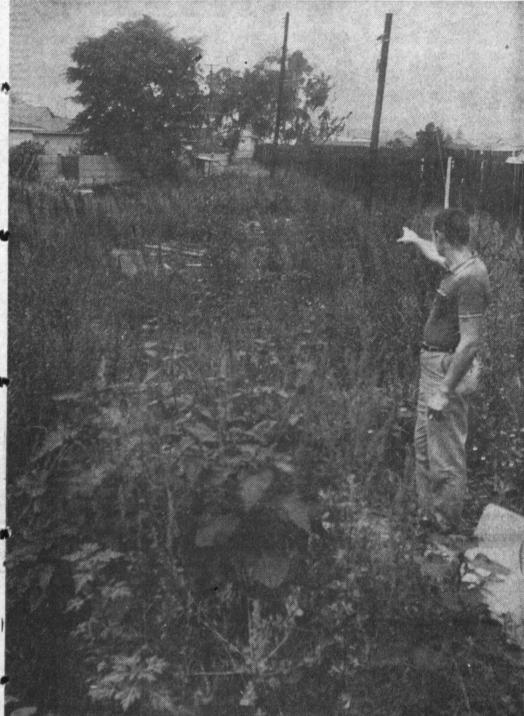
A JUNGLE GROWS IN TORRANCE ONDRAINAGEDITCE

HOME OWNERS PROTEST



BACKYARD JUNGLE is pointed out by Clyde Dare, of 1003 W. 226th St., as he stands in drainage ditch Tor-

rance area residents claim county wont fill in or clean up. Rats, snakes infest ditch.

AND A DEPOSIT FOR REFUSE



JUNK DUMPED OVER WALL into drainage ditch by adjacent commercial enterprises is another problem. Pare and neighbor P. Marche, 22603

Duble St., ruefully watch inspect refuse. County says it can't do anything about it, residents claim.

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Pleas for Help Ignored, **Torrance Homeowners Say**

Residents of the 1000 Dare charged that every block on West 226th Street time he and his neighbors in the county's Torrance have tried to talk to counarea, near Vermont Avenue, ty officials, "We got the run-have accused county offi-cials of dragging their feet from one department to anand ignoring protests about other."

a thick "Jungle" growing He cited the flood control around a drainage ditch district office at Lomita, the built and apparently forgot-county health department, ten by the county flood con- and county inspectors.

built eight years ago when the tract was developed. It is about a mile long and about five or six feet deep.

During storms it fills with water which stands stagnant long after rains cease. It is filled with rocks, dirt, and weeds.

About 18 months ago the

Residents complain that About 18 months ago, rats, mosquitoes and snakes residents sent a petition to breed in and around the Supervisor Chace, signed by ditch and have come out to everyone on the block, ask bother residents.

of 1003 W. 226th St. "We've had rattlers - a the residents to do it.

cat killed one just a short "He never answered the

"And look at those castor P. Marche, of 22603 Duble bean trees," her husband St., said the castor plants said, pointing to the tall "only grow back" when rebrushy growths hanging sidents try to cut and reover his backyard fence. move them. They're poisonous."

The ditch runs north and some time ago," Dare said. "One man did come out behind the tract and was "He looked at the jungle, built eight years ago when and said there was nothing

ing that the county, which "It's a definite health haz. has an easement on the ard," says Mrs. Clyde Dare ditch right-of-way, either clean up the ditch or allow

letter," Dare said.

The property owners are Dare said, "Why, it's a willing to cooperate with the regular jungle out there." county, but the county, they He was standing in thick say, prefers to ignore the growth up to his waist as problem, or shunt it off on

The Truck Hit Me ... I Flew to Sidewalk'



NARROW ESCAPE - Mrs. Clarence Sandberg listens to Roger, 13, and Bethene, 7, her children, of 1844 Marinette, as they describe how they were hit by passing truck yesterday. The youngsters were found by Torrance police on sidewalk by railroad tracks near Arlington and Plaza del Amo. Roger was bringing Bethene home

from school on bicycle. Truck vanished after hitting bicycle. Four suspects have been interviewed but none held. The children were treated at Kaiser Hospital, Lomita, and escaped with bruises and cuts. Bethene she was sent flying by truck onto sidewalk.

PRESS photo by William Schell Jr.

BANDSHELL CONCERT SLATED HERE SUNDAY

The newest charter club ticipation in the Los Angeles Bandshell. There will be no one of the intended purposes charge for the program which begins at 2 p.m.

ized a parents' group, elected a board, and was granted a charter by the Torrance For Summer Recreation Dept. Elected to serve on the board the first

Comprised of some 20 day. talented instrumentalists of perform annually for several Recreation Department activities, some of which are the Aquacade, Co-Recreation Teen Club dances, Area Park Dominguez Library will be Dances and Sunday Park as follows:

Monday through Wednes-Civic engagements during day, 1 to 5 p.m.; 6 to 8 p.m., the year have included par- and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

in the Torrance Recreation County Battle of the Bands Department, the Imperials contest, performance at the Dance Band begun over a Good Teachers' Conference year ago by Jim Davidson as an out growth of the Torace Education Assn., dedication rance Recreation Depart-of the Recreation Center, ment's "Fun Through and Parnelli Jones Day. Gor-Music" program, will pre-die Helgeson, president of sent a concert Sunday, July the board, states that "play-21, at the Torrance Park ing for civic functions is

Popular music will be played throughout the program and will feature the entire, band supplemented by smaller combo groups. Recently this band organ-

year were: Gordie Helgeson, president; Carl Childs, vice president; Mae Park, secretary; Fred Petry, Sr., treasurer, and George Belcher, and George Belcher. Scheimen. liam S. Geller announced to-

"There is traditionally a high school age, the Imperials maintains a busy schedule of engagements. They patronage as most families regression annually for several take their vacations during



HAWAIIAN RENDEZVOUS is theme of Victor Women's Club Luau scheduled tomorrow night at home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Pollock, 5302 Maricopa, in the "little grass shack." Inspecting decorations for the event, are

Mrs. Richard Champion, vice president, and Mrs. Ted Blanke, treasurer. There will be food, dancing and professional entertainment at the luau, and prizes will be given for the most authentic costume.

PRESS photo.