



**CORNERSTONE CEREMONY**—Members of the Torrance Masonic Lodge, city and school officials, and officers of the state Masonic Order, Friday officiated in cornerstone laying ceremonies at the new West High School. Here Masonic Deputy Grand Master Guy B. Mize officially sets the stone as the high point of the ceremony. Stone contains a citation from the American Association of School Administrators on design of the school, district statistical reports, Torrance school publications, and magazine articles concerning the district. George C. Powell is master of the Torrance Masonic Lodge.

#### REARRANGE SCHEDULES...

### Torrance City Officials Study Problem Of Public Transportation For Students

Torrance city officials Friday launched studies which may provide a solution to the pressing problem of transporting local youngsters to and from school.

A move to rearrange municipal bus schedules is currently under study to see if a practical method can be evolved to provide public transportation for students attending Torrance schools. Councilman J. A. Beasley reported that he expected to attend tomorrow night's meeting of the school board

to hear complaints of curtailments of school bus transportation and to see if a practical method of dealing with the problem could be evolved.

#### IRATE PARENTS

Problem became evident last Monday when dozens of irate parents descended upon the school board to lodge complaints when it was learned that the board would cut back school bus transportation.

Board intends to enforce long standing walking distance rules of two miles for

high school students and a mile-and-a-quarter for elementary students.

Following the hearing board decided, temporarily, to restore transportation for kindergarten through third grade youngsters at Sepulveda School after it was learned that their route to school was lacking crosswalks, signals and guards.

A committee set up by the board last week to study the transportation problem will also submit its report tomorrow night.

### Safety From Fallout Promised by Local Firm Planning to Build Backyard Shelters



**SHELTER BUILDER**—Leslie Evans, co-owner of the South Bay Fallout Shelters, Incorporated, and Betty Baker, former Miss Torrance and secretary at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, here inspect plans, approved by CD and city building inspectors, for the company's first shelter. Company is presently constructing two custom-built shelters in the area. Shelters will be constructed below ground and will be virtually unnoticeable from the surface.

A group of four Torrance businessmen this week launched a corporation that should be able to provide peace, security and save lives of residents of this area.

Leslie Evans, a building designer, Paul Dockworth, general contractor, and Vincent Lebman, real estate salesman, announced the formation of South Bay Fallout Shelters, Incorporated, with offices at 2008 Carson.

The firm, which will build the fallout shelters, reported that plans for the structures have been coordinated with Civil Defense, and Office of Defense and Mobilization prerequisites and that building inspectors with the city of Torrance have indicated they will issue permits on the basis of the plans.

Shelter, complete, will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,600, constructed in the backyard. Only a two-by-three foot opening, including the vent, will show above ground when completed. Two custom shelters are already being built by the firm.



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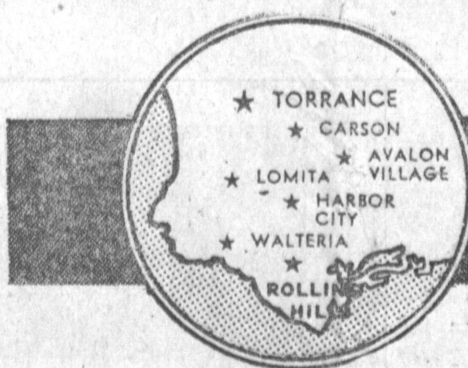
### Volunteers Circulate Petitions Asking Vote On Rezoning Issue

Petitions packing proponents of a referendum vote on the Marble Estate rezoning issue this week began gathering signatures in an ambitious effort to collect some 6,000 names in the 30 days allowed.

Attorney George Kurtz, who is heading the drive to place the issue on the ballot, expressed confidence that the volunteer group circulating the petition would come up with the required number of signatures.

Circulation of the forms began Wednesday after the City Council Tuesday night voted

4-3 to rezone the property from industrial to residential use. Property is located on Crenshaw between Lomita and Sepulveda Blvd. Completed petitions must be filed before Oct. 11 when the zoning ordinance will go into effect.



