

# A Cause for Thankfulness Today

(An Editorial)

With Thanksgiving on us, it might be appropriate to ask the question, "How much Federal aid did the Pilgrims get?"

Someone recently took the trouble to describe the era in which the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving, and decided that by today's definitions, they lived in a depressed area. No one guaranteed them high prices for anything, and whatever roads or schools they had, they built themselves.

About all they had was character, and all they did was work. All they asked was self-respect.

The sum of those traits became America.

Today's Thanksgiving celebrants might do well to consider the sum of the traits we see today — the traits of character, or rather lack of it, that demand more money for less work, put security above self-respect, pamper self-pitying criminals instead of punishing them, give away resources we desperately need to protect ourselves, listen to weaklings that want government to take care of them when they should take care of themselves.

The long years of sacrifice, hard work, and insistence on self-respect which built America can be destroyed in a short while by the traits we see today.

On this Thanksgiving Day, it might be well, in addition to thanking God for a bountiful life, to offer up our thanks for those who still insist that America's hope lies in the hearts of those men who are willing to work, place self-respect above security, and to take care of their own problems instead of groveling be-

fore a government which feeds and grows on the aversion of people to face their own problems.

There are still many people in America who think neighbor helping neighbor is the optimum welfare program.

There are still many people in America who think this nation can truly be strong only if individual Americans are strong.

That such people still exist is cause for thankfulness today.

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## A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think of public demonstrations as a way of getting a point across?" the Pennies photographer asked Torrance residents.

Mrs. Charles Marquand, 920 Cerise Ave.

"I do not think they are effective. I would not participate in a political demonstration because I do not think they prove a point. I think it is wrong for college students to demonstrate because it sometimes leads to people getting hurt in riots."

Mrs. Marvin Jones, 2703 W. 226th St.

"I don't like demonstrations and wouldn't be a part of one. They are too much like mob reaction. I think people can be persuaded into believing what they don't really believe."

Mrs. Robert Flowers, 1315 Hickory Ave.

"They might be effective from the point that the demonstrations get publicity and I think that is probably why they are staged. I would not be a part of a demonstration."

Mrs. Fred Mishler, 1608 Iris Ave.

"I'm kind of a free thinker and like to think for myself. I've never liked big demonstrations and I don't think they accomplish anything. I've lived in Torrance since 1917 and don't recall there ever being a demonstration here."

Mrs. Ronald Bishop, 3341 Opal St.

"I think it would depend on what the group is and the reason behind the demonstration. Demonstrations can call attention to vital questions of the day but they are bad from the standpoint that subversive groups can take part. I think people should be well informed on the issue before they take part in a demonstration."

## LEAVING STATE

### Cooke Given New Position, Quits Board

Clinton B. Cooke, member of the board of education since 1956, announced his resignation at Monday night's meeting of the board, reporting that he had been appointed to a new position by his company and would be moving from the city.

Cooke, an official of National Supply Co., said he had been named manager of the firm's Houston plant, and would move his residence to that city. Monday would have to be his last meeting, he said.

Appointment of a successor to the board will come from the remaining four members of the board: President William Hanson and members William

Boswell, Albert Charles, and Bert M. Lynn. The next meeting of the board will be Dec. 4.

IN OTHER action, the board voted to pull out of the state loan program and to finance buildings with bond issues. S. E. Waldrup, assistant superintendent for business, said the district could save about 90 days in construction, reduce architect's fees by 1 per cent, and that the district could get the type of buildings it desired.

One of the principal objections to the state program was its land requirement. "We just don't have the land the state (Continued on Page 32)

### Patrol Car Hits Auto, Three Hurt

Three persons were sent to Harbor General Hospital Tuesday morning after a police patrol car from the Harbor Division of the Los Angeles City Police Department collided with the rear of a car stopped at an intersection waiting for the signal to change.

The accident occurred about 7:30 a.m. at Western Avenue and 208th Street. Driver of the police car, Billie Granville Percy, 34, of Wilmington, suffered injuries to his chest and mouth. Another officer in the vehicle, H. O. Blakesley, 25, of 1425 W. 257th St., Harbor City, suffered injuries to his head.

