

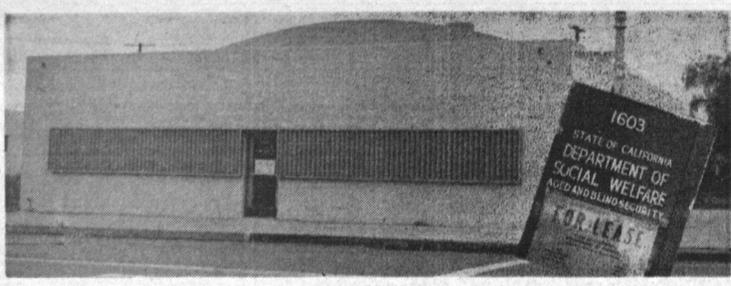


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NEVER AGAIN... This monument to a "deal" by professional pension promoters stands idle at Marcelina avenue and Cravens avenue, and the State of California is paying the bill. Erected in the short-lived McLain-Williams regime in the State Social Welfare department, the building was used but a few months before the people voted the regime out of office. The people Nov. 7, adopting Proposition No. 2, made future constitutional amendments which name persons to office impossible.

—Press Photo.

## 800 In New Jobs At Rubber Plants

Due to the recent reactivation of two Torrance synthetic rubber plants, about 800 more workers now are employed in this area than were employed at the beginning of September, 1950. A total of 1,950 now are working at all three local synthetic rubber plants and E. F. Bodine, plant manager of Shell Chemical Company, announced that Shell will employ 100 more before the end of this year.

Shell Chemical Company, which produces butadiene, one of the components of synthetic rubber, has employed 250 workers since its re-opening September 1, 1950.

A. F. Bero, industrial relations supervisor of the Dow Chemical Company, reported that there are now 300 employed at this styrene plant. Bero also said that about 30 persons have been hired within the last month.

Hired since re-activation of the former Goodyear Rubber Company, now jointly operated by the Minnesota Mining Company and the Pacific Rubber Company, were 500 workers, according to Mrs. L. Yurka, of the plant's personnel office. This plant, which synthesizes the styrene and butadiene to make synthetic rubber, was reactivated October 1, 1950.

## PERMANENT REPUBLICAN GROUP FORMS

Formation of a permanent Republican group in Torrance will be the outcome of the successful campaign carried on in behalf of Governor Earl Warren last week, according to W. H. Tolson, chairman of the Warren committee for this area. Tolson said that the California Republican Assembly had been in touch with Frank S. Selover, secretary and manager of the Warren campaign, and that plans for the new Republican organization will be announced in a few days.

"We demonstrated that we could turn a 2 1/2 to 1 Democratic area into a 2 to 1 victory, not only for Governor Warren but for Senator Richard Nixon," Tolson said.

"There is no reason why we cannot elect men to Congress and to the Assembly, instead of letting these offices go by default each election."

Selover said that, with the 1950 census figures completed, there will be new Assembly districts and new Congressional districts, and that Republicans of the Torrance area should lose no time in talking advantage of the chance to elect Republicans to office. "We cannot wait until 1952," Selover declared, "we have to start now, and move the organization into a permanent and strong force."

Tolson suggested that party members interested contact him or Selover in regard to the matter, and that a meeting will be called in the near future.

## Kidnapping and Abduction Charged By Local Girls

Booked on charges of kidnapping by the San Pedro Police Department is Nicholas Mezin Jr., 18 years old, accused of abducting four high school girls in Torrance, as well as others in Lomita, Harbor City, Gardena and San Pedro. He was charged with kidnapping two teen-age girls and attempting to abduct three others in the Gardena and Torrance area.

Mezin, a fishing boat operator and bride-groom of two months, was arrested at his home in San Pedro last Saturday by Detective Adrian Thornberry.

