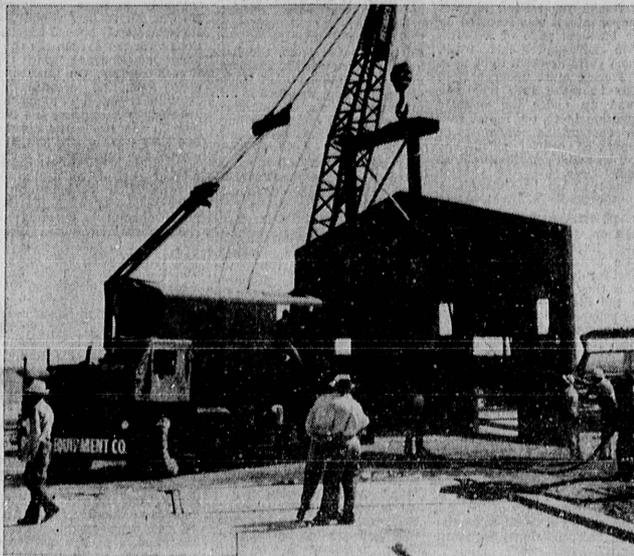


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**LOTS OF SUCTION . . .** This 25 ton concrete wall of the new Crenshaw Elementary School is being lifted into place by a giant crane. The wall itself is held by a five ton mat, which operates by creating a vacuum where it touches the wall. In all, 57 walls will be raised into place by this method. Construction officials claim that pouring the walls first, then raising them into place, and securing them is cheaper and more efficient than the older method of pouring them in place.

**FUN for BOYS & GIRLS**  
By CAPPY DICK

Want something easy to make, kids? Try jewelry made of plastic soda straws. All you need, in addition to the straws, is some hot water, some fine wire and some string. Plastic straws are easy to bend after they have been soaked in hot water. A string of beads is an easy starter. Cut some bright-colored straws into half-inch pieces. When you have enough for a necklace, snip the ends of them to make fringe (Figure 1). Place them in hot water until the plastic becomes pliable, then curl the



fringe as in Figure 1 by pressing it backward with your fingers. Let the beads cool and the fringe will remain curled. String the beads in assorted colors. Another necklace can be made like that in Figure 2. Cut a bunch of half-inch pieces, trim out some others an inch and a half long. Soak the long pieces in hot water until pliable, then thread each one on a loop of wire. Bend the straw and wire into a loop, twisting the ends of the wire to hold the shape. When the plastic has cooled you can remove it from the wire and it will remain in a circle. String the circles with half-inch pieces between them.

A bracelet (Figure 3) is made the same way, but use a straw long enough to go around your wrist. String the straw on fine wire, soak it in hot water, then mold it around a bottle or jar slightly bigger than your wrist. When the plastic has cooled, slip it off the bottle and it is ready to wear. A ring is made the same way. For a "gem" string a colored bead on the fine wire before you twist the loop together.

**Filled With Gull!**  
Jimmy: "Help! I swallowed a

**Man, Wife Slumber As Burglar Steals Money**

Someone stole \$144 from his pants pocket as he slept. Robert Chalmers, of 16809 Atkinson Ave., told Torrance police Sunday.

After the money was taken from the pants, which were hanging on a door in the bedroom, the billfold was returned to the pocket. Mrs. Chalmers' purse, in plain view in the bedroom, was not touched. According to Chalmers, a pass key was apparently used to gain entrance.

**CAR CAPACITY**

Average capacity of freight cars in the United States is 2 1/2 tons greater now than it was at the time of Pearl Harbor.

**Youth Starts Closet Fire**

Playing with fire may be fun, but it can also be dangerous. That is a lesson nine-year-old Pat Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scott, of 18231 Ashley Ave., learned Sunday morning. He was playing with a candle and a halloween lantern in a closet at his home, when the fire got out of control.

It spread to clothes hanging in the closet, and Pat beat a hasty retreat from the closet. Two Torrance fire engines were called out. Damage, estimated at \$100, was restricted to the closet.



**NEW FLAGPOLE . . .** South Bay Squadron 43 of the Civil Air Patrol which is based at Torrance Municipal Airport, received a new flagpole this week. R. C. Parker of San Pedro furnished a truck crane to set the pole into position in front of the CAP headquarters.

**Oil Field, Industrial Wastes Threat to Local Water Supplies**

Torrance water supplies are threatened by highly mineralized waste water from the Torrance oil fields and local industrial plants, according to a report made public this week by the Regional Water Pollution Control Board No. 4.

More than 57,000 gallons of oil field water is being discharged into the ground each month at 130 different sites, the report says. Combined with waste oil, charge practices of several local firms, a serious threat is posed against local water supplies.

