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The Pennies photographer of a bit curious about the Christmas shopping habits of local teenagers, so he asked, "How do you go about doing your Christmas shopping?"

Thoughts

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Janis Bainer, 2516 Lesser

man.St.: "Usually I get my money for C h r i st m as shopping from my g r an d-parents, My friends and I shop together, trying to select u s f u l gifts. After all of my all

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After all of my efforts, I usual-ly just give everyone five dol-lars and a card."

Gretchen Staff, 809 Felbar November as city officials is-Ave.: "During the value of \$2,109,960.



started during the month.

Steve Mahoney, 3006 Antonio





On Cityhood The latest move to incorporate Lomita took a new turn this week as the proponents of incorporation announced they had filed petitions representing nearly 45 per cent of the area's property owners and valuation. At the same time, opponents said they planned to be

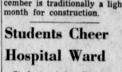
City Tops \$53 Million

tents said they planned to be-igin circulating their own peti-tions. The group, the Commit-tee Opposing Incorporation, will seek to halt further pro-ceedings by submitting peti-tions representing at least 51 per cent of the area's proper-ty owners. Mrs. May W. Ross, secretary of the committee, said the fil-ing of the petitions to call an election had not changed any plans the opponents have In Building Building activity in Torrance, already at a peak, conplans the opponents tinued to climb upward during

SHE ADDED the committee believes that it can secure the signatures of owners of 51 per "During the Christmas sea-son, I work full time after school at Gal-hen K amp's Shoe s. The money I earn goes for my jifts to my family and friends. E ven though I start shopping early, I am usually with many others in the last minute rush." Value of \$2,109,960. The new totals brought the year's new construction to shool at Gal-for a year was \$46 million, reached in 1956. Permits issued in November provided for 22 new single family homes and 84 aditional apartment units. Seven new commercial buildings were started during the month.

favoring incorporation will be checked, and a boundary hear-ing date will be set by the Board of Supervisors if they are sufficient for an election.

THE LARGEST of the per-mits was issued to William Leader for construction of a 32-unit apartment at 20602





NATIVITY SCENE . . . Members of the South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon Ave., will present a pageant of the nativity scene at the church each night until Dec. 23. The presentation, to be narated by the pastor of the church, will be accompanied by music from the church choir. The annual presentation is open to the public. Presentations will be made each night at 7 p.m., and again at 8 p.m. (Story on Page 3)

One Street Keeps Crews Busy Enough

Crumpled fenders, rampant on a sea of autos, was the badge of a score of Torrance motorists Friday as city police logged 21 reportable accidents within a 24-hour period. The fact that it was Friday the 13th wasn't blamed -it was the fact that the city's streets were jammed with holiday shoppers.

At one time Friday evening, Float Fund injury accidents within a pe-riod of 35 minutes along auto-jammed Hawthorne Ave. None Still Short, of the victims was injured seriously, according to police Leaders Say reports.

reports. EARLIER in the day, a Mali-bu man was arrested after he was involved in a five-car ac-cident at Sepulveda and Hick-ory Avenue. Police jailed Rob-ert P. Sherman, 33, after his car collided with one driven by Lance N. Mearing, 23, of 22503 Linda Drive. Mearing was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital with painful face injuries. Also injured in the transh was Mark Herron, 31, of Santa Monica. He was treat

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the crash was Mark Herron, 31, of Santa Monica. He was treat-ed at the hospital and released. Three cars parked along Hickory Avenue were struck by the colliding vehicles. TAKEN TO Little Company of Mary Hospital after a 6:44 p.m. crash Friday was Lea Beatrice LeBlanc, 56, of 1928 Reynosa Drive. She was in-jured when her car and one

Leader for construction of a 32-unit apartment at 20602 Anza Ave. The permit was valued at \$401,860.

Convene Monday Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District will convene tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the board room at the Dis-(Continued on Page 3) Continued on Page 3) Convene Monday THE CHAIRMAN expressed Sincere thanks to the compan-ies, residents, homeowners (Continued on Page 3)



More than \$3,000 remains to