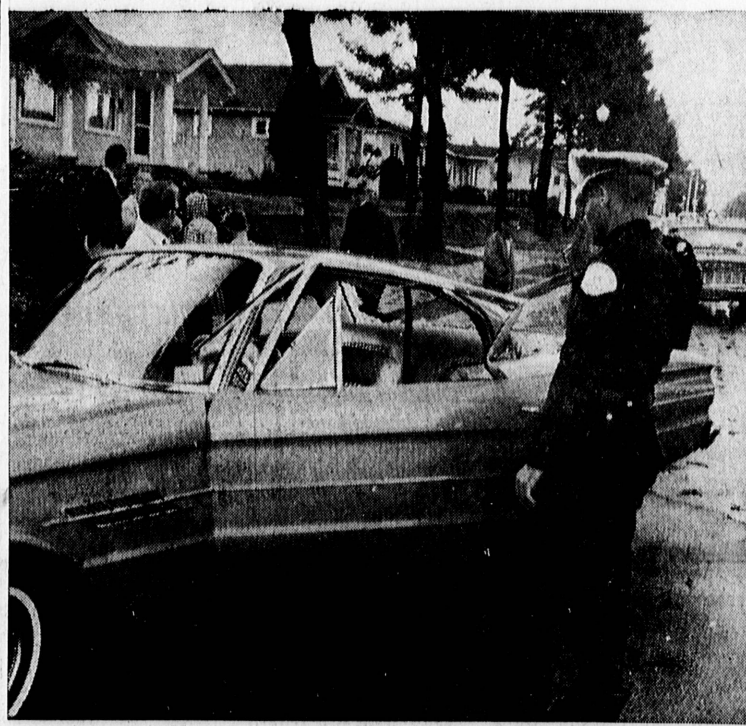
Driver of the other car was Doris Wilma Horrell, 45, of 20908 Shearer Ave., who suffered injuries to her head and arm. Both cars were southbound on Western Avenue.

## CHURCHES JOINING IN THANKSGIVING RITES

Union Thanksgiving Day services under the sponsorship of the Torrance Ministerial Assn. will be held in the new sanctuary of the First Methodist Church at Carson Street and El Prado beginning at 9 a.m. today.

The Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, pastor of the host church and president of the ministers' organization, has announced that the meeting is open "to everyone who wishes to worship, expressing thanks for our blessings and those who wish to seek God's guidance for the future year."

The Rev. Hugh R. Percy,



NEW CAR? . . . Torrance Police Officer E. G. Boyce inspects damage done to the new compact sedan of Barbara Kiefer of 2260 Torrance Blvd. after a truck driven by Wayne Ralph Schneider of 3372 W. 188th St. collided with the car Monday afternoon while the vehicle was parked in front of the Kiefer home. (Herald Photo)



STORM DAMAGE . . . Employees of the Southern California Edison Co. worked in the rain Monday morning to restore service to the Hollywood Riviera area after the top of a pole caught fire on Calle Mayor at Riviera Way. Traffic on Calle Mayor was rerouted while some of the repair work was going on. A total of 2,393 customers were affected. (Herald Photo)

## TO BEGIN FRIDAY

### YMCA Collecting Gifts For Arizona Navajos

Torrance Family YMCA begins the fourth annual collection of gifts for Navajo Indians Friday. The starting date will be called a Day of Dedication with the hope that many Torrance families will express thanksgiving by coming to the YMCA with gifts for the desperate natives of Monument Valley, Ariz.

The "Y" will be open from 9 a.m. Friday to receive warm clothes, workable toys, canned food, and candy for the needy Navajo Indians.

Each Christmas, Torrance YMCA teenagers and adults travel in several trucks to Moenave, Ariz., to distribute the badly needed gifts to more than 5,000 people. Last year,

the "Y" delivered 11 tons of carefully sorted gifts directly to the Navajos.

THIS YEAR'S collection will continue until Dec. 16. Stanley Ellis, Y staff member in charge of the project, urges all contributors to sort and choose their gifts carefully.

