

WALTERIA — The Pandora Club of Walteria is planning a Christmas party to be held on December 21st. According to Mrs. George Powell, recording secretary of the club, the party will include refreshments and entertainment. It will be held in the Recreation Hall in Walteria.

## CLASSROOM COST CUT IN SCHOOLS

The average cost per classroom equivalent of the Torrance schools, which have been built since 1947 is \$12,800, according to Board of Education statistics. This is a considerable saving over the cost of Los Angeles School building program.

It was pointed out that classroom equivalents are figured by dividing the square feet in a classroom into the total number of square feet that are roofed over and enclosed by walls.

The average cost per square foot of the Torrance schools that have been built by conventional methods is \$10.51 not including site development.

The two precast buildings now under construction average \$10.90 per square foot, concluding site development.

One of the major savings made in the Torrance building program has been savings on cabinet work.

### CABINET WORK

It is customary in most districts to permit the cabinet work that goes into a classroom to be part of the contract, for which architectural fees and other fees are collected, it was revealed.

This runs the cost of the classroom cabinet work to \$980 or more. In Torrance, the cabinet work has been reduced to two cabinets designed for classroom use.

### MAJOR NEED

They have the major requirements, and are made in the school cabinet shop at a cost of about \$250 instead of \$980. Therefore, cabinet work has been reduced to a few cents per square foot, instead of \$1 per square foot.

### ADDED FACTOR

Another factor which has contributed to the economy in the Torrance program has been careful perusal of the plans to eliminate unnecessary pipes by planning the plumbing for minimum distances and using the shortest distance between two points, instead of going around the building, or over the "barn."

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## Floods Trouble Riviera

Hollywood Riviera drainage received Councilmanic attention at the regular City Council meeting Tuesday evening.

Drainage plans were presented in the form of letters by Assistant to the Engineer Joseph R. Patrick and former City Engineer Jacob Joseph.

However, disturbed residents of the area present at the meeting told a Torrance Press reporter that all of these plans do not solve their immediate needs.

### MESSY LOOK

"Just take a look at the mess in the 100 block of Paseo de Gracia," Mr. and Mrs. Kinch, 118 Paseo de Gracia declared. "Water is way over the curb flowing into driveways and to add insult to injury, there is a sign saying Torrance Sewer department instead of Street Department."

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nelk, 126 Paseo de Gracia complained that logs and even kid's boats have washed up into their yards.

Mrs. Doug Robins, 135 Paseo de Gracia was also with the group.

### 15 YOUNGSTERS

The families present pointed out that at least 15 youngsters have to wait on a flooded corner for the Seaside school bus.

Patrick, in his letter, recommended the purchase of a vacant lot for the purpose of constructing four seepage pits to take care of the floods.

For immediate relief, Joseph recommended the construction of a retention reservoir and seepage wells in private property at the low point in Paseo de Gracia. His plan also involves the alteration of Vista del Parque's street surface, adjoining El Retiro Park. He estimated it would cost approximately \$2000.

Residents were requested to study both Council plans and then let that body know what they wanted to do.

## Administrator For Edison Hits Tax Spending

If you are a resident of Los Angeles, your future standard of living and your budget problems are going to have rougher going by a new burden of some \$1,800.

A new high in peace-time spending is marked up in the latest Federal tax measure which today amounts to this for every wage and salary earner in Los Angeles.

Lane D. Webber, Vice President, Southern California Edison Company, and a National Vice President of the National Association of Manufacturers, today released this figure and others compiled by the NAM.

He declared that the failure of the Federal Government to cut down on unnecessary and non-defense spending means that every California wage and salary earner's share of the national debt now approaches \$5,000.

Webber charged: "New tax bills passed since the outbreak of the Korean war added a burden of \$242,208,070 to Los Angeles' share of the cost of federal government in 1952, yet we still see no effective attempt being made to cut down on government spending and pay off the national debt. In eighteen out of the last twenty years, our government has spent more than it took in," he explained. "If the average citizen ran his financial affairs this way, he'd be rated as an irresponsible spendthrift."

### More About Chamber Acts

prizes direct to the homes as a Christmas present from the chamber.

No official entry in the contest is necessary, Cluff said. Decoration of the home automatically makes it eligible for the competition. Prizes will be awarded to the three homes with the most outstanding displays, and three homes with the best inside displays visible from the streets.

**DONATE PRIZES**  
Prizes already donated are on display at Bob's Market, corner of Carson and Avalon. They include a 40-piece set of glassware from Bob's Market, a ham from Reese Meat Market in Avalon Village, a set of four dozen pottery planters from Meek's Manufacturing Co., lawn sprinklers from Beck Lumber Co., and six pounds of butter from Ben Cluff Dairy.

More awards will be added to the display as they are donated, Chairman Cluff said.

## Burglars Steal \$100 in Clothes

More than \$100 worth of garments were removed from a clothing store at 1319 El Prado, Torrance, police reported this week.

