# Woman Faces Forcible Ouster from School Site

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# ENSORSHP MAY STIR R



REDEEM LAND-Farmers Sam Kishimoto, Tom and Bill Kita, stand by pump, provided by city, to drain their farm land which has stood inundated for the past two months in the Walteria Lake area. Farmers will supply manpower, and city the equipment, to drain water in order to make land arable again. Farmers mostly plant celery crops.

### New Councilmen to Be Seated Tuesday

to get a preview of action to come when they are invested in of-

Mayor Albert Isen invited J. A. Beasley and George Bradford to sit on the dais with them and to participate in the discussion. chickens, if the eviction order

Ad Results in

ket pl., Lomita.

Leasing her two bedroom

house proved no problem for

Mrs. G. F. Bliss, of 25926 Mar-

From the classified ad which

appeared in the Torrance

Press Thursday, she received

numerous calls, and promptly

She received so many calls,

as a matter of fact, that she

gave up counting after the

If you want quick results,

call a courteous ad taker at

the Torrance Press, FA 8-2345,

and she will help you with

your problem, whether it is to

buy, sell or rent.

NOMINATORS NAMED

found tenants for her house.

The two new council members will be seated officially Tuesday Torrance Press after the "lame duck" city fathers have complete the canvass of the municipal election.

Councilman Willys Blount predicted that the laborious process of checking the results of the April 8 election could be done in about an hour.

He said that a speedy system ad been learned in the 1956

City officials have already authorized an addition to the dais which will make seating arrangements for the seven member Council more comfort-

Extend Dais

Each end of the raised podium will be extended by 21/2 feet. New, swivel chairs for the two additional councilmen have al-

Under the Council custom of calling the roll in alphabetical order, flegdling Councilman Beasley will be under the gun

Next will be Victor Benstead, Jahn, with Mayor Isen last.

cilmen, there will be no change lon blvd. in councilmanic procedures.

#### **Watch for Press** Cleanup List

As a special service to home owners, the Torrance Press will publish a check list of spring clean-up and refurbishing tasks that face many residents in Thursday's issue.

The idea is to make your home more attractive, more comfortable and more valu-

#### **Engineer to Study** Crenshaw Work

A request for the widening of Crenshaw blvd. between 176th and 182nd st., was shelved for one week until City Engineer onald, Bishop presents a report

o the City Council. Recommendation for the Improvement came from the North Torrance Civic Improvement As-

Although its president, John G. L. Crain and residents appeared before the Council to express concern over hazards of the present roadway, the Council postponed a hearing until they receive the engineer's re-

### Monday Deadline **Ordered**

served with an eviction order era Elementary School. late Friday ordering her to move Known as the High Interest

by the Torrance Unified School level. District as part of the 10-acre Hamilton School site.

Unsafe Site

Miss Swick, who said she has plained. esided there for 17 years, claims ardous location for a school. She was served with the evic- he said. tion notice at 6 p.m. Friday by a deputy sheriff, accompanied to the scene by two Torrance belong to one of the special in dents who do not want to join

"I don't know what to do, I have money to go any place. I'm not going to a public shelter, I have never been on charity in all my life," declared Miss Swick. She said the price she receives for her property, \$37,000, is not enough to give her a down payment on another place, be. cause of obligations she has in-

curred on her present property. Cheaper Site "The day after they started condemnation against me, they started building a subdivision across the street," she said.

Miss Swick insisted that the school board, could have purchased land across the street for \$100,000 less, since it was vacant at the time.

Miss Swick will have to find a new home for herself, her two horses, 11 dogs, two parakeets and an uncounted number of sticks.

Go to Board She said she will again appear before the Board of Education Tuesday night to protest that the school site is unsafe, and that two other schools are located only a short distance

from where she resides. The Board is expected to award contract for the Hamilton School Tuesday night, since bids have already been opened.

When Miss Swick refused to move, the Board served an ultimatum on her that it will seek a court order to evict her by force, if necessary.

### Three Burglaries

Three burglaries, including one at Torrance High School,

High School.

An undetermined amount of recommendation. A nominating committee for change was stolen from the home Blount, Bradford, Drale and officers of the Carson Chamber of Gladys Mothersell, 1424 Aca- of \$61,000 to a high of \$99,000 ahn, with Mayor Isen last.