The survey was prompted by the discovery several years ago that water in the Nestor Well, near Hawthorne Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd., had an increase of some 650 per cent in the amount of minerals contained in it over a 30-year period.

The report covers a 45-square mile area including Torrance and parts of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Palos Verdes, and Los Angeles. It estimates that some 30 million barrels of oil brine have been deposited in the ground since development of the Torrance oil field in 1923. This amounts to about 150,000 tons of salt.

**Supply Generally Good**  
Water in the Torrance area is generally good, the report says, although a few areas show signs of pollution. This includes an area near Sepulveda Blvd. and Normandie Ave. and a few other wells.

Recommendations of the investigating committee, which included City Planning Commission Chairman George Powell, were:

1. The practice of discharging oil brine to the ground surface, unlined sumps, or seepage pits be immediately discontinued.
2. Corrective action should be taken with regard to industrial waste discharges.
3. Continued efforts should be made to obtain water well construction and abandonment legislation to reduce the interflow between underground bodies of water caused by improperly constructed or abandoned wells.

**Correction Difficult**  
Correction of the conditions in the oil fields might be difficult, since many areas of western and southern Torrance do not have commercial sewers which could carry off the discharge. Some of the oil companies now have facilities to filter the discharge before it is placed in sewers.

The construction of a new sewer along Lomita Blvd. might pave the way for correction of the condition.

The survey showed that 29 of the city's 90 industrial plants use means other than sewers to dispose of their wastes.

Five places, involving three firms, were cited as polluting influences. The National Electrical

Products Corporation was cited for allowing 25,000 to 50,000 gallons of plating waste a day in lagoons and for sewage and water softening wastes.

**Waste in Sump**  
The Columbia Steel Corporation had seven to 12 gallons of pickling liquor in unlined sumps per day, the report said.

The National Supply Company has 300 pounds of excess sodium chloride in a seepage pit and 3000 gallons of material from an electric smog control wash. The sodium chloride pit has an overflow into Bikby Slough.

Various other plants were cited for various possible polluting materials, but they are not serious as yet.

The State Division of Water Resources is conducting a permanent water sampling program, which seeks to determine future changes in water quality.

Action on a local level to correct such possible sources of pollution is urged in the report. Powell indicated that ordinances will probably be presented to the City Council, embodying corrective measures.

**Wilcox Wins Third Grant**

For the third year in a row, 19-year-old William R. Wilcox, a junior at the University of California, has won a \$500 scholarship from the George Henry Mayr Educational Foundation.

Wilcox, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross Wilcox, of 2824 W. Carson St., is majoring in chemical engineering. A 1952 graduate of Torrance High School, he won \$750 in scholarships at the time, in addition to the Mayr grant.

**Sgt. Allan D. Moore On Korea Drill Team**

Army Sgt. Allan D. Moore of Torrance is a member of the company's drill team which recently won the 3d Infantry Division's 7th Regimental championship in Korea.

Sergeant Moore, whose wife, Marjorie, lives at 20808 Harvard Blvd., and other members of the team, will participate in a demonstration of precision marching and crack manipulation of weapons to top the regiment's championship.

Sergeant Moore, son of Mrs. Rhoda Moore, 2145 245th St., Lomita, entered the Army in October 1953 and arrived in Korea during July 1953. He is a section leader in Company B.

**Fender Skirts Taken**

Tim Galloway, 6224 S. Selma Ave., has reported to Torrance police that two fender skirts were taken from his car last week-end.

**Chamber Letters to Council Ask Beach Development, Airport Plan**

Letters urging development of Torrance Beach, and a master development plan for fringe areas of the Torrance Municipal Airport have been sent to the City Council by the Chamber of Commerce.

A letter signed by Chamber President Paul D. Loranger read:

"This organization strongly favors a good public recreation program for our citizens, the best obtainable within existing economics, modern engineering, and suitable to the physical character and pattern of our community's development.

"Nature has provided Torrance with a beach and shoreline that compares with others of international repute but due to lack of funds there has been little or no improvement initiated to keep the beach in line with other developments brought about by its unprecedented population growth.

**Allocations Needed**  
"Therefore, it is essential that a program be immediately initiated, followed up by properly present competent effective pressures to secure allocations from impounded tideland funds to insure development action. This move is intelligently supported by organized efforts of civic minded taxpayers and those interested in the continued wide spread orderly development of the entire area of which Torrance is a part."



**LOOKING IT OVER . . .** After an aerial inspection tour of airport properties, Airport Manager Ed Dietrich explains to Airport Commissioners R. C. Herrick, Robert Jahn, Robert Hilborn, Jack E. White, and John Crain how an airplane works. The group discussed plans for airport development after their inspection tour.

