

# DRALE ASKS ALONDRA ANNEXATION

## County Moves On 'Rats' In Torrance Area Dump

### AREA FILTH AGAIN HIT BY DRALE

The County Health Department, spurred by the Torrance Press and the activity of Councilman Nick Drale to "clean up the City Dump" has confirmed that there are rats in the dump area along Plaza del Amo between Western Avenue and Border Avenue, and steps are being taken to correct the matter.

Thomas G. Gibson, Los Angeles County Rodent Control Inspector with the Torrance County Health Office: "We've definitely established that there are rats on the private dump next door to the city dump. I have turned all information gathered on the dump to my superior, Clifford Woodward, Senior Sanitarian of Rodent Control for the county. Superior officials said that they will get together with the officials of the City of Torrance and that the proper steps will be taken to clean up the dumps."

Woodward admitted the condition exists but declined to be quoted on the matter.

Councilman Drale reported the matter to the City Council Feb. 27 and asked that the city dump be closed, that the private dump be condemned, filled and turned over to the recreation and park department.

Four other Councilmen sat silent, and his motion lost without a second.

Drales said that he will continue the fight, aided by residents of the Kettler area nearby.

### DRALE APPEAL

Drales said: "I will do as much as is in my power to see that the City dump is filled and closed."

"Besides the rat condition that exists there, the city dump has been cited by the smog committee. If the city of Torrance takes no action, the County Smog Committee will."

"The odor from the dump is offensive, and I'm surprised the shoestring strip residents do

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## Shoestring Residents Favor Borough Govt.

Sentiment in favor of a borough system of government for Los Angeles gained new momentum this week as residents of the Shoestring Strip, just east of Torrance, whose homes were flooded by the last rainstorm, claim lack of representation and neglect on the part of Los Angeles officials is responsible for their plight.

While some residents even sought to institute a move toward annexation of the Shoestring Strip to Torrance, when they found this move almost impossible, they lent their support to the borough system which would give them more voice in the government.

Claiming lack of street maintenance, fire, health, and police protection, Dan A. Beckett, 1326 223rd St., who is chairman of the homeowners committee of the Shoestring Committee Association told the Press of how water flooded out the basement of his and other homes in that area, drowning out furnaces and even reaching into the homes.

He also told of water forming such raging torrents in the streets that in fear of the younger children getting caught in the streams, residents hesitate sending their children to school. Beckett said that the situation did not exist as it is now, before Western Ave. was put in. In an attempt to get storm drains on Western Ave., he said that the group has met with Los Angeles officials but

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MAROONED — is the Angel Molina, family at their home on the corner of Fern Ave. and Carson street in Torrance as the result of the short rain here last Thursday, March 1. Blaming it on the newly completed street in front

of their home, the Molinas say that they were never thus marooned during rainstorms in previous years before the street was put in by the city. Molina is shown trying to cross the "lake" by his home. Press photo.



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## Consider People On Court Urged

### JUDGES ASK MORE JOBS IN NEW MOVE

Is the convenience of the people or perpetuation of certain individuals in public office of first importance in the minds of the Board of Supervisors?

This question was being asked by many Torrance area residents yesterday as a hearing was in progress in the Supervisors' chambers, Los Angeles, on the Inferior Courts Reorganization program.

Despite the fact that nearly one-fourth of the law cases handled in ALL COURTS of the South Bay area come from Torrance, the public officials involved do not appear inclined to take this into consideration and are favoring MOVING the Torrance court to Alondra Park, or some other distant point.

The judges involved want one big court, and mentioned the need of as many as five judges in that court. This would mean, it was pointed out, if you got

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### Drales Plea For Court In Torrance Lost

A move by Councilman Nick Drale to have the City Council go on record as favoring the location of the new Municipal Court in Torrance was lost Tuesday night because of "red tape."

Drales prefaced his motion with the remark that "there has been much discussion about the court reorganization program."

"All of us on the City Council know that because of its area and industrial activity, Torrance will be the principal city of the South Bay Area before we can set up the court reorganization program. In fact, our population

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### Torrance Airport Gains New Facilities

Pending approval of the C. A. A., E. G. "Slim" Kidwell, operator of the Central Airport in Compton, will move his airport facilities to the Torrance Municipal Airport site.

