

# Local Building Figure Near Record Peak

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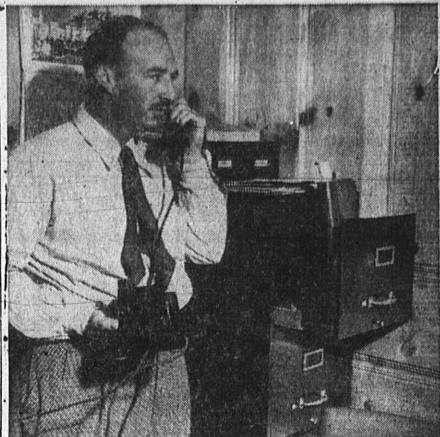
Clear and slightly cooler with early morning fog near the coastal areas. Light, variable winds in the late afternoon.

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FLYER EDWARD DIETRICH  
"... They got \$25."

## Fight Looms Over Huge Dump Near WALTERIA

### October Building At Peak

Despite production crippling strikes in the steel, coal and gravel industries which hindered local construction, 1949 may prove to be one of the most expansive building years in Torrance history.

Torrance building totals, shored by the start of construction of the \$900,000 Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. plant here, soared to a point near the one and a half million dollar mark for the month of October, according to John Patrik, of the city engineering office.

October's total sent the sum for the first ten months of the year to \$8,012,665. Last year's mark of almost \$8,000,000 in construction may well be topped this year, Patrik said.

It was pointed out that much of the building expenditures will be contracted locally on items ranging from carpet tacks to bath tubs.

Beside the big paint plant under construction by Pittsburgh Plate at Crenshaw boulevard and Dominguez street, other building permits issued which swelled the total considerably were for two subdivisions. Two subdivisions, 39 homes for Kettler-Western Co., and 28 units for Property Management Corporation provided for about \$300,000 in issuances.

In the building prospectus of the immediate future are two other home tracts. Sometime this month 35 more units for Kettler-Western Co., and 88 for K. Sande Senness will be cleared, Patrik predicted.

### Record Vote Seen for Election Day

Party politics, as much a part of the usual pre-election day procedure as free beer and pretzels, lay peacefully dormant here this morning as this city's largest batch of eligible voters in history made ready for Tuesday's trip to the polls.

A total of 8078 Torrance residents are registered to vote here, according to figures released recently by A. H. Bartlett, city clerk. The registration exceeds by 333 the record of 7745 set last year for the presidential election.

Mostly argued of the 12 proposed amendments to the state constitution are numbers 1, 2, and 12, which refer respectively to school bonds, aged and blind aid, and daylight saving time.

Consensus of those who keep their fingers on the voting pulse of the city indicate that 70 per cent of those registered will turn out to cast their ballots Tuesday. Almost sure to turn out unanimously are the older folks and pensioners, the experts say.

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**Torrance Man Driver In Fatal Accident**  
Benito G. Sanchez, 63, of 20609 Madrona street, was the driver of the car which Thursday fatally injured nine-year-old James W. Abney of Gardena, police reported.

The youngster was pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital following the accident which occurred at 166th and Main street.

**Typewriter Missing**  
A typewriter was taken from his office at 417 Palos Verdes boulevard, Paul Chester, told Torrance police Monday night.



'HOT WIRE'... A new teletype went into operation at Torrance police headquarters last week, increasing cooperation between law enforcement agencies here and elsewhere in the state. Police Matron Lucille Stroh takes a turn at the sending board while Chief John Stroh scans a bulletin transmitted by the sheriff's office. The machine was installed by Los Angeles County. —Herald Photo.

## City to Mark Kids' Day Celebration With All-Day Fete

Torrance has joined the parade of cities across the nation that will observe National Kids' Day, November 19, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Gerald Eastham, general chairman for this city.

Highlighting the all-day observance will be a kid parade, free show, a carnival, and to cap off the observance, a fireworks show.

Spearheading the movement is the Torrance Kiwanis Club although the club has already obtained the support of other service clubs, civic groups and churches, to assure that the undertaking will be a successful city-wide project.

