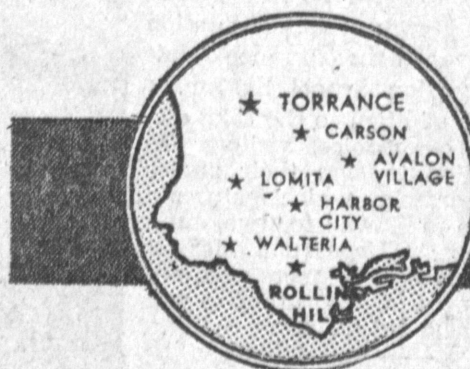


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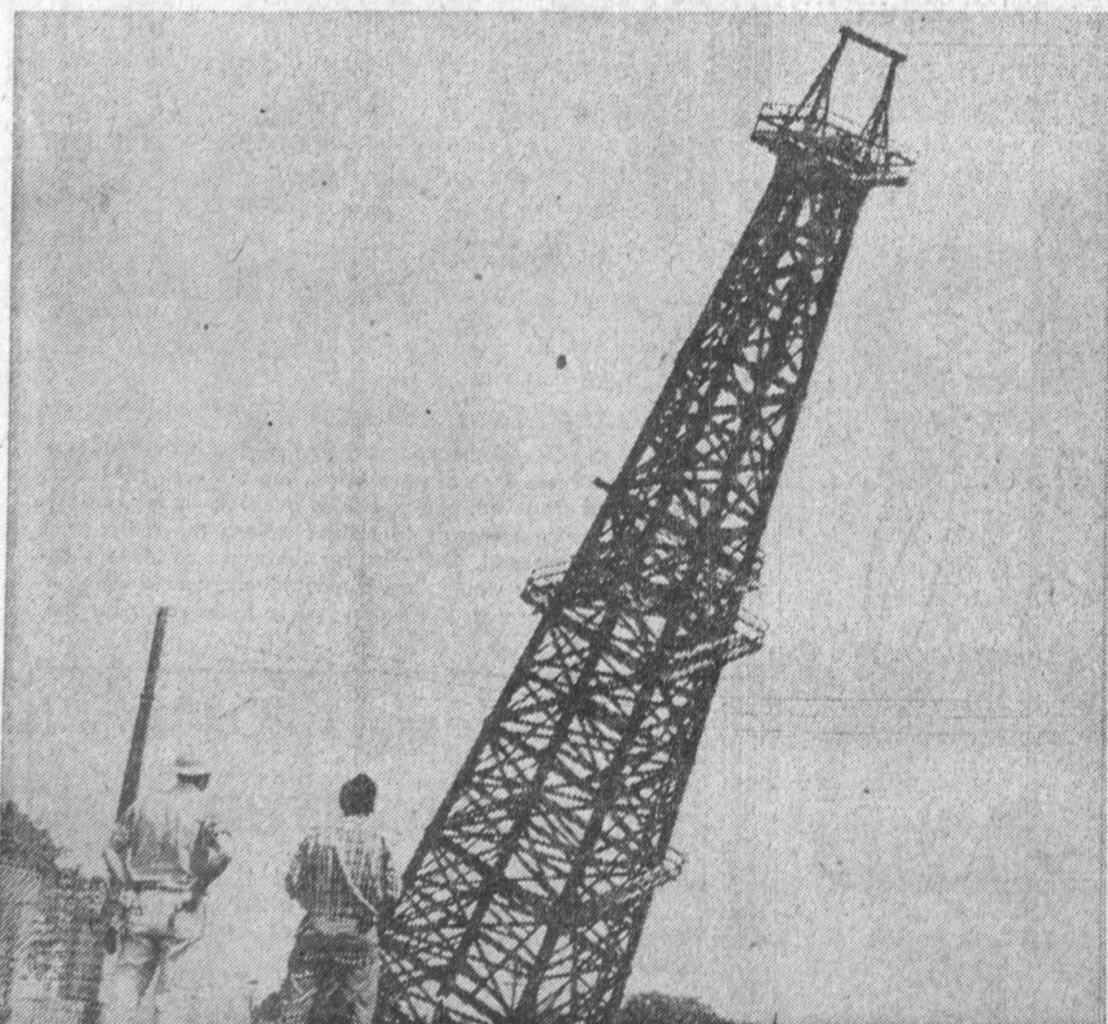
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LANDMARK TOPPLES—Last of the wooden derricks in Torrance bit the dust Thursday afternoon, ending an era that saw the skyline of the city marked with the unsightly towers. Built in 1938, the rig, known as "Son Well No. 1," was located near the corner of

231st St. and Pennsylvania. Shown watching the tower fall are Bill Christy and Don Goldman, technicians from a nearby oil rig. Removal of the derricks was part of the city's campaign against unsightliness and hazards at the oil sites.

