



FIFTH GRADER: Linda Lee Ellis, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Ellis, of 238 Linda Vista, listens in on the crystal set she constructed in the science project in her class at Parkway Elementary school. Her instructor,

Lawrence Miller, who started the project to explain the workings of Russia's satellite to his fourth and fifth grade pupils, contacted other amateur radio operators with the shortwave set he installed in the classroom.

**Parkway Pupils Zoom After Sputnik**

Russia's Sputnik has influenced more than the international situation. At Parkway Elementary school, the satellite set fourth and fifth grade students off on an atmospheric and geographic study of their own. When the students in Room 10 at Parkway Elementary at 220 Via Riviera learned that their teacher, Lawrence Miller, was an amateur radio operator they began bombarding him with questions about the Russian satellite. Miller brought his shortwave receiver to the classroom so that the students could hear Sputnik's sputterings as it revolved above the earth. But when Sputnik's radio transmitter went

dead and no sound could be heard, the students turned their attention to Miller's shortwave set. After explaining all he could about the receiver, Miller brought in his transmitter and antenna and established the first complete shortwave station in any school in the Torrance area. The call letters, WGANE, were issued to the duly licensed station. From there, Miller instructed the students in building simple little crystal radio sets. The sets all worked, not all at one time, however. But Miller established one rule about the operation of the radios: the pupils could listen to their own sets only if they finished their regular classwork.

# ARMED BANDIT ROBS CITY STORE; ELUDES POLICE NET

## Douglas Lays Off 1200 in El Segundo

Twelve hundred more Douglas Aircraft Co. workers at the El Segundo Division will be laid off during November and December, the company announced Saturday. First dismissals become effective November 8. Vice president Harold G. Hynd announced the new wave of layoffs and said it was "part of the planned reduction of work forces announced in August." At that time, 400 office workers in the El Segundo and Torrance divisions were given final notices. Of the number to be dismissed beginning November 8, Hynd said 1,000 will be production workers and 200 will be office and clerical employees. Previously announced con-

## Hold Up Finance Company Office

A brazen robber who leaped over the counter of the Seaboard Finance Co. office at 2155 Torrance blvd. Friday afternoon, pointed a gun at the office manager and his assistant and forced them to hand over the contents of the cash box. He grabbed approximately \$100 from the box, ordered Phil Cherry, the assistant manager, into the washroom, and Ed Goosman, the manager, to accompany him out the back door and fled north along Portola ave. Goosman ran back to the office to call police but saw Officer Miles Hamilton passing in a police cruiser and hailed him. Hamilton radioed an alarm to police headquarters and then raced down Portola ave. in pursuit of the robber. Four police cars and two motorcycles spread a net



Harry T. Jeter

## Campaign for Mayor Bubbles Over Early

The campaign for mayor bubbled up prematurely this week after adoption of the charter amendment calling for direct mayoralty elections in the city. No sooner had the vote in Tuesday's special election been counted when Mayor Albert Isen announced that he was a candidate for the top elective office. He was followed a day later by Councilman Nicholas O. Drale who said he is "very seriously" thinking about tossing his hat into the ring. The charter amendment, calling for election of the mayor by the people and enlargement of the city council to six members, was approved 5,378 to 1,270 in Tuesday's voting. In the past, the mayor was selected by five city council members from their own membership. Council posts now held by Isen and Willys Blount expire in April, when the next election is scheduled. The terms of Councilmen Victor Benstead, Robert B. Jahn and Drale expire in April, 1960. If Drale runs for Mayor he may remain on the council. He can retain his council seat if he is defeated, but if elected, he will have to resign his post. The vacancy may be filled by council appointment or a special election. Drale has served on the council since 1948. The charter amendment requires ratification by the State Legislature to become effective in time for the April election. Approval of the legislature was promised city officials by State Senator Richard Richards this week. All five city councilmen

## Jeter Named Longren VP

The appointment of Harry T. Jeter to vice president in charge of manufacturing operations at Longren Aircraft Co. was announced this week. Jeter, chief of material at Longren since August, 1956, came to the Torrance plant after tours of duty with Rheem Aircraft, TWA and Convair. He began his career in 1940 in the material department of Convair and during the war was promoted to chief of warehousing, shipping and receiving. From 1946 to 1950 he was superintendent of material and production control for TWA at their Kansas City overhaul base where he handled the operations from San Francisco to Bombay. In 1951 he moved his family from Kansas City to Anaheim to join the Rheem Aircraft Division in its earliest stages. Until August, 1956, he had been chief of material at their Downey plant.

## To Build New Classroom at Lomita School

Construction of additional facilities at Alexander Fleming Junior High School in Lomita will get under way next week following approval of the \$50,505 contract this week by the Los Angeles Board of Education. The contract was awarded to the Hight Construction Company which submitted a low bid out of five firms. The Fleming school project will consist of an instrumental music classroom and a student store, at a cost of \$50,505. The store will replace the old facility damaged by fire last year. With other waves of his pistol, the bandit ordered Goosman and Cherry to accompany him to the back office door. He sent Cherry into the washroom and muttered "stay in there, if you know what's good for you." Then, tucking the pistol under his coat, he led Goosman through the door and into the alley. He and Goosman strolled down the alley to Portola. "Get back to the office," he ordered Goosman. The office manager turned and ran to his phone. Sharon Gloyne and Patricia Grady, the two other office employees, returned to the office as Goosman rushed in breathlessly. Seaboard's office, on Torrance blvd., next to Alpert's Furniture Store, opened four months ago in Torrance. "This is the first time this has ever happened to me," Goosman said with a nervous smile. "I hope it's the last time."



