CHRISTMAS CHEER is being spread by George Clay, of 1115 Fonthill ave., shown leaning on the simulated fireplace he built on his front lawn. With him are neighbors and friends putting the finishing touches to the

Christmas decoration. Clay attached the arm of Santa Claus to an old record player. Every revolution of the player makes Santa's arm wave. Hundreds of other residents are decorating their homes to impart the holiday spirit.

Name Group To Pass On 'Girlie' Magazines

A committee of nine to pass on the contents of so-called "girlie" and "peep" magazines found on Torrance news stands was named at the City Council meeting

One additional member was to be appointed before the committee was to start on its job of reviewing the magazines.

Town Topics

TORRANCE'S Santa Claus came into the office with an unusual request this week. He asked the Press to publicize his ppeal for 200 small boxes of talcum powder which he intends to distribute to patients at Harbor General hospital next week. Those readers who would like to help were asked to leave their boxes of powder in Santa's name at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado.

. . TWO HEARTRENDING APPEALS for help also came into the Torrance Press office during the week. Neighbors of two city families wrote and told us that the families, in dire financial straits, would Christmas this year. The breadwinners of both families one of nine children, and the second of eight children-

are both unemployed. Church, civic and social groups who desire to spread Christmas cheer for the children and lighten the burden of their fathers and mothers can contact the Press for further information.

ho reported to police that Charleston, W. Va., plant, where someone walked into his house and removed all the tile on the dustrial relations department.

He assumed to possible that he held various jobs in the industrial relations department.

Wilmington will be 100 officers that the real estate firm he transferred handling his house had removed here in 1955.

Torrance when he transferred It has 88.77 per cent of a quota sweetly. handling his house had removed here in 1955. the tiles as their first step in estate company.

TORRANCE POLICE warned residents of a new kind of racket being practiced by gyp artists roving the area. Salesmen passing themselves off as "roofing specialists" inviegle residents to have a waterproof compound capplied to their roofs at a cut rate price. The compound lasts until the first rain, as some Torrance residents have discovered. One such "company" calling itself the "Boswell Company" of Long Beach is now being prosecuted by the District Attorney's office. Residents are advised to call police if any such salesmen knock on their doors.

A BLIND TORRANCE BOY will not be able to go to a Christmas party being conducted for other blind youngsters this Saturday unless some Torrance resident steps forward and volunteers to drive the youngster to the party in Los Angeles. The boy's father is working on that day and is unable to prode transportation, Workers

at the Foundation for the Junior Blind asked the Press to issue a call for one volunteer to take the boy to the party to be held at 4005 Wilshire blvd. in Los Angeles. Volunteers are asked to contact the Press.



H. L. "Roy" Burns

H. L. Burns. Union Carbide Official, Dies

H. L. (Roy) Burns, 58-yearold industrial relations manager of the Union Carbide co. plant \$19,887. in Torrance, passed away Sunday night, December 8.

Burns, born in New Haven, Conn., May 13, 1899, attended college in Springfield, Conn., where he received a degree in THE GREAT TLE MYST. physical education. His career \$512 to be 100 per cent. ERY was cleared up. Alvin on June 18, 1934, in the South Decker, of 18931 Felbar ave., Charleston W Va plant where

Survivors include his widow, of \$19,222. repairing the shower. Decker Evelyn, a daughter, Elizabeth, had not been told the tiles were both residing at the family Area will meet its quota of to go when they did. Closer home, 2836 Palos Verdes drive \$86,858. It is now at 96.25 per City Garden Clubs to liason has since been esatblished west, and two sons, Robert and cent. Robinson surges all resietween Decker and the real Edgar, who reside in Charles dents of the Harbor Area if ton, and four grandchildren.

Wednesday, 2 p.m., at the White in to the campaign headquarand Day mortuary, 901 Tor-rance blvd., Redondo Beach. Pedro.

The committee is to consist of five Torrance residents, selected by city councilmen, three area magazine distributors and two representatives of tors, and two representatives of Torrance merchants selling magazines.

Mayor Albert Isen and three councilmen announced their appointments to the committee Tuesday evening. Their selec-

tions were: Councilman Willys Blount named Dr. Donald Cortum, of

333 Calle de Andelusia; Councilman Victor Benstead appointed Frank Kristufek, of 2104 Martina;

Councilman Robert Jahn named Mrs. Donald Hauser, of 169 Paseo de las Delicias; Mayor Isen appointed Rev.

