

Admitted to Hospital.

Two Torrance youngsters have been admitted as patients at Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital. They are Patricia Boyd, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Boyd of 513 E. Double St., and Donna Matthews, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Matthews of 3413 Crickwood St.

Walteria Class Space Conscious

Students at Walteria School really went "out of this world" Friday, as they viewed a space platform, experimental space lab, and other "un-Earthy" exhibits made by members of Mrs. Isabelle Showler's fifth grade class. The class, which just completed a study of astronomy and related other worldly subjects, decided to hold an open house to show off their work. Included were models of rockets, space equipment, the Solar System, and other similar projects.



PLEASE, TEACHER—That seems to be the plea of Judie Sherwood, 15, sophomore class president at Torrance High School, as she is about to be graded on leadership by G. E. Johnston, director of student activities. Students received their report cards for the first semester Tuesday with mixed feelings, depending on their grades.

Applications for Nursery School Now Accepted

Applications for membership in the Torrance Nursery School, Inc., 4557 West 182nd St., are now being taken by Mrs. Rodney Mill at FA 8-4519 or Mrs. Dewey French at FR 4-3988. A cooperative organization under the direction of Mrs. Milton Barter, the school is affiliated with the Torrance Adult Education department and is open from 9 to 11:45 a.m. four days a week.

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Leaders Urge Petition Signups for Water Recharge District

A volunteer organization interested in the future of underground water resources in this area is now at work asking residents of Los Angeles County to sign petitions requesting the formation of a Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District.

W. C. Farquhar of Palos Verdes Estates is heading up the petition drive for Division II of the proposed Replenishment District which includes Torrance, Dominguez-Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills City, Rolling Hills Estates, Redondo Beach, San Pedro, Wilmington and

Wiseburn. Chairman for Torrance is Roger ("Pat") Hogue, with Mervin M. Schwab, John Melville, Jack B. Brooks and Waldo E. Ford as co-chairmen.

The purpose of the Replenishment District, according to Hogue, is to buy "outside" water from The Metropolitan Water District and percolate the imported water into the underground in the beds of the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers below Whittier Narrows Dam. Money for water purchase would be raised by an assessment on industries or water distribution agencies in proportion to the amount of water pumped by each one. Administration of the district would be financed through a one-half cent general property tax per \$100 of assessed valuation. Cost to the average home owner would total about 25 cents per year.

In addition to river bed percolation, water would be injected underground in a series of recharge wells near the ocean to build up a fresh water barrier in areas where salt water is creeping inland underground.

"The advantages of locally stored underground water are obvious in case of disaster," Hogue said. "Any break in the Colorado River Aqueduct which crosses the San Andreas earthquake fault could cause a water famine here unless we build up our underground storage."

The proposed Replenishment District covers the entire southern portion of Los Angeles County below Whittier Narrows, Montebello Hills, Santa Barbara Ave. in Los Angeles and the Baldwin Hills. It reaches from the Orange County line to the ocean.

Construction Dips From High Mark of January, 1958

Building permits issued here in January showed a huge decline from the same period last year, but officials believe a surge will come this month.

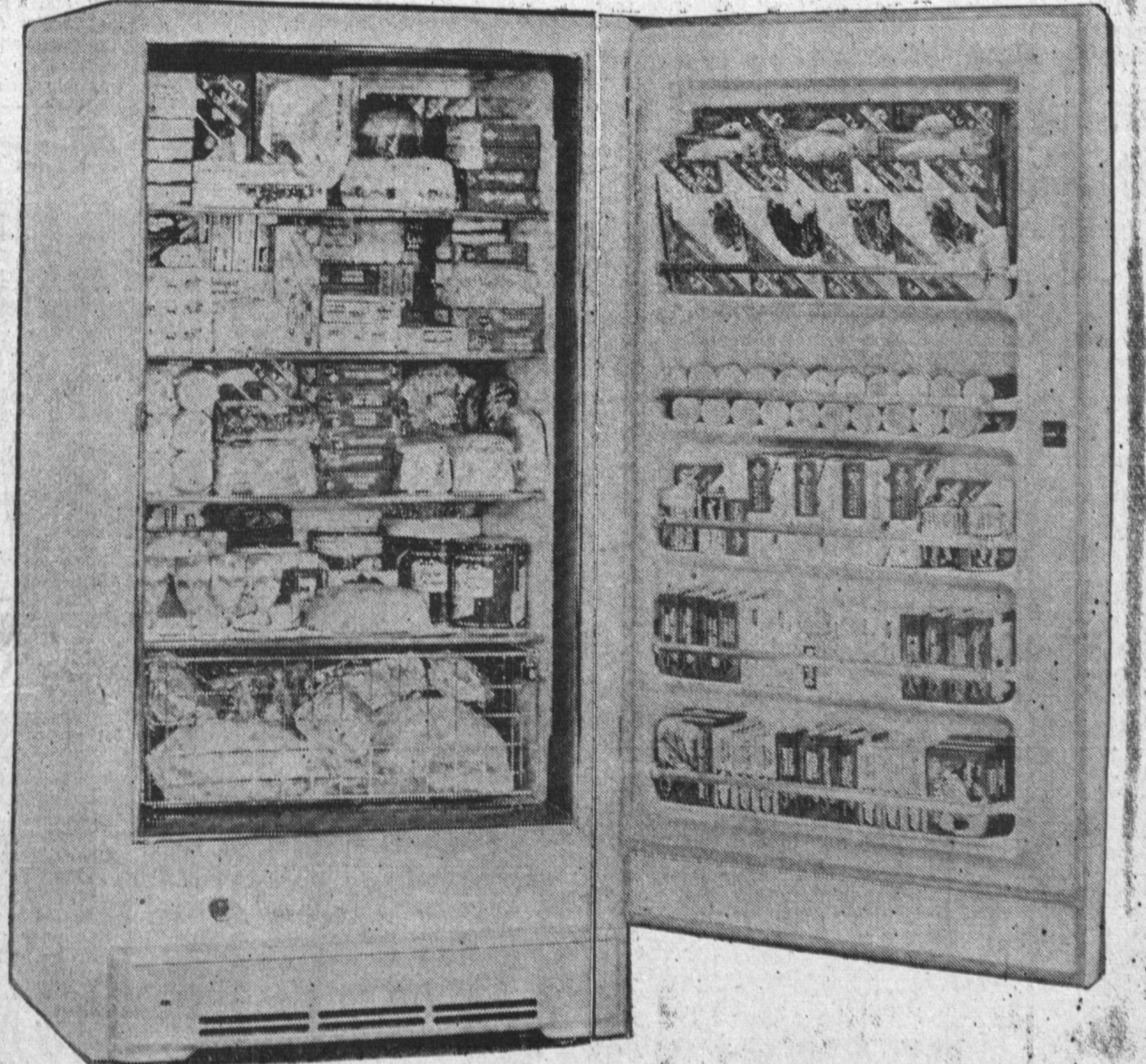
January valuation this year was \$591,941, a sharp drop from the \$7,023,419 issued during the same month in 1958.

But building officials expect that a major upsurge will come this month from permits for several hundred homes in Victor Precinct.

Last month permits were issued for 20 single family homes, one duplex, three commercial buildings and alterations and additions. It did not include a single apartment house.

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