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By TEO CUNNINGHAM, Lomita 232-J

Parties and vacations . . . Sts. Torrance is not new for them, as they formerly lived on Andree Ave. Leo is employed at National Supply Company.

Starting off on the party side, Mary Jean, daughter of E. V. and Lorraine Winklebauer of Martha St., recently made her sixth birthday one to remember by playing hostess to a group of neighborhood children, relatives, and close friends at garden luncheon party. Because her birthday is so near the Fourth, the red, white and blue color scheme was carried out. Favores took the form of multicolored balloons and variflavored suckers. Games were played before lunch with Mickey Crawford winning first prize, and her brother Bobby Crawford taking home second. The "birthday girl" received many lovely gifts, and "obs" and "abs" could be heard quite clearly as each gift was opened. The gay occasion was topped off by a lunch of sandwiches, cup cakes, ice cream and red punch . . .

Another birthday over that way was that of Billy Waterman of Marinette St. a week ago last Wednesday. His mother, Mrs. William Waterman, entertained about 20 of his neighborhood playmates at a lawn party in honor of Billy's sixth anniversary of his birth. Gay circus animals strutted around the edge of Billy's cake, which was accompanied by ice cream and punch. Each guest was given a turn "fishing" for his or her toy favor which pleased the children no end. Billy in turn was excited and pleased with the many lovely remembrances that he received from his friends.

The new Greyholl heir will be taken care of and welcomed by a host of friends. Mother-to-be Betty and daddy Cliff were honored guests at a shower given recently by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dabbs of Juniper Ave. Both Betty and Cliff received gifts, hers along the conventional line, while his were more humorous.

Robert Batty, of Cabrillo Ave., has been passing out cigars lately to announce the arrival of his second daughter, Amy Clare. Mama Lorraine tells me that the little girl weighed an even 7 pounds at birth, was born the second of July, and arrived at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Brothers Bobbie and Vernie are quite excited, but the one who is really thrilled is sister Laura Anne, who is "so happy" to have the "big doll" home. Congratulations folks!

Another little cherub, who arrived a little prematurely but was nonetheless happily received, was little (and I do mean little, for she only weighed 4 lbs., 5 oz. at birth) Wendy Margaret Triplett. Her parents, Robert and Margaret, of Calamar St., were most surprised to hear the doctor's wishes so soon, but really happy that their wish for a girl to go with their boy Scott, aged three, had been granted. The littlest angel of the Triplett family has been making her home in an incubator at Torrance Memorial Hospital since her birth July 9. When I last talked to Margaret, Wendy was doing so well that the doctor thought that she might be able to come home sometime this week if she hasn't already done so by the time this goes to press. Scott and Mama Margaret make daily visits to see Wendy and Scott is as anxious as the rest of the family to have her home. The grandparents are Mrs. Sara Hogue of Torrance, and Mrs. M. F. Barnett of Bangs, Tex.

Heard tell that Goody and Mickey Fischer left the middle of this week for a vacation and rest at Enchanted Valley, near Crestline. They are staying at a friend's cabin there and are planning on really taking it "easy."

Acting as proud godparents to their nephew, Michael Trent Milligan (couldn't be Irish, could he?) week-end before last were Gloria and Bill Hixson of Kathy Way. Winging in on her first flight for the important occasion was Michael's grand mother and Gloria's mother Mrs. Cora Milligan of Merced, Calif. She stayed with Gloria and Bill while here, returning north the following Monday.

At this time I would like to introduce Leo and Lorraine Palumbo and children Jimmie, 8, Susan, 6, and little Tommy who is the very ripe old age of six months. They have bought the James Pope house on the corner of Calamar and Martha

I talked to Joseph Wasserman the other day and he told me that he, his mother Miriam, and brother Billy had a wonderful time when they had their vacation. They drove, and it seems took in quite a bit of California scenery . . . San Francisco, Sacramento, Yosemite and Fresno to name a few of their high points. They were gone almost a week and though tired and hot, glad to get back to their own home on Middlebrook, Rd.

An exciting event and the start of what can be a most pleasurable relationship for Donna Tidmarsh of Middlebrook Rd was the investiture and receiving of her Brownie Scout pin . . . the event took place recently in the home of Mrs. N. Draskowskie, who is the assistant leader of Brownie Troop 238. Fifteen other girls also were invested and received their pins at the same time.

Meanwhile, he attempted to

## Emergency Crews Swing Into Speedy Action After Quake

The speed with which local emergency services snapped into disaster-like operation following Monday morning's quake, gave fine indication of the results which can be expected should a real crisis arise.

Torrance Herald newsmen, on duty in the Herald newsroom moments after the long roll jolted homes and business places, listed in on Southern California via short wave radios, and frankly, were amazed at the organization which accompanied the humming activity of an area that really didn't know as yet what was going on.

Locally, Torrance fire trucks were pulled out into the street, clear of any buildings which might fall, trapping the engines in a pile of debris.

Firemen at North Torrance, unable to make immediate telephone contact with headquarters, hustled to the fire truck radio to contact the downtown station. Until land-line communication was made, fire trucks were standing by on the air.