The City Council Tuesday night agreed to lease Kidwell two acres on a 20 year lease on which he plans to put two all-steel hangars which will house 15 privately owned planes, according to Councilman Nick Drale. The City has also agreed to lease Kidwell land on which he will put a motel, cafe, and cocktail lounge. The hangars will revert to the City after the 20 years, Drales said.

Also included in the facilities will be approximately 21 more airplanes, and a G. I. flying school.

The \$25,000 cafe, bar, and five-unit motel will be located on airport property which will face Pacific Coast Highway.

The entire lease covers approximately two and one-half acres on which Kidwell will locate his hangars and sales agency for Bellanca aircraft parts.

The school, B and G Air Services, is operated by Cliff Bantell, who formerly operated a flying school on the now abandoned Bay Cities Airport in North Torrance. Bantell currently has six airplanes including a twin engine Cessna based at the Central Airport in Compton.

Student director is Donna Weber, with Zola Bellwood, producer.

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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS . . . are shown rehearsing a scene from "That Brewster Boy," which will be presented in the Torrance high school auditorium for the general public tomorrow night at 8 p.m. Left to right, members of the cast are: Gary Carter, "Pee Wee"; Irwin Kasten, "Pa Brewster"; Grace Lafferty, "Bonnie Bates"; and Duane Miltan, "Joey Brewster."

—Photo by Photo Arts Studio.

## 'That Brewster Boy' On Stage Friday Night

The curtain will rise at 8 p.m. tomorrow night in the high school auditorium on the presentation, "That Brewster Boy," a three act comedy presented by Torrance High School seniors to help pay for the senior activities.

A three-act comedy patterned after the very popular and successful radio series, "That Brewster Boy," the play will be given in one evening presentation for the general public and two afternoon performances for the elementary and high schools.

The radio adaptation was written by Pauline Hopkins.

The evening show will be at 8 p.m. Friday, March 9. The Torrance Elementary school will see the play the afternoon of March 7 and the high school, March 8.

Faculty director is Dan Desmond.

"A good evening entertainment for the entire family is promised all who take advantage of the presentation of this rollicking comedy on which the students have worked hard to make a success," said Desmond.

Members of the acting staff are Irwin Kasten, Pa Brewster; Barbara Jackson, Ma Brewster; Erna Carstens, Nancy Brewster; Duane Miltan, Joey Brewster; Gary Carter, Pee Wee; Glynn Boyce, Philip Hayward; Martha Dum, Minerva Mitchell; Grace Lafferty, Bonnie Bates; Hal Laude-man, Swift; Elaine Rehewoldt, Grandma; Ted White, Officer; Marian Westmoreland, girl; and Elvira Lindenburg and Don Mitchell, friends.

Student director is Donna Weber, with Zola Bellwood, producer.

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### TORRANCE PIONEER PASSES

Charles H. Quandt, 84, pioneer of Torrance, passed away at his home in San Jacinto, Thursday, March 1.

Born in Germany, Quandt came to the United States in 1886, first settling in Wilmington, where he was married in 1888 to Hannah Youngmans.

Quandt, drilling his own well, founded the formerly known Quandt Water Plant before 1914 when the city of Torrance was founded, it was said. Drilling the well on his own property in what is now known as Walteria, Quandt sold his water system to the City of Torrance in November of 1947, it was said. It is now known as the Walteria Water Company. He, afterwards, moved to San Jacinto, where one of his sons now resides.

Surviving are his sons, Carl H. Quandt, San Jacinto, and Louis Quandt, Carruthers, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Alice Thomas and Mrs. Martha Riggle, both of Torrance; a sister, Mrs. Ottilie Flueger, San Francisco; a brother, Adolph Quandt, Delhi; 12 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at 10 a.m. in the chapel of the San Jacinto Funeral Home, with interment in the Inglewood Park Cemetery at 2:30 p.m.

### Funeral For City Worker Tomorrow

The funeral of Jacob Zimmerman, 61, employee of the City of Torrance since 1927, will be held 1 p. m. Friday at the Stone and Myers Chapel in Torrance.

The Bert S. Crossland Post 170 of the American Legion will conduct the services. Rev. C. M. Northrup will officiate. Interment will be at Sawtelle cemetery.

Zimmerman died last Sunday afternoon at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital. He had previously resided at the Cabrillo Hotel here.

Born 1889 in Switzerland, Zimmerman served in the United States Army during the first world war.

