

# YWCA Building Project Wins Top State Award for Juniors

## MAY UP SCHOOL ENROLLING AGE

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## Grid Coach's Contract Not Renewed for '52

### May Boost Age Limit 3 Months

Under study this week by the Board of Education is a proposal to raise the minimum age requirement for entrance into kindergarten to 4 years 9 months, and to raise the minimum age requirement for entrance into the first grade to 5 years and 9 months.

If approved by the board, the provision would mean that children entering kindergarten next September would have to have been born on or before December 1, 1945. To enter the first grade a child would have to have been born on or before December 1, 1945.

Board members this week expressed the opinion that children who have been attending kindergarten but who will not meet the minimum age requirement for the first grade this year should be exempted from the ruling.

Actually, what is proposed would be only a head start on enforcement of a state law governing the entrance requirements which has been passed by the California Legislature and which was signed by Governor Warren this week. The state law setting up the two age minimums at 4 years 9 months and 5 years 9 months will go into effect throughout all of California in September 1952.

Listing some of the advantages of the plan, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, said the proposal was being adopted in other school districts throughout the state.

Among the advantages to be gained by the school district in such a move are:

1. It would reduce the number of classes, thus making more rooms available.
2. It would reduce the number of teachers required, which would be a budgetary saving.
3. Children in the first grade would be more successful with the academic program. (Research has shown that most children are about 6½ years old before being successful in learning to read.)
4. There would be less failure and repetition of grades.
5. It would be taking advantage.

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### Intersections To Get Electric Traffic Signals

Electrically controlled traffic light will be installed as soon as materials are available for the intersections at Five-points and at Arlington and Cota avenues.

The city council okayed, Tuesday night, the expenditure of \$7000 to cover the cost of the installations. Materials costing in excess of \$1000 will be let for bids, while the materials costing less than \$1000 will be purchased in the open market. City Manager George W. Stevens said.

The National Supply Company has agreed to furnish the metal poles for the installations.

### Coach Eddie Cole, 13 Others Not Returning

Coach Eddie Cole, football mentor at Torrance High School, was not offered a renewal of his contract for next season with the Torrance Unified School District, it was revealed by Board of Education action Tuesday night.

Thirteen other teachers, for various reasons, will not be returning next fall, the board revealed.

Included among those who will not be returning to the school are Harold M. Dunn, who has accepted a post with the Monterey-Duarte High School district as a band director. Resignations were accepted from Edward A. Reynolds, who has been the faculty advisor for the Junior Statesmen at Torrance High. Reynolds said he was accepting another position elsewhere.

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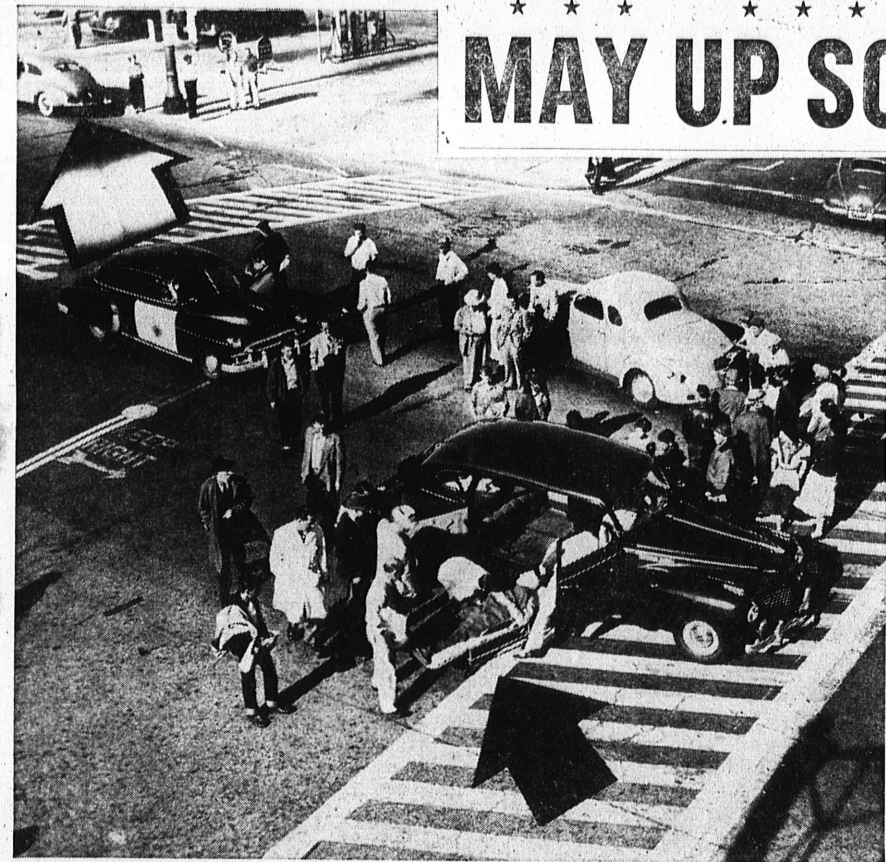
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**BIRD'S VIEW OF ACCIDENT** ... Willard A. Clark, 73, (black arrow) is wheeled to a waiting ambulance after he was struck in crosswalk at Cabrillo and Gramercy avenues last Thursday afternoon. Clark was hit when an auto (white arrow) driven by Ernest Charles Floyd, 24, 2060 West 220th

street, a Mayfair Creamery employee, was struck from the rear by the coupe in the center of the intersection above. Police listed the driver of the coupe as Thomas Heinsman, 55, a National Supply employee living in Redondo Beach. (Herald photo)

### Junior Woman's Club Wins Sweepstakes

For its contribution toward "Building a Better Community," the Torrance Junior Woman's Club captured the sweepstakes award in the Sears-Roebuck Foundation contest, winners of which were announced last Friday in Coronado, California.