Police cars were sent to patrol downtown areas to observe if plate glass windows had been shattered.

The County Fire Department, dispatcher located in East Los Angeles, advised all engine companies checking in by radio to stand by until the extent of the emergency could be determined.

## Chamber Studies Chances to Nix Slough Drilling

Harbor City civic groups, spearheaded by the Chamber of Commerce, have until August 13 to decide whether they wish to lodge written complaints against an order authorizing an oil drilling district on Pacific Coast Hwy. near Vermont Ave.

The Los Angeles City Planning Commission last week put the establishment of oil wells in the Bixby Slough area despite howling protests issued by many local organizations.

C. F. King, Chamber president, said they wanted no drilling whatsoever, but other groups, including the Department of Recreation and Parks, said they would not approvingly if a "setback" was enforced.

Planners said they stipulated a setback in their permit to the oil developer.

Harbor City Four-square Church also joined in the battle against the proposed establishment of drilling rigs.

## Hot Time In Store For Barrel Burners

Before you touch that lighted match to the trash in that old barrel you use for an incinerator, better take a step backward, cast a glance towards that rubbish disposer, and think about this:

1. Does the incinerator have a metal grate for the ashes?
2. Is there an opening with a removable cover for taking out the ashes?
3. Is there a permanently attached door which closes automatically when not held open?
4. Is there a spark arrester to keep hot ashes from flying around the neighborhood?
5. Is it between 6 and 10 a.m.?

If not, brother, you'd better not fire up your old smudge pot, 'cause there may be trouble ahead.

Old Barrels Out—A newly-adopted city ordinance, number 603 to get technical, puts the kabash on broken-down old barrels and cracked incinerators and makes it illegal to be caught using them.

Adopted upon the recommendation of the Torrance fire chief, the new law is designed to make Torrance a "safer and cleaner town in which to live," according to the backers. It also brings Torrance in line with Los Angeles city and county ordinances regulating construction and use of incinerators.

Incinerators for back-yard residential use must be made of non-combustible material, and also must be able to pass all of the tests named in the questions above.

Burning in incinerators is limited to the morning hours, 6 to 10 o'clock, according to Fire Chief J. J. Benner, because there is less wind, more moisture in the air, less chance of smog accumulation, and less chance of smoking up the neighbors' clothes.

Uncut weeds and grass may be burned from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., provided a fire permit is obtained from the fire station, the chief reminded.

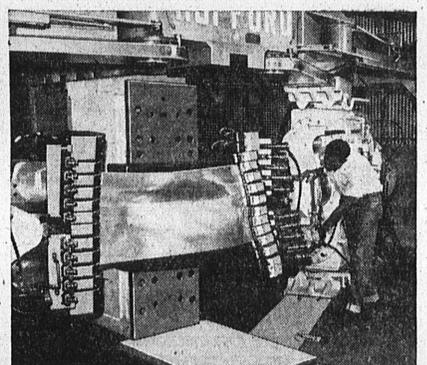
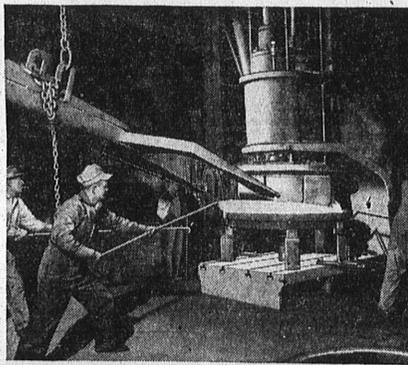
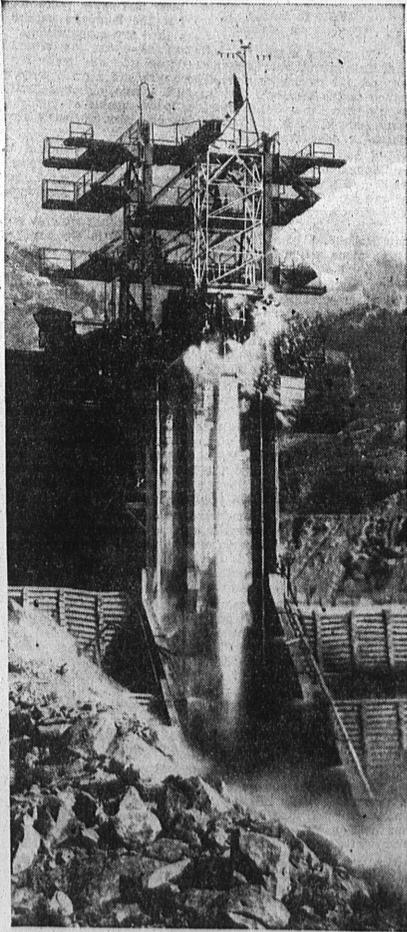
Another section of the new city law makes it unlawful to maintain a fire hazard—uncut or cut dry grass, trash, rubbish, weeds, papers on vacant lots or near structures.

And barbecue pits, they must not be used as incinerators, Chief Benner warns.

Violation of any provision of the ordinance is punishable by a \$300 fine, six months in jail, or both.

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