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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA — THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1952

Construction Here Reaches \$17,000,000

Building permit totals continued to zoom towards the stratosphere during November. According to records of the city building dept., \$1,028,616 worth of construction permits were issued last month.

This brings the year's total up to \$17,365,629.

By way of comparison, November of 1951 saw only \$460,815 in permits issued. Total for the first seven months of last year was \$12,461,133.

Largest block of permits last month was issued to the Prairie Co., who applied for permits to build 80 homes in North Torrance. The homes average \$7,500, total tract value is pegged at \$600,000.

GRG Construction Corp. got underway with permits for 13 houses, valued at \$104,000, on St. Andrews Place in North Torrance. The same company applied for an additional 33 single residence permits during this week.

A permit for a six-family dwelling structure was taken out by Leon Finch. The building will be in the 600-block on Amapola. Valued at \$35,000, the permit calls for six garages also.

Christmas Play Slated Dec. 22

Third showing of the Alondra Park Christmas play has been set for Dec. 22.

Auditions for the play, "Toyland," were held last Friday evening.

Last year's performance attracted more than 600 persons, with standing room only.

Action of this year's "Toyland" is built around a little girl's visit to Santa's toyshop on Christmas Eve. Through magic, all the toys are brought to life and they dance and sing to the child's delight. The program ends with arrival of Santa Claus.

The show is conducted under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.



SOMETHING SWEET—Torrance Fire Chief J. J. Benner is right at the head of the line to buy a can of Christmas candy from Miss Torrance, Shirley White. The candy is sold annually at Christmas time by the Torrance Area Youth Bands. Proceeds of the sale are used to maintain and purchase uniforms and equipment for the two bands.

County Police, Firemen Pay Raise Nixed

County firemen and deputy sheriffs will not get pay hikes equivalent to those recently granted their counterparts on the city payrolls, it was decided by the county supervisors last week.

In fact, they will not get any pay increases until completion of a salary survey next spring.

Los Angeles City policemen and firemen were given a \$22 a month wage raise by action of the City Council last week.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby revealed that the county action was taken on the recommendation of Arthur Will, chief county administrative officer.

Such a raise, Will said, would cost the county an additional \$3,186,000 a year and increase the tax rate 5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Instead, Will said, the county would continue to abide by the joint city-county salary survey agreement, which provides for payment of prevailing wages paid by private industry.

Any salary changes would have to await completion of the survey next spring, he added.

Model Plane Club Slates Final Meet

The Model Plane Club which meets every Wednesday night at the Waleria recreation hall, will have its final meeting of the year on Wednesday night, December 17. The families of the members are invited to attend.

Prizes will be awarded for the best work of the year and judging will be by Robert Ouellet, Production Engineer with the Northrup Aircraft Corp. Following a movie, "Airlift to Berlin," refreshments will be served.

Jim Minter, Club director is assisted by Jerral Wilkins, Park St. Waleria, who is leader of Squad No. 100 and John Workman, Adolph Ave., leader of Squad No. 200. Club membership is open to children from ages seven to sixteen.

Start Work on GP Addition

Construction is scheduled to begin shortly after the first of the year on a \$10,000,000 addition to the General Petroleum Corp. refinery here, it was announced today.

A contract for the erection of the unit has been awarded to the Bechtel Corp. of San Francisco.

The addition is a thermofor catalytic reformer, which increases the octane rating of gasoline and makes other improvements in the

characteristics of gasoline refined at the plant, it was explained.

Plans for the addition's construction were first announced last March.

Tuberculosis kills more people than all other infectious diseases combined; it stands sixth among all causes of death.

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