

To Open

February 1 has been tentatively set as the grand opening date for the proposed Federal Savings & Loan association for the Torrance-Palos Verdes Peninsula area, according to an announcement from Robert H. Finch and William F. McKenna,

Late News...

will be sentenced December 27. Another suspect, Paul T. Jones, 19, of 1410 216th st., is still at large. The two were charged with the rape of two Gardena girls, 13 and 15 years old.

Sniper...

Thomas, 17, yelled: "Hit the floor, dad, somebody's shooting at us!" "I ran to the phone and called police," the father said. "The bullet lodged in the wall less than six inches above our heads," he said. Police are seeking a Dodge automobile (California 1936 or 1938), and a half dozen juveniles believed to have been riding in it.

Council Briefs...

the swimming pool while the sand and gravel strike is still in progress. The city attorney indicated that the legality of paying a premium could only be determined by the courts. **DEL AMO BOULEVARD:** If the city were willing to pay about \$1000 for "premium" cement, paving of Del Amo boulevard could continue, it was pointed out. The council decided to wait until the beginning of the year, hoping the strike would be over by that time.

Court...

were submitted by the following organizations: American Legion Post 170, Civitan club, General Petroleum unit of Local 1-1519 OCAW-CIO, Government and Civic Employees organizing committee CIO Local 1135, Kiwanis club, Ladies Auxiliary to Post 3251 VFW, Legion of Guardsmen Post 7, Lioness club, Loval Order of Moose No. 785, North Torrance Civic Improvement association, Pilot club, Torrance Exchange club, United Steelmakers of America L. U. 1414, WALTERIA P-TA, Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, Nativity Mothers club, Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, business and Professional Women's club, Ladies Guild of the Central Evangelical church, Optimist club, Torrance Lions club, Torrance Terrace Garden club.

Alter...

Union Stockyards at Rensselaer, the county seat, remaining in that capacity several years. Meanwhile, as a qualified civil engineer, he represented the county in the supervision and the acceptance of certain public drainage and other construction projects. The quest for a milder winter climate drew him to California.

Robbery...

collision at Compton and Vermont where they abandoned their own car and forced Doyle Perkins of Gardena, driver of another car, to drive them to the Willowbrook area where they turned Perkins and his son loose. The men wore hair-nets over their faces and army fatigue type clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Surber, of 1109 Elm Ave., announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie L. Stradley, of 2717 184th St., Redondo Beach, Calif., announce the birth of a son, Gregory Ann Stradley, weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces.



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Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Ericson, of 18310 Palda Ave., announce the birth of a daughter, Carole Joanne, weighing 8 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Tad Lincoln Brown, of 2226 Rubland, announce the birth of a son, Timothy Michael, weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

