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GET OUT THE VOTE—Service clubs and organizations in the community, aware that municipal election is only three weeks away, are organizing "get out the vote" campaigns throughout the community. Citizens will be reminded to vote in the April 10 ballot

while, in some cases, transportation to the polls will be provided. Here Mrs. Dale Wood, Mrs. Robert Newcome and Mrs. Edward Jactett of the Victor Women's Club prepare to call all registered voters in their area.

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CAPACITY CROWD . . .

Congratulatory Messages, Handshakes For Torrance Mayor at Testimonial Meet

Messages from President John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Gov. Edmund G. Brown and Congressman Cecil R. King were related to Torrance Mayor Albert Isen Wednesday night during a testimonial dinner at the Jump 'n Jack Restaurant, Torrance.

Special assistant to the President, Kenneth O'Donnell sent a message which said:

"The President . . . has asked me, in expressing this to you, to also send you his best wishes."

Welcoming the capacity crowd of 265 was Joseph Platt, co-chairman for the evening's program. The dinner was held in honor of Isen's seven years as mayor of the city of Torrance.

SPEAKERS

Speakers for the event included Judge Joseph Raycroft, presiding judge of the Southern District Superior Courts; Fred W. Mill, past president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Harold Frenz, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Victor Ben-

stead, Torrance councilman; William King, president of the Torrance Lions Club; Kenneth Hahn, Los Angeles County Supervisor; Charles Perry Walker, past mayor of Manhattan Beach.

Dr. Allen Pyett, chairman of the YMCA board, presented the awards along with Paul Moore, representing Supervisor Burton Chace; Frank Burk, representing the

Torrance Property Owners Association; and Mayor William Czeleger of Redondo Beach.

Invocation was given by Fr. John Cremins of the Church of the Nativity and the benediction was pronounced by Fr. Hugh Percy of St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Torrance Councilman George Vico.

Volunteer Youth Groups Help Kick Off "Keep a Light" Program

Youth and adult clubs from all over the city this week "lent a hand" helping local police officers kick off the "Keep a Light" program in Torrance.

Volunteer organizations helped address and stuff 32,000 envelopes for mailing to every home in the city.

In the envelopes were brief outlines of what the program entails.

The police department, in cooperation with the Sheriff's office, mayor and city council of Torrance, and other city officials invited all residents in the city to participate in plans for keeping a light burning in every

home every night. Official statistics have proved that the incidence of burglary in lit homes is reduced remarkably in homes where there is a light.

Cost of keeping a light burning is small, official sources state. Average cost would be about \$3.65 per year.

DIRT LOADER KILLS FALLING OPERATOR

Firemen Work Hour Freeing Mangled Body

Torrance firemen were forced to cut through a heavy steel beam of a dirt loading machine Thursday in order to free the body of a man who had fallen into it.

Myron R. Thornton, 46, of Santa Ana, was killed instantly when he toppled from the platform, where he had been operating the machine, into the grinding gears of the loader.

It took firemen and rescue workers more than an hour to free the badly mangled body of the man. Thornton was wedged between the huge beam and a chain drive that operated the machine.

