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**Council Acts On More Defense Measures** Here

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Because many residents in Torrance are located in sectors where it is impossible to hear the fire department size in case of a night air raid alert. Police Chief John Stroh, in his capaci-ty as Civilian. Defense director for the city, suggested to the city council Dec. 30 that a mast-er switch be installed to control all street lights in the city. The turning out of the street

The turning out of the street this would be a signal to ackout. Stroh said such a mas-r switch installation was re-ntly completed in Gardena. The council approved the sug-gestion and instructed City En-gineer Glenn Jain to ask the Southern California Edison Co., to put in such a switch near the police station.

Southern Cantorna - Law to be a suich a switch near the police station. Chief Stroh also suggested that the windows in the Civic Audi-torium be blacked out and that a light-trap door be built for erection there in event of an alarm. The council appeared adverse to painting the Auditorium windows black and Stroh will conduct and experiment using the drapse to see if these shut out light from the inside. Another defense measure was approved by the council about the Stroh will spot and the Grenz Petrolem storage tanks. This was done at the request of the refinery corporation and the council al-so approved Chief Stroh's suggestion to prohibit parking on the west side only of Crenshaw thor Market Chief Stroh's suggestion to prohibit parking on the west side only of Crenshaw thor 190th south to Torrance bled.

## TORRANCE **HI NEWS**

By BETTY FOLLIS By BETTY FOLLIS The second and the second s

PLAN GRADUATION . . he Commencement committee net with local ministers at the inisterial tea Thursday. Plans or Baccalaureate were discus-

ANNUAL, 'AFFAIE .... The Senior Mothers tea was held this afternoon. A brief program was given in the library where the affair was held. Spiced tea, French pastry and cooldes were served amid beautiful flowers. Everyone enjoyed himself and the last big get together of the Seniors with parents and teach-ers was a success.

## **Court Fines** Set Record

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Local mercantile shops and fores were not the only ones comport record-breaking De-cember business — the city court also set a new high with a total of \$1,217.50 being collected in fines, according to Judge John bilder's monthly report to the city courcel Tuesday. The magistrate said that total follections in his department for bildetons in his department for bildetons in his department for bildetons in his department for follections in his department for bildetons in his department for follections in his department for follections the state of the state of \$5,973. This topped Shidler's estimated revenue between \$700 and \$800, he said. Fines for of-forese other than motor vehicle of the total state of the state code violations totaled \$422 for peember while the motor vehicle infraction penalties were: Reckless foriving. \$25; speeding, \$167.50; driving while intoxicated \$665, and miscellaneous, \$38.

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Members of the Torrance Rot-ary Club tonight will hear R. A. Goodcell of the speakers' bureau of the Automobile Club of Southern California tell of the "Developments in the China In-cldent" when they convene in weekly dinner session in the Woman's Clubhouse. In 1988 Goodcell addressed the

Woman's Clubhouse. In 1938 Goodcell addressed the Torrance Rotarians on the sub-ject, "The Chinese-Japanese Sit-uation," and his appearance to-night will bring the "situation" up to date to include the latest phases of the battle for suprem-acy in the Orient.

## First of 50 New **Homes Finished** on 223rd St.

On ZZGru DL. Three homes on 223rd st, be-tween Western ave, and Har-vard st., - the first of 50 now-under construction in that dis-trict - were completed this week by Clarence Birney, build-er. The completions launched an home-building program that will be constructed by Birney in part-nership with A. A. Heiving, Chi-cage financier, it is reported. The builders, who purchased compariys holdings in this vi-cing financier, it is reported. The builders, who purchased from \$1,950 to \$2,200 complete, the houses are so planned that future additions may be erected to allow for family increases. This the constructed by Birney in part-nership with A. A. Heiving, Chi-compariys holdings in this vi-cing \$1,950 to \$2,200 complete, the houses are so planned that future additions may be erected to allow for family increases. This the in a variety of mod-ier styles, the homes incorpor-ate all recent innovations in planning and notable is the in-terior treatment of the com-pleted dwellings that includes wood paneling, artistic decora-tion and attractive window ar-trangements.

tion and attractive window ar-rangements. Builder Birney stated that the most important feature of his products is their low cost which permits a 10 per cent down pay-ment with regular F.H.A. terms that allow many familles to ac-quire a home of their own at the cost they would have to pay for rent.

## **Townsend Club Activities** By BETH PAIGE

By BETH PAIGE The recent election of new of-ficers for the Torrance Town-send cub resulted as follows: J. A. LeMay, president; James Sell-ers, first vice-president; R. R. Pruitt, second vice-president; A. R. Bouldin, secretary; M. Attebery, trassurer; and the following heads of committees; Mmes. L. Davis, Sellers, Wade, LeMay, R. Croker, H. Colburn and B. Paige, constituting the Council of Twelve. The new officers were installed last Friday right by Mrs. Lula French, president of the Gardena cub. Preparations go forward for celebration of Dr. Townsend's Toth hirthday, Jan, 13. Ours will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Attobury, 4010 Sepulveda blyd, that evening and all cub mem-bers should attend. Our work for the Red Croas is being organized. First meet-ing for the New Year of our Council of Twelve, was held at thomas evening. Bhipbuilding costs in Sweden

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