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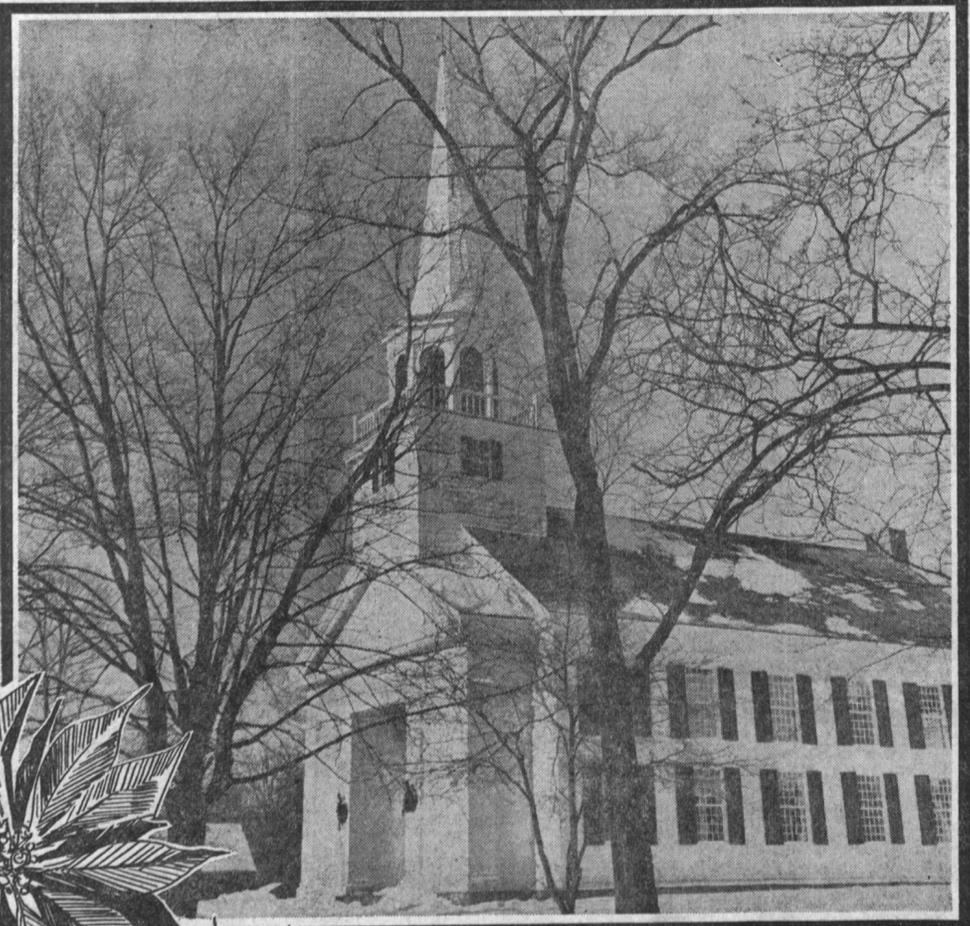
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Leslie Alter was a member of the Rosebud (Indiana) Methodist Protestant church, in which he was particularly active. He was a leader of the Sunday school work, and was especially interested in conducting the community singing and the music for many special occasions in the Rosebud community.

He was a member of Modern Woodmen of America, and for many years an active member of Prairie Lodge No. 125, Free and Accepted Masons, of Rensselaer, Indiana.

Relatives

His living relatives include his wife, Mrs. Lettie (Willis) Alter, 1804 Martina ave., Torrance, the family home for many years. Cecil "Zeke" Alter, eldest son, active vice-president, Alter Realty & Insurance. Zeke's wife, Helen (Smith) Alter, in the administration offices of Torrance city schools, and their daughters, Barbara and Patsy; Gerald L. Alter, president and general manager, Alter Realty & Insurance, and his wife, Margaret (Davis), secretary, Alter Realty & Insurance, and their son, John E. Alter.

Mrs. Doris (Alter) Bristow is the only daughter. She is the wife of Everett W. Bristow, with Union Oil Co. of San Pedro. Their daughter is Janalee.

Leslie's Brother, J. Cecil Alter, retired, resides in Lomita.

Election...

dated at one time but a subsequent charter amendment separated them. It was argued at that time that school elections "should be removed from politics."

"They've not only been removed from politics but from everything else," Councilman Willys Blount quipped this week.

Mayor Albert Isen, who called the matter "very controversial" but who sided with the other councilmen on consolidation, asked that the School Board be notified of the council's feelings and that the matter would be considered at the next council meeting.

Other Proposed Amendments

In addition to the above proposal, the council also considered a number of other charter amendments with the intention of placing them before the voters in April.

One of them was pay for councilmen (\$100 a month), proposed recently by the Chamber of Commerce and recommended editorially by the Torrance Press. The matter met with informal approval.

Also proposed is raising the limit at which public works must go to bid from the present \$1000 to \$2000, which is more in conformity with other cities the size of Torrance, it was indicated.

A 4-1 vote informally favoring placing the assistant city attorney's post under Civil Service was also indicated, since the city attorney also comes under Civil Service. Councilman Blount thought that the city attorney should have the right to name his own assistant, and voted against the proposal.

City Manager George Stevens also asked for a finance officer, called for by the growing demands of the city and needs of city government.

It was indicated that proposed charter amendments must be submitted within "the next two weeks" in order to get on the April ballot.



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