Explaining the purpose of the observance of Kids' Day, Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club commented:

"... it is designed primarily to focus public attention on underprivileged boys and girls, and to help provide educational, medical and recreational facilities for the less fortunate youth of the community."

Unlike many special days on

### WM Predicts Heat Relief

Slight relief from the 90 degree heat which has kept Torrance squirming since Sunday, was predicted yesterday by the U. S. Weather Bureau. Early morning fog and light ocean breezes are expected to bring the mercury down to the mid-80's.

Temperature average for the past four days sets at a sizzling peak of 91.5 degrees. Hottest, was Monday when the mercury soared to 94.

### Dicalite Pit Picked for Harbor Dump

Walteria residents last night began adjusting their sights for a counter attack against the county's plan to use a huge excavation in the Palos Verdes Hills for a dump for rubbish from the Harbor area.

Paul Sloecker, president of the Walteria Civic Organization, when advised of the plan reported:

"Just what we can do to stop the plan, I am not sure. But we certainly don't want rubbish trucks rumbling through the center of our community. In the next few days we should learn more about this and perhaps we will then be in a position to act," he commented.

Tentatively planned as a disposal site for rubbish from this city, San Pedro, Redondo Beach, Wilmington and adjacent communities is a 75-foot deep excavation left by mining operations conducted over a period of years by the Dicalite Division of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. in the Palos Verdes Hills immediately south of Walteria.

County engineers are said to favor use of the diggings in the sparsely populated area because such an operation would remove the "cut" from the usual "cut and cover" method employed here for rubbish disposal.

No burning would be entailed in the operation; the refuse would simply be dumped and then buried. What route would be used by dump trucks going to and from the site was not indicated, but a spokesman said that a road through an unpopulated area probably would be included in any plans that might be formulated.

Utilization of the excavation would be accomplished by either purchase or long term lease by the county from the Palos Verdes Corp. The county then undoubtedly would grant a franchise for operation of the dump to a private concern after competitive bidding.

Spokesmen for various county agencies emphasized that use of the site as a dump is "strictly a tentative plan" and one of several under consideration. No official action has been taken, it was stated.

### DRINKING AT GAME BRINGS ARREST

Charged with violation of the City Ordinance No. 281, drinking in public, Ronald Dean Stewart, 19; 14016 Doty avenue, Hawthorne, was arrested by Torrance Police Officers last Friday night in the grandstand at the Torrance-Leuzinger football game.

## Thugs Zoom Into Air Office Till, Fly With Cash

By breaking a window thieves entered the office lounge at the Torrance Municipal airport Friday night and hefted a cash box containing \$25, Edward Dietrich, told Torrance Police officers Saturday morning.

The sum was what was left after banking the day's receipts, Dietrich claimed.

Detectives Ernie Ashton and Percy Bennett, piecing together the evidence, came to the conclusion the thieves cut the screen covering the east window of the new building, broke the glass, pried open a file cabinet, and stole the locked cash box.

The thieves were interested only in cash, Dietrich declared, as neither a candy machine, coke dispenser, nor a cigarette machine were tampered with.

## No One Hurt in 8-Car Pile-up at Attebery's

Eight cars were damaged, one catching fire, in a chain reaction crash last Friday evening in front of Attebery's Barn on Sepulveda boulevard. No one was injured in the series of collisions which wrought major damages to three of the cars, according to investigating officers Gale Whitacre and Robert Wright of the Torrance Police Department.

According to witnesses accounts, a car said to have been driven by Wilbur Leroy Whitlock, 41, of 1700 Goodman avenue, Redondo Beach, collided with a car reported to have been driven by George Ira Hazen, 44, 2295 Cedar avenue, Long Beach. Whitlock's car is then said to have left the road smashing into a third car before striking a fourth auto which in turn bounced off a fifth car then hit a sixth auto which was pushed into a seventh car which in turn struck the eighth car. All cars except Whitlock's and Hazen's were parked.

Owners of the cars involved were: Phillip Cabellon, 21422 Vera street, Torrance. Raymond Paul Zagola, 25320 Eschelman avenue, Lomita. Prospero Ybarro, 1031 East L street, Wilmington. George Perotta, 16423 South Central, Compton. Peralta Selvino, Rt. 1, Box 870, Compton. Nicolas Manzano, Rt. 1, Box 891 Central street, Compton.

