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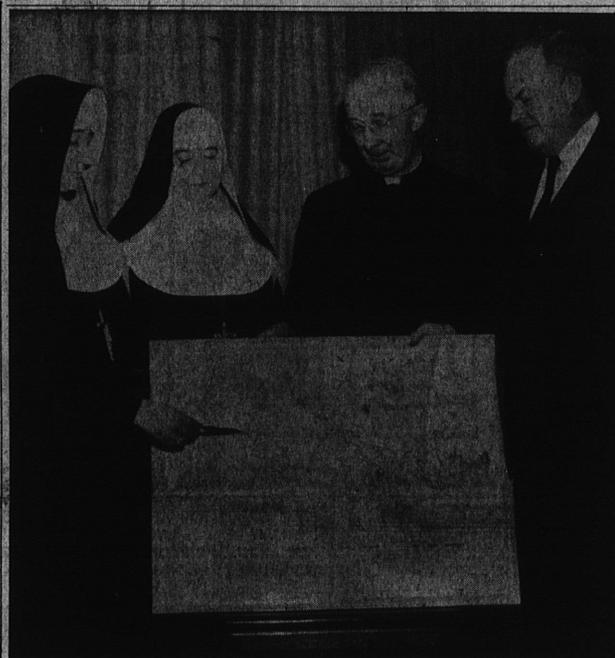
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# Bank Robber Runs as New Teller Sees Note, Faints



## 'This Is A Holdup' He Wrote

### Residents Sad, Kiddies Glad

**Water Shut Off**  
Residents of the El Nido area found themselves without any water Friday afternoon, including happy youngsters at El Nido School.

Workmen were repairing a leak in the water system at 182nd and Grevillea Ave. and were forced to shut off the area's water until the break was repaired.

Classes at El Nido School were dismissed two hours early by Principal Lester Foster, due to the lack of water for drinking and in the rest rooms. Foster said he received no protests from the children.

A woman teller at the local branch of the Bank of America thwarted a would-be robber Friday with a typically feminine reaction: She fainted.

Mrs. Loretta Wells, 38, of 321 Felbar Ave., was working her first day as a teller when a neatly dressed, bespectacled man approached her cage and handed her a note.

"This is a holdup," the penned missive stated, with the last word underscored three or four times.

Mrs. Wells read it once and swooned. This so un-nerved the bandit that he grabbed the 5x7-inch piece of paper and hastened from the crowded bank. He had disappeared before co-workers and bank officials revived Mrs. Wells to learn what had happened.

The man, described as in his early 30's and of medium build, displayed no weapon, officers were told.

Torrance police and the FBI are investigating the incident.

## Councilman Will Address Strip Group

Annual report by Councilman John S. Gibson and a speaker from the police department on the juvenile narcotic problem will be dual events for the regular meeting of the Shoestring Advisory committee on Tuesday, according to Herman Eisenbeis, chairman.

Councilman Gibson will review improvements of 1956 in his annual report to the group and will outline projects to be sought in 1957.

Sgt. Tom McTigue of the Los Angeles Police Department Juvenile Division will speak on the growing menace of narcotic among juveniles in the Los Angeles area.

The meeting, scheduled for the Normandie Playground at 7:30 p.m. is open to the public.

## Firemen Rescue Boy Who Stuck Finger in Pipe

Young Carl Brown thought it would be fun to put his finger into a piece of pipe at his home, 19917 Belvedere St., but he soon changed his mind.

The lad soon discovered that the pipe wouldn't come off and efforts of his mother and a neighbor were not more successful. Finally, in desperation, they took him to the Torrance Fire Department.

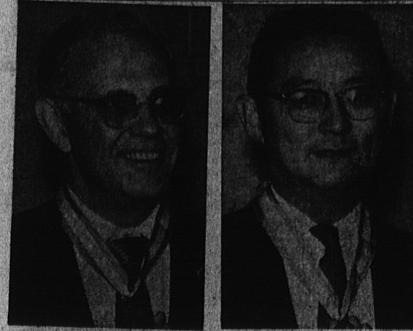
## January Permit Total Pegged At \$1,905,796

Torrance started off its building year with \$1,905,796 worth of permits issued during January, according to Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the city engineer's office.

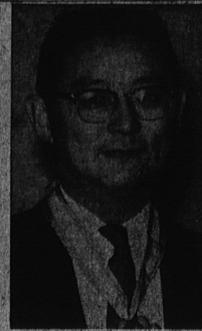
The figure was considerably below last January's record total of \$7,609,226, but at that time, construction in the city had been virtually halted by a sand and gravel strike in the preceding months.