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# Killer of Daughter Sane; Faces Trial

## Arraignment Scheduled for Tomorrow

A Torrance housewife, who admitted strangling her five year old daughter, was adjudged mentally competent to stand trial and was returned to this city for booking Friday night.

The woman, Mrs. Matilda Clemensen, 37, who was taken to the psychiatric ward of County General Hospital for observation immediately after her arrest Wednesday afternoon, will probably be arraigned tomorrow morning.

The mother, who had been released from a mental institution only a week before the killing, admitted killing her pretty blond daughter, Beverly Kay, as she was preparing to leave for her first day of kindergarten at Flavian School. The Clemensen family makes its home at 19316 Donora Ave.

Following the death of the child, who was strangled with a nylon stocking, the mother called a neighbor and said,

"I just strangled my baby. Please come and sit with me." Police officers who arrived on the scene attempted to restore the child's breathing. Officer James S. Foster, gave the girl mouth-to-mouth respiration in a futile attempt to restore her breathing.

She was pronounced dead upon arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Police reported that the mother admitted, "I killed

Beverly because I didn't want her to suffer." She also spoke erratically of "hidden television cameras, spies and the fear that she and her family would be killed."

Mrs. Clemensen and her husband, Henry, 41, have another daughter, Carol, 14, they have lived at the Donora St. address for about one year.

### Karen Tompkins Reward Upped By \$2,000

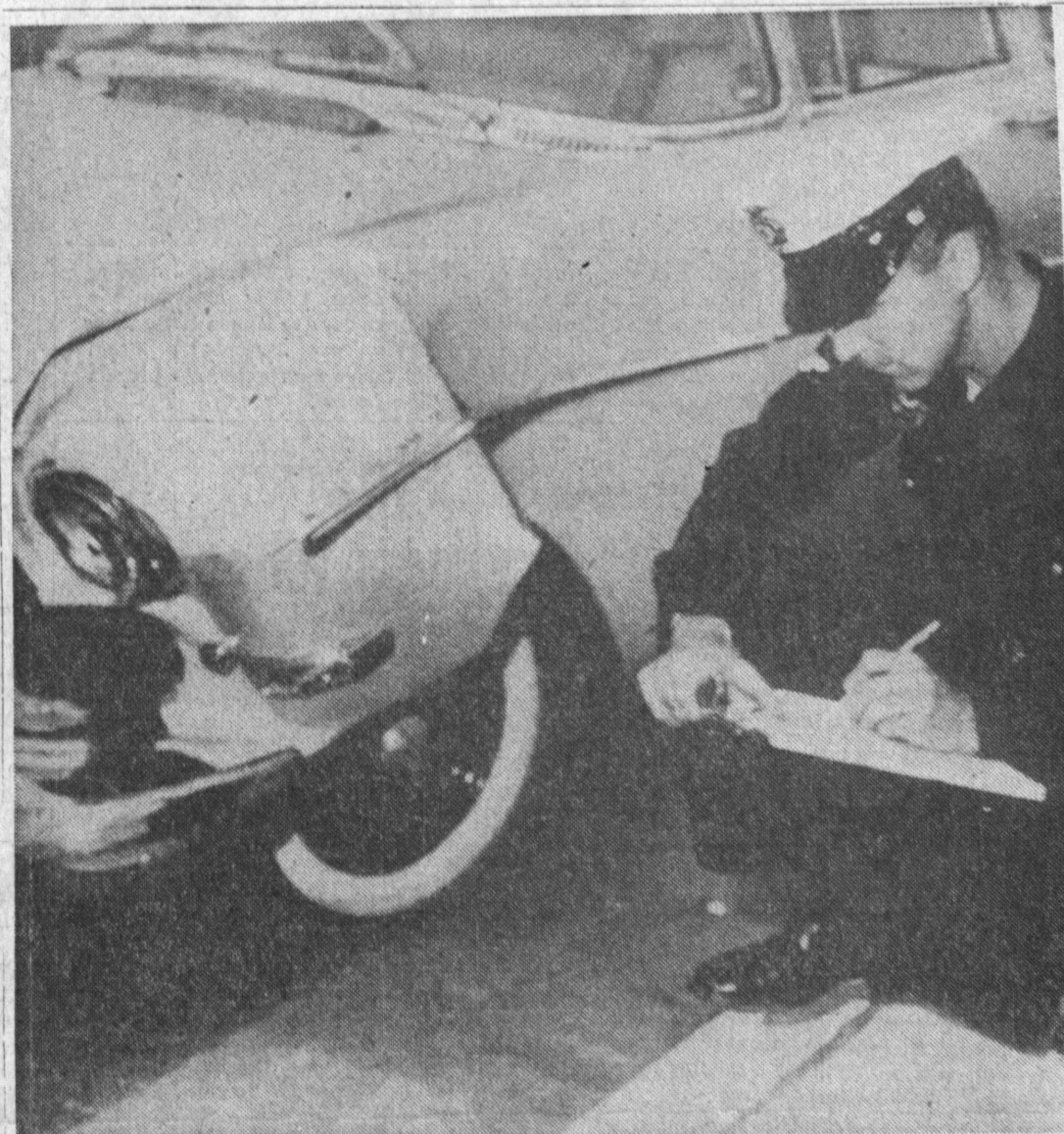
A \$500 reward for information regarding the whereabouts of missing Karen Lynn Tompkins, was swelled yesterday by the addition of \$2,000 donated by a Torrance dentist and a Pasadena man.