William Shatz, of 5342 Sharon Councilman Nick Drale said City Council Election

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CITY TOPS CHEST GOAL

Torrance topped its quotas for the 1957-58 Community Chest ney Stanley Remelmeyer, who which the council waded. campaign, Jay A. Robinson, advised the council that, in his applauded the idea of obtain-Harbor area campaign chairman annuonced this week. Torrance raised \$19,938 or

100.26 per cent of its quota of

Rolling Hills was the first city ballot first. over the top in the Harbor area. of a quota of \$5,630.

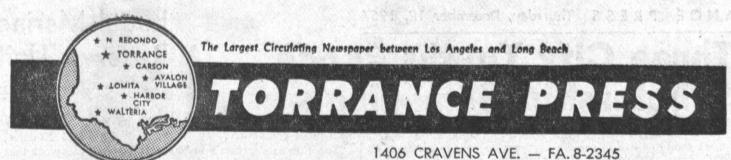
quota of \$2,676, and needs only tentions, objected to Remel-down in the special October 29 revenues.

Wilmington will be 100 per and removed all the tile on the floor of his shower, called police the next day. He informed police officers that the real estate firm

> With \$2,629 more the Harbor dents of the Harbor Area if they have not made contribu-Funeral services were held on tions to the Chest to mail them



WHATNIK, made by two Torrance men, is held gingerly by Mayor Albert Isen. E. B. Jones and Robert Shimmick, both of the Shimmick Brothers Towing and Salvage Co., 22704 S. Normandie blvd., worked for a week to make the Whatnik as a special surprise gift for the mayor. The ticking, flashing whatnik was handed the Mayor during a recess at the City Council meeting Tuesday evening.



Thursday, December 12, 1957

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ARREST 80-YEAR OLD M FOR MOLESTING GIRL, 8

Real-Life Detective Thriller Enacted in City Coffee Shop

Police Department; and North Hollywood.

Band issued a desperate last

minute appeal to 612 resi-

If each of these residents

contributed \$1 each, the band

would have enough money to

pay its way to the Chicago

Mrs. Clara Conner, chair-

man of the citizen committee

which has been collecting

funds to assure the band's

trip, made the appeal while

band members scurried

around town selling jars of

What started it all

Isen would be listed on the

Councilman Nick Drale, men- interpretation.

on the ballot.

dents this week.

Band Clinic.

A real-life detective story that out-thrills the best of TV's de-

funds.

could be listed as an incumbent firm of O'Melveny & Myers,

"impartial attorney" should be resubmitted to the voters.

Drale maintained that he was an initiative petition.

President A. E. Thompson of AWARD RECORD

Womens' Clubs were volunteer. Ad Brings

"Almost every Garden and fied ad gathers no dust.

Roses Parade on January 1, Parade.

tract and the indicated support prizes.

the sponsoring Chamber of

of the organizations, business-

men and citizens of Torrance.'

the cost of Torrances' float by

the announcement that mem

ing to decorate the entry.

Chairman for the project.

bers of the City's Garden and

Chamber officials announced

Benstead as Decoration

the appointment of Mrs. Victor

Womens' organization has

asked to help" said Chairman

George Bradford, who added

that any adult Torrance resi-

dent could help if they desired.

Residents are urged to call the

Chamber office to be listed as

The cost of the float was

Mrs. Benstead said her com-

mittee would meet with Float

Designer Mrs. Isabella Coleman,

on Tuesday, December 17 in

Mrs. Coleman was awarded

the contract to design and build | Call FA. 8-2345.

\$5500 but now will be \$4500 said

volunteers.

Bradford.

Pasadena.

A full \$1000 was shaved from

Commerce said today.

torney is impartial?" Council- tions can be placed before the

With this designation, Mayor in drawing up the city charter.

tective thrillers was enacted in Francisco to San Diego have routine. The cast of characters were: been on the watch for a pair of MODE OF OPERATION

"We have \$19,109.59 in con-

the band and some chaperones

will be able to attend," Mrs.

Conner declared. She asked

that contributions be sent to

Remelmever cooled off th

The council voted unanimous-

ly to ask the law firm for their

Bradford was quick to point

out, however, that Torrance res-

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Quick Rental

house without delay.

Postmaster, Torrance.

