

# FLOOD VICTIMS SEEKING \$368,000

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# DEADLOCK ENDS SMUT TRIAL

## Jury Divides 8-4 on Guilt Of Defendant

A Torrance woman charged with selling obscene magazines to a Torrance police officer won dismissal of the case after a jury failed to agree on a verdict Friday evening. Mrs. Nathan Isaacs, owner of a liquor store at 17310 Crenshaw Blvd., was charged with selling two magazines to Torrance Police Officer Clifford Smith which showed nude women in "highly suggestive and revealing poses."

THE JURY agreed unanimously that several photographs in the magazines were obscene but could not agree that it had been proven that Mrs. Isaacs knew she was selling obscene material.

During the course of the trial this week, the Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, pastor of the First Methodist Church; Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent, and Joe Wilcox, executive secretary of the Torrance YMCA, had said the magazines failed to meet recognized community standards. The three men were called by Charles E. (Monte) Catterlin, city prosecutor. Catterlin had described the magazines as designed to excite a morbid interest in sex and nudity.

obscene by strict legal definitions, and that it must be shown that Mrs. Isaacs, as the seller, was aware of the magazine's contents when she sold them.

Mrs. Isaacs testified that she and her husband had taken over the liquor store only one week prior to the alleged crime.

### Kay Fuller Wins Grant

Kay Fuller of South High School has been selected as one of the 38 outstanding juniors, from the western states, to participate in the summer training program in microbiology to be held at the College of the Holy Names in Oakland, Calif from June 24 to Aug. 2.

### Republicans Meet

Robert McCrackon, graduate of Long Beach State and presently with a Los Angeles banking firm, will speak on "Morality in the U. S." at the Torrance Republican Club meeting Tuesday, at 8 p.m., at Madrona School Cafeteria.

## Mother's Day (again?)

The big day's here at last;  
Mom gets breakfast in bed,  
And if she survives  
Lumpy cereal and burned bread,  
She may cheerfully note  
That quick as a wink  
The dishes are all neatly  
Stacked in the sink—

She's forbidden to touch them,  
(Til tomorrow, at least),  
While Dad and the kids  
Plan a Mother's Day feast.  
They bring out the best dishes,  
Only chipping a few,  
And while dinner is burning  
They bring out the gifts too:

There's a big box of candy  
Though Mom's on a diet,  
(She may use it some day  
To bribe the kids to be QUIET!)  
There's hosiery from Dad  
And a game from the kids  
Packed in left-over boxes  
With crushed bows on the lids.

When the gift giving's over,  
They show Mom each bed  
Which they've proudly made up  
With lumps under the spread.

When the big day is over  
Does Mother regret it—  
Or secretly hope  
That next year they'll forget it?

Mrs. D. Boone Kirks  
Torrance

## Firms Claim City Erred With Drains

A series of claims filed with the city this week, growing out of the heavy rainstorms of Feb. 9 and 10 of this year, asked for damages totaling more than \$368,000, according to City Clerk Vernon Coil. Largest of the claims was filed by Radco Construction, Inc., contractors on the Walteria Lake drainage basin who charge city negligence was responsible for damage and destruction of retention basin structures and appurtenances which had to be replaced, costing \$200,000.

## U.S. Steel Plant Honors Long Service

Thirty-three men whose combined tenure represented 700 years experience in the steel industry were honored at the quarterly service awards luncheon of the Torrance works of U.S. Steel's Columbia-Geneva division.

Top man with 40 years service was Antone Figueredo, rigger leader of 1604 W. 218th St., who received a stainless steel watch from W. K. Scott, superintendent of engineering and maintenance. Others honored were:

Thirty-five-year men were: Carl S. Johnson, of 2305 Carson; Miguel Grajeda, of 2150 W. 103rd St.; Peary Quigley, of 23701 Western, all of Torrance; Guy C. Ayers, of 2008 Farrell, and Thomas E. Dean, of 731 S. Broadway, both of Redondo Beach, and Dewey W. Ormand, 2020 W. 240th, Lomita.

THIRTY-YEAR men: Donald St. Clair, 907 Arlington; Francis W. Fetherolf, 1315 Cranbrook; James R. Shaffer, 1103 1/2 Cota; Sherrell Justice, (Continued on Page 13)

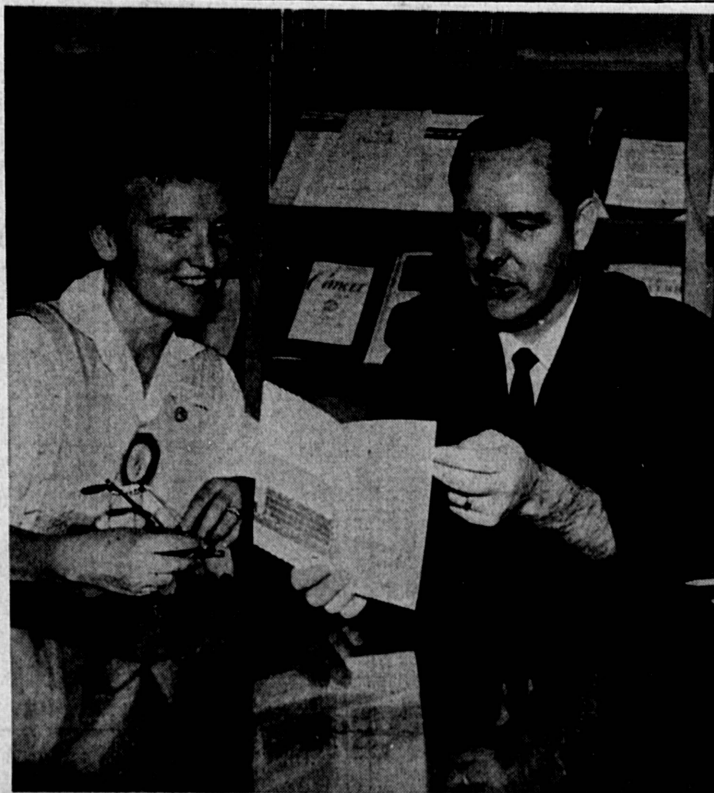
ANOIHEA series of claims for six clients filed by a Redondo Beach attorney asked for a total of \$103,736.67 in damages from the city.

