

## Prize Winners Reap Awards

Christmas came three months early this year for six Torrance Herald distributors and carrier boys. Picking up their prizes were the winners of the recent nine-week Popularity Contest sponsored by the Torrance Herald.

Packing away a 12 1/2-inch General Electric television set as first prize in the distributor division, was James Murphy. The set was furnished through the cooperation of the Torrance Tee Vee, local suppliers of late model television and home appliances.

**WINS MIXER**  
Second place, and carrying with it a Dormeyer Electric Mixer from the stocks of Universal Furniture Store, went to James Walgren.

**TOP PRIZE**  
First prize in the carrier division, a Schwinn bicycle from the vehicular stocks of the Torrance Cycle and Fix-it Shop, went to Mickey Valencia.

Wesley Hansen, brother of distributor Jack Hansen, took home an Ansco Flash camera furnished by the A-1 Photo Supply Store.

Third place went to Jim Anderson. For his listening pleasure he won a Travel Aire personal radio from the National Home Appliance Company.

**CIRCULATION ZOOMS**  
The nine-week contest added 327 paid subscriptions to the Herald, pushing the net paid circulation of the paper to 6250. This total now gives the Herald 93 per cent net paid circulation of the home-delivered Torrance area, which is the largest percentage of net paid circulation of any weekly newspaper

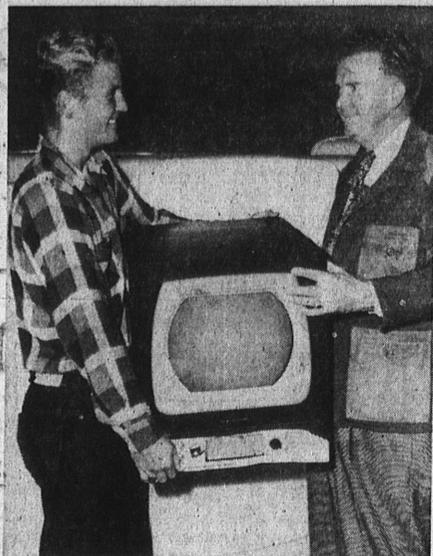
in the state of California, according to latest available figures. One hundred and fifty-two carriers competed in the contest.

Complete final standings of the top 20 boys was as follows:

Name	Papers Sold
Mickey Valencia	2071
Wesley Hanson	1900
Jim Anderson	1322
Lee Lush	633
Frank Montez	616
Gary Nelson	604
James Walgren	573
Sammy Smith	523
Jerry Wilson	580
Richard Minnis	456
David Rojas	436
Jimmy Fields	436
Clyde Milan	432
Christopher Ferragamo	412
Bobby White	397
Kenneth Wheat	366
Harold Sisco	363
Lee Zuver	356
Douglas Stagg	335
Dal Deroun	333

### Rites Conducted For Brother of Torrance Man

Services for Joseph F. Hale, 74, retired Long Beach sergeant, and brother of Robert Hale, 1433 West 220th street, were held yesterday in Motell's Chapel in Long Beach. The deceased was a member of the First Baptist Church. He had served 26 years on the Long Beach Police Department and was a member of the Elks for 27 years. Surviving also are his widow, Mary, one daughter, two sisters, and another brother.



**VIDEO VICTOR** . . . James Murphy, (left) winning Torrance Herald distributor, drops by the Torrance Tee Vee to claim his 12 1/2-inch General Electric television set from Don O'Connell of the local store. (Herald photo).

### Scout Troop Reactivating

Plans to reorganize the Waveria Scout Troop No. 240 were discussed at a meeting of the Waveria Scout committee last week at the home of Coy Urquhart. Meeting with Scoutmaster Bill Lutz, the committee decided to register all interested boys in the Waveria area and arrange a meeting night. The committee also decided to search for a convenient meeting place.

Interested boys may register at the home of Scoutmaster Lutz at 3205 Dalmead drive. Steelworkers Local 1414 of Columbia are planning to sponsor the reorganized troop, union officials have announced.