Two girls, 14 and 15, alleged that Mezin dragged them into his car and molested them. The others, 15, 15 and 13, claimed he tried to get them into his car after stopping and asking directions. Dep. Dist. Atty. Richard Tobey issued the complaints after receiving reports from the high school girls.

## NEW LIGHTS ASKED FOR CROSSINGS

Installation of mercury luminescent vapor lamps at two intersections in Torrance as a traffic safety measure is being investigated by City Manager George Stevens.

The City Council was told that there are four lamps ordered by the city simultaneously with the central district property owners, who bought them for installation on downtown streets.

The intersections to be lighted will be on Torrance boulevard at either Sartori avenue, Cota avenue, Amapola avenue or Portola avenue.

When the locations are selected, the city will check into funds needed to install additional lights and the other two intersections, it was said.

## Buy a "Broom For Blind" Tomorrow

In cooperation with the Lions "Brooms for the Blind" sale, scheduled for November 17, the School Board at its November 7 meeting approved the request of the Lions to distribute leaflets for school children to take home.

Approved by the City Council, wooden barrels will be located at about 12 places in the business district on the 17th for the broom sale.

The brooms to be sold will be purchased from the Workshop of the Blind, and proceeds of the sale after the brooms are paid for will go to the Torrance Lions club charity and blind aid fund, according to Al Ewalt, president of the club.

Roy Peterson, chairman of the ways and means committee, said that his group is sponsoring the sale, with Ray Rogers, Paul Diamond, C. B. Wallis, and Allen Klitzker in charge. Other club members will be asked to assist.

Klitzker announced that the YMCA and the Boy Scouts will be assisting with door to door solicitation in Torrance for the sale. The Mayfair Creamery will also be distributing leaflets for the sale.

"Brooms for the Blind" sales in addition to providing an outlet for the brooms made by the blind have netted Lions charity funds thousands of dollars in other cities, Peterson said.

## Children Held At School in Any Disaster

Don't rush to school to get your child if there is a disaster in this vicinity.

Such is the advice of the Board of Education in setting up preliminary disaster control procedure.

The principal rule follows: "FOR YOUR PROTECTION" "In the event of an emergency or a disaster occurring in this vicinity during school hours, all students and teachers will be governed by the following rule:

"Remain on the school grounds until released by direct authority of the principal or his immediate representative."

The Board ordered this notice posted in schools together with other emergency instructions regarding explosions caused by atom or any other type of bombing.

The rules follow those set up by the Civil Defense Committee and the Medical Associations of the county and state.

## New Teacher Hired by School Board

New elementary teacher employed by the School Board at its November 7 meeting is Helen Louise Rynearson for a salary of \$2,850.

Also employed as helper and projectionist at the rate of 75 cents per hour for the Adult Education Program was James Noall.

Classified personnel hired by the School Board include: Walter Boskovich for groundsman-gardener (probationary) as of 11-3-50 at \$190.00 month; Doris Crosier for clerk specialist (temporary), as of 9-4-50 at \$345.00 month; Barbara Johanna Deems (Continued on Page Two)

## Election Returns By Precincts Here

In response to the requests of many readers, the Press here publishes for the first time the results of the precinct vote in the election of Tuesday, November 7.

Precinct totals are given for the principal candidates in the hotly contested election, as follows:

Precinct	Warren	Roosevelt	Nixon	Douglas	Shattuck	Brown
1	204	135	182	151	134	182
2	88	72	81	79	64	94
3	64	108	67	100	42	117
4	123	93	148	80	107	113
5	78	65	68	67	53	73
6	80	62	80	58	55	75
7	189	82	179	86	136	127
8	154	86	158	75	100	115
9	91	98	99	82	52	117
10	128	109	135	97	90	139
11	161	82	145	91	111	114
12	111	131	92	138	72	142
13	116	98	113	92	77	118
14	203	56	184	72	155	93
15	147	72	136	79	87	107
16	70	85	61	90	52	89
17	133	85	134	80	103	105
18	156	79	140	92	115	109
19	58	81	53	80	35	90
20	93	123	78	136	68	137
21	123	98	97	120	73	137
22	117	62	105	67	77	86
23	114	63	110	63	79	80
24	110	102	84	125	55	142
25	181	48	179	45	140	80
26	118	45	110	50	77	89
27	130	94	130	101	88	133
28	107	50	97	59	81	67
29	233	48	208	70	180	90
30	237	58	218	78	176	109
31	164	43	144	65	104	100
32	93	67	94	64	74	76
33	130	93	124	160	74	134
34	89	95	92	89	67	113
Victor	79	48	78	49	56	58

