



AT LAST! . . . the last of the pin ball machines is shown above on its way out of town. After a long battle with City Officials, in which the Press, P-TA's, and church groups participated, an ordinance was drawn and passed prohibiting the licensing of such machines in the City of Torrance. —Press photo.

## Airport Shows Huge Profit

Torrance Municipal Airport did a total business of \$48,978.47 in the fiscal year 1949-50, according to figures on file in the City Hall.

Of this, the city received \$7,346.77, or 15 percent of the total, and the balance went to Collins & Dietrich, managers under contract to the city.

The city gets all of funds raised from land on the airport, however, and while the managers spent much of their income on improvements, the city also spent \$6028.85 in paving a roadway, installing water mains and on miscellaneous items including insurance.

Collins & Dietrich constructed taxi strips, administration building, painted the large nose hangar, and built seven "T" hangars which they rent.

This year, they plan a snack bar or cafe, a large hangar program and other improvements, they said.

## R. SCANLON MISSING IN KOREAN WAR

After flying in 50 combat missions over Europe, Major Robert Scanlon, 27, USAF, is missing in action as a result of his first sortie against Korean Reds, according to the defense department.

According to notification received by his wife, Elizabeth, 17305 Ardath av. Torrance, Scanlon failed to recover from a dive after releasing a bomb and crashed to the ground on Sept. 21. He was piloting an F-51 Mustang fighter plane at the time.

Mrs. Scanlon said that her husband was sent overseas last month as a replacement for



MISSING IN ACTION—Major Robert E. Scanlon is reported missing in action in Korean fighting.

Headquarters Squadron 6002 in Pusan. Mrs. Scanlon and the three Scanlon children bought their home here just before Maj. Scanlon's departure. The family came here from Lackland Field, near San Antonio, Texas. Maj. Scanlon entered service in 1941 as a private in the Army.

As a B-25 pilot in Europe, he earned the Air Medal with two clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with one cluster and other decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Scanlon, the major's parents, live at 3217 W. 154th Pl., Gardena.

## P. Robinson Killed in Korean Battle

Former Torrance resident, Sgt. Gordon P. Robinson, who resided at 2016 Andree Ave. until moving to Barstow last year, died in action in the Korean war.

Robinson, 19, was the son of Mrs. Agnes Phillips, who resided at 2016 Andree Ave. until moving to Barstow last year. The youth, who enlisted in the Army just before his mother moved from here, attended Torrance High School.

## Petitions Ask Torrance Mail In North Area

Councilman Nick Draie is supporting the efforts of home owners of northeast section of Torrance to have their mail delivery restored to the Torrance postoffice.

A petition to the assistant postmaster general now is in circulation requesting that this area, changed a few weeks ago from Torrance postoffice delivery to Gardena postoffice, be switched back to the Torrance postoffice.

The petition state that: "We are taxpayers of the City of Torrance and depend on Torrance for all municipal services. It is very confusing, to say the least, to require our correspondents to address their mail to a neighboring city in order to have it delivered to us."

Draie, always a friend of Torrance postal service and responsible largely for the present Torrance area, is assisting in the circulating of petitions.

## Newspaper Week Hailed By Press

This is Newspaper Week, and the Press proudly participates in its observance.

Never before has there been such need for a "free press" and we of the Press are happy to have been able to bring to the people of Torrance "the other side" of topics of the day which they have wanted for so long.

Governor Warren, in proclaiming this Newspaper Week, declared:

"The importance of a free press has never been more convincingly demonstrated than in these troubled days. Wherever we turn, we find free institutions under constant challenge by forces of oppression. We have seen examples, in other parts of the world, where the curtailment of a free press has led to the quick destruction of free government. Time and again it has been proven that only when people are fully informed can they recognize and counteract movements which seek to enslave them.

"The right to know the truth is an American heritage handed down to us by our founding fathers. They had first-hand knowledge of the devices of oppression."

## Community Chest Gets Kickoff Mon.

The first phase of the 1950-51 Community Chest campaign in Torrance will get into action next Monday morning when the Advance Gifts Division, headed by Mayor Bob Haggard, will hold its kick-off meeting at 9:15 at the Chamber of Commerce, Dean Sears, Community Chest campaign chairman, announced today.

Sears also announced the appointment of Charles H. Ragsdale of Ragsdale & Newell, Hardware Oil distributors, as chairman of the Commerce and Industrial Division of the campaign, Ragsdale is replacing W. T. Tildon, manager of American Rock Wool Corporation, who resigned last week.

# COUNCIL WEIGHS MAYER'S DEAL FOR SALE OF LAND



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## VARIANCE VOTE IS EXPECTED

News printed exclusively in the Press that a wealthy Los Angeles syndicate of Negro citizens had made an offer to buy 400 residence lots in Hollywood Riviera, and that Rudolph Mayer's corporation, owner of the land, was considering the offer with a favorable attitude hit Torrance like an atom bomb last Thursday.