RESCUE ATTEMPT

Torrance Man Dies Following Skindiving Accident Thursday at Catalina Island

Armand S. Blough, a 32-year-old Torrance man, died at Catalina Thursday after being pulled from Goat Harbor by a friend, Joseph Hanna, 36, during a skindiving venture.

Efforts of the Navy, Marines, Fish and Game Department and a young girl were exerted in an attempt to save the man.

Blough, 4728 Reynolds Drive, was pronounced dead by Dr. Robert E. Staff

two hours after he was pulled from the water. The cause of Blough's death is yet undetermined, pending an autopsy, coroner's office said yesterday.

Blough and Hanna were swimming at a 60-foot level when Blough signaled to his companion he was having air trouble. Hanna lives at 3327 W. 189th St., Torrance.

An emergency tank was switched on, Hanna said,

and the two began an ascent. However, about halfway to the surface, Blough appeared to panic and began a frantic dash upward, his companion said.

About 100 yards from shore, Blough surfaced. He started to swim in. However, 50 yards out he quit swimming and rolled onto his back, Hanna said.

Hanna pulled Blough to shore and began artificial respiration.

Capture Suspects in Local Market Holdup

File Complaint Mon. Against Bandit Trio

Torrance police officers tomorrow will seek complaints against three suspects, including an expectant mother, in the \$1500 armed robbery of a Western Ave. market last weekend.

In custody at Torrance police station are Charles Edward Falk, 31, of Wilmington, his 23-year-old girl friend, Terry Gregg, same address, and Joseph Edward Zack, Jr., 21, of 24243 Neece Ave., Waverly.

Miss Gregg is expecting her child in about a month.

Suspects were arrested Wednesday evening when they attempted to cross the border south of San Diego.

A description of the car and its license number had been circulated to police agencies throughout the state after it was noted by witnesses to the holdup. Officers were ordered to arrest all occupants of the car when it was found.

PART OF LOOT

Approximately \$385, alleged to be part of the hold-up loot, was found in their possession at the time of their arrest.

Several suspects had been questioned by investigating officers but were quickly cleared and released.

According to police reports two bandits, one carrying a shotgun, robbed Manager James Murakami and Clerk Doris Marsh, of Save-Mart

Market, 23401 Western Ave. One of the bandits held the gun on the two store employees while the other ordered the woman to place the money in a paper bag.

The two escaped in a car driven by a woman.

Approximately a dozen customers shopping in the store were unaware that the robbery was taking place until the two men ran and the manager shouted for help.

Four boys standing in front of the store saw the men run to the car parked nearby.

Bid Farewell to Young Friend Dead in Crash

Eight honorary pallbearers attended the funeral yesterday of 10-year-old Jason Gale, Torrance boy, who was one of 17 persons killed in a fiery air crash Tuesday in Denver.

The boys are Kenneth Allen, Raymond Beeman, John Flynn, Thomas Perry, Howard Smith, Robert McDonald, Christopher Campbell, and



NEAR COLLISION—One of the huge earth-hauling rigs, subject of controversy in Torrance, jackknifed Wednesday morning near the intersection of Hawthorne and 190th St. Driver Daniel Arellano Hernandez lost control of the truck when he swerved to avoid a parked vehicle. Slick pavements from a morning rain squall plus a heavy load plus traveling at the maximum speed limit did the rest. Driver was unhurt.

EDITORIAL . . .

Death Will Be Price Of Speeding Trucks

Bitter complaints from pedestrians and drivers alike concerning unsafe practices by drivers carrying loads of dirt to nearby freeway construction sites may soon bring a concerted effort by city officials and contractors alike to "crack down" on the offenders.

