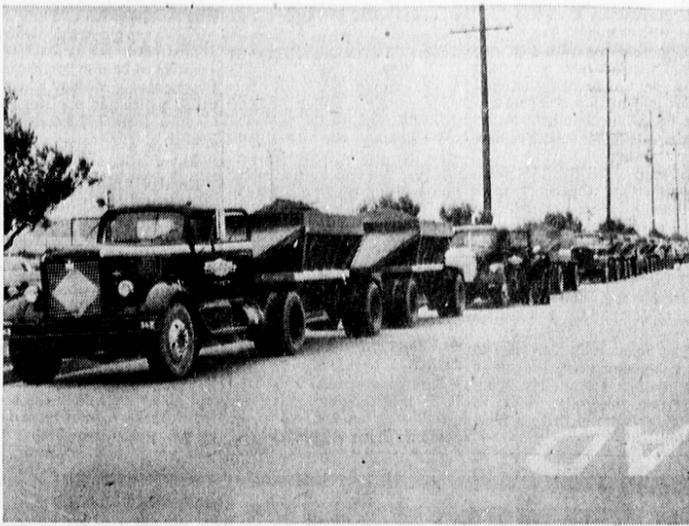




HOME BLAZE . . . Torrance Fireman Howard Schneider inspects a television set burned during a fire yesterday morning in a home at 320 Via Colusa in the Hollywood Riviera district. Firemen were called to the home twice within several hours to put out fires. (Herald Photo)



TRUCK CHECK . . . Routine checking of dirt-hauling trucks for mechanical defects was resumed yesterday by Torrance police after councilmen renewed complaints of their operations Tuesday night. Here a traffic officer checks a line of trucks on Hawthorne Ave. north of Sepulveda. Complaints of speeding, running three abreast, hazardous passing, and following too closely were voiced by councilmen. (Herald Photo)

208th St. Work Scheduled Soon

An allocation of \$1850 for under construction are completed. Improvements will consist of extending pavement to joint curbs and gutters which were installed on the north side of the roadway.

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**Council Keeps Promise:
Cuts Tax Rate Five Cents**

Promises earlier this year that a five-cent cut in city taxes would be ordered were carried out Tuesday night by the council as it formally adopted the budget for the fiscal year which began July 1.

Overriding requests of top administration that the cut be restored, the council voted to keep the cut with only George Bradford dissenting.

City Manager Wade Peebles and Finance Officer Jerome Scharfman had warned councilmen that the cut would leave reserves dangerously low in the event of heavy rains this winter, or in other emergencies.

The council also agreed to ask the county to change assessment on bomb and fallout shelters to encourage construction, but held for further study a suggestion that the city waive permit fees for such projects.

With members of the council planning to attend the annual

American Municipal Assn. convention in Seattle next week, the Aug. 29 session of the council has been canceled.

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Slides, Talk Slated for Realtors

Meeting for a luncheon Wednesday, Aug. 23, the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors heard and address by Joe LaBarbera, assistant community relations director for the Title Insurance and Trust Co. of Los Angeles.

The program was held at noon at the Jump 'n Jack. Irene Baker, program chair-

man, said LaBarbera was to speak on "Remember When—?" and show slides on the exploration, colonization and development of Los Angeles county.

The program is part of the Title Insurance and Trust Co.'s historical programs which it prepares for local realtor meetings.

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