### Community Chest Goal About Reached

The Torrance Community Chest campaign is expected to reach its goal within the next few days, according to Mrs. Edward Schneider, chairman.

Latest report shows the

overall goal for Torrance is 82.26 per cent of the total. Standings of other cities are Gardena 72.96 per cent, Harbor City-Lomita 138.56 per cent, Palos Verdes 81.95, Rolling Hills 73.26, San Pedro 63.67 and Wilmington 72.

Ellis stated that the Navajos cannot use high heels and similar fancy garb, nor can these remote people read English, so all books and games that require reading are unusable.

Most needed, according to Ellis, are warm coats, children's clothing, sturdy shoes, balls, doll, and canned fruit and vegetables.

## No Action On Bridge This Week

The case of the dangerous bridge was still unsolved yesterday as city and county officials maintained stands that each did not have responsibility in the matter.

Councilmen Tuesday night considered again pleas of nearby residents that fencing be added to the bridge over the Dominguez flood control channel on Arlington Avenue near

169th Street. It was from this bridge that a 4-year-old boy tumbled earlier this month, falling more than 20 feet to his death on the concrete bed of the channel.

THE PROBLEMS brought up by the demand for added safety measures are complicated, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said. He reported that

the County built the bridge but disclaims jurisdiction. If the city makes corrective action, it could be construed as admission of responsibility, he added. The city owns a 60-foot roadway, but the bridge is wider than that, he said.

Several councilmen expressed the opinion that parents in that area must exercise (Continued on Page 32)

## Light Damage Reported in Local Areas

Damage was held to a minimum as the city received its first measurable rain of the season Monday, according to Street Superintendent Ralph Perkins. The usual pumping was started at the Paseo de Gracia sump in Hollywood Riviera, he said, and the crews placed several barricades and sandbags in parts of the city, but otherwise the .65-inch rainfall was gleefully received.

A portion of the Hollywood Riviera area was blacked out at the height of the storm when the top of a utility pole caught fire.

The outage occurred at 8:50 a.m. and a major portion of service was restored within five minutes, according to Southern California Edison Co. officials.

A TOTAL of 2,393 customers were affected by the outage. Nine pieces of Edison Co. equipment converged on the area at Calle Mayor and Riviera Way.

era Way. Calle Mayor was closed for a short period.

A smoldering type fire started at the top of the pole and went unnoticed until the tip of pole fell over. The fire started because of rain starting out lightly caused a flash fire on an insulator, firm officials said.

A SMALL area on Western Avenue near Pacific Coast Highway was also blacked out. This was caused by the situation at Calle Mayor and Riviera Way.

No serious injuries were suffered Monday in several separate accidents, many of them on rain-slicked highways.

Two young men suffered minor injuries about 8:30 Monday morning on Hawthorne Boulevard just south of Redondo Beach Boulevard when their motor scooter flipped over, throwing both of them off the vehicle.

INJURED WAS the driver, Donald Emerson Case, 24, of 4150 W. 164th St., and passenger, Jerry Greschke, 16, of 4916 Zakon Rd. They were taken to a private physician for treatment.

No one was injured in a school bus-car collision just north of 187th Street. A sedan driven by Geraldine T. Dilkus, 18, of 1216 Hickory Ave., collided with the Torrance Unified School District bus driven by Clement Delmar Farrance, 41, as the bus was making a left turn into a school driveway.

THE TOP of a new compact sedan was sheared off about 2:30 p.m. Monday on Torrance Boulevard near Cota Avenue. The car, owned by Barbara Kiefer, 37, of 2260 Torrance Blvd., was parked at the curb in front of her home when a truck and trailer driven by Wayne Ralph Schneider, 37, of 3327 W. 188th St., collided with the sedan, police said. Schneider's truck was eastbound on Torrance Boulevard.

Non-injury accidents were also reported Monday at 4:55 (Continued on Page 32)

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## Cub Scouts Meet

Ghost stories and a skit about Rip Van Winkle entertained members of Cub Scout 206-G at their recent meeting. Dens 1 and 3 put on the entertainment while Den 2 presented the colors.