

# BUILD POOL WITH 'WINDFALL' --- HAGGARD

## Council Allots \$700 To Fly Fighters

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## City - Wide Spray Attack Approved

**OPERATION 'FLYDOOM'**, July 27—Several successful beachheads were established this week in the city-wide "maximum effort" campaign to wipe out Torrance's fly menace.

1. The City Council Tuesday night voted to allot \$700 to the Fly Abatement Committee of Torrance to finance the launching of a spraying attack

on certain invaded areas of the city where the "enemy" has a strong toehold.

2. The city fathers further agreed to channel certain funds for the printing of a manual of arms for the use of householders in their campaign against the airborne germ carriers.

3. In North Torrance, 12 homeowners answered "wonderful" when queried on the outcome of a chemical warfare attack levied by a commercial firm. The company sprayed their homes as a demonstration on a basis of "if it doesn't work—don't pay."

4. The Gage Pump Company of East Los Angeles (the firm who sprayed in North Torrance) agreed to spray a market, a restaurant, and a private home free of charge to demonstrate the effectiveness of the new fly-killing weapon—Benzene Hexachloride.

5. The Los Angeles County Health Department stated they were starting a "crack down" on careless dairy operators in the city to strengthen their defenses against the aerial invader.

6. Green, holder of the city contract for the collection of garbage in the city promised leaders in the anti-fly campaign to join the fight by improving methods of garbage collection.

The council allotted the more than \$700 funds after hearing recommendations from the chairman of the F.A.C.T., Jack O. Baldwin, who reported on the week-long investigation by the committee.

"Your committee asks for \$1000 to fight this (fly) battle," Baldwin declared. "Last year 6000 babies—the sons and daughters of mechanics, carpenters, steelworkers, newspapermen died from infant diarrhea

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## County Ready For Crenshaw Extension Job

A construction program which will extend Crenshaw boulevard from its present terminus at Sepulveda boulevard to Pacific Coast Highway, will be started before the end of the year by the County Road Department, Supervisor Raymond V. Darby yesterday told Elaine Walker, of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Ultimate improvement of Crenshaw boulevard will carry it southward over the Palos Verdes hills, he said.

At the same time, Darby revealed the formation of a county plan to provide another through traffic artery between Torrance and downtown Los Angeles. \$698,000 has been allocated for the widening of Normandie avenue between Manchester and Imperial highways and the extension of Normandie to Rosecrans avenue.

The county is now in the process of obtaining rights-of-way and are completing other paper work preliminary to the start of the Normandie project, Darby said.

Public hearings on a proposed budget of \$1,182,000 for the current fiscal year are scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday at Torrance Elementary School auditorium, according to Dr. J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of schools.

The board hopes to be able to adopt a final budget after the public hearings are completed, Hull said.



TRUCK SHEARS POLE . . . Collision of a truck and a car at the corner of Normandie avenue and East Road Tuesday sent three persons to the hospital and disrupted electrical power at the Harbor General Hospital. Residents there claim eight deaths at the intersection warrants installation of a traffic signal.

## 'Hot Corner' Crash Sends 3 To Hospital

Residents near the intersection of Normandie avenue and East Road where eight persons are said to have been killed, renewed their quest for a traffic signal at the much-traveled junction Tuesday after an accident there sent three to the hospital.

This week's mishap, believed by residents to be the 18th in the last 18 months, occurred when a car driven by Charles Dealey, 81, of Culver City, was hit by a 1½-ton truck driven by Jesse Mendoza, 23, Paramount. The two drivers and Dealey's wife, Bertha, 72, a passenger, were treated for minor injuries at Wilmington Receiving Hospital.

Manifestations of the collision were felt over a wide area when the truck careened off the Dealey car and knocked down a utility pole which, in turn disrupted electrical power at Harbor General Hospital and homes in the area.

Residents in the district say that stop signs currently posted

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## BULLETIN

Confirming an exclusive story published in the Torrance Herald early in April of this year, General Petroleum Corporation last night announced that it has started construction on a \$2,250,000 expansion project at its Torrance refinery.

The heavy oil-refining equipment will consist of a third "cat" tower to augment the two now in operation at the Crenshaw boulevard refinery. The unit will convert heavy surplus oil into products in greater demand.

The company's plans were first disclosed by this newspaper following an exclusive interview with R. L. Minckler, president of the corporation.

Officials were unable to estimate the increased employment that the expansion move would bring.

## PRINTERS' SPOKESMAN FAILS TO ATTEND MEET

Hopes for a settlement of the trade dispute at the Torrance Herald plant were dimmed yesterday when the union representative failed to show up for a conference arranged ten days ago by Edward Peters, conciliator of the California State Department of Industrial Relations.

Present for the meeting at 2:30 p.m. yesterday at 453 So. Spring St., Los Angeles were:

Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald; the publisher's attorney and the State Conciliation representative. Absent was Robert W. Gilbert, attorney for the International Typographical Union.

The group waited nearly an hour for the Printers' Union representative, but he failed to arrive. Nor has any explanation been made as the Herald goes to press at 10 p.m. for his absence.

## Councilman Urges Tax Cut or Pool to 'Spend' Surplus

In a communique addressed to his fellow councilmen, Bob L. Haggard urged the city fathers Tuesday night to take a broad realistic, business-like view of city expenditures by either:

1. Dropping the city tax rate, or
  2. Build a city swimming pool with the \$100,000 "windfall" which recently fell to the city.
- He urged the council not to "fritter away" the surplus fund which dropped into the laps of the city fathers following the revelation of the jump in the assessed valuation for the city. Figures revealed early this month by the County Assessor John E. Quinn reported that the valuation had jumped \$6,336,900 over last year. The "windfall"

## Police Ponder Motive of Suicide Victim

Torrance and Detroit police put their heads together yesterday in a search for a motive in the death of Miss Marion Florence Walker, 43, whose body was found Monday afternoon in the surf at Torrance Beach.

