

## BIDS OPENED AT MEETING NEXT FRIDAY

City Council Will Approve  
Sale of Bonds and Receive  
Offers of Construction

James L. Beebe, Los Angeles bond expert, advisor to the City of Torrance, has received formal notification that the federal grants to this city for building purposes have been approved, according to Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, who received communication from Mr. Beebe to this effect late last week.

On the strength of this assurance, the city has notified representatives of bond houses who submitted bids on the issue authorized at a special election held in September, that the city council will open the bids and approve the sale of the issue to the best bidder at its next meeting, Friday evening, December 27.

At the same time, bids for construction of the three buildings, city hall, library and auditorium, will be opened and the offers referred to the city engineer and consulting engineer for study.

An early meeting will be held to receive the report of these officials when contracts will be approved and referred to the PWA officials for their concurrence.

At this time (Friday night) the council will very likely make its final decision as to the site for the library building which has been under discussion for some time.

## BLIND MAN heads engineering SOCIETY

Heartening news for the physically handicapped in life is contained in an Associated Press dispatch, which tells of the election to the presidency of the Society of Automotive Engineers, of a man who has been blind since birth. He is Ralph R. Teetor, vice president of the Perfect Circle Company, of Hagerstown, Indiana, head of its engineering department, chairman of the S. A. E. research department since 1932.

Teetor is a cousin of Harry H. Dolley, pioneer druggist of Torrance. Teetor attended the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1912 with a degree of bachelor of science in mechanical engineering. He was employed for a short time in the New York Shipbuilding Company plant at Camden, New Jersey, and then returned to the factory owned by members of his family at Hagerstown, where for the past 16 years he has been in charge of engineering and research.

Teetor will be installed as president of the S. A. E. in January.

## Phillips Brooks Ill With Pneumonia

Phillips Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis M. Brooks, 1328 Portola avenue, is at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital quite ill with pneumonia. Mr. Brooks, who is teaching at Stanford University, came home from Palo Alto last week, and immediately entered the hospital for treatment.

## Midnight Service At St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Episcopal church will observe the usual midnight mass of Christmas Day. The service will begin at 11:30 p. m. Christmas eve with the singing of Christmas carols. Second mass will be held at 10 a. m. Christmas morning.

## CHRISTMAS TREE ROW LIGHTED AT C. C. M. O.

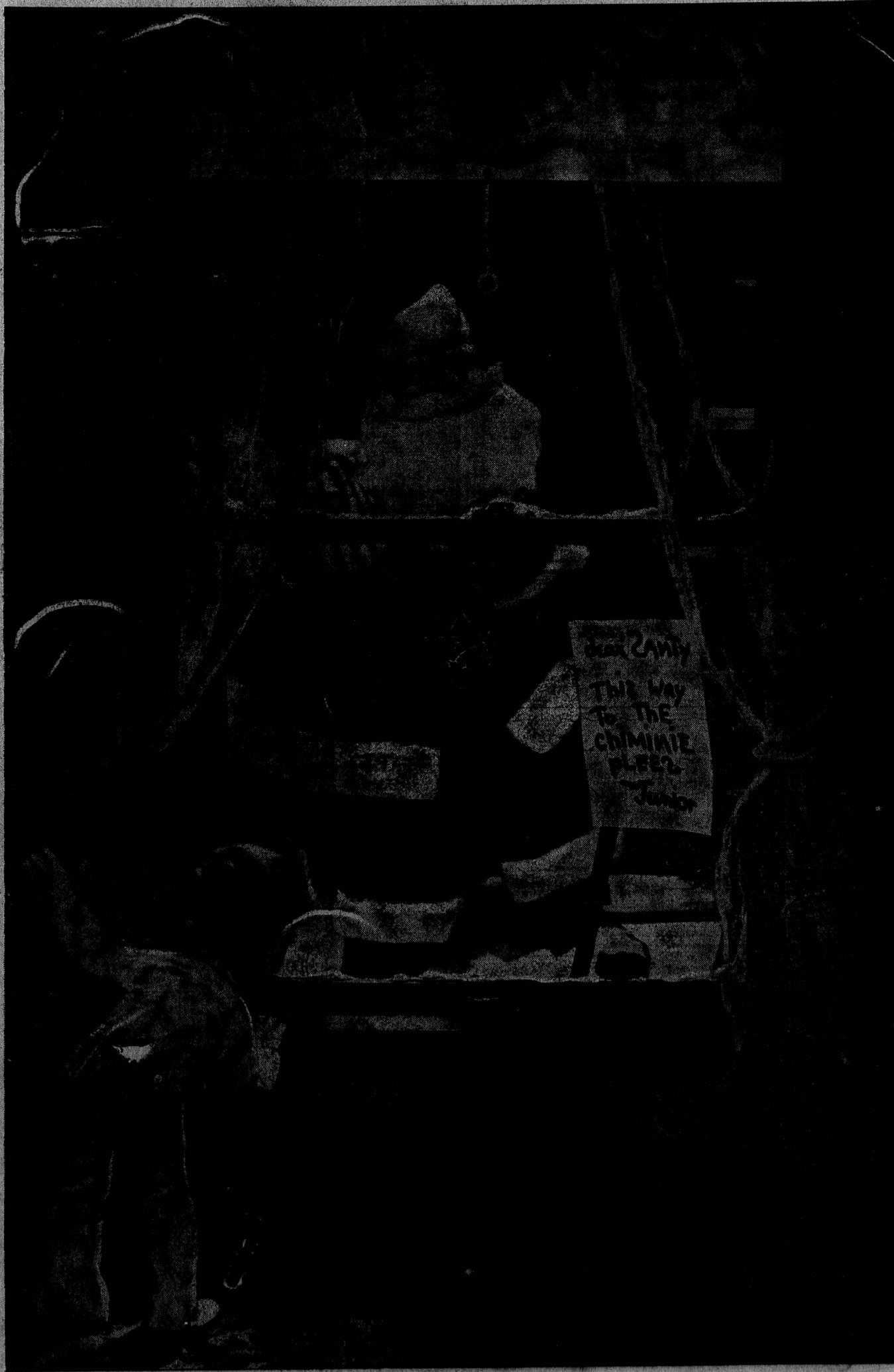
Following the usual custom, trees bordering the street at the C. C. M. O. camp in West Torrance, have again been adorned with their Christmas dress, and are brilliantly lighted at night. The C. C. M. O. Christmas display for years has been the mecca of many residents in this section of the county, and the decorations with their thousands of bright colored lights are more beautiful than ever this year. The public is invited to drive through the avenue leading to the company office any evening during the holiday season.