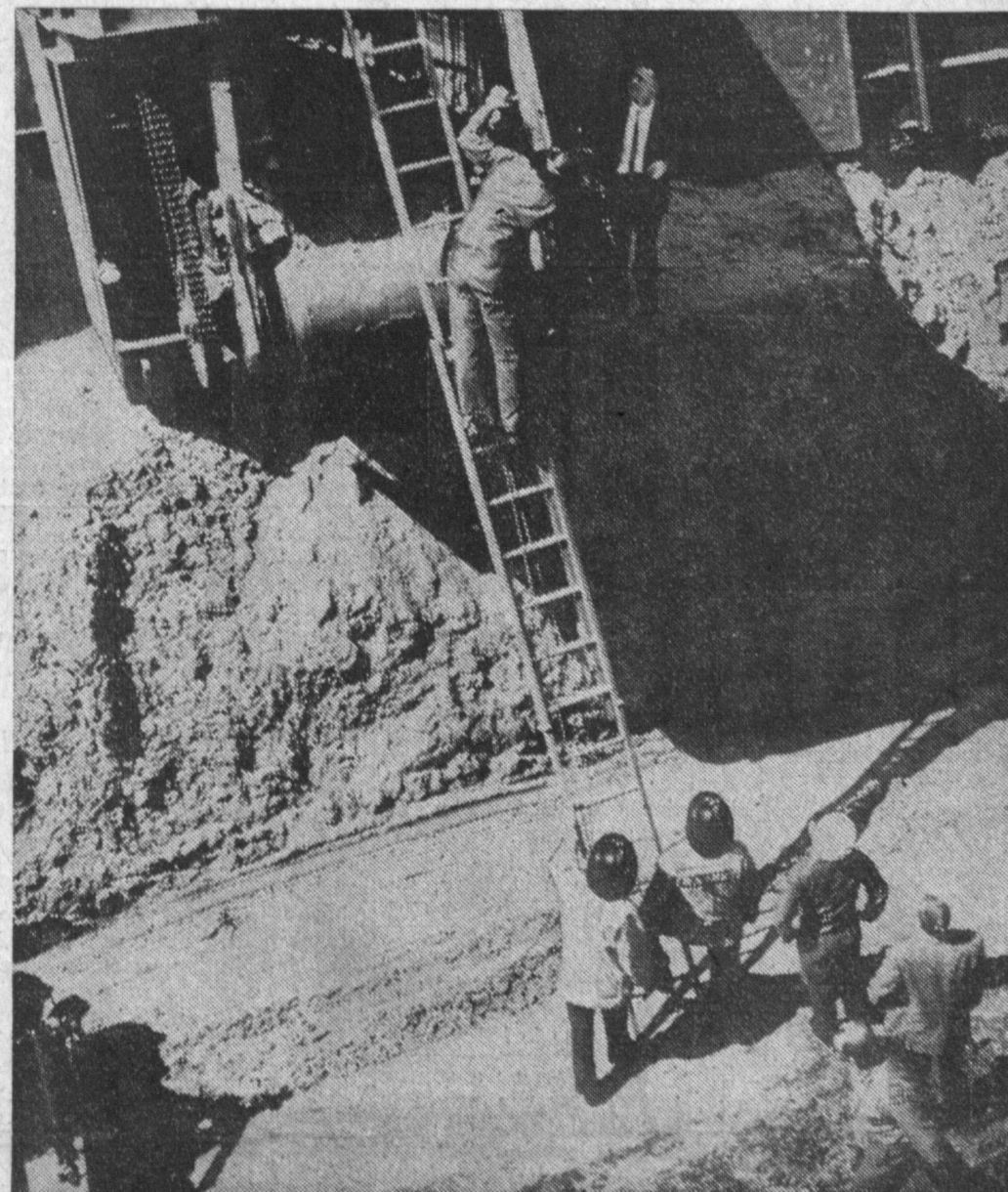
FALLS

Accident took place in Waverly sump shortly before noon. Witnesses at the site, near the corner of Hawthorne Blvd. and 236th St., said that the victim fell from the platform into the

gears of the loader. Sprinting workmen dashed to the scene but before the machine could be turned off, Thornton was dead.

Huge machine is used to load dirt trucks hauling fill to the nearby freeway site. Thornton, who was an employee of the Burt Altfillish Excavating Co., of La Mirada, was a supervisor of machine maintenance.

He was pronounced dead by a physician called to the scene of the accident. Body was taken to Halverson-Leavell Mortuary in this city.



LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE—Torrance firemen and rescue workers battled for more than an hour Thursday to free body of Myron R. Thornton, 46, from the gears of this dirt-loading machine in Waverly sump. Thornton,

a maintenance man, died instantly when he fell from operating platform into the machine. Rescue workers were forced to cut through a steel beam in order to extricate the body.

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Account Awaits First Baby of 1957

Where is five-year-old Tyrone James Smith?

An inquiry is being made by the Torrance Press and Southwest Savings and Loan to locate the child, who was born Jan. 1, 1957, at Harbor General Hospital.

Under sponsorship of the Torrance Press, a contest was held to discover the first baby born in 1957. Numerous merchants in Torrance offered gifts for the first baby of the new year.

WINNER

The Smith baby, born at 12:04 a. m. on New Year's Day, won the contest. Among the gifts awarded was a savings account at Southwest Savings and Loan. According to John A. Tweedy, vice-president and manager of the banks, these funds have never been claimed and the present whereabouts of the child or his mother are unknown.

Only other information available on the Smith baby at this time is that he weighed in at 6 lbs. 6½ oz. His mother, Sylvia Smith, gave her address as 1112 Dominguez.

It is important that Southwest Savings and Loan Association, 1603 Cravens Ave., Torrance, get information on the child's present address in order that he may receive the funds which are due him. Anyone knowing the present address of Tyrone James Smith or his mother, Sylvia Smith, please contact the Southwest Savings and Loan at FAirfax 8-6111, or the Torrance Press, DAvenport 5-1515.

