principal Dale Harter. Dr. J. H. Hull, superin-

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## ANNUAL COMMUNITY FAIR OPENS HERE

The Third Annual Torrance Community Fair opened yesterday to run through Sunday evening, June 17. This year's location is 2505 Cabrillo avenue in the National Guard Armory. Located just north of Sepulveda Blvd. and south of Plaza del Amo there will be ample free parking just east of the armory building.

Fair grounds will be open until 11 p.m. at night, starting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and at noon Saturday and Sunday.

The five-day event, being sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with eight other civic organizations, is designed for community participation, and offers entertainment for young and old.

The beautiful new National Guard Armory building will house the exhibit booths this year presented by merchants, businessmen, and industry of the Torrance area.

Another feature this year will

be free admission. Admission will be through the front door of the building only, however, there will be absolutely no charge.

Highlight of this year's fair was the selection last night of Miss Torrance Community Fair. Selected on her beauty, poise, talent and personality, she will reign over the remaining days of the fair. Eleven girls were in competition, with first, second, and third place trophies being awarded.

Each girl in the contest received a bathing suit through the cooperation of Paul Diamond of the Gay shop. Judges for the queen contest included Jeanne Barnhart of (Turn to Page 17)

## Council May Consider Tax Boost

The possibility that city taxes will be raised 5 cents this year in order to provide proper services such as police and fire protection was raised at a pre-council meeting Tuesday.

Mayor Albert Isen suggested that the council consider a tax hike at a budget meeting scheduled for Monday, 1:30 p.m. The meeting, to be held in the council chamber of the Torrance City Hall, is open to the public.

The present tax rate is \$1.18 per \$100 of assessed valuation. A 5-cent increase would give the city an additional \$55,000, City Manager George Stevens estimated.

It was indicated that the city needs about 12 more policemen, 10 firemen, and 50 new city employees in order to provide the proper services to this area and to bring wages of city employees on a par with surrounding cities.

## Improvement Of Flood Channels Set

Appropriations in excess of \$40,000 for the improvement of flood control channels in the Torrance, Lomita and Compton areas were approved by County Supervisor Burton W. Chase.

Chase announced that the Board of Supervisors had authorized an appropriation of \$12,750 to reconstruct levees on Dominguez Channel from Western ave. to Redondo Beach Blvd. The levees, the Supervisor said, were damaged in the heavy winter storms.

Another appropriation of \$13,200 to repair streets and driveways in the vicinity of 248th st. and Cypress st. in Lomita won the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

Work on the driveways and streets, Chase declared, were made necessary following the construction of the Lomita boulevard storm drain.

The third project authorized, according to Chase, was an appropriation of \$15,000 for decomposed granite paving on top of levees on Compton Creek from Del Amo Blvd. to Alameda st.

Repair of the flood control projects at this time, the Supervisor stated, will greatly enhance their operative value during the winter and early spring rains of next season.

## It's Time To Take Pictures

Attention all shutterbugs! The annual Torrance Press Photo Contest will start July 12.

This year for the first time there will be two divisions with first, second and third prizes in each division.

One division will be for strictly amateurs while the other will be for semi-professional photographers.

A total of \$140 worth of prizes will be given away in all. All individuals who submit photographs which are 8x10 or smaller will be classified as amateurs; all individuals who submit 8x10 photos or mounted photos will be considered in the semi-professional category (glossy, 8x10's are preferable to mounted photos).

Sponsoring the contest again this year will be the Torrance Press, A-1 Photo Service, 1318 Sartori, and Photo Arts Studio, 1311 Post.

First, second and third prize in the amateur division will be \$25 cash, \$15 (merchandise—photo supplies), \$10 (merchandise—photo supplies); semi-professional division—\$40 (cash), (Turn to Page 9)

### EDITORIAL

## It's Time To Make Plans For Rabies Clinics Here

It will be time soon to take out dog licenses and have dogs vaccinated against rabies, if they have not already been vaccinated.

Starting July 1, dog licenses will be issued. This will be the first time, too, that dogs must be vaccinated or that certificates of vaccination must be shown in accordance with a law passed in Torrance and in the county of Los Angeles since last summer.

We believe that the Torrance City Council, the California Veterinary association, local veterinarians and pound officials should take steps now to set up clinics for that purpose.

Ample and convenient provisions should be made to offer the vaccination service during the first four weeks of the licensing period as called for in the ordinance.

Every effort should be made to make these shots available for \$1.50 which seems to be the standard rate charged by clinics throughout the county.

If such arrangements are made, we are certain that local residents will approve wholeheartedly and that this community will be protected against future rabies epidemics.

## FIRM SUES THREE COUNCILMEN, CITY

Three city councilmen and the city of Torrance were served with suits last week regarding their stand on a controversial zoning matter.

Suit was brought by McDonald brothers against Councilmen Victor E. Benstead, Jr., Robert B. Jahn, and Mayor Albert Isen, as well as the city.

The matter involves the industrial rezoning of land at Crenshaw and Carson. A previous City Council approved such rezoning, but the ordinance which would have made this rezoning allegedly official was presented to the present City Council.

The three councilmen named in the suit voted against the ordinance. Councilman Jahn casting the decisive vote. Former Councilman Mervin Schwab, replaced by Jahn, had voted for the rezoning.

The 41-page complaint filed by Attorney Donald Armstrong for McDonald brothers, maintains that Benstead and Jahn were disqualified from voting by reason of "bias and prejudice."

Benstead, the complaint (Turn to Page 17)



### IT AIN'T PEANUTS

Roger Billingsley, 12, emerged top peanut salesman among YMCA boys, for having sold 18 cases of peanuts he received a sleek Schwinn bike at the YMCA dinner Monday night. Making the presentation is Ben Smith, of the Torrance Cycle and Sports shop and YMCA board member.—Press Photo.

# Annual Torrance Press Photo Contest Starts In 29 Days