The local woman's group won \$350 from the foundation for sponsorship of the YWCA building now under construction at Plaza del Amo and Carson street.

Accepting the check from S. W. Pettigrew of the foundation was Mrs. Robert Morton, president of the Juniors.

Basis of judging the contest in which 155 junior Woman's Clubs throughout the state competed was a book compiled by Mrs. Douglas Baldwin showing clippings of stories of the six queen contests sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club and progress photos of the new building. Money for the project, approximately \$13,000, was raised through the sponsorship of "Miss Torrance" contests.

Every club in California representing 8000 members competed in the contest.

The local club won \$200 as the sweepstakes prize and an additional \$150 first prize money in the medium classification which is composed of clubs with a membership of 50 to 100 members.

The club's philanthropy program was judged best in the state.

According to Mrs. L. A. McCoy, chairman of the YWCA Building Committee, the report on the club's project was sent to Chicago as the best contribution of the contest.

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**BARBARA JACKSON** ... Earns Scholarship

### THS Seniors Win Bank of America Scholarships

Book learning already has started to pay off for two Torrance High School students.

The two scholars, Barbara Jackson and Jerry Downing, were declared zone winners in the Southern California division of Bank of America's statewide Achievement Awards program.

Both seniors, Barbara and Jerry will receive scholarships ranging from \$50 to \$1000. The amount of each winner's cash award will be determined when they appear for interviews before a panel of judges of prominent citizens on May 25.

Judges for this zone included Mrs. B. T. Whitney, past president of the Torrance Woman's club.

The two students competed against other high school seniors from 153 public, private, and parochial schools in the Southland outside of the Los Angeles City School system. The pair were two of 28 winners in the contest.

Barbara won her scholarship in the field of liberal arts while Downing earned his scholarship in the vocational arts field.

Dr. C. C. Trillingham, superintendent of Los Angeles County Schools, as chairman of the panel of judges will assist in allocating the \$8000 the Bank of America has appropriated for the southern division. This

amount is in addition to the \$7400 being awarded to winners in the Los Angeles city school system making a total of \$15,400 as Southern California's share of the bank's \$32,000 statewide program.

The awards were based on school achievement and promise of future success and service to society.



**COMFORTS INJURED** ... Willard A. Clark, 1913 Cabrillo avenue, holds his painful fractured hip after a car struck him crossing Cabrillo avenue May 3. He was taken to the Harbor General Hospital. (Herald photo).

### College Instructor Due in U.S. Court

El Camino College instructor Clarence Howard Vetterli, arrested last Wednesday by the FBI on a charge of perjury alleged to have been committed during a Federal Grand Jury Red investigation, will be arraigned in Federal Court on May 14.

He was nabbed by federal agents as he was about to enter his classroom at the college at Crenshaw and Redondo Beach boulevards.

A bail of \$10,000 was set which the college journalism instructor posted last week.

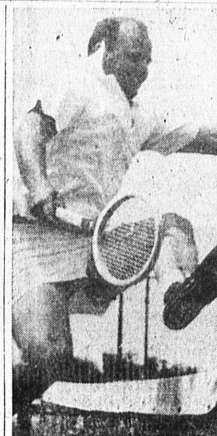
**DENIES CHARGE**

Vetterli, faculty advisor of the school newspaper, "Warwhoop," and supervisor of the college news bureau, has steadfastly denied the charge against him. "I would do anything to prevent communism from coming to this country," he told newsmen.

The local journalism and photography instructor is charged with two counts of perjury. He is charged with denying before a Federal Grand Jury investigation in 1949 on Red Spy activities that he ever furnished money to anyone to make a

**JERRY DOWNING** ... Zone Winner

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**COACH EDDIE COLE** ... No Team in '52

### Tunneling Thief Foiled by Alarm In Drug Store

A thief, apparently in search of narcotics, tunneled his way into the Waltheria Drug Store early Sunday morning but was sent scampering when he tripped the burglar alarm as he attempted to break into a safe, Torrance detectives reported this week.

A. J. Patrosky, 740 Calle de Arboles, one-time candidate for the Torrance City Council and owner of the store, said that the burglar had been seated off by the alarm before he was able to remove any drugs or a small amount of cash in the safe.

The attempted burglary was discovered by Sgt. Karl Friberg and Patrolman Nolan Robinson who were patrolling the area and heard the alarm ringing.

According to the reports of Detective Captain Ernie Ashton and Sgt. Percy Bennett the

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**IT'S OFFICIAL** ... Dedication ceremonies next Wednesday will mark the official transfer of the Pittsburgh Paint and Plate Glass Company's operation from Los Angeles to its new Torrance plant shown above. (Herald photo).