A recent report made by the County Auditor shows that the highest amount that may be authorized is \$1,033,147.

This amount is based on an assessed valuation for the city of \$47,029,940. The district may incur a total bonded indebtedness of \$2,355,147. Present bond carried by the Torrance Elementary District is \$1,322,000.

Failure to apply for an early 1950 school election may cause a two-month delay in putting the issue to vote, Superintendent J. Henrich Hull pointed out. He stated that the County Counsel's office was packed with requests for school bond information from many other school districts in the area.

If the results of the survey indicate a critical condition the board will most likely be called upon to urge passage of a bond which will bring the district up to its full bonding capacity.

## Mother, Small Baby Unhurt in Auto Accident

A mother and her seven months old baby narrowly escaped injury though their heads smashed the windshield of their car which was involved in an accident on Torrance boulevard at Cota avenue Saturday morning.

According to Torrance Police Officers H. Fisher's report of the accident, a car said to have been driven by Hubert Frank Stinn, 931 West East Road, struck the rear of another car stopped for a traffic signal. The impact threw Mrs. Stinn and the child, Patricia, against the windshield.

They were taken to the Harbor General Hospital by Sullivan's ambulance.



THE MORNING AFTER  
... Bill Hartley Scrubs Halloween Hangover

### New Trick

#### Should Halloween Move Closer to Christmas

There were a lot of good kids roaming the streets of Torrance Monday night. There were also a lot of kids who were not so good.

At the Torrance Police Station, clearing house for reports of children who were not so good, the desk sergeant learned that:

Garbage cans were dumped and scattered at the home of Mrs. J. B. Cusick, 1328 Engracia avenue; youths armed with BB guns pumped holes in home and automobile windows; a stench bomb was tossed onto a porch.

Further, a plate glass window was smashed at the Carson Mart, 1929 Carson street; limbs were torn from trees in Walteria; fire hydrants were opened on two different occasions; a bottle was hurled through the window of a car as it passed the city park.

Sullivan's Ambulance service was called to pick up a "man

killed by a car." The "man" turned out to be a cloth dummy tossed in front of a passing automobile. The driver, thinking he had killed someone, almost went into a state of shock.

An Andree avenue woman got both the trick and the treat treatment. After giving a group of children the "treat" she was rewarded by having the garden hose turned on and thrust into her living room.

No, not all the kids were good kids this Halloween. Maybe Halloween should be moved a little closer to Christmas.

### Silver Anniversary

#### Sweet Adeline to Reign At Big Rotary Reunion

Silver-leafed invitations to the 25th Anniversary party of the Torrance Rotary Club were mailed this week to former members now living throughout California and Nevada.

Already, acceptances are coming in from many former Torrance residents and the dinner-dance celebration to be held at Lakewood Country Club, on Carson street, west of Lakewood boulevard, Wednesday, November 9, assured a real old-time party, according to Charles Ver Jones, committee chairman.

"Remember when we first met in the little crowded store room on El Prado (now the Beverly Ann Coffee Shop) back in 1924?"

"And Rufus Page used to give out with his WONDERFUL wolf call, and the whole gang busted their lungs with 'Sweet Adeline'."

"And remember, we never got through a meeting without Hurum Reeve leading 'Old McDonald Had a Farm'; or when we had a ladies' night, Teala Bellini always delighted with a group of piano selections with the 'Music Box' encore."

These are some of the reminiscences that will be heard as the old-time Rotarians gather to renew friendships. Reed Parkin will be master-of-ceremonies and Bill Houston's popular dance orchestra will play for dancing, both old and modern.

Heading the list of out-of-town guests will be Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hines of San Diego. Hines was the first president of Torrance Rotary in 1924.



POSSIBLE POOL... Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. Henrich Hull and Charlie "We Want a Swimming Pool" Gots, peek into a model of a possible pool for Torrance. Prepared by architect Hugh Davies of Long Beach the full scale enclosed pool and stands would cost \$250,000.