

### Your Park Department

We have spoken to many of you in our daily week about your parkway trees.

We would like to talk about the soils in Torrance. There are only two distinct types. To the south and west we have a heavy soil and to the north we have a heavy soil we call adobe. First we will talk about adobe soil and the watering of your parkway trees. Many people in the adobe some water lawns and trees too much and some not enough.

In most places the adobe extends down from five to seven feet and beneath that there is a thick layer of yellow clay. Adobe retains moisture for a much longer time than sandy soil. Shallow watering creates a shallow root system on your trees, and constant watering finally saturates the soil or adobe down to the clay bed. As we know, clay absorbs very little water so the water backs up to the surface again.

ture around the roots of our plants and trees. This constant moisture around the roots of the trees eventually kills the tree by rotting the roots.

Most of you live on a slight terrace and, as we know, water runs to the lowest point, which is your parkway. The best way to eliminate this is to let the water run slowly. In that way there isn't too much run off and less water at the base of the terrace or parkway tree base.

To get away from shallow root systems on your trees, it is advisable to sink a pipe down on a slant to the base of the tree root. The pipe should be approximately two and a half feet long and one and a half or two inches in diameter. Fill the pipe with coarse gravel and let water run down the pipe very slowly for about an hour. Repeat this every two weeks on small young trees and about once a month on older trees.

—Torrance Park Department

### Van Dyck on Music Staff For Annual Summer Clinic

James Van Dyck, director of the Torrance Area Youth Band, is among the 50 members of the faculty of the 25th annual Summer Music Clinic for high school students in session on the University of Wisconsin campus for three weeks July 7-20.

A total of some 800 high school musicians from all parts of Wisconsin and from adjoining states are enrolled in this year's clinic, which is sponsored by the University Extension Division music department

to give the students opportunity to study certain types of music not generally obtainable in the home school. The clinic is one of the more than 500 educational services conducted by the State University throughout the year for all citizens of Wisconsin.

This year's registration is the largest in clinic history. The clinic is divided into all-state high school band, orchestra, and chorus, with some of the students participating in more than one of them.

The music clinic winds up its session again this year with a triumphal mass festival concert by the band, orchestra, and chorus on the evening of Saturday July 26, on the Wisconsin campus. Prof. Emmett R. Sarig, of the UW Extension Division, is the director of the clinic.

Van Dyck will serve as conductor of the clinic band.

### John Wren Among SC Law Grads

Among the recent graduates of the School of Law at the University of Southern California was John H. Wren, a Torrance resident for the past 10 years.

Before taking his law degree at SC, Wren received a bachelor of science in education there in 1953.

He has been employed as a teacher in the Los Angeles City School District since that time. Prior to that, Wren was manager of the Stadium Theater here in downtown Torrance.

His wife, Jean, secretary to Fire Chief J. J. Benner, was given an honorary Ph.D. degree. A paraphrase of the Ph.D. degree, it is given as a recognition to wives who are credited with "Putting Hubby Through."

Mrs. Wren is the former Jean Lovelsdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lovelsdy, operators of Lovelsdy Hardware Co. here for many years.

### First Exhibit

### Wins Top Prize

### At Flower Show

Mrs. Vincent Davy of 4815 Reese Road, who admits to being a newcomer in competition, won a first, second, and sweepstakes award for her exhibit in the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department's Lawndale garden show last week.

A student in Mrs. Victor E. Benstead's flower arranging class, Mrs. Davy won her prizes in the first competition she entered.

She exhibited two home grown gladioli in black ceramic bowls.

Judging was on arrangement.

Mrs. Davy exhibited under the banner of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club.

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