

# Shortage Of Play Area Seen

Little League teams will find themselves in a bind for playing room within the next five years, Harry B. Van Bellehem said today, as he advocated creation of a baseball council and a commissioner to police scheduling.

The director of the Recreation Department said that it is his personal conviction that within five years there will be little if any private property left on which to play baseball.

He said that this will force privately-sponsored leagues to use overloaded public facilities for practice and games.

In order to work out a suitable program to work out scheduling between private and city leagues, Van Bellehem has recommended the formation of a baseball "czar" and an advisory council.

"We shouldn't wait till the last minute," he declared.

**Table Suggestion**

The commission last week tabled his suggestions on the grounds it wants an expression

# Fire Stations to Hold Open House

All four city fire stations will observe open house Saturday in celebration of Fire Service Day proclaimed by Mayor Albert Isen.

Firemen will conduct residents through their quarters and give demonstrations. A comic book will be distributed to children. Visiting hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.

Torrance stations are located at Crenshaw blvd. and Carson st., Yukon ave., and 174th st.; 242nd st. and Neece st.; and on Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway.

from Little and Babe Ruth League officials and from school authorities at the May 14 meet.

Van Bellehem said that to date city baseball programs have been scheduled "around" the private leagues' practice time.

"More and more public diamonds will have to be used by Little League and Babe Ruth League if they are to continue to exist," the recreation director said.

He said that scheduling alone, might require the full time service of a staff member unless a volunteer group takes care of this work.

# Bookings Show Big Gain

Arrests in nearly all crimes except intoxication have increased sharply this year, Police Chief Percy Bennett announced.

In a comparison of the four-month period this year and 1957, only drunk and drunk driving arrests were fewer.

The report showed that 42 persons were arrested for burglary during this period compared with 18 in 1957.

**Show Rise**

Narcotics arrests rose from seven to 19, auto thefts from 15 to 22; robbery from eight to 14; bad checks from five to nine; sex offenses from three to seven; assaults from 10 to 13 and thefts from three to four.

At the same time, disturbance arrests went down from five to four, rape from eight to six and kidnapping from two to none.

Drunk driving arrests went down from 133 last year to 95, and plain intoxication from 159 to 134 over the four-month period.

At the same time, Undersheriff Peter J. Pitchess reported an increase of major crimes in the incorporated areas and contract cities of 14 per cent; compared to a national increase of 9.1 per cent.

Pitchess said that juvenile crime rate rose only four per cent in his jurisdiction, compared

# Float Volunteers To Be Honored

Some 160 Torrance residents who were responsible for the decoration of the prize-winning Pasadena Tournament of Roses float "Rocket to the Moon" will be honored at an "Appreciation Night" on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Torrance YWCA.

Chairman George Bradford of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce said the official Tournament of Roses film, in color and sound, will be shown and that a number of photos taken during construction and decoration stages will be on display.

Decorations Chairman, Mrs. Victor E. Benstead, Jr., will receive a plaque from the Chamber for her leadership.

Torrance's entry received a third place award although only six weeks advance entry notice was given by Tournament officials and much less money was expended on decorations.

Veteran float decorator, Mrs. Isabell Coleman, said that the decorating job on Torrance's entry was one of the finest ever in the over 60 year history of the classic.

The undersheriff said with the exception of the murder rate, which went down 30 per cent in 1957, there were increases in all major crime categories.

He cited these as robbery, up seven per cent; burglary, up 16 per cent; rape, up 19 per cent; auto thefts, up 22 per cent; thefts, up nine per cent; aggregated assault, 21 per cent.



OLE, SENORITAS—Julie Widmark demonstrates Spanish dance during North High School Spanish Fiesta last night to Naomi Motz, and Betsy Reynolds and Barbara Thomas.

# Red Cross Seeks Volunteer Aides

Volunteer workers to serve as American Red Cross staff aides are urgently needed by the Torrance-Lomita branch, Mrs. Patricia Orsini, staff aide chairman, announced today.

"Due to the rapid growth in population in this area, the Red Cross program has been expanded and it is of the utmost importance to keep our office open every day. Senior citizens and handicapped persons will find this an interesting and rewarding way to serve the community," Mrs. Orsini pointed out.

Volunteers are requested to serve two hours a week at the office at 1347 El Prado.

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**Juvenile Tickets Now Call for Court Appearance**

If junior gets a traffic citation from now on, mother or dad will have to appear with him in Long Beach Juvenile Court, under a new procedure.

As of Tuesday, all traffic citations for juveniles were written for appearance in Long Beach, as a way to obtain more uniform disposition, Lt. D. C. Cook, head of the Torrance juvenile bureau said.

In the past, the Torrance juvenile officers have handled traffic citations, and had the power to suspend licenses or mete out what punishment they believed the occasion called for, he explained.

Between 50 to 70 juvenile cases were handled in this fashion per month.

From now on, violators and one or both parents must appear in the court building at 120 East Ocean ave., Long Beach, on Mondays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The transfer of this work will give juvenile officers more opportunity to work on other matters.

When your car engine runs irregularly the cause may be one of the following, says the Automobile Club of Southern California: Improperly adjusted ignition points, defective distributor cap, or a fouled or defective spark plug.

**New Library to Be Opened on Crenshaw Blvd.**

Official dedication of the new West Gardena County Library at 15700 Crenshaw boulevard will be held May 8 at 2:30 p.m. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week.

Opening of the new library will provide greatly increased recreational and educational facilities for the people of Gardena, Torrance, Hawthorne, Lawndale and adjacent communities.

The new library is located in a new 4000 square foot building in a new shopping center being built just north of El Camino College.

President Forrest Murdock of El Camino college will be program chairman of the dedication, to which the public is cordially invited.

Mayor Adams Bolton of Gardena and Supervisor Hahn will make brief remarks of welcome. Other details of the program will be announced shortly.

The new library will be opened with a book collection of 10,000 volumes which will be increased as soon as possible to its capacity of 14,000 volumes.

The building has been specifically designed for use as a library and includes asphalt tile floors, acoustic ceilings, and special lighting. Book drops and an outdoor display case are also included. Ample parking will be provided.

**National Supply Produces Pipe For Power Unit**

Heavy wall steel pipe that is produced in a machine shop, rather than in a pipe mill, is being used for the main steam lines of a huge steam turbine generator plant under construction at Huntington Beach.

The pipe was trepanned from rounds of solid steel, using a 124-foot trepanning lathe at the Torrance plant of The National Supply Company. Heavy wall fittings for the main steam lines, and also for the hot reheat lines, were produced at the same plant by forging them and then boring them.

These special methods were used to provide pipe that would stand up to a pressure of 2400 PSIG and a temperature of 1050 degrees in the steam line. The reheat line will be operated at 470 PSIG and 1000 degrees.

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