Programming For Annual Armed Forces Parade Starts; Special Meeting Called

Preparations are underway for a huge Armed Forces Day celebration in Torrance on May 19, it was reported following the first committee meeting last week.

Representatives of the participating services, the Chamber of Commerce, city officials, and other organizations that will take part in the festivities, met at city hall to begin planning coordination for the

event. Annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance is one of the most spectacular celebrations of the event in the Southland. Each year units representing all branches of the armed forces march in the parade, while mounted missiles, tanks and artillery units lumber along between.

Members of the American Legion and the Boy

Scouts plan to sell flags to spectators at the parade.

Chairman Fred Rathert and co-chairman Harold Frenz, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce said that 100,000 information sheets, giving information on the parade, are now being prepared. Sheets will be distributed through the schools and to homes in the community.



VOLUNTEERS HELP OUT—Members of several youth organizations in the community have volunteered to help out Torrance police in kicking off "Keep a Light Burning" program in this city. Plans call for mailing literature on campaign, designed to

cut down burglary incidence, to 32,000 homes in the city. Here members of the California Coast Girls' Surfing Club stuff envelopes for the mailout while Officer Phillip Joseph, coordinator of the campaign, looks on.

Commercial, Industrial Leaders On Annual B-I-E Tour of Schools

Torrance business and industrial representatives spent a day in school Friday as guests of the local district.

Back-to-school program was part of the annual Business-Industry-Education program, held every other year to acquaint businessmen with educational procedures.

On alternate years teachers and administrators visit shops and plants of business and industrial interests in Torrance.



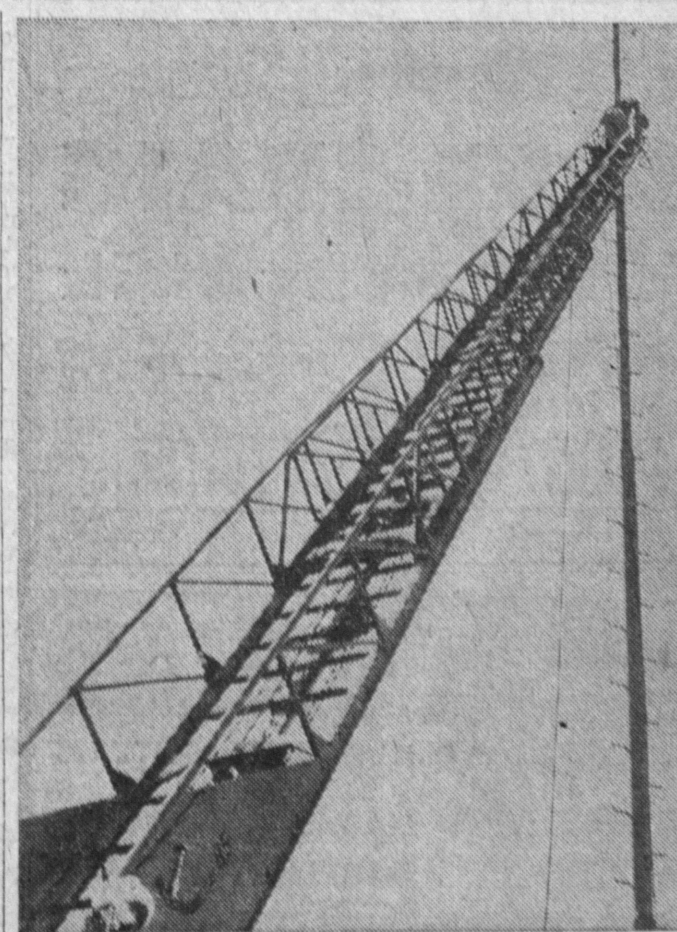
At Friday's meeting, which opened at South High School, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, told visitors that education costs in the district are \$390 per student compared to the state average of \$460 per year.

Visitors studied classroom organization, teaching methods and administrative efficiency.

Baby Burned as Crib Catches Fire

Laura Clapham, 9-month-old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence P. Clapham, 4410 Paseo de las Tortugas, was critically burned Thursday after her mother accidentally dropped a cigarette in her crib and the bedding caught fire.

The child is in Little Company of Mary Hospital with burns on her head, shoulders and back.



UP THE LADDER—Torrance workmen this week worked valiantly to complete new radio tower on Torrance police department before new frequency changes take effect. Changeover, scheduled for late April, will give Torrance department its own frequency band. Finishing touches are put on the 90-ft. tower by city welder, a tinny dot at the top of the ladder.

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