Although no notes or other clues were found among the woman's belongings, which were found on the Redondo Beach Pier Monday morning, Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett, of the Torrance police squad, indicated that the death would be termed a suicide.

The victim was identified as executive secretary of the Continuing Education Division of Michigan State College. She was staying in a Detroit Y.W.C.A. prior to her flight. East Lansing, Mich., was listed as the woman's home.

Miss Walker was reported to have boarded a United Air Lines plane in Chicago at 1:45 p.m. Sunday. She arrived at Los Angeles Municipal Airport at 6:55 p.m.

Approximately six hours later, police indicated, she was dead. Among contents of the victim's purse, which was found on the pier, were naturalization papers. They indicated Miss Walker had formerly been a British subject.

Her body was air-shipped to relatives in Detroit for interment yesterday by Stone and Myers Mortuary.

## BARREL HOIST TAKEN

A half-ton electric hoist, used to lift barrels at the Torrance United Sulphur Co. plant, has been stolen, a company spokesman told the Torrance police department Monday. The gear was valued at \$150.



BOB L. HAGGARD—COUNCILMAN

"Don't 'Fritter Away' \$100,000"

would come from taxes on the unexpected increase in valuation.

Haggard's letter read by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett as "a matter of record" is as follows:

July 26, 1949  
City Council,  
Torrance, California.  
Fellow Members of the City Council:

As a member of your body, I have from time to time, during the past year in informal agenda meetings advocated a more practical and business-like policy in conducting affairs of the City. As you know, this has been particularly true in the preparation of the City Budget for the coming fiscal year beginning July 1, 1949.

In order that my position may be made clear, I feel it necessary at this time to make the following statement:  
We have been informed that the City may expect an unanticipated "windfall" of some \$100,000.00 in taxes this coming year due to the large increase in assessed valuations. This income will be in EXCESS of the ample funds received last year as evidenced by the \$200,000 surplus accumulated during the past year.

It would seem wise that before we "fritter away" our new found "inheritance" in unwarranted expenditures

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## 'Everything Normal'--WM

"Normal. Everything is normal." The weatherman threw his head back so as to peer through the strategic point of his bifocals at some jottings on a brown paper bag.

"Yep, the weather looks good. We should have no complaints from grippers. I think I've done right well this week."

July	Max.	Min.
21	77	59
22	79	58
23	79	59
24	78	61
25	76	59
26	72	60

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## LIGHTING THE WAY . . . soon in Seaside Ranchos and Torrance Knolls will be new street lights of type pictured.

## Success Groups Reach Objective in Light Effort

The dream of street lights, long cherished by almost 500 families who live in the Ketter Knolls and Seaside Ranchos districts, was on the doorstep of realization this week. Civic organizations representing each community announced this week that residents had contributed enough money to finance purchase of the lights.

Harvey Spelman, president of the Seaside Ranchos Home Owners Association, Monday morning gave the city a check for \$1980 which will be forwarded to the Southern California Edison Co. for the installation of 33 light standards in the south Torrance district.

Of the most modern type, the lights will be spaced 220 feet apart and will be connected by a single strand cable. Overhead wiring will be employed. The

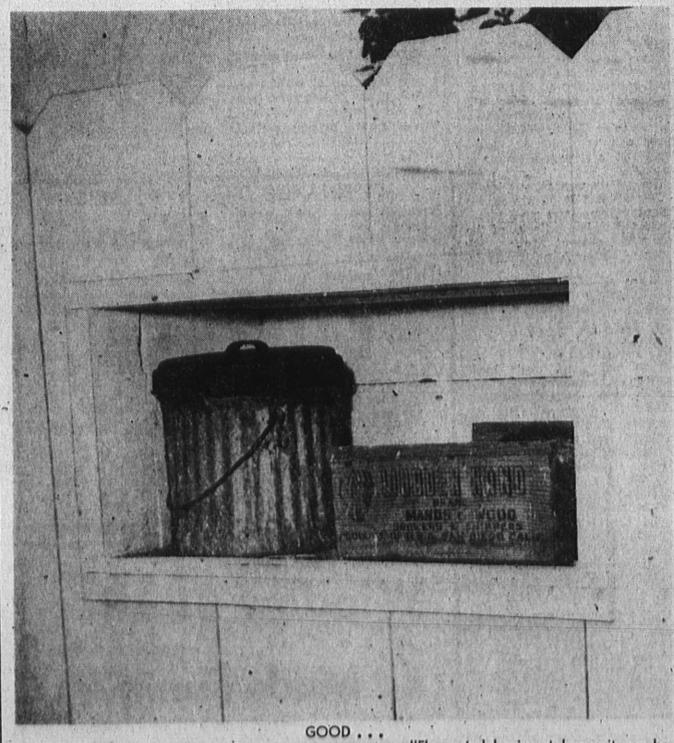
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## Balloons For Kids Again This Saturday Night

Believing that one success should follow another, Torrance merchants again this Saturday evening will hand local tots brightly-hued balloons when they enter the merchant's store.

"We're repeating this little stunt to encourage Saturday night shopping since it was so successful last week," explained Paul Diamond, president of the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

The free balloons, saying "Torrance Saturday Night Shopping" will be given to kids of all ages from eight to eighty—provided, of course they are with their parents, Diamond said.



GOOD . . . "Fly control begins at home; it can be maintained only by popular cooperation." . . . AND NOT SO GOOD