Neither of the two voluntary donors knew the missing girl.

The Pasadena man was identified as Simon Zervos, while Dr. E. J. Tarr, a Torrance dentist who lives at 14015 S. Van Ness Ave., Gardena, offered \$500 for recovery of the child, and an additional \$500 for information leading to the conviction of the person responsible for her disappearance.

Original \$500 reward was posted by the child's parents from savings, borrowed money and contributions from friends.

The youngster was listed as missing just one month ago tomorrow when she failed to return home from a school ground in the L.A. City strip where she had been playing.



**FENDER BANGERS**—Telephones at Torrance police station rang incessantly yesterday morning as local motorists reported minor accidents because of rain-slicked pavements. Some 40 such accidents were reported during

the course of the morning as mild drizzles dampened Torrance area streets. No major injury accidents were reported before skies started to clear around noon.

#### BLOODSTAINED CLOTHING...

### Police Discover Possible Lead to Killer Of Milkman Discovered Dead Wednesday

Torrance and sheriff's office homicide detectives are attempting to determine the ownership of blood stained clothing, found Thursday afternoon in Redondo Beach, as a possible clue in the murder of a 45-year old milkman Wednesday morning.

Officers discovered the clothing at the rear of a market at 601 North Pacific Coast Highway.

Body of Charlie J. B. Miller was found by workmen on the site of the new West High School, when they arrived for work Wednesday morning. He was last seen

alive the previous evening drinking with companions in a local tavern.

Miller had been severely beaten about the head and a string necktie was tightly knotted around his neck. Autopsy revealed that the victim had also been stabbed.

Clothing was described as a short-sleeved, multi-colored sport shirt, medium size, and light tan ivy league trousers.

Clothing has been sent to the sheriff's crime lab for possible identification of blood stains or laundry marks.

#### Drop Charges

A Torrance couple, accused of morals counts involving children, were sentenced to three years probation and \$50 fines each last week.

Court officers dropped all of the morals charges and allowed the pair, Victor Southward, 40, and Billie June Black, 32, of 20925 Avis St., Torrance, to plead guilty to the lesser charge of appearing drunk before children.

