

### Officers Hear About Assault

Assault against Elphage L. Boudreaux, 13, of 4405 Emerald Ave. was reported last week by the boy's father to sheriff's deputies.

The youngster told officers that he was walking near Torrance Blvd. and Henrietta St. when a car containing four teen-aged boys approached him and one of the occupants shouted: "Redondo!"

Thinking that they were cheering their school, Boudreaux shouted back: "Maricosta!"

The car stopped and the youths jumped out. One of them grabbed Boudreaux and held him while the others beat him with their fists, the youth told officers.

Managing to break away, the boy fled to his home, where the sheriff's department was called.

Boudreaux was reported to have suffered lacerations on one hand and a nose bleed. He could offer no identification of his assailants because of the darkness.

### LIBRARY DEDICATION

The dedication of the new library at the corner of 174th and Yukon street was held January 11th. Rose Brown of 3955 West 182nd street is the librarian and gives a most cordial welcome to all visitors who come to inspect the new library. Visiting hours are from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### ADULT CENTER WILL BE BUILT BY CITY WORKERS

Plans for construction of the adult recreation center by city workers was recommended by City Manager George Stevens and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, at a special meeting of the City Council on Tuesday. Last week when bids were submitted to the Council which were far above the \$7500 earmarked for the project by the Recreation Commission, the Torrance Press anticipated exclusively in its columns that all bids would be rejected and that city workers would erect the structure.

At the Council meeting Tuesday, Stevens said: "Construction bids for the adult center are almost 50% higher than the \$7500 earmarked. If bids are too high," he said, "it is our privilege to reject them, and then we can construct the center ourselves."

At this point Bartlett pointed out: "If we build the center ourselves, we can purchase plumbing at less than cost. National Supply has offered us free pillars."

Bartlett said that the city could build the structure at less than \$7500.

**ADULT CENTER**

"I believe we should build our own adult center," said Stevens. "I'll make a further study and give the Council a report at its next meeting."

In all the Council has received ten bids. The lowest one was for \$11,281 submitted by Walter Witman. The highest bid submitted was by Beckner Construction for \$17,385.75.

### Harbor Trains Nursing Staff

Harbor General Hospital is in need of nurses to adequately staff the hospital facilities. A. L. Thomas, director, reported today.

With the usual increase in the number of patients during the winter season, Thomas said, the nursing staff is hard-pressed to perform its services.

To help, the director said, the hospital is offering refresher courses in nursing to graduate nurses, who have been out of the profession for some time and want to return.

Beginning Feb. 11, the courses will be taught at the hospital, with Mrs. Frances Scott, director of nurses, in charge of the refresher program.

### Death Believed To Be Suicide

An apparent suicide, Fred W. Schwartz, 49, of 250 E. 220th St., was found dead beside his auto in Palos Verdes, last Friday, Lennox sheriff's deputies reported.

The body was propped up against a tree, officers said, and a shotgun was lying across the victim's lap. He had sustained a severe gunshot wound in the head.

## Kiwanis Install Paul Loranger

Installation of Paul Loranger as the new President of the Kiwanis Club of Torrance took place at a dinner-dance meeting held at the Virginia Country Club, last Saturday. Other officers installed at the same time included Charles Ragsdale, first vice-president; Charles Wallace, second vice-president; and Angus McVicar, secretary.

Outgoing president was Parke Montague.

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**LOMITA**

The Theta Rho Firefly Girls Club held their semi-monthly meeting January 16th in the California Hall. A nice attendance was present. A class of candidates will soon be initiated. All girls are urged to keep in mind the meetings and plan to attend as many as possible.

**Gulley Cut by Rain and Storm**

Torrance and Lomita were running a water race in the recent storm that really played havoc with all flat areas.

Runoff water from last Saturday's storm carried silt into several garages and a home in the Hollywood Riviera section, it was reported today at City Hall.

The deluge cut a deep gully in a hillside in the easterly portion of the tract, covered an unpaved portion of Avenida Avezado and then swept into the structures, it was stated.

City crews labored diverting as much of the flow as possible and were on duty throughout most of the week end to keep down inundation throughout most of the city.

Here is the rain table for Torrance and Lomita:

	storm season last yr.	
Torrance	1.27	6.96 1.57
Lomita	1.73	6.89 3.82

**HARBOR CITY**

The Past Noble Grands Club met at the home of Mrs. Hattie Schroeder at 26235 Ozone avenue Wednesday, January 16th. This was a day meeting and a nice attendance was present. Mesdames Georgia Tappin and Thelma Whitacre were co-hostesses.

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