

### Building Permits Jump Million Over Year Ago

Building permits issued during the month of March totaled \$747,841. This figure brings the year's total construction valuation up to \$4,523,791. This represents an increase of nearly a million dollars over last year's total for the first quarter.

Construction was started on 17 homes on Faysmith Ave., Sheffield Homes, Inc., the builders of the new residences, report that each home is valued at \$10,000.

Nine homes, valued at \$7000 each, were begun in March by Leo Shanahan and Sons. The buildings are on West 182nd St. Harlan Cross, Inc., began the construction of six \$7200 residences on Sierra Place.



Moving right along in their expansion program is Paramount Building Supply Co., at 3401 Torrance Blvd. Paramount Nursery is the new feature of their growing business. Owned and managed by Tom Ward, the new nursery supply store is fully equipped to serve the needs of all green thumbs in the Torrance area. A complete line of gardening supplies, seeds, fertilizers, and garden tools is on display now, in time for spring planting and landscaping. Ward is also the owner of Keystone Garden Supply at 1029 W. Carson St. This store is managed by his wife, Agnes.

### JayCee District 12 Hosts May Catalina Convention

District 12 of the California Junior Chamber of Commerce of which Torrance is a part, will sponsor the 26th annual state convention to be held May 8-11 at Avalon on Catalina Island, according to Torrance convention representative, Howard Percy.



Howard Percy is the Torrance Junior Chamber convention representative. The conclave is scheduled for May 8-11, and is one of the highlights of the year for Junior Chambers throughout the state. This is the 26th annual state convention of the organizations.

Torrance, Inglewood, El Segundo, Redondo, Wilmington, and San Pedro.

This, said Percy, is the first time in California Junior Chamber history that a district will sponsor the state convention. In the past the larger clubs whose cities had facilities to handle big crowds, did the sponsoring and brought the laurels that go with a convention to their cities. District 12, with its small clubs, banded together to get the convention and, for the past two years have been preparing and planning for it.

According to Percy there are over 100 Jaycee clubs in California, and attendance at the convention is expected to exceed 1000, which will make it one of the largest Junior Chamber gatherings ever held in the state.

Torrance's part in the convention, stated Percy, will be entertainment, as well as helping on the overall program. District

### Walteria Father Arrested On Grand Theft Charges

Torrance Police officers R. E. Wright and Tom Pattishal last Thursday morning surprised one Jacob Zitzer as he loaded his car with items taken from Withrow's Cafe on Pacific Coast Highway in Walteria, according to a report from police headquarters.

At least three recent burglaries were cleared up with the arrest of the 33-year-old father, it was indicated.

Mrs. Arthur James, of 24051 Neece Avenue, called police at 4:00 a.m. after she and her husband watched the suspect cart the items from the cafe.

Wright and Pattishal arrested Zitzer, who is now in jail awaiting his preliminary hearing before City Judge Otto B. Willett next Friday.

It was reported by Capt. E. Ashton that Zitzer told the arresting officers that he owned the building, and was taking the fixtures and merchandise because the owner of the cafe owed him \$900.

James, who is reportedly the owner of the building having the cafe, denied Zitzer statement.

An investigation of the suspect's home at 3618 Newton St., revealed food and merchandise said to be valued at more than \$5,000.

Police said that some of the items were identified as those stolen from the Fish Shanty on Jan. 31.

Other items were said to have been taken from a ranch market at Torrance boulevard and Hawthorne Ave., on Feb. 17.

A load of freshly iced vegetables, believed taken earlier in the night from a produce truck, were found in the suspect's house, police said.

Judge Willett set bail at \$2,500.

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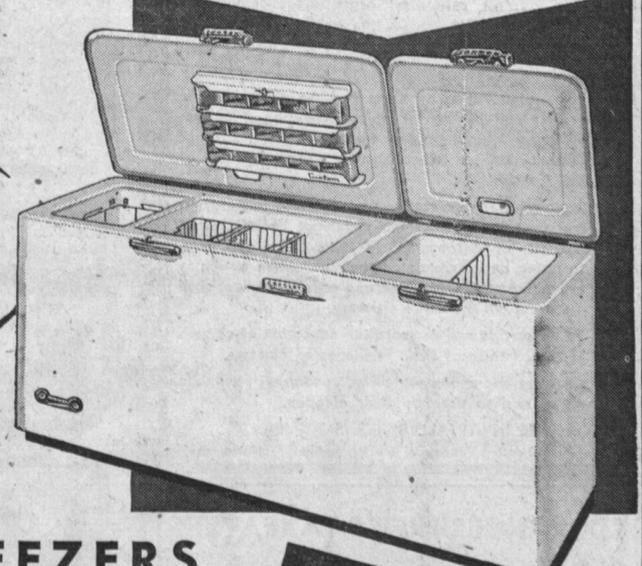
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