However, after a week agog marked by frequent and serious meetings of civic and official bodies, skeptics appeared to be satisfied that Mayer's firm is not "bluffing" and it was expected as the Press closed its forms for this edition that the City Council would meet (Wednesday night) and grant Ocean Hills Corporation the right to develop its beautiful tract as planned, without sidewalks.

Councilman George Powell and (Continued on Page Two)

## GOOD GOVERNMENT

(An Editorial)

The people of Torrance are losing faith in that Councilmanic trio likened in our contemporary newspaper to Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd — and unlike Bergen's entertaining radio program, the situation in Torrance is not mirthful.

Here we have an Edgar Bergen who is making good his pre-election promises and boasts that he was going to run the City of Torrance. And he has his Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd right by his side, but far more obedient than the trickster Charlie and the stupid Mortimer.

By alert news reporting, it was discovered and revealed exclusively in the Press last week that Rudolph Mayer had received an offer from a wealthy syndicate of Negro citizens in Los Angeles for his 400 beautiful residence lots in Hollywood Riviera, along the Palos Verdes-Torrance boundary.

This situation was brought about by unfair discrimination against Mr. Mayer and his proposed development at the hands of the Councilmen who voted that he must have sidewalks along the streets of his new, suburban type development of fine homes, WHILE NO OTHER TRACT IN THE AREA HAS EVER BEEN REQUIRED TO HAVE SIDEWALKS.

Let the chips fall where they may, people of Torrance.

If that tract is developed by the Negro syndicate (and they are within their rights legally and morally in this free country) you can blame your elected representatives for their politics and discrimination against Mr. Mayer.

If Mr. Mayer is allowed to proceed with his tract as planned, credit must go to the Press for its devotion to duty in publishing the news of the community and revealing this situation.

And on the heels of this development, the same Councilmanic trio seeks to pass an ordinance which would narrow down the field of council candidates by discriminating against members of city commissions who are serving their community faithfully and well. The trio shows little confidence in the men they themselves appoint to city commissions and boards, and their action is an insult to the intelligence of the people of Torrance.

Perhaps they feel that the saying "laws are made to be broken" is true, knowing that they can repeal the ordinance at their convenience when they want the "right man" appointed to the Council.

It is plain they fear the minority members of the Council who are doing a far better job of representing the people than this trio.

The people of Torrance recently eliminated a "yes" Board of Education.

The people can just as easily eliminate this "yes" trio from the City Council.

## BENSTEAD RAPS NEW ORDINANCE

Declaring that Mayor Bob Haggard, Councilman H. J. Spelman and Councilman Willys Blount are "swerving far from the path of democracy," Victor E. Benstead Jr. this week challenged the constitutionality of the ordinance which the trio is enacting into law to forbid a city board or commission member from becoming a candidate for City Council.

The ordinance adopted for its first reading last week was offered by Councilman Spelman, and it created such a furor that an attempt was made to shift blame for its origin to the ill City Attorney C. D. Smith.

Benstead, a member of the Civil Service Commission, said in a letter to the City Council:

"A recent issue of the Torrance Herald carries a number of criticisms by Mayor Bob Haggard directed at the members of the various Commissions of the City of Torrance. His remarks intimated that there existed a certain type of intimacy between members of the Commissions and certain individuals or groups, of individuals in the city whereby votes were exchanged for favors.

"No member of our Commission ever held an office in the city government where votes played a part. Mayor Bob Haggard is the only member of the present City Official Family who 'stepped up' from a Commission to a position on the Council through election, which we trust was not by 'bartering for votes'."

"As we serve the city in an advisory capacity only, we fail to see how we can be accused of bartering or trafficking in anything. The Constitution, under the Bill of Rights, extends to us the same priv-

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Capt. Gene Walker and Fireman Jay Nielsen are shown demonstrating the use of the inhalator, an apparatus which supplies breathing but which is so sensitive it can be used either on adults or a newborn infant without any damage to the body.

This inhalator, developed by keeping with Fire Prevention Month, sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, is offered to every Torrance citizen by the Torrance Fire Department. It is carried on under the theory that the fire department should provide emergency protection for lives or property, whether such protection arises from fires or not.

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## Shoe Clerks Strike Threat In Torrance

Peaceful labor relations which the Harbor Area has enjoyed during the past two years appeared to be at an end today as Haskell Tidwell, secretary of Retail Clerks Local No. 905, threatened to close up chain shoe stores to enforce a demand for a \$70 per week wage and health-welfare clause which may cost \$2 a week addition.

The Harbor Area shoe stores, both chains and independents, now are paying \$65 a week, the highest wage for shoe clerks in the United States. Los Angeles pays \$58.50 to clerks in Seattle, a highly-unionized district, recently completed negotiations for a wage to shoe clerks of \$60 per week.

Shoe store owners, protesting through the Harbor Area Employers' Council, agreed to the health-welfare program and offered a wage of \$67 per week. The contract expired on Sept. 29. This was rejected by the union and negotiations have reached an impasse, according to John F. Binkley, attorney for the employers' Council.