It is believed burglars climbed to the roof of the establishment, crawled through an 18-inch ventilator and then tore through a plasterboard ceiling to make their way into the store.

### More About Green Light

proved. It also must be given Council approval.

The Planning Commission opened with a long series of rebuttals between Commission member H. B. Bolas and subcommittee members for two local tracts.

A hot exchange of verbatim took place between William H. Campbell, president of the January Company, and Bolas, Bolas at one point suggested that the January tract be referred to the City Engineer. He evidently didn't take into consideration that Torrance no longer has an official engineer since the canceling of Jacob Joseph's tenure.

Truman Browne, who applied for permission to build a market, also had a little difficulty in getting by Bolas. "Finally both projects were tentatively approved awaiting final word of the Council.

## Planners Okay Three Petitions

The planning Commission at its last meeting approved the following:

A petition of William T. Faulkner for a variance and conditional permit to establish and operate a storage yard for building contractors on the south one-half of lot 25, Meadow Park Tract. It is situated east of Hawthorne Ave., approximately half way between 230th street and Sepulveda Blvd.

Dedication of a street by Everett Powell. This involves a 30-foot street along the southerly boundary line of tract 13043 for a distance of 298 feet from the center of Taylor Court. He said that he would pave a portion of it in front of his two houses.

Conversion of a rumpus room. John T. Moore was given permission to convert a rumpus room into an apartment at 720 Acacia Ave. The property is located in an R-2 zone.

### More About Notice Sent

ed Alvarez.  
Lloyd: "We sent it in care of Bob Haggard."

"I don't understand," declared Alvarez, "I've owned this house for years. What's Bob Haggard got to do with it?"

No one volunteered an answer to this one. The Planning Commission did volunteer that another hearing would have to take place before the rezoning became final.

## DESMOND PRESENTS COMEDY

The first joint experimental production of its kind in the Bay Area will be presented by the Torrance Adult Evening drama class in conjunction with San Pedro, Dan Desmond, supervising director of the Torrance Adult Evening Drama-Speech Personality Class disclosed today.

"The Hampton Players use the above group as their workshop in practice and theory," Desmond said.

Members of the Hampton players are currently in production of several one act plays to be given next Tuesday evening at eight at the Leland Street elementary school auditorium in San Pedro. The San Pedro group in turn will be invited to Torrance at a later date.

The play presented by the Torrance group in San Pedro next Tuesday will be a comedy, "Goodnight Please" by James L. Daggert. It will be directed by Mary Woodson.

Among well-known thespians from Torrance who will participate are Douglas McClay, Elbert Laycock, Ed Soucek, Jim Crain, Ethel Dowling, Jackie Lafferty and Dorothy Tunis. Hilda Munroe is the promoter and general assistant.

## Broken Main Wrecks Plant

An estimated damage of several thousand dollars was caused when a flood of water from a burst main shot through the Bay Manufacturing Co. at 316 Arlington avenue, police reported.

Coming from a hole in a main 15 feet away, the stream of water crumbled a section of a corrugated iron wall, surged into the building and knocked down a partition 60 feet from the point of entry, it was stated.

The damage included soaking of a large quantity of welding rods and machine parts, and weakening of the entire plant, which manufactures portable auto lifts. No one was in the building when the break occurred, but it was noticed by a neighbor.

### Present Sunday Text

Biblical examples of God's care for those that obey Him will be discussed in the Lesson-Sermon entitled "God the Preserver of Man" in all Christian Science churches on Sunday.

The Golden Text is from the Psalms.

### More About State Highway

call for construction of the fast-track route from San Fernando Valley over an area approximating its present route to a point west of Culver City.

Then, the freeway would swing east to a point at about Florence avenue, and then follow the general, route south along Hawthorne boulevard to 174th street in Torrance.

There, the freeway would turn east to join Harbor Freeway at about Figueroa street and then would continue in a southeasterly direction to Long Beach and Orange county.

Present 174th street highway improvement problems would be solved by the program, it was said.

## Plea for Traffic Controls Denied

KEYSTONE — Jack Henry, secretary of the Keystone-Avalon Chamber of Commerce, reported today that efforts of the civic group to have traffic controls installed at intersections of 223rd St. and Wilmington Ave. and Alameda Blvd. have been stymied.

The county has rejected chamber of commerce requests for stop signs at the crossings. Henry said the chamber of commerce will renew the fight for traffic safety by compiling information on death, injury and property destruction at the intersections.

"Plans call for the development of 223rd St. into a major east-west artery," Henry said, "but this is impracticable unless adequate traffic controls are present at these two dangerous intersections."

### More About Allen Jewelers

drawing. "I'm happy that a little girl won the diamond who loves rings," he declared.

Mrs. Hatfield winner of the diamond has been married for the past year. She is the mother of a baby girl. "I'm still excited and quivering in my boots," she said.

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