**Commission Sees Big Potential For Airport After Flying View**

Torrance's five newly appointed Airport Commissioners took a flying look at the Torrance Airport last week-end and reported that they were impressed with what they saw. "Lots of potential," was the unanimous decision as the commissioners climbed out of planes piloted by Airport Manager Ed Dietrich and Commissioner Robert Jahn. "Lots of work for us," added Commissioner Robert Hilborn.

The recently-appointed commission is beginning its duties, and elected R. C. Herrick as chairman. The aim of the group, as Herrick expressed it, is "to develop the airport and surrounding properties to their fullest usefulness."

**Must Decide Scope**  
Just how this will be done, the committee hasn't decided as yet. The scope of the commission's work will probably be decided by itself. The Commission is purely an advisory body.

**Moose Delegation To Visit San Pedro**

A delegation of Torrance Moose lodge members will travel to San Pedro on Sun. Aug. 15th, for the annual election of the South Central District of the California Moose Assoc.

Joseph Platt, governor of the Torrance Lodge, and outgoing vice-president of District will conduct the San Pedro meeting. Delegates to the meeting include James A. Evans, Daniel Desmond, George Powell, Marvin McArthur, and James Johnston.

**Violations Not Minor in Traffic**

There is no such thing as a minor traffic violation.

Commissioner B. R. Caldwell of the California Highway Patrol made this statement this week in reviewing the performance record of California motorists during the first six months of 1954.

A total of 915 traffic deaths occurred on the highways in unincorporated areas of the state during the first half of this year. These are the highways where the Highway Patrol concentrates its enforcement.

"While the death toll is considerably below the 1,111 who died in traffic in these same areas during the first six months of 1953, the cold, hard fact remains that violations cause accidents, and accidents kill people. "Under actual driving conditions the difference between a so-called minor violation and a fatal accident can very well be only a fraction of a second and a lot of good luck," Caldwell declared.

During the first half of 1954, a total of 287,853 citations were issued by the Patrol for traffic violations.

"That means motorists were risking being involved in fatal collisions more than a quarter of a million times in six months time," he pointed out, adding "Safety experts almost unanimously agree that nine out of every ten traffic accidents are caused by driving errors."

**Korea Army School Graduates Gutierrez**

Army Cpl. Jess Gutierrez, whose wife, Mary, lives at 20510 New Hampshire Ave., recently was graduated from the I Corps Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in Korea.

With any final decision up to the City Council.

"The air view helped to give us a better view of the property," Commissioner Jack E. White said. "It is rather hard to get an overall picture from the ground."

The commissioners seem to agree that they favored using as much of the property for commercial purposes as possible. They emphasized that they hoped to improve the airport itself and Jahn suggested the need for a new control tower.

**Management Praised**  
All concurred in praise of the present management of the airport, under Manager Dietrich, before they adjourned to a post-flight meeting.

Three of the five are pilots. Jahn is the only active pilot at present, but White and Hilborn are former pilots. Herrick and John Crain are passengers only, they declared.

The next meeting of the commission will be tonight at 8 o'clock in the City Council chamber. Commissioners emphasized that the public is welcome to attend their sessions.

**Court Suspends 10 Auto Permits**

Ten Torrance residents lost their drivers' licenses during the week ending July 30, according to a report from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Losing their licenses for failure to meet the requirements of California's financial responsibility law were Harry Ernest Bishop, of 22929 Berendo St.; James Hicks, of 923 Sartori Ave.; Marvin Clifton Looser, of 317 E. 220th St.; John Albert McColeman, of 22332 Washside Ave.; Mae Plunkett, of 443 1/2 E. 213th St.; and Clarence G. Steward, of 5037 Emerald St.

Conviction of the second drunk-driving offense within seven years led to suspension for Eugene Fowler, of 1170 Maple St.; Albert Cordova Nunes, of 24424 Los Codona, and Shelby Frederick Venable, of 24225 Ward St.

Richard Thomas Rogers, of 1614 W. 216th St., lost his license for failure of proof of ability to respond in damages until proof is restored.

Herbert Lloyd Berg, of 1628 1/2 W. 216th St., was convicted of drunken driving, but suspension was not recommended.

Eleven persons won reinstatement of their licenses. They are Carl Eugene Davis, of 21141 Broadwell Ave.; Sidney Junious Fender, of 3208 W. 188th St.; Dewey William Butler, of 1529 W. 222nd St.; Joseph Albert Cox, of 1308 Madrid Ave.; Kenneth Donn Delancy, of 2130 B Sepulveda Blvd.; Camilo Diaz, of 1207 W. 256th St.; R. G. Hult, 162 E. 213th St.; Charles Marino, of 2448 Hwy. 101; Clorinda Monge, of 1956 220th St.; Virgil Neal Henderson, of 1739 S. Western Ave., and Arthur Paul Reynolds, of 800 W. 220th St.