**GRAPHITE MONOPOLY**  
England maintained a monopoly on graphite for lead pencils for 200 years.



**BEST SELLER** . . . Mickey Valencia checks his new Schwinn bicycle—first prize in the carrier division of the Torrance Herald Popularity Contest. Mickey picked up his prize for selling the most Heralds during the past nine weeks at the Torrance Cycle and Fix-it Shop. (Herald photo).



**KNOWN TO MANY** . . . Jim Anderson, retired railroader, astride his familiar three-wheeler starts out with another load of Torrance Heralds with the intention of swinging by the National Home Appliance Company to pick up his Travel-Aire radio—his prize in the Torrance Herald popularity contest. (Herald photo).



**MECHANICALLY MINDED** . . . Jimmy Walgren, second place winner in the Torrance Herald Popularity Contest, Distributor Division, probably is headed for a minor run-in with his mother over the new Dormeyer electric mixer he won. Jimmy wants to convert his hand-cranked motion picture projector to electric power. His mother has other ideas—no doubt. The mixer was provided through the courtesy of Universal Furniture Company. (Herald photo).

## \$5,700,000 Improvement to Boat Facilities at Redondo Sought

A hearing before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will be held in the Hall of Records Monday morning at 10 a.m. to start the official wheels turning to form a Harbor Improvement District for the purpose of providing a \$5,700,000 improvement to the harbor facilities at Redondo Beach.

A petition requesting the formation of the district, to be coterminous with the Los Angeles County boundaries, will be presented to the Supervisors at 10 a.m. The hearing will follow.

### VOTERS TO DECIDE

The petition asks the matter be put before the voters of the county at the next regular election. If passed, a county-wide Los Angeles County Harbor Improvement District would be established to provide \$2,225,000 for the improvement work.

Under present plans approximately \$3,475,000 would be financed by the federal government. The county would supply the remainder of the needed funds, according to Sidney Welch, chairman of the Public Improvement Commission of Redondo Beach. The Department of Rivers and Harbors has recommended the project, according to Welch.

Signers of the petition seek to develop the facilities at Redondo Beach by dredging of channels, construction of ship-

ways, ship-berths, anchorage places and turning basins, jetties, breakwaters, bulkheads, seawalls, wharves, ferry-slips and warehouses, and such other construction or improvement as may be necessary or convenient for general utility coast defense, recreation, small crafts, and yacht harbor.

### ALLOWED BY LAW

Formation of the district is allowed under provisions of Division VIII, Part 2, of the Harbor and Navigation Code of the State of California.

### Herman Lyster Ordered To Active Marine Duty

Private First Class Herman E. Lyster, 3714 Spencer street, has been ordered to active duty with the Marine Corps, according to Colonel J. O. Brauer, director of the 11th Marine Corps Reserve District.

The speed of sound decreases with decreasing temperatures.

### Steel Hour to Air 'The Barker' Next

The U. S. Steel hour moves into the second broadcast of its sixth season on September 17 with Ginger Rogers and Paul Douglas starring in "The Barker," via stations of the National Broadcasting Company network at 6:30 p.m.

### EYES GROW

Human eyes triple in size from birth to maturity.



**HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE**



**SMOKE EATERS** . . . Captain Gene Walker of the Torrance Fire Department aided by workers at the Metal Clad Insulation Company, battle fire and smoke (so thick it could be cut with a knife) last Thursday afternoon. The fire, a smoky, smoldering affair, was believed to have started when a tar pot flashed and ignited the cardboard boxes in a nearby storage shed. Damage to the plant at 218th and Western avenue and to stock was estimated at \$3000. (Herald photo).

### NEW HIGH

An all time high revenue of \$843,632,315 or a per capita revenue of \$78.24 per person, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1950, was reported this week by State Controller Thomas H. Kuchel.

### PARI-MUTUELS OFF

A drop of more than ten per cent in returns from pari-mutuel horse racing to the State of California was reported for the fiscal year ending June 30. State Controller Thomas H. Kuchel announced this week.

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