



SET FOR GALA OPENING . . . Torrance's newest shopping center, the Jim Dandy Market at Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw, is all set for an official Grand Opening this week-end. Scheduled to open along with the market are Beacon Cleaners and Elkins 5 and 10-cent store.

Where's the Fire?

Torrance Fire Department responded to the following calls:

THURSDAY

Neece Ave. and Newton St. a fence fire.

FRIDAY

1:27 a.m., 4154 W. 172nd St. inhalator call.
2:14 p.m., 190th St. and Prairie Ave., grass fire.
3:32 p.m., 182nd St. and Arlington Ave., grass fire.
4:20 p.m., Maple and Del Amo Aves., grass fire.

SATURDAY

2:04 p.m., 192nd St. and West 6th Ave., grass fire.
2:11 p.m., 182nd St. and Hawthorne Blvd., grass fire.
3:37 p.m., Sepulveda and Hawthorne Bldvs., grass fire.

New Billing, Rates For Water Explained

If some of you think you are getting your water bill a little early this month, A. E. McVicar, superintendent of the Torrance Water Department, has a handy explanation for you. Beginning July 1, recently installed machine bookkeeping equipment was put into use, and billing for water service was placed on a month-long schedule. To make the billing more simplified, the meters will be read on a schedule which lasts throughout the month instead of during a three-day period as has been the practice, he explained. "Your July bill will, therefore, be for either more or less than a full month," he told water subscribers in a postal card mailed out this week. Two Meter Readers McVicar explained yesterday that two men would read approximately 500-600 meters a day throughout the month to check the more than 7000 meters in Torrance. After this month's billing, the water bills will arrive at the subscribers mailbox about the same day each month, he said. Formerly, everybody's meter was read in a three-day period, and the billing was all done at once. The new system will distribute the billing load throughout the entire month. Start New Rates McVicar also pointed out the fact that the new water rates which were established in conjunction with the \$2,000,000 water bond issue earlier this year went into effect July 1. Discarded were the three different rates for the three water districts in the city and the industrial rates which applied to heavy users of water. The new rate calls for a charge of \$1.50 for the first 600

Hold Service Tomorrow for Frank Ashley

Funeral services for Fred Frank Ashley, 71, will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Torrance Nazarene Church, with the Revs. F. A. Brunson and W. A. Penner officiating. Mr. Ashley, for 23 years an employee of the Dow Chemical Co., had resided in Torrance for five years. His latest address was 20624 Edgill St. Pallbearers will be Jess Sanders, Andrew Beebe, Kenneth Wade, Elbert Henderson, Burl Tuttle and Edwin Howes. Interment will be at Roosevelt Cemetery. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Grace E. Ashley, four daughters, including Mrs. Agnes Foster of Torrance, one brother, a sister, 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Mr. Ashley was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nazarene Church and served as Sunday school treasurer. Arrangements were handled by Stone and Myers Mortuary.

HEALTH CHATS

By DR. RAYMOND A. LARSON
Healing Arthritis vs. Osteoporosis
LAST week I told you about the examining doctor. In osteoporosis there is a marked and abnormal porousness of bone structure which is nearly discernible to the roentgenologist. Using the same method of diagnosis for arthritis it is found that there is usually hypertrophy (enlargement) of the offending joint which produces pain and often disfigurement. If you are one of the many who suffer from joint and muscle pain it is suggested that you contact a doctor trained in treatment of these conditions. New scientific methods are promising hope in these conditions.
HEALTH CHATS sponsored by R. A. Larson, D.C. Ph.C., 1110 Sartori Ave., Torrance, Phone 2130.

14 to Compete For Queen Title Next Thursday

Two full days at the Last Frontier in Las Vegas, Nev., is the top prize which will go to Miss Torrance to be selected next Thursday evening. James Van Dyck, director of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, sponsors of the Miss Torrance contest, announced yesterday that the management of the Last Frontier had offered accommodations for two at the famous Las Vegas resort hotel for the winner of the city's queen title. Fourteen Torrance lovelies have entered the contest, according to George Post, chairman of the affair. Judging will take place next Thursday in the Civic Auditorium. Judges from other cities have been secured, but their identities will not be announced ahead of the judging, Post said. The contest is strictly a battle of beauty and charm, officials say. The participants needn't dance, recite poetry, or play an accordion to win the contest. Following the judging Thursday, Miss Torrance will be flown to Las Vegas. Later she will accompany the Torrance Youth Band on trips and sometime in the near future will be the central figure of a gala Coronation Ball to be held at the Palms Verdes Country Club.