The cast of characters were:

Detectives C. T. Zumel and thieves who have been tapping

Their mode of operation is:

In the morning, between 8:30 arrested and held in jail by Both men enter a restaurant, and 8:45 a.m., the men left to Torrance police Tuesday for G. D. Brown, of the Los Angeles the cash registers in restaurants one seats himself at the counter, go to "work." Edward Deninno, 35, of Sun up and down the coast for near the cash register, and un-Valley, and Frank Riley, 44, of years. Hundreds, "perhaps thou- folds a newspaper which he started their rounds in the valsands" such restaurants have starts to read while drinking a ley. Then they went into cen-Youth Band Needs \$612

While the waitress is packing The Torrance Area Youth Christmas candy in an attempt to raise the needed a trip down and prevents the COME TO TORRANCE The band is scheduled to register bell from ringing. The leave for Chicago at the weekend-if the money can be

the operation. The second man reaches into came into Torrance. the open drawer, pulls out as tributions but need \$19,721.60 by the end of this week to assure us that all members of burgers, and the two leave.

DRAMA BEGINS Brown, cruising around on pa- and sipped his coffee. trol, noticed two men emerging Suspicious, the detectives fol. of the till-tappers.

The city council jumped right not easting reflections on the the first one. into the election campaign Tues- city attorney's impartiality, but

tine of the two thieves, and

cup of coffee. The second man tral Los Angeles, ordered hamregister waiting for delivery of from the cash register at the Embassy restaurant.

the order, the second man in- Manchester blvd., stopped at a parents of the child complained serts a cash register pass key Chinese restaurant, and then to police. After questioning which opens the side of the went shopping in Inglewood, Uvo, police said the 80-year old register and permits opening of where they shoplifted some man had admitted undressing the cash drawer. The man holds items from a department store, the child and making lewd ad-

closes the drawer before the the Bowl-O-Drome coffee shop, waitress returns. He pays the waitress for the two ham. Detectives Zumel and Brown Boy, Hurt by watched the pair go through Auto, Improves their old routine, saw Deninno The drama began five days take money from the cash regago when Detectives Zumel and ister while Riley read his paper

Then the detectives followed

into another restaurant several the Bowl-O-Drome, reported that the men had removed \$52 hamburgers went the way of from the cash register. Another Simon, of 634 Calle de Arboles, For five days, the detectives watched the drama unfolding, into Paseo de Los Reyes on his day night, even though elections merely wanted the opinion of kept track of the men. During said "that was the slickest job scooter. The boy suffered head

Charged With Sex Advances

An 80 - year old North merely returned to their homes. Torrance resident was On Tuesday, the two thieves molesting an eight-year old

The man, Amelio Uva, of 3705 West 190th st., was orders two hamburgers to go burgers and coffee and walked charged with making sexual and stands right beside the cash out with between \$60 and \$70 advances to the girl in his

Juvenile Officer H. B. "Buck" They headed south along Ingram made the arrest after

They roamed into Hermosa Lt. D. C. Cook, head of the man with the newspaper covers and Redondo Beaches, Palos Juvenile Bureau, said Uvo Verdes and San Pedro, and then would be arraigned in South Bay Municipal Court Thursday They stopped for their usual on charges of making lewd and much currency as he can, and coffee and hamburgers to go at lascivious conduct with a minor.

The condition of Clifton Reed, 51/2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton W. Reed, of 331 Via San Sebastian, who was from a restaurant with a bag, the pair out, arrested them, critically injured when struck The men threw the bag away, and brought an end to the story by a car last week was re-Alex Schrieber, manager of ported improving at Harbor

Bowl-O-Drome employe, who struck the boy when he darted

will not be held until April 8, other attorneys with experience that time, they lost the men for of robbing a till I've ever seen." and arm injuries. in interpreting the city charter. Council Favors Plan to memorandum from City Attor- heated political waters into opinion, Mayor Albert Isen ing another opinion from the **Boost Sales Tax Revenue** attorneys who had had a hand

Improvement association drew trees went out to the entire dramatizing the "deplorable sit-Volunteers there raised \$5,663 tioned as a possible mayoralty Remelmeyer's memorandum a bundle of bouquets from the membership. Patterson Hard-uation" on Arlington ave. becandidate even though he has also advised the council that the City Council for its campaign ware and Paint Store, 3007 Palos Verdes raised 93.37 of a not officially announced his in- two bond propositions voted to increase the city's sales tax West 174th st., presented the

meyer's opinion. "Mr. Isen was election could not reappear on Harbor City-Lomita with elected as a councilman, not a the ballot April 8. Six months tion of praise drawn up for the rophone and speakers for use st. Hundreds of children are added that the opinion of an feated bond propositions can be proposed that city residents TAXES AGAIN