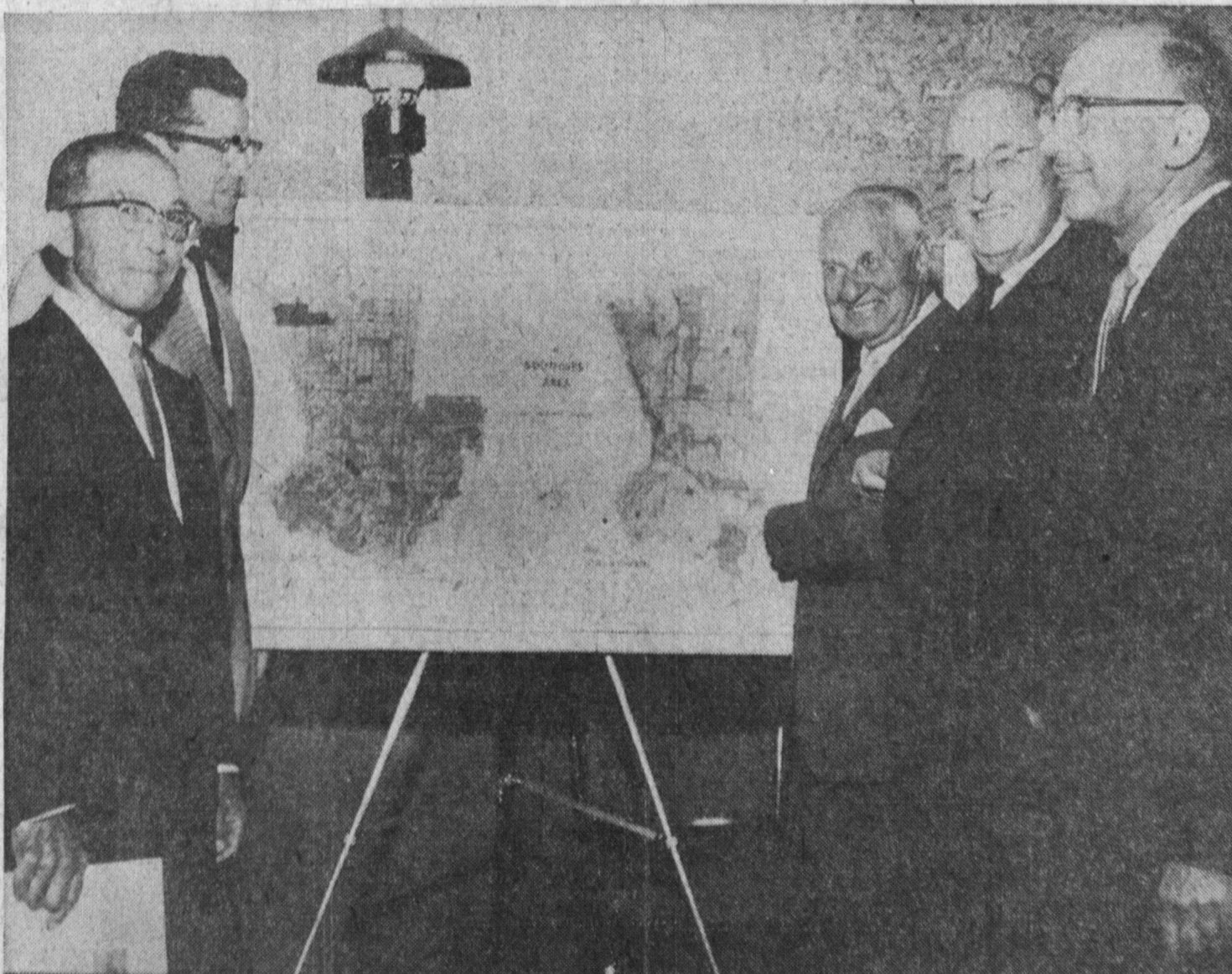
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**HOST PLANNERS**—The City of Torrance played host Friday noon at a luncheon meeting of county and local planners at the Plush Horse Restaurant. Shown here as they inspect zoning maps prepared from a survey by the Southwest Area Planning Commission, are Kenny Nyeda, Torrance Planning

Commission; David Cleveland, Torrance Planning Department; Arthur J. Baum, chairman of the County Regional Planning Commission; Lindley Allen, chairman of the Southwest Area Planning Commission; and Torrance Mayor Albert Isen.