

# Work Started on New \$36,000,000 Plant

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If the broom you're using has that old run-down look, members of the Torrance Lions Club are looking for you.

Tomorrow, the club will launch its annual one-day "Brooms for the Blind" drive to raise funds to continue their program of assisting Torrance school children get the proper eye care.

Club President L. Milton Isbell said yesterday that the club offers free examination and eyeglasses for those cases where direct county aid is not obtained. The broom sale each fall is the major fund-raising project of the club.

Household brooms, whisk brooms, office and factory push brooms, children's toy brooms, mops, and other items.

"All of the brooms and other items which the Lions will be selling tomorrow have been made by the blind in California," said chairman Paul Diamond pointed out. He said that the blind and those needing eye correction benefit all the way with the sale.

Members of the Lioness Club, auxiliary of Lions, have been busy taking telephone orders for the brooms during the past week. Many persons have indicated to members of the club that they have been waiting for the sale because they needed brooms.

"They get a real good broom at a reasonable price," Diamond said.

You might look for the barrel of brooms around town tomorrow.

### Yule Trimming Contest Opens Here Dec. 10

Beginning Dec. 10, citizens of the community may use their originality in outdoor Christmas decorations to compete in a contest sponsored jointly by the Torrance Terrace Garden Club and Chamber of Commerce.

Judging will conclude Dec. 20, with prizes awarded to the best two decorative schemes, said Mrs. Minot Rugg, publicity chairman of the Garden Club. Members of that organization will judge the decorations, while the Chamber of Commerce will take over judging of store trimmings, Mrs. Rugg said.

Evaluation of each entry will be made on the basis of theme and adaptability of decorations to the surroundings.

Those desiring to participate in the contest should call Mrs. Rugg, 2344 J; Mrs. Wilfred Stevens, Garden Club president, 2458-B; any other member of the Garden Club, or the Chamber of Commerce.

### Bill Carlton Wounded In Korean Fighting

Pvt. Bill J. Carlton, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Carlton Sr., 1606 W. 21st St., is recuperating in a Yokohama hospital from wounds suffered in fighting in the Korean front, his mother revealed yesterday.

But Bill has good news, in the form of seven-day-old John Richard Carlton, waiting at home for him. His wife, the former Joan Bunde-pass, is also waiting for his return at the home of his parents.

The infantryman fighting with the Seventh Division was wounded by a burst of shrapnel Oct. 29 on the Korean front. The shell fragments caught him in the right shoulder, arm and thigh, and left hand. His mother said his ring finger on the left hand had been amputated.

#### THS Graduate

Bill is a graduate of Torrance High with the class of 1948. Coach Cliff Graybehl of the Tartar football team remembered him well as a lineman and a "very popular kid" with the other students.

He joined the Army on April 17, 1951, and after basic and further training, was sent to the front Sept. 26, 1952.

In addition to his parents, Bill has brothers Charles W. Jr., Orville, and Cecil, and a sister Mrs. Effie Leeper, all Tor-

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DR. HOWARD A. WOOD  
... New TEAC Moderator



MRS. GRACE WRIGHT  
... Retiring Moderator

### Dr. Wood Elected New TEAC Moderator

Former Board of Education President, Dr. Howard A. Wood, was elected moderator of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee at its regular monthly meeting Monday noon at the YWCA building.

He succeeds Mrs. Grace Wright, a member of the present Board of Education who has served as moderator of the lay advisory group for the past five terms.

Mrs. A. C. Turner, former president of the Torrance Council of PTA, was elected as alternate moderator. Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, was elected secretary-treasurer. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, reviewed the purposes of the TEAC and told of the progress of the new North Torrance High School.

A guest, Dr. Walter Cocking, editor of the School Executives Magazine and former Commissioner of Education for the State of Tennessee, stated that American high school designers were not keeping pace with elementary schools. More planning, he said, should be done with the student of the future in mind.

Vernon Sheblak, director of adult education pointed out that

#### Plans Approved

Two Torrance schools, Hall-dale Ave. and 188th St. were among the ten elementary institutions with plans for additional classrooms, to cost \$284,000 approved last Thursday by Supt. A. J. Stoddard of Los Angeles City Schools.

## Board Chooses Plan For New High School

### New Gym To Be Dedicated At THS Tomorrow

Torrance High school's new \$253,000 gymnasium will be formally dedicated this Friday night between varsity and Bee squad games of basketball, with the Tartars and Lynwood the contestants.

During the formalities, a member of the school board will make the official presentation of the athletic facility to the student body, and Jim Crane, student body vice president, will make a short acceptance speech.

### Harvey Seeks TV Channel, FCC Reports

The Federal Communications Commission earlier this week stated it had received an application from Lawrence A. Harvey, executive vice-president of the Harvey Machine Co. for a television station. According to Washington the channel asked for was channel 34.

#### Thieves at Work

John W. Buchanan, 433 34th St., Manhattan Beach, reported to Torrance police Monday that a chrome rim to his car's headlight had been stolen while the car was parked at the end of Margelina Ave. The theft occurred about 9:30 a.m.



PAUL SANDERS  
... Succeeds Lauterbach

### Paul Sanders New Assistant Manager of GP

Paul Sanders, a veteran of 33 years service with General Petroleum, has been named assistant manager of the company's Torrance refinery, to succeed Richard Lauterbach, it was announced yesterday by A. E. Thompson, the refinery's manager.