Of Commerce will be appointed cia ave., while a tire was taken for the pre-fab structure.

Despite the change in election Monday at 7:30 p.m. by Presi- from the car of William R. How- Bids were also opened for a of the mayor directly by the peodent John Calas, at the meeting ard, 18229 Regina st., while it street department tractor and ple, and adding two more coun- to be held at 223rd st. and Ava- was parked at Harvey Alumi- three gas ranges for the Civic num Company.

## **Special Interest Clubs Steer** Students Into 'Tough' Courses

Peggy Barbara Swick was now in its third month at Riv-

out of her house by 10 a.m. Mon- High Ability Club program, all day or be faced with forcible students from the fourth through eighth grades are drawn into The woman has consistently the one hour a week club sesrefused to budge from her two-acre property at 2534 W. 182nd shirking of "tough" courses st., which has been condemned when they reach the high school

The emphasis in the nearly 20 clubs is on academic subjects, Principal D. K. Duncan ex-

"We like to get them interthat the speeding traffic on 182nd ested early so they won't be st., makes it an extremely haz-frightened of harder courses when they get to high school,"

Once a Week

the interest of gifted students is Thursday afternoon after the pri- take study hall. mary graders have been dismissed for the day.

> Clubs include such academic subjects as physics, chemistry, mathematics, zoology, Spanish the academic scale.

by a teacher who has had special suggestion. college background in the subject. Some high school students, parents have attended club meet- alive," Duncan said. ings to lecture on a subject in which they have a professional background, Duncan said. Study Period

"We're pushing the academic assignment. subjects," the principal ex-

Although students have a free into one of the tougher subjects, with them," Duncan said. Each of the clubs is instructed usually on teachers' or parental

rific curiosity. What we want to enthusiastically. high school teachers and even do is to keep this curiosity Small Groups

In the club programs, the principal said. teachers work with small groups, Not all clubs are devoted to boys and girls that the academic was unable to put it in effect academic matters. There are subjects can be enjoyable, so until two months ago, when the such subjects as audio-visual, that they keep their interest in school was taken off double ses-All of the nearly 800 students photography, art, and those stulit when they enter high school. sions. Beside the lectures and groun

A novel program to stimulate | terest clubs which meet every one of the organizations may participation in the clubs, each student is given a weekly home Club members are lumped to

> "We've found some fifth gradchoice in the club they wish to ers who are sharp enough that rial from minors. join. Duncan observed that the the eighth graders have to bring

"Kids at this age have a ter- of them have backed it quite the present ordinance is ineffec-Many of them, including col-

lege graduates, have offered their He explained that the faculty averaging about 25 students. The has been working on the pro-

principal effort is to show the gram for nearly two years, but

### NewPlans Asked for Library

Architect Marion J. Varner promised to return revised plans where any minor can buy it. or the proposed library in El Retiro Park in a week or two, Main objection the commission

and the Hollywood Riviera Art youngsters. Jury has to the plans for the commercial" looking.

had rushed through the plans ly.

Varner to revise the plans and cal drive-in theater. include a pitch roof, square off the floor plan, and limit the floor

### **Council Praised** In Sewer Change

Applause greeted the city Council action in redistributing tributors, who are difficult to costs of the Hollywood Riviera stop. Sewer District No. 2, Wednes-

objected to what they claimed stead objected. was unfair assessment under the

Under the new assessment all an equal share of the cost. There | Mayor Albert Isen pointed out. are approximately 700 homes in- "I'm not in favor of infringing volved in the district.

# **Ordinance** On Mags

Questions of constitutionality may arise when City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer completes gether, regardless of age group, drafting an ordinance which is designed to keep obscene mate-

The City Council ordered the and French, creative writing on bright youngsters are "pushed" forth a real effort to keep up attorney to prepare a law for their consideration on request of He said that all parents were the Self-Censorship Committee notified of the program and most | whose spokesman declared that

Dr. D. G. Cortum said that police are not enforcing the preshelp in the club program, the ent ordinance against sex, girlie, nudist and photo magazines because they do not want to be placed in the position of judging obscenity.