# Emergency Measure Bans Pin Ball Games In City

## Teacher Shortage Threat in Torrance

Because the Torrance Unified School District is threatened with a shortage of teachers, along with other California school districts, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent, the School Board, at its November 7 meeting, adopted a resolution provided funds are available when to raise the teachers' salaries, the budget for the 1950-51 year is made up.

At the present time, the Torrance minimum salary for a B.S. degree is \$2,850. Minimum salaries for the 1950-51 year of other local school districts are Long Beach, \$2,950; Culver City, \$3,000; El Segundo, \$3,000; South Pasadena, \$2,930; South Bay, \$2,900; Inglewood, \$3,000; and Palos Verdes, \$2,900.

As Torrance has the need of about 15 new teachers during the school year, said Hull, it is essential that the Torrance Unified System provide a more attractive wage offer in order to compete with these other school districts for good teachers.

Here are the rainfall statistics:

	This Year	Last Year
July to		
November	.47 inches	.74 inches
Oct.-Nov.	.39 inches	.67 inches

## CITY GIVES EMPLOYEES \$10 RAISE

About 200 employees of the city received a \$10 a month raise, effective November 1, according to City Manager George Stevens.

The raise automatically became effective on the failure of the passage of Proposition 1, November 7. Due to the great effect the passage of Proposition 1 would have had on city funds, the Council approved the raise, at its October 19 meeting, providing the proposition failed.

Each employee, said Stevens, will receive the \$10 a month raise on the same level of the city's five-step wage plan under which he was originally. No steps were jumped, he added.

## 23 Percent of Chest Goal Raised

About 23 percent of the Torrance Community Chest campaign goal has been raised to date according to reports made by division leaders at the first report meeting held Tuesday morning at the Chamber of Commerce.

Dean Sears, campaign chairman, said the Advance Gifts division had reached 106.6 percent of quota and had not yet completed all of their assigned contacts. Chairman of this division is Mayor Bob Haggard.

Commerce and Industry division, headed by Charles H. Ragsdale, turned in \$836.00 which is 19.4 percent of their quota. Public Employees division of which Willys Blount is chairman, reported \$119.00 or 13.8 of their quota.

Section chairman in the Residential Division made their reports to Mrs. Edward Schwartz, division chairman, at a meeting at her home, 2567 Carson, Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Business Division volunteers, under the leadership of Paul Diamond, held their kick-off meeting Wednesday morning at 9:00 at the Chamber of Commerce.

## Thanksgiving Issue Sunday

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next issue of the Press will appear Sunday, November 19, 1950. There will be no issue Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 1950. Due to this earlier Thanksgiving edition, the deadline for all club and society news for the Sunday issue is noon tomorrow, Friday, November 17, 1950.

## Four Local Youths Join Armed Forces

Four local youths enlisted in the Army and Air Force this week, according to Master Sgt. Leonard Gibbons of the Torrance recruiting office in the Postoffice building.

Lawrence D. Shirley, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Shirley, enlisted in the Regular Army. A graduate of Torrance High (Continued on Page Two)

## POLICE-FIRE STATIONS PLANS ASKED

City Manager George Stevens was authorized by the City Council Tuesday night to proceed with preliminary plans for building of a new fire station and conversion of the present fire station into a police station.

The funds for the new structures are provided for in the budget for 1950-51.