BEVY OF BEAUTIES . . . These eleven curvaceous cuties will turn on the charms for judges Thursday night as they vie for title of Miss Torrance—the queen to be crowned at a Coronation Ball later this summer. Striking a pose for the pleased photog are Darlene Devine, left; Phyllis Peterson, Shirley White, Shirley Atchley, Maureen Matthews, Patricia Marshall, Beverly Ragland, Dolores Foster, Karen Dean, Barbara Delsigne and Patia Francis. Three missed the cameraman. Admission to the judging at the Civic Auditorium Thursday is free.

'Natcherly' Wild Ride Ends With Police In Winner's Circle

A wild, movie-like chase down Redondo Beach Blvd., a racing sedan hotly pursued by a Torrance police car, ended with a motorist getting a handful of tickets from Torrance and Gardena officers early yesterday morning. Torrance patrolmen Tom Pattishall and Eugene Eberetta reported they saw a 1949 Olds roar through the intersection at Redondo Beach and Crenshaw Bldvs. without so much as slowing down for a stop sign. They gave chase and reached speeds of 70 miles an hour, with the motorist allegedly weaving in and out of traffic. At Arlington Ave. officers said the driver swerved to avoid striking a car, whooshed out into a dirt field, cleaned out a wooden sign, sheared off an Edison pole, and came to a halt on the boulevard. Pattishall and Eberetta called in Gardena police and all took part in a ticket-writing Bee, Cited for reckless driving, speeding and running stop signs was Ray Neil, of Bellflower. A passenger in the car, Bob Bowman, of Compton, was listed as the owner of the car.

Building Permits

Total this Week \$77,890
Total for July \$148,020
Total for Year—\$10,551,523
WEDNESDAY
J. Walcott, asbestos siding, 1534 Elm Ave., \$540.
Jack Kirkham, concrete slab open porch, 1845 Ashley, \$200.
Alfred W. Morasse, garage, 3559 W. 168th St., \$1000.
M. A. Baskovitch, neon sign, 18825 Crenshaw Blvd., \$200.
THURSDAY
Doris and Alis Avts. dwelling and attached garage, 310 Calle Miramar, \$13,700.
Mrs. Eimburgh, guest house, 2231 Andro, \$2500.
David D. Coen, dwellings with attached garages at 24255 Park, 24406 and 25519 Ward, \$21,000.
FRIDAY
Wilfred J. Jeal, greenhouse, 1860 W. 174th St., \$3000.

COCONUT IMPORTS

Imported coconuts received in the United States are in whole or shredded form, but both are processed to be ready for a variety of uses.

Meeting Slated For Tuesday on Co-op Nursery

Proposed Torrance Co-operative Nursery School will meet Tuesday evening, July 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hattem, 820 Maple Ave., in Torrance Gardens. Mrs. Hattem, who has had experience in parent-participating schools of this type in Los Angeles and Gardena, will explain the program, and a location for the proposed school will be chosen. The mother, Mrs. Hattem said, serves one morning each week, assisting a paid pre-school teacher and learning new techniques in handling children both individually and in groups. The child is given the opportunity to learn basic democratic process through guided, creative, and free group play on equal terms with children his own age. With his mother a part of the program, adjustment from home to school is gradual. The father participates in construction and maintenance of equipment and in parent-teacher discussion groups. There are between 40 and 50 such groups in Southern California alone, Mrs. Hattem said, which are functions of the Department of Education of the Department of Social Welfare. Parents interested in the local group may call Torrance 2834-J for further information.

Lawnmowers Stolen

Two commercial size lawnmowers were taken from a truck belonging to Ambrosio Velasco while it was parked at 3600 Redondo Beach Blvd. Velasco told Torrance police Thursday morning. He valued the mowers at \$200 and \$125.

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LAST-MINUTE "WORD" . . . Torrance queen contestants Paula Francis, at left; Darlene Devine, Barbara Delsigne, Beverly Ragland and Karen Dean get final instructions from George Post, chairman of the Miss Torrance contest. These are only five of the fourteen who will vie for the title Thursday night.

HOTTEST BOOK EVER PRINTED

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 13.—Maybe one of those sizzling modern novels got mixed in with the papers Mrs. Helen Mc Lester had stored in her attic. It didn't take long for spontaneous combustion to come busting in and start a blaze one sultry Sunday Afternoon, burning said attic down to the ground. There's a moral to this tale: if you want your home a fire to fail, leave only one paper for time to fan—and that's a good insurance plan. W. E. Bowen, Phone Torrance 215.



"A LITTLE TO THE LEFT" . . . Shirley Atchley gets the inside dope on the proper stance to assume while on the judging platform. Next in line are Dolores Foster, Maureen Matthews and Patricia Marshall. Jack Baldwin, contest committee man, tells 'em what angles the judges like best.

CEMENT OUTPUT

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