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## TIME LIMIT FOR PARKING WILL BE TWO HOURS

Misunderstanding of Terms  
Cause of Objection to  
New Ordinance

Some objections have developed among business men to the new parking ordinance which will regulate traffic on Sartori and Marcelina avenues. The objections seem to have arisen from a misunderstanding of the time limit. The ordinance as proposed sets a time limit of two hours for parking, instead of 45 minutes as seems to be the impression. It will come up for final reading, Friday, December 27.

The new ordinance will provide for parallel parking on the east side of Sartori avenue and on both sides of Marcelina avenue.

The narrow width of these downtown streets, makes parking at an angle of 45 degrees dangerous to traffic, as there is barely room for two cars to pass, and if one of the cars is a truck the clearance is still further reduced. Many collisions have occurred on these streets, between cars backing out from opposite sides of the streets, and between cars backing out and those trying to pass. The new regulation will give more room and will do away with many of these unavoidable accidents.

Another regulation which may be proposed and adopted will set a time limit for parking on any street until 2 o'clock in the morning. Cars found on the streets after that hour will be tagged, or towed to a garage for storage, the owner to foot the bill for towing, storage and illegal parking.

While no action has been taken as yet to introduce such an ordinance, it is under consideration. The regulation will provide a means for speedy checking up on stolen cars, which are sometimes abandoned in small cities and left for hours on the streets until the thieves have made a safe getaway.

## C. of C. Host to Harbor District

Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be host to the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce on January 9, when the officers elected to serve for the ensuing year will be installed. An excellent program is being arranged by Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the local group. Dinner and installation ceremonies will be held at the Woman's Club clubhouse, 1422 Engracia avenue. An effort will be made to secure the presence of Governor Frank F. Merriam, on this occasion. Gov. Merriam is president emeritus of the Harbor Chambers and has long been an active member.

## The First Christmas Card of Greeting

W. E. Dobson is credited with having made and sent the first Christmas card in England, Christmas of 1844. Dobson cut a piece of drawing paper a little larger than an ordinary piece of letter paper, painted a Christmas scene and mailed it to a person who had been kind to him during the year. The next year, friends who had seen the card ordered cards to send to their friends and so the custom began. Now cards may be purchased at all prices, anywhere, and rich and poor uphold the custom started by Dobson.

Old Picture Yields Currency  
LISTOWELL, Ont. (U.P.) — When Mrs. George Jones broke the frame of an old picture, bequeathed to her by her grandmother, \$100 in bills showered to the floor. Some of the bills were dated 1892.

Ship Forgets Mails  
WOODS HOLE, Mass. (U.P.) — Passengers were "all at sea" when the steamer Naushon suddenly about-faced and headed back to port. The ship, en route to Nantucket Island, had left without the mail.

McGill Attracts "Macos"  
MONTREAL (U.P.) — The "Macos" have it at McGill University. The students directory shows there are 165 students attending the university with Scottish names beginning with "Mac." There are only 11 Jones, 24 Smiths and seven Cohens.