#### Continue Group

Dr. Cortum, spokesman for the Self - Censorship Committee which was appointed following a row over lurid magazines on sales to minors, also urged that the committee be continued to act as a clearing house for questionable material.

"We are not trying to burn any books," Dr. Cortum said. He explained that the committee feels that while they do not wish to infringe on the rights of adults, they do believe that objectionable material should not be available on news stands

He asked that the new law contain a provision that photo after the original drawings were and art magazines only be sold rejected by the Library Com- in art stores, and health magazines only in health stores as a way to keep them away from

#### List Crimes

\$35,000 structure, was the flat! Dr. Cortum also asked the city roof and off-sets in the floor to adopt a similar ordinance as plan, which were termed as "too | the one now in existence in Ontario. This law prohibits sale of William Hanson chairman of magazines depicting brutal the commission, said that Varner crimes, and lists them specifical-

before the Art Jury had inspect to the recent movie "Mom and The City Council instructed Dad" which was shown at a lo-

Dr. Cortum said that the committee felt that if the film was space to a total of 3000 square to be shown, it should have been done in a regular theater with segregated audiences.

Fly By Night

He said that the chief problem vith enforcing the present ordinance is that the majority of the more lurid magazines are handled by "fly by night" dis-

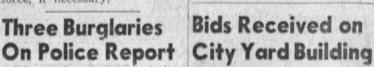
"Don't you think the ordinance as proposed here is pretty Several property owners had broad?" Councilman Victor Ben-

"I don't feel it's right to put former plan prepared by the the material where teenagers can get it," Dr. Cortum replied. "Some of these suggestions apresidential lots will be charged pear to be completely illegal,"

on anybody's rights."

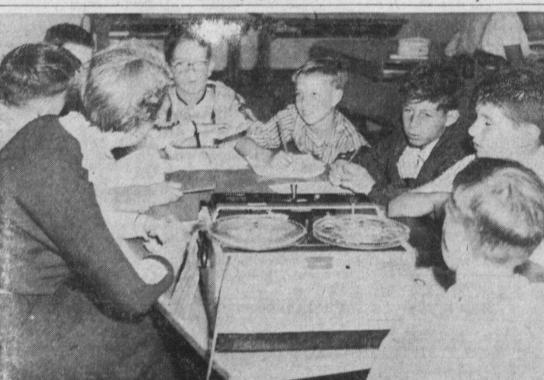


OFF HE GOES-Pierce Venable, of 5419 Sharynne Lane, says goodbye to son, Jamie, 3, as he takes off for Galveston, Tex., in Mobil Gas Economy Run. This yeat's event will take five days. Venable is a sales engineer for SPS-Western of Santa Ana.



The offer ranged from a low

Auditorium.



RENCH CLUB-Listening to a recording of conversational French is the language club under direction of Mrs. Ellen Booz, Part of practice is to engage in conversation with each other.

Clockwise around table are Mrs. Booz, Lane Ongstad, Jerry Manning, Tommy Haynes, Dana Edward Foy, Bill Besmond, Mike Finck, David



ZOOLOGY CLUB-Lionel Livingston, a student

at South High School, is guest lecturer at Zo-

Bids for the construction of a were reported to police Friday steel building at the City Yard were received by the City Coun-A movie projector, valued at cil Wednesday and referred to \$80, was stolen from Torrance City Manager George Stevens for

and diagrams.

anatomy of a grasshopper, with live specimen

PHYSICS CLUB-Teacher Richard Miller, flanked by Art Linnemayer, 14, left, and Kenneth Stokes, 12, shows experiment in weight multiplication during physics club demonstration.

### Victorious Candidates Pick up Tab for Election Poster Cleanup

Successful Councilmen decided that their election was worth \$7.10 each to pay for the cost of removing all campaign posters which are litter up the city.

Mayor Albert Isen suggested that a couple of city employees be assigned to the task of taking down the signs on their own time and that the candidates share the cost of paying them. "Most of mine were cleared off a couple days before the

election," Isen chortled, in referring to political activities of

supporters of other candidates. Councilman Willys Blount, reelected for a third term, said that while the workers are at it, they might as well get rid of some left over from the 1956 election.