The Houston-Fearless Corp., at 24660 Crenshaw Blvd., filed claims for damages to buildings and contents at 2426 Amsler St., 2420 Amsler St., and 2433 Moreton St., during the Feb. 9-10 storm with a total value of \$34,344.

SEVERAL Rolling Hills Plaza merchants submitted claims for damage to their stores and contents during the storm. Among them were Andy Brown Beauty Shop, \$150; Rolling Hills Interiors, \$25,000; Quality Shoes, \$2,500, and House of Chanvictor, \$2,500.

Basis for the bulk of the requests for damages are charges that the city permitted or maintained defective and inadequate drains in the area along Crenshaw Boulevard north of Pacific Coast Highway and on Hawthorne Avenue near the Walteria Lake retention basin.

Copies of the claims will be presented to the City Council Tuesday for consideration during the 8 p.m. meeting.



PUBLIC INVITED... Staff members of Little Company of Mary Hospital outline hospital tours which will be conducted tomorrow through Friday, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., by the women's auxiliary in conjunction with National Hospital Week, which starts today and will continue through May 18. Setting up the open house program are Mrs. Jay Ingles, vice president of the women's auxiliary, and Robert Eisleben, assistant administrator.

## Essay Contest, Luau Top Realty Week Observance

Today marks the opening of Realtor Week which will be observed locally with a breakfast honoring local newspaper

ers, an essay contest in the school and a luau.

National Realtor Week will be observed through Saturday.

Realtors from this area will join with the more than 73,000 across the country this year under the slogan "A Home Means Happiness — Happiness With a Home Means a Realtor" in an effort to emphasize their services and to make clearer the distinction between a realtor and others in the real estate business.

"A REALTOR," Ken Peters, Torrance-Lomita Realty Board president, said, "is pledged to follow a strict code of ethics that is enforced through the local board of the National Assn. of Real Estate Boards of which he is a member. The primary obligation of the realtor under this code is to keep the interests of both the buyer and the seller uppermost in mind during a transaction."

By the motto, "A Home Means Happiness," realtors are stating that security, freedom to live in the manner chosen, and room to live that way are all an accepted part of home ownership. But home ownership is not available to all people in every country. "In fact," he said, "the ease in owning a home in the United States is unique throughout the world."

"BY ADDING the phrase 'Happiness With a Home Means a Realtor' we are explaining that by doing business through a realtor, with his background of experience, integrity and competence, the public is assured of superior service and satisfaction," he explained.

The essay contest will be among students in grade nine through 12. The theme will be "The Home Is the Heart and Hope of the Nation." In addition, local realtors will have an entry in the Fiesta Days Peninsula Parade.

The Victor E. Benstead Plunge, 3331 Torrance Blvd., will open May 18, for the season.

The plunge will be open to the public from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and on Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30.

Weekend swimming will continue through June 17 when

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REALTORS' QUEEN... Doris Lippard, local realtor, has been named queen for the observance here of National Realtor Week. She is displaying a model of a home which was built in Torrance. National Realtor Week is being observed today through Saturday with an essay contest, a press breakfast and luau.

### A Penny for your Thoughts

Downtown Torrance businessmen were asked by the Pennies inquirer what they think about "the current improvement project underway in the downtown section?"

Joe Romano, manager, Newberry's: "I think it's just great and will create a lot of interest among the general public. It also will create a good atmosphere for shopping. I think it'll make people realize the downtown area is here to stay and will not fade into obscurity."

George Post, manager California Bank:

"It's the first positive action I've ever seen taken downtown Torrance. I hope this doesn't end it. With the investment property owners have in this assessment district it will benefit the merchants and property owners to improve the stores. Everybody may not agree with what is being done but it's certainly a step in the right direction."

Norley Strott, owner, Norley's Market:

"We have to start someplace. This will beautify the town. The driveway into my parking lot will be blocked to left hand turners

though. If they follow this up with other improvements it will help in the long run. What these other improvements may be is hard to say. That can be up to the engineers. I like the idea generally. Once done, if the merchants would all work and pull together this in itself would help."

Jim Giacalone, owner Torrance Photo:

"I think it's commendable when a group of property owners undertake a project like this. I have hopes this is just the beginning of a series of projects which would increase the public desire to shop in Torrance. We need to fill the vacant stores with permanent tenants who have a product or service for customers fundamentally (Continued on Page 13)

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