NATIONAL SUPPLY CO. employees give the Community Chest a generous gift of \$5,932 from their Employees Club for support of 167

services. Ed Mills (center), Chest volunteer, accepts the check from Norman Bulat, Kenneth Perkin, Pat Calderon and Charles Keane.



TORRANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT "A" Shift 16" Softball team were runners-up in the first Southern California 16" Softball Invitational Double Elimination Tournament. Pictured, left to right, top row, are Ralph Collins, Jerry Holman, Al Knappenberger, Van Martin, James Wass, Bill Slonecker. Front row, left to right are

Bob Ward, Pete McCown, Miss 16" Softball of 1957, Diane Kasten, team manager Stan Sellers, John Agapito, John Moffitt, and bat boy Mike Sellers kneeling in front of the players. Teammates not pictured are Wesley Christian and Frank Tuttle.



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST entrants (from left to right) Michele Morrison, 15; Judy Lundhorn, 17; and Jo Ann Hoffmeier, 15, are flanked by the contest co-chairmen, Drs. Al

Kline and Aaron Rauch. The contest is being sponsored among high school students by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, and eliminations begin November 7.

## Look, Ma—I'm a Guided Missile

A soldier attached to the Army's anti-aircraft Nike unit near Torrance set himself up as a guided missile Saturday morning and landed right in jail. Gary J. Waterman, 18, was arrested by Torrance police after he aimed his car at numerous traffic signs along Arlington and Pennsylvania aves., south of Sepulveda and battered them to the ground. Police charged him with hit and run driving, reckless driving and destruction of public property.

## The Hard Way

A Torrance man who told police that he "just moved" another car that was "taking too long" after it stopped at the traffic sign at Torrance Blvd. and Hickory ave. was moved into the city jail Friday night. He was Wilbur E. Bonnell, of 814 Madrid ave., who rammed into the car driven by Darrel V. Erskine, attached to the Navy at San Diego. Bonnell was booked for drunk driving.

# 'They Earned the Honor Bestowed Them'

"I sat enthralled and feasted my ears on their wonderful music and my eyes on those precious children—and blessed the conductor—and all the others who assisted. It was Heaven to witness teenagers playing real music. It was superb! They have earned the honor that has been bestowed upon them. I send this check in the amount of \$25 in memorial to my daughter who left two boys 15 years ago. This is what she had planned for them. Thank you for the privilege." Those were the words of a well-wisher from Los Angeles in a letter following the appearance of the Torrance Area Youth band over KRCA-TV last Sunday afternoon. Notes of praise and appreciation for the concert appearance of the Band have been pouring in since Monday, according to Mrs. Clara Conner, postmaster and chairman of the Citizens Committee. Such words as "inspirational," "moving" and "exemplary" have tumbled out of the numerous letters, some of them from as far away as Ventura, Hemet, San Diego and as far inland as Victorville and Desert Center. Many have been emotional in their commendation of both the performance and the fact that such an unusual group exists. Director James Van Dyck was repeatedly lauded for his courage and vision in bringing the Youth Band into existence. **PRASE VAN DYCK** "If anyone should be gratified by this tremendous response from total strangers, it is Jim Van Dyck," Mrs. W. C. Boswell, publicity director of the drive, declared. "He has many times stood alone with his faith in youth and his faith in music as an aid to their moral and cultural development." Rosemary DeCamp introduced the band and its director and their selections on the show. The program consisted of numbers which will be performed before 5000 music educators in Chicago. Michael Mulled was spotlighted in a brilliant piano number accompanied by the band. Both Mrs. Conner and Mrs. Boswell appeared on the program. NBC-TV donated the half hour as a special tribute to the Area Youth Band, which is one of eight such aggregations from the United States and Canada selected to appear at the Chicago Music Clinic. The band is the only one west of the Mississippi which passed the rigid auditions before musical critics and authorities. Postmaster Conner, chairman of the Citizens Committee spearheading the drive to raise the remainder of \$25,000 needed to send the band to Chicago in December, said "Although a significant amount of money has come in from communities all

over Southern California, response from Torrance and South Bay has been slow." **LACK OF VOLUNTEERS** Mrs. Conner, commenting on the house-to-house canvass of Torrance and South Bay homes which followed the television program, stated, "The solicitation of this area was not too successful because of insufficient volunteers. Those people who desire to contribute, but were not called on, should send their donation to Postmaster, Torrance, California. If every resident would just send one dollar we would be over the top. "If all could read the hundreds of wonderful letters of praise for our band we have received from people all over Southern California, they would consider it an honor and privilege to contribute to such an outstanding group. Our own citizens should be most eager to see that the full amount is raised to demonstrate our approval of decent youth working toward a worthwhile goal for the advancement of the community," Mrs. Conner maintained. "What other single organization has done more to prove that Torrance truly is the All-America City?" she asked. "Our own citizens should be most eager to see that the full amount is raised to demonstrate our approval of decent youth working toward a worthwhile goal for the advancement of the community!" Two hundred fifty dollars is required to send one student by plane to Chicago and feed and house him while he is there. The band will make another appearance at 8 p.m. today at the El Camino College Campus theater in a continuing effort in their "On to Chicago Fund Drive."



COUNTING THE DONATIONS that came in to the Torrance Area Youth Band after its Sunday TV show are Mrs. Les Arnold, the band treasurer, and Mrs. Harold Massie, president of the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club, which is assisting the band in its drive for funds to attend the Chicago Band Clinic.