City officials have discussed openly a necessity for taking emergency measures against the trucker who takes his vehicle through traffic as though he were driving a sports car.

Officials of the firm supplying the fill dirt are also alarmed at the attitudes and possible recklessness of the truckers and have promised that they will take steps to correct the situation.

At least one judge in a local municipal court, who witnessed the heavily laden monsters playing "fender-tag" on Crenshaw Blvd., said he would give jail terms to any of the offenders convicted in his court.

One startled Volkswagen driver, in a telephoned report to the editorial offices of the Press, reported that he was driving on Hawthorne when he looked in his mirror and found two of the huge carriers, side by side, roaring down on him from behind.

Turning off the road so that they could pass, he was horrified to find still a third truck trying to pass the other two on the right. As none of the three showed any indication of slowing down he was forced to floor-board the gas pedal on his car to keep ahead of them.

A quick turn into an inviting side street finally got him out of their path.

NOT EMPLOYER

In all fairness it should be pointed out that the supplier of the fill dirt is not the employer of the truckers. Majority of the 200 or more trucks hauling the dirt are privately owned and are contracted to the supplier who has little or nothing to say in the manner they are operated.

Yet, these trucks will be hauling some 1700 loads per day for at least another six months . . . and virtually all of these loads will be hauled along Crenshaw and Hawthorne Blvd.

It's a very dangerous situation and steps should be taken now to correct it.

Otherwise, a painful price in destruction and death will certainly have to be paid.

New Feature Starts Wednesday



GATHERS MATERIAL — Eddie Cole, left, interviews Gardner McKay, star of the TV series "Adventures in Paradise," for his weekly column which will start Wednesday in the pages of the Torrance Press. Cole's ar-

'Mariners Mart' Makes Debut

On July 19, a new feature page known as "Mariners Mart" will appear in the pages of the Torrance Press.

Specifically tailored for yachtsmen and small boat owners, the page will feature "I Cover the Waterfront" by Eddie Cole. Cole, in his copyrighted and syndicated articles, makes comments editorially on the wares and services offered by advertisers.

Quality marine merchandise offered by reliable and experienced dealers will be advertised.

Cole is a newcomer to the newspaper field, but he is no newcomer to the marine publication world. His editorial comments appear in national and local marine magazines.

A professional boat tester and reporter of boat tests, Cole has many years experience in marine advertising and in writing a marine column. He is the author of several stories, including "The Great Republic," "Great Ships and the Part They Played in American History," and "Yachts of Yesteryear."

Cole will write about boats and their owners, and some of his stories will be funny, some unusual and some tragic. Cole says he would prefer not writing tragic stories, but he feels he may save some boatman from making a fatal mistake.

"Mariners Mart" will be another service offered by the Torrance Press to its readers.

New Furniture Showroom Opens Today in Torrance

Foam Rubber City of California will open its fourth showroom in Southern California in Torrance today according to Harvey Bien, executive vice president.

The retail outlet, located at 18308 Hawthorne Ave., will be heralded with a three-day grand opening. Special

ribbon cutting ceremonies will be conducted at noon on Monday, with civic and business leaders and customers on hand to mark the occasion.

Foam Rubber City will introduce itself to the community with special three-day offerings as well as serving coffee and doughnut refreshments continuously.

According to Bien, the 2,500 sq. ft. Torrance showroom is the 82nd retail outlet to be opened by the national furniture chain in four years. Foam Rubber City's showrooms in Southern California are located in Beverly Hills, Van Nuys and Whittier.

In discussing his firm's rapid expansion throughout the country, Bien observed that all the company's advertising is concentrated in newspapers. "People must see what we're selling," he said, "and large newspaper ads are the best way of showing our merchandise. Also, because our pricing policy is aggressively competitive, newspapers give us the time-flexibility necessary to announce special prices, sales and the like."

Robert Sidell, manager of the new showroom, is a five-year veteran of the California furniture industry and a former manager of the Foam Rubber showroom in Van Nuys.



TV STAR HERE—Mike Connors, handsome undercover detective star of "Tightrope!" television series, will help cut the ribbon signifying the official opening of a new Foam Rubber City retail showroom in Torrance on Monday at noon. Following the brief ceremonies, which will also be attended by local customers and business and civic leaders, Foam Rubber City will honor the star with a two-hour autographing party.