Two tracts containing 60 homes were proposed by the R. A. Watt Construction Co., which took out permits for north Torrance construction valued at \$664,000. The Kabakow Co. took out permits for eight apartment houses, with a total value of \$543,000.

Permits for the month included 72 single-family homes, one triplex, 11 apartment houses; 41 alterations; two industrial buildings, 20 garages, five gas stations, two commercial buildings, and six miscellaneous types of building.



DR. HOWARD WOOD  
Named "Silver Beaver"



PAUL SHINODA  
Honored by Scouts

## Scouts Honor Shinoda, Wood

Two Torrance men—one who has no children of his own, but has spent his life in youth work, and one, the second of Japanese ancestry ever to be so honored—were among 18 Scouters given the "for outstanding service to boyhood."

Dr. Howard A. Wood, 1517 El Prado, and Paul Shinoda, 2716 Torrance Blvd., were given the award at the Los Angeles Area Council annual meeting held at the Biltmore Bowl last Tuesday.

Although their backgrounds are quite different, the two men both were cited for their work with Cub and Boy Scouts.

Started in 1920 While a medical student at Yale in 1920, Dr. Wood organized one of the first Boy Scout troops in New Haven, Conn., and has been active in both Scout and youth work ever since.

Although they have no children of their own, both Dr. and Mrs. Wood have always been interested in children, and helped with the education of several children who needed aid. She has been active in the Camp Fire Girls, the Red Cross as a Gray Lady, Crippled Children's Guild, and hospital work.

Now on the Harbor Area Scout Council, Dr. Wood served two years as district chairman and has aided greatly in organizing new troops. He also was active in Boy Scout work in Beaumont and Long Beach before coming here 15 years ago and was a member of the Riverside County Council.

Board President He was likewise one of the prime movers in setting up the Torrance Unified School.

Second Honored A past president of the Japanese-American Citizens League, he is the second member of his race to receive the Silver Beaver Award. He is a director of the Gardena Valley Community Center and active in the Gardena Valley Baptist Church. He and his brothers operate the San Lorenzo Nursery here.

The Shinodas have six children—Paul Jr., a student in plant science at the University of California; David, senior at Torrance High School and area "Hi-Y Boy of the Year"; Carol, THS sophomore and former class president; Mike and Irene, both students at Fern, Greenwood School; and Roxanne, a pre-schooler. Mike is just entering Cubbing.

## Downtown Merchants Name New Directors

Twelve newly-elected directors of the Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce were announced Friday by Charley Gotts, president.

Those elected will serve for one year and will select their officers at the next regular board of directors meeting on Wednesday in the Chamber of Commerce building, Gotts stated.

Those elected as directors include: Paul Diamond, The Gay Shop; Charley Gotts, Eat With Charley; Francis Lee, Bernard's Bootery; Vern Lovelady, Lovelady Hardware; T. E. Moore, Moore's Dress Shop; George M. Naylor, Torrance Hardware; J. H. Paget, J. J. Newberry Co.; Abraham Robinson, Lawson's Jewelers; Ben H. Smith, Torrance Cycle & Sport Shop; O. R. Trueblood, McMahan's Furniture Co.; George Whittlesley, Whittlesley Motors; and William Zappas, Torrance Press.

## Temperatures

	High	Low
Sunday	50	35
Monday	48	30
Tuesday	49	40
Wednesday	58	34
Thursday	60	32
Friday	61	32

**BOOSTERS BOOSTED** . . . Governor Goodwin J. Knight signs proclamation declaring the week of Feb. 3 to 9 as "Chamber of Commerce Week in California" while Roger B. McGinnis, manager of the Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, looks on. McGinnis is chairman of the state-wide observance. Mayor Albert Isen this week issued a proclamation setting aside the week in Torrance.

## Gasping Suspect Arrested

Tear gas was used Saturday to capture a burglary suspect who had taken refuge from police under a house.

Richard T. Lloyd, 22, of Gardena, was taken into custody after he emerged gasping and crying from under a frame house at 17234 Crenshaw Blvd.

He surrendered after a tear gas grenade and shell were fired into the 1½-foot high, enclosed area by Det. Sgt. Ted Morris.

## Suspect Ran

The diminutive (5-foot, 145-pound) Lloyd scurried under the dwelling after he was chased by Officers Jim Foster and Tom Pattishall. They said they saw him leaving a gas station at 17230 Crenshaw Blvd. and that he ran when he spotted their patrol car.

"If you want me, come and get me," police said he shouted in reply to their demands to emerge. Police decided to use the gas since the area was too small for the husky officers and they didn't know if Lloyd was armed.