Appointment of Lauterbach as manager of the new Bellingham, Wash., refinery to be built by the company was announced in last Thursday's Torrance Herald.

In addition to the advancement of Sanders, Thompson announced the appointment of E. G. Surber to succeed Sanders as superintendent of the plant. Sanders has been superintendent of the Torrance refinery since 1945.

### Sunday Delivery To Include All Herald Papers

The eight companion papers to the Torrance Herald will be distributed Sunday instead of Thursday next week to provide shoppers with the most complete selection possible of Thanksgiving specials offered by Torrance area merchants.

Deadline for classified advertising in the big Sunday issue will be 5 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, and deadlines for display advertising will be 2 p.m. Friday. News deadlines will remain at 10 a.m. Saturday.

There will be no carrier-boy delivery of the Torrance Herald and its eight companion papers next Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, a move made to allow carrier boys and other staff members of the Herald to enjoy the holiday with their families.

The following Sunday, Nov. 30, the fact-packed anniversary issue of the Torrance Herald will be published.

### Cafeteria Prices At THS Rise 20 Per Cent

Cafeteria prices at Torrance High School will rise 20 per cent immediately, Board of Education members decided at their Tuesday night meeting.

The reason for the price increase was given by Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull as an overall deficit of 16 per cent from the opening of the school year to Oct. 31, 1952.

Hull's figures indicated that the cost of food had risen eight per cent over last year while the gross profit had dropped a corresponding eight per cent, for the 16 per cent total loss. Expressed in dollars and cents, the deficit for the year runs to \$916.60.

Volume Income Up  
This loss was sustained although the staff has not increased, the volume is up and income is up. Despite these encouraging factors, the books still are written in red.

Present prices—Hot dishes, 15¢; soup, 12¢; vegetable, 10¢; cake and pudding, 10¢; milk, 12¢; salad, 10¢; chocolate drink, 11¢, and milk 7 cents.

With 20 per cent increase—Hot dishes, 18¢; soup, 12¢; vegetable, 12¢; cake and pudding, 12¢; milk, 13¢; salad, 12¢; chocolate drink, 13¢, and milk, 8 cents.

The average lunch, Hull's figures disclosed, consists of a hot dish, salad and milk, at 32 cents. That figure would increase to 38 cents.

The board, on motion of Mrs. Grace Wright, seconded by W. H. Tolson, approved the price hike, but with the proviso that other methods would be tried if the increase did not balance the books.

Judge John A. Shidler, pres-

#### SKIRTS LIFTED

Two fender skirts were stolen from his 1941 Chevrolet while it was parked on Andrew south of Carson Monday between 6:30 and 9 p.m., George W. Adams, 2040 W. Century Blvd., reported to Torrance police.

#### PANTIES MISSING

Five pairs of panties, two slips and a brassiere were gone from her clothesline when she woke up Tuesday morning, Mrs. L. G. Hulse, 17028 Delia, reported to Torrance police.

#### FIRST OF THE 400

Bennie Kidner, a new member, is signed up by A. G. Ernst of Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion. The Torrance unit is aiming for a goal of 400 members for 1953. To date, the membership numbers 200. Looking over Kidner's shoulder is Clarence Brown, house committee member. Gordon Arnold, first vice commander, has just entered his name on the board, while watching the proceedings are (left to right) Bob Faren, junior past commander; Harry Green, commander, and Jim Parks, senior past commander.



BILL CARLTON  
... Hurt in Korea



MAIL CALL ... Mrs. William Wixon shows daughter Judy some of the letters and cards numbering more than 500 which the little polio patient received last week following a story published in the Torrance Herald. For more about Judy and her family of seven brothers and sisters see story and picture, and read Jack O. Baldwin's column on page 11. (Herald photo).

### Grading Started On Site

Grading operations and foundations for the first buildings of the new \$36,000,000 plastic plant of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co. on Del Amo Blvd. east of Hawthorne got under way this week.

Permits to pour foundations for new shop and store buildings, a laboratory, and the future office of the plant were issued by the city building department yesterday. Total value of the first permits was about \$15,000—a small part of proposed total outlay. W. A. Kathol is the project engineer for the huge new plant construction.

When put into operation, the plant will produce polyethylene and ethylene glycol from by-products of the General Petroleum refinery which lies adjacent to the plant site.

Announcement that Torrance would be the site for the development was made last July 24 when a joint statement by R. L. Minkler, president of General Petroleum, and Dr. J. G. Davidson, president of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co., settled the question in industrial circles as to where the plant would go. It had been announced earlier that the plant would be located "in the Los Angeles area."

Chief product of the new industry will be "wonder plastic," the stuff they use to make squeeze bottles and other such merchandise, Dr. Davidson said.

### W. W. Melford, Former Lomita Resident, Dies

News of the death of W. W. Melford, 86, a resident of Lomita for 20 years until his return to the Midwest in 1944, was announced here Tuesday by Mrs. Billy Robertson, 1551 W. 221st St., Melford's granddaughter.

Melford died in Niangua, Mo., at the home of Mrs. Robertson's father, L. O. Melford, of an illness which has kept him bedfast for the past 12 weeks.

Funeral services were scheduled for today, with burial to follow at Independence, Kans.

Survivors other than Mrs. Robertson are Mrs. Paul Boulanger, 247 W. 134th St., Hawthorne, and Marcus Melford, same address, both grandchildren, and numerous relatives in Kansas.

While residing in Lomita, Melford operated a produce ranch.



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