Police Chief John Stroh requested immediate action on the new building plans, stating that quarters are too cramped due to the rapid growth of the city.

Location of the fire station has not been determined.

## Overseas Mailing Deadline Today

Deadline for mailing Christmas packages overseas to Korea or Japan will be Nov. 16, announced Mrs. Clara Conner, postmistress.

Packages are not to exceed 50 pounds. The postal em- (Continued on Page Two)

## Local Soldier Wounded in Korean War

SHOESTRING — Reported seriously wounded in Korean fighting is Cpl. Gerald Thompson, 25-year-old son of Mrs. Juanita Thompson, 1354 W. 219th street, according to the department of the army.

This is the second time the (Continued on Page Two)

## Long Beach Law Is Enacted Here

True to their word, the City Council Tuesday night adopted an emergency measure an ordinance to outlaw the possession of pinball machines in Torrance.

The law takes the place of one formerly adopted which was declared "too broad" by City Judge Otto Willett.

The law adopted, at the request of local ministers, Parent-Teacher groups with the support of the Press, is the Long Beach ordinance, which has been tried and tested since originally enacted in the neighboring city nearly 10 years ago.

Mayor Bob Haggard with Councilmen H. Spelman and W. Blount voted in favor of the measure, while Councilmen N. Drale and G. Powell opposed it stating they favored a law which would forbid playing of machines by minors.

Rev. Cecil J. England, of the First Christian church, congratulated the Council for adopting the law and said that the people themselves will police the law to make sure that there are no violations.

The ordinance will become effective immediately upon final passage.

## Roth's Market Gives Away Turkey at "Gold Rush"

A Tom Turkey, donated by Roth's Market will be given away, in addition to the \$100 Gold Rush prize 7:00 p.m. tomorrow night in front of Frank's furniture, 1334 El Prado, at the Gold Rush Days Event. The turkey is offered as one of many consolation prizes.

Each Friday night, \$100 is being given away during the six more remaining Gold Rush weeks. Numbers will be called at each event until some one strikes it rich for the \$100.

Sponsored by Torrance merchants, tickets for Gold Rush days are available, free of charge, at leading Torrance stores, announced Paul Diamond, chairman of Gold Rush days.

## Auto Death Found Accident

"Accidental death" was the decision of the coroner's inquest last Monday afternoon in the death of Della E. James, 15-A Amapola avenue, who was killed when struck by an auto about 7 p. m. Nov. 6.

A 74-year-old retired nurse, the deceased was killed as she crossed Torrance boulevard at Amapola that evening.

Driving the auto, according to police reports, was a 16-year-old Torrance High school boy.

Mrs. Alma Neusbaum, the deceased's sister, was with her at the time.

## Schools Spend Half Of Building Funds

Torrance Unified School District has spent \$606,970.26 of elementary school bond funds on new school buildings since July 1, 1950, according to a report to the Board of Education as of Oct. 31.

There is an unencumbered balance of \$767,936.78, the report shows.

Expenditures have been as follows: Perry School, addition No. 2, \$109,212. Fern Avenue Multi-Use and North Torrance addition, \$150,734.40. Fern Avenue, Park School, architects, \$323,220. North Torrance School, \$90,040.03. WALTERIA School, \$187,921.49. Also miscellaneous equipment and repairs of \$1,274.23. Seaside School, equipment, \$1,839.38. Elementary school sites purchased, C.C.M.O. property, \$28,610.53; Ellinwood property, \$25,015.00. From the high school funds, \$123,298.96 in expenditures has been reported, leaving a balance of \$924,461.28. High school painting cost \$23,233.69, and equipment, \$4,589.20. New high school building site purchased cost \$90,047.50. The service unit at the high school cost, \$5,128.57. New school building plans are progressing according to schedule, but authorities are keeping their eyes on new home building, realizing that as Torrance grows, more classrooms and schools will be needed, William H. Tolson, board member, said.

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