> The city attorney advised, city to bring more sales tax member, of 3329 West 166th st., "Don't you think the city at- however, that the bond proposi- money into the city treasury. addressed the group on the sub- wood ave., institutional chair-The association, in a resolu- ject of taxes and pointed out man, showed pictures and pretion adopted at its meeting, said specific steps to be taken to re-sented a letter from the resithat increased sales tax revenue duce the individual's taxes, dents of Prairie ave. and 182nd

the line on property taxes. questing the council to comhoped that the group's appeal would encourage similar action by other Torrance organiza-Torrance definitely is to have Torrance's entry in New Years tions.

a float in the Tournament of Day Tournament of Roses Association President John G. L. Crain said copies of his group's resolution were being Bradford said the chamber de- sent to major city organizacided in favor of Mrs. Coleman tions for discussion. "Some people seem to doubt because of her unequaled suc-

The resolution was adopted our ability to participate," the cess in past parades, She has he said, after Councilman Nick Chamber leader said, adding won 34 sweepstake awards and Drale addressed the association but we now have a signed con-hundreds of division and theme and explained the council's ac tivities in attempting to hold the line on property taxes. OTHER ACTIONS

In other actions, the associa tion heard reports on the Christ mas tree sale project, the traffic situation on Arlington ave., or Crenshaw blvd. and on Prairie

Crain told the new members and guests that most group projects are to raise funds for the area's Youth-Adult center.

A rolling stone gathers no moss, and a Torrance Classi-Bert Herzog, 3119 West 177th t., ways and means chairman, That's what Eugene Capel, reported on the progress of the 2470 W. 255th st., Lomita dis-Christmas tree selling project to be started December 12. He covered when his ad appeared, said Councilman Drale had sedescribing a two-bedroom cured permission for the use of house and garage for rent. the vacant lot at the corner of Capel reported that he re-174th st. and Yukon ave. and ceived at least 20 calls last that Mr. and Mrs. Kahle P. Thursday, the day his ad ap-Meyers, 3752 W. 171st st., conpeared, and he rented his tributed their house trailer; Mr and Mrs. John Kesson, 2015 When you have a house or West 182nd st., furnished a apartment to rent, sell or truck, light poles, and flood trade, for inmmediate results light, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy place an ad in the Torrance Forsythe, 18156 Prairie ave., Press, read eagerly by resifurnished a truck and skipdents in search of residences. loader for clearing and leveling

group a gift of an amplifier Crenshaw blvd. from 179th to-The council ordered a resolu- and the group purchased a mic- ward the intersection of 174th

make all their purchases in the Frank Forve, attorney and automotive traffic, he said would enable the city to hold Crain appointed Forve to head st. vicinity which revealed up a delegation of interested similar traffic condition. Mayor Albert Isen, in re- citizens to appear at the asses- This matter was referred to

forced to walk unprotected in the city streets in face of heavy

Mike Dominguez, 18717 Flor-

sor's office in July and analyze the association's safety, health, mend the association, said he the assessments for next year. and welfare chairman, Jeanne hoped that the group's appeal Harmon Belcher, 2903 West Gerald, of 2703 West 180th pl.

AN EDITORIAL

How to Gain Without Pain

An answer to increased property taxes may have been found by the North Torrance Civic Improvement

The group, in a resolution last week, asked its members to make all their purchases in the City of Torrance so that the city would derive the maximum benefit from sales taxes.

The association's president, John G. L. Crain, told the group that increased sales tax revenue would enable the city to meet its growing obligations and perhaps enable city officials to hold the line on prop-

There is an intriguing logic to this proposal. It should appeal to every city taxpayer beset by in-

The more purchases made within city limits, the more sales taxes will be collected. With more sales taxes, the city will have more funds to draw upon in the operation of the police and fire departments, the street department, for parks and recreation, schools and the multitude of services expected and provided each resident. With increased revenues from sales taxes, the city will have less of a need for revenue from property taxes.

It's good logic and a good theory. It's worth a try since no one will lose anything by trying.

Torrance residents need and buy - and pay sales taxes on - furniture, clothing, cars and food. They may as well keep the sales taxes on home grounds, where it will do them some good.

Remember, Torrance Stores Are Open Every Night Until Christmas