Coming to work for the Street Department of City of Torrance in 1927, it was said that Zimmerman swept the Torrance streets clean before the city purchased its street sweeping machine.

Zimmerman was about to apply for his retirement before he was taken ill, it was said.

His only known living survivor is a sister in Switzerland.

## Park Area Residents Would Join Torrance

The proposal that the Alondra unincorporated area north of Redondo Beach boulevard between Crenshaw boulevard and Prairie Avenue, be taken into the City of Torrance was voiced this week by Councilman Nick Drale.

"Countless numbers of residents of the area in the county territory north of Alondra park have asked that Torrance take the area into its corporate setup as a charter city," Drale told the Torrance Press in an exclusive interview.

Several reasons for the move were mentioned by Drale. They include:

1. The residents want to be in a progressive municipality, and disfavor any affiliation with Gardena, due principally to the Los Angeles schools.
2. They want to be a part of the Torrance Unified School District.
3. They appreciate and want to participate in El Camino College District to a greater degree.
4. They want better fire and police protection than that now provided by the County.
5. Like the shoestring strip and other "islands" in the vast county area, the residents of the district feel that they are "orphans" of a big government subdivision with nothing to say about its operation.

The area has to look to the Board of Supervisors for its local government supervision, and feels that local government would serve them better.

Drales said he will urge the Council to take steps to annex the area to Torrance, including Alondra park.

### Rain Still Lags 1 1/2 Inches Behind Season Last Year

This week's drizzles brought Torrance's rain total to 6.01 inches, only 1.45 inches behind the season for last year, which was 7.46 inches, according to the March 6th report of the Fire Department.

Monday's drizzles brought .08 inches of rain and the showers last Thursday brought .37 inches of rain to Torrance.

Out of the approximate 400 derrick in the field, Hobbs has completed investigation of 30 of them. Of the 30 inspected, he has found 100 requirements that need to be met. One wood derrick, he mentioned, is very bad with much dry rot. In his inspection thus far, Hobbs mentioned that he has passed 11 abandoned wells, not under his jurisdiction.

Abandoned or one-man wells, he said would have to be corrected by city authority.

## Top Entertainers To Be At Legion Benefit

An all star professional vaudeville show featuring top entertainers from stage, screen, and T.V. shows will be presented on the stage of the San Pedro High School Auditorium, Saturday, March 10th, at 8:30 p.m. sponsored by the Torrance American Legion Post 170.

Proceeds will be used for the veterans rehabilitation work and building fund, according to Vice Commander Joe Platt, chairman of the show committee.

The services of Jonathan Osman, a top Hollywood producer, have been secured to assemble the finest acts available. Opening the show will be Frank and

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### Missing in Action

Reported missing in action by the department of defense this week was Air Force Sgt. For rest Mutchler of 1535 W. 209th St., Torrance.

Sgt. Mutchler is the husband of Helen Mutchler.



THE MAGICAL MORTONS — is one of the many great acts of the famed Magic Wonder Show which has been booked for the Torrance Municipal Auditorium by the Torrance Lions Club. It is scheduled to be here on Saturday, April 14.

## Lions Bring Magic Show To Torrance

Modern magic and old fashioned fun comes to the Municipal Auditorium in Torrance next month in the form of the famed Magic Wonder Show, sponsored by the Torrance Lions. (Continued on Page 10)

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## Discrimination Against Hiring Draft Age Men Upbraided Here

Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the Torrance office of the California Department of Employment, reports that it has come to her attention that there has been some reluctance on the part of employers in hiring members of the National Guard, veterans who belong to organized reserve components of the Armed Forces, and young men of draft age.

Mrs. Ellis added that this policy of discrimination against young workers, who may be drafted or enter the armed forces, is working extreme hard-

ships on individuals and their families who may be called upon to sacrifice so much in the defense of our country.

Mrs. Ellis pointed out that many of these men will never be called into service because of family obligations or veterans status, and she stated that it is the responsibility of all employers within the community to use the abilities of this segment of the labor force to the fullest possible extent.

Employers who have no such discriminatory policies are urged to contact Melvin Sparks,

employment representative at the California Department of Employment, telephone Torrance 417 and list their job openings with the local office in order that proper referrals of these persons may be made.

Young men who have met resistance in obtaining employment by reason of eligibility for the draft, or military service, are likewise urged to contact the nearest office of the California Department of Employment for possible referral to one of the many job openings now listed.