Chain operators in the Harbor Area include Karl's, Kirby's, and Gallenkamps. They operate seven stores in San Pedro, Wilmington, and Torrance, and employ about 90 per cent of the clerks involved in the dispute.

Most independent stores have agreed to the \$70 wage, plus the health and welfare clause if it is negotiated into the food contract, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council. However, one San Pedro independent shoe store operator already has closed.

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## Postal Receipts Show Growth Of Torrance

Evidence of the rapid growth of Torrance was shown by postal receipts released by the Torrance Post Office for the month of September.

Postal receipts for September, 1950, was \$12,537.48, \$950.79 more than the receipts for September of last year, which were \$11,586.69.

An even more astounding increase was shown for the first nine month period of this year over last year. Receipts totalled \$111,944.99 at yet this year. Last year's receipts for the same period was \$100,748.25.



CONGRATULATIONS—Mr. and Mrs. C. Dutz, 1935 Raynosa Dr., Kettler Knolls, were the lucky winners of the 12 1/2-inch nationally known television set, given away last Friday night in front of the Torrance Tee Vee, corner of Gramercy and Cravens. The set was given away as part of the Grand Merchandise Event, sponsored by Torrance merchants.—Press Photo.

## EARLY MAILING OF OVERSEAS XMAS PACKAGES IS URGED

Torrance postal department, in an effort to aid families and friends of the "Armed Forces Overseas," issued certain regulations which will pertain to the mailing of Christmas parcels. "Every effort will be made to handle overseas packages, but the postal department must have the cooperation of every resident in order to insure their prompt delivery," said Post-

mistress Clara Connors. "Armed Forces personnel includes the personnel of our Armed Forces, members of their families, and authorized U. S. civilians employed overseas who receive their mail through an APO, care of postmaster, New York, N. Y.; San Francisco, Calif.; New Orleans, La., or Seattle, Wash., or Fleet Postoffice, New York, N. Y., or San Francisco, Calif.

"Parcels destined for delivery in Japan, Korea, and the islands in the Pacific 'NOT LATER THAN NOV. 1, 1950.' "Navy and Marine Corps in remote places 'NOT LATER THAN OCT. 1, 1950.' "Size and weight: Same as domestic, 70 pounds, 100 inches in length and girth. APO's 124-125, care post- (Continued on Page Two)

## McMasters Park To Be Dedicated

Dedication ceremonies for the new McMasters Park Recreation Center honoring the late James Earl McMasters will be held at 1:30 p. m. this Saturday morning at 174th Street and Nelson Avenue.

This is being sponsored by the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association.

Mayor Bob Haggard and Mr. Frank Carpenter are to be featured as the principal speakers when the actual dedication program begins at 8:30 p. m.

Mrs. McMasters, wife of the late Mr. McMasters who served the city of Torrance for 25 years, 11 of them as Fire Chief, will acknowledge a tribute to her late husband.

Master of Ceremonies will be Hamilton Block.

According to David Dyer, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Association, all members of the City Council and Recreation Committee, the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and City Manager, George Stevens are expected to attend.

Refreshments and a night of dancing to a fine selection of records music will follow the dedication. There will be no admission charge.

Open house will be held at both Fire Station No. 3 and the recreation building.

## Post Office Annexation Bids Open

Mrs. Clara A. Conner, postmistress of the Torrance postoffice, has announced the opening for bids on the annexation of the present postoffice.

The purpose of this annex is to relieve the congestive conditions which now exist, and improve postal service.

Deadline for bids of the approximately 2000 square foot building will be up to and including Oct. 21.

For information on this subject, contact the Torrance postoffice, 1433 Marcelina avenue, or phone Torrance 62.

## Legal Peril To Leave Keys in Car

Leaving ignition keys in the car became a legal offense last week in Los Angeles County.

Sheriff Gene Biscailuz says the misdemeanor ordinance will reduce temptation for juveniles and decrease the number of stolen car felonies in county territory.

## Physically Handicapped Are Honored

In accordance with a resolution recently passed by the United States Congress, Mayor Bob Haggard issued a proclamation last week announcing "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week."

Proclamation pointed out that each year the toll of industrial and other accidents increases the number of handicapped persons seeking work, and that thousands of handicapped workers demonstrated that physical handicaps are no insurmountable bar to efficient and productive labor.

"This Nation needs the full measure of faith and participation in our democratic life which can only come in full measure to the handicapped when they become self-supporting and independent citizens. The employers of this Nation have a unique opportunity to assist in this national effort to rehabilitate otherwise qualified but physically handicapped workers by employing their services," said Haggard.

Physically Handicapped week will extend from October 1 to October 7.

Los Angeles has more vehicles per 1000 persons than New York and Chicago combined. Courteous driving will help eliminate a large part of the problems this congestion causes.—(LAPD).

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