Window Broken Foster and Pattishall said they saw Lloyd drop a metal box from the station as he fled from them. A window had been broken to gain admission to the station.

The occupants of the house, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Romero, had to spend the night in another home because of the gas fumes that seeped into the building.

## Bullets Change Mind of Fleeing Theft Suspect

A theft suspect who vowed that he'd "rather die" than submit to arrest, changed his mind when officers fired several shots in his direction Wednesday night.

Det. Sgt. Ted Morris and Officer Don Hamilton said that Raymond E. Mosley, 26, of Hawthorne ran from a garage where he was being questioned about an allegedly worthless check he had given to the proprietor.

"I'd rather be killed than go to jail," the officers said he shouted when they ordered him to halt.

But he came to a fast stop when they unlimbered their service revolvers and fired several slugs, one of which went through wooden louvers in a home at 4323 W. 174th St.

The officers had been called to the garage by the proprietor who said he checked with the bank on which Mosley had given him a check to pay a repair bill. The bank had no record of an account by the suspect, officers were told.

Mosley later was found guilty of a theft charge and sentenced to five days in jail.

**IMPORTANT VISITORS** . . . Torrance was honored this week with an official visit from two Sisters high in the Order of the Little Company of Mary who will construct the new \$2,325,000 hospital here. Pictured at the offices of The Herald are (left) Mother M. Genevieve, Provincial for the Order in the United States; Mother Patricia of San Pierre, Indiana, who will be active in supervising construction to start soon; Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, director of Department of Health and Hospitals, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and King Williams, publisher of THE HERALD.

## Progress Report Due Thursday on Hospital Drive

Hailed as the most critical meeting in the current drive for funds to erect the new Little Company of Mary hospital, leaders in the campaign will gather Thursday morning to hear reports on progress of the campaign.

Headquarters spokesmen promise the release of news considered vitally important to all workers and the general public. Leaders in all phases of the effort to assure the new 125-bed hospital for Torrance are urged to attend the meeting at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at the Wayfarers' restaurant, Pacific Coast Hwy. in Lomita.

Presiding at the meeting will be Honorary Chairman Sam Levy and Gerald L. Revell, chairman of the important industrial division. Leaders of the various divisions of the campaign will make reports of their progress to date.

Spurred by the visit this week of high dignitaries of the Little Company of Mary Order, the campaign accelerated into high gear with leaders enthusiastic over support already pledged or promised to the huge building project.

The Little Company of Mary now operate a company of Mary total of more than 100 beds in the United States alone, International headquarters for the order are located in Rome, Italy, with national headquarters at Chicago. The Sisters have constructed or are now operating 40 hospitals throughout the world.

## Several Injured In Auto Crashes

Four-year-old Larry Meseke, of 18803 Patronella Ave., suffered apparently minor injuries when he was struck by a car here Thursday, according to police.

Officers said the youngster evidently dashed into the street at 1907 Border Ave. and was hit by an auto driven by Mrs. Joyce Riggs, 33, of 2013 W. 185th St. The motorist was not held.

Mrs. Ann Walston, 33, of 325 Calle Miramar, was hurt late Wednesday when her auto smashed against two parked cars and then went into a ditch along the 23800 block of Hawthorne Ave. Police said the woman sought treatment from a private physician.

George Hincley, 30, of 1626 W. 213th St., was treated for minor injuries and then jailed on suspicion of drunken driving and driving with a revoked license following a smash-up late Wednesday at 182nd St. and Mansel Ave. The other driver, Clarence McMaster, 29, of Manhattan Beach, was not hurt, officers said.

Shopper hurt Severe injuries were suffered Friday night by Mrs. Juliana Stevens, 65, of 1016 Crenshaw Blvd., when she was struck by an auto as she was walking across Crenshaw Blvd. south of Sierra St.

The woman was rushed to Harbor General Hospital after having been hurled about 50 feet, as she was returning home with an armload of groceries.

Robert Ruth, 17, of 2462 Grand Summit Rd., the motorist, said he didn't see the pe-

## MOMS' MARCH FOR POLIO HITS GOAL

Whoever set the goal for the Torrance Mothers' March for polio, knew what he was doing, as local women collected \$10,024, just \$24 over the goal.

Mrs. Enid Runsted, PTA chairman for the drive, said some 200 women collected funds from persons who left their porch lights on. She thanked all who contributed to the drive.

\$175 Loot Taken From Charles Harris Home Fixtures valued at about \$175 were taken by thieves from his home at 5208 Cathann St., police were informed Thursday by Charles Harris.

He said the loot included an electric fan and a pulverator.