

Editorial

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 since that survey was made, and if the city had acted then, the problem facing the community now would have been half licked.
 But, instead, we have made recreation a political football.
 A number of city officials seem to have the attitude "we want to do the job, but we want the schools to furnish the playground, the equipment, the money and to be responsible for all those things." This, in our opinion, is not being realistic.

Such a program would be comparable to the 10 cents per \$100 assess avluation collected in Torrance from 1926 to 1947 as a "recreation and music fund." Did it go to "recreation and

music?" Look up the records, and find out to your disappointment where it did go.
 That 10 cents per \$100 now would produce in excess of \$60,000 per year for recreation, enough to provide parks, playgrounds, adult and children's play programs night, day, vacation and during the school months, throughout the year — if properly handled and properly directed.
 Let's get down to business.
 We say the city has had enough time to plan and build a program. Let's be fair to the people and give the schools a chance — at least a look-in. Let us have a good, coordinated school and city recreation program — for the people, the kids and adults — not as a political football.

Red Cross Drive for Funds Begins Today

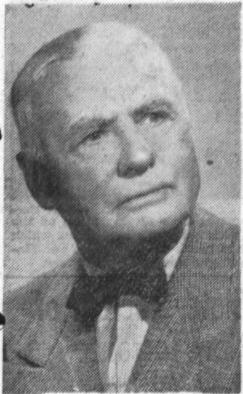
Torrance Red Cross residential volunteers will kick off their 1953 fund raising drive at 10 a.m. today at a meeting at the YWCA building, 2320 Carson.
 Residential chairman Mrs. James H. Van Dyck predicts a fast campaign, and stresses the need for generous contributions from local residents.
 Mrs. Van Dyck this week also announced the appointment of two more residential colonels to help lead the campaign. They are Mrs. Dale Sutton, 3743 W. 176th Street, and Mrs. Isaac Isaacson, 17326 Glenburn.
 Small business workers had their final planning meeting Monday at the home of their chair-

Award Bid ...

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Administrators Praised
 The Board lauded the achievements of the school administrators for the speed and economy with which much-needed elementary schools are being built here.
 Because of the tremendous growth in population here, school officials have been faced with the problem of building new schools far more rapidly than most school districts.
 This problem has been met with great success by school administrators, Board members declared.
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James Wrinkle Dies After Long Illness

Funeral rites for James Sarsfield Wrinkle, 81, of 1414 Cravens ave., were conducted yesterday at Stone and Myers Chapel here. Interment followed at the Roosevelt Park Cemetery.
 Mr. Wrinkle, who was president of the Roosevelt Park Cemetery Association, died following a long illness on Feb. 28. A native of Dalton, Georgia, he came to Torrance two years ago.
 He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Belle Wrinkle, of the Cravens address; a son, Darron Charles Wrinkle, of Manhattan Beach; and a sister, Mrs. W. S. Bagby, of Malibu Beach.

LICENSED DRIVERS
 There are 62,193,495 car drivers in the United States.

Vacation Planning Data Now Available at Local Chamber

The recent heavy snowfalls in the mountain regions of Southern California has increased the demand for descriptive pamphlets of the various mountain areas, especially those with winter sports facilities, according to Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Isenberg reminds Torrance citizens that the Chamber has a large supply of literature from the various resorts and that the pamphlets are easily available at the Chamber.

"We have at the present time on hand several hundred pamphlets describing points of interest up and down the West Coast from Canada to Mexico which will be a help to persons who are starting to plan their vacation tours early," he stated.

"We also have available some literature for overnight and weekend jaunts to the mountains, seashore and desert. Time tables for the major airlines, local and na-

Drum Corps

Jim Bell, nationally-known band drummer, will act as director-teacher of the drum corps now being formed by Bettie Thomas, of the Bettie Thomas Studio.
 The drum corps is being established to offer Torrance youths from the age of ten years and up a chance to acquire a musical education and to enjoy an organized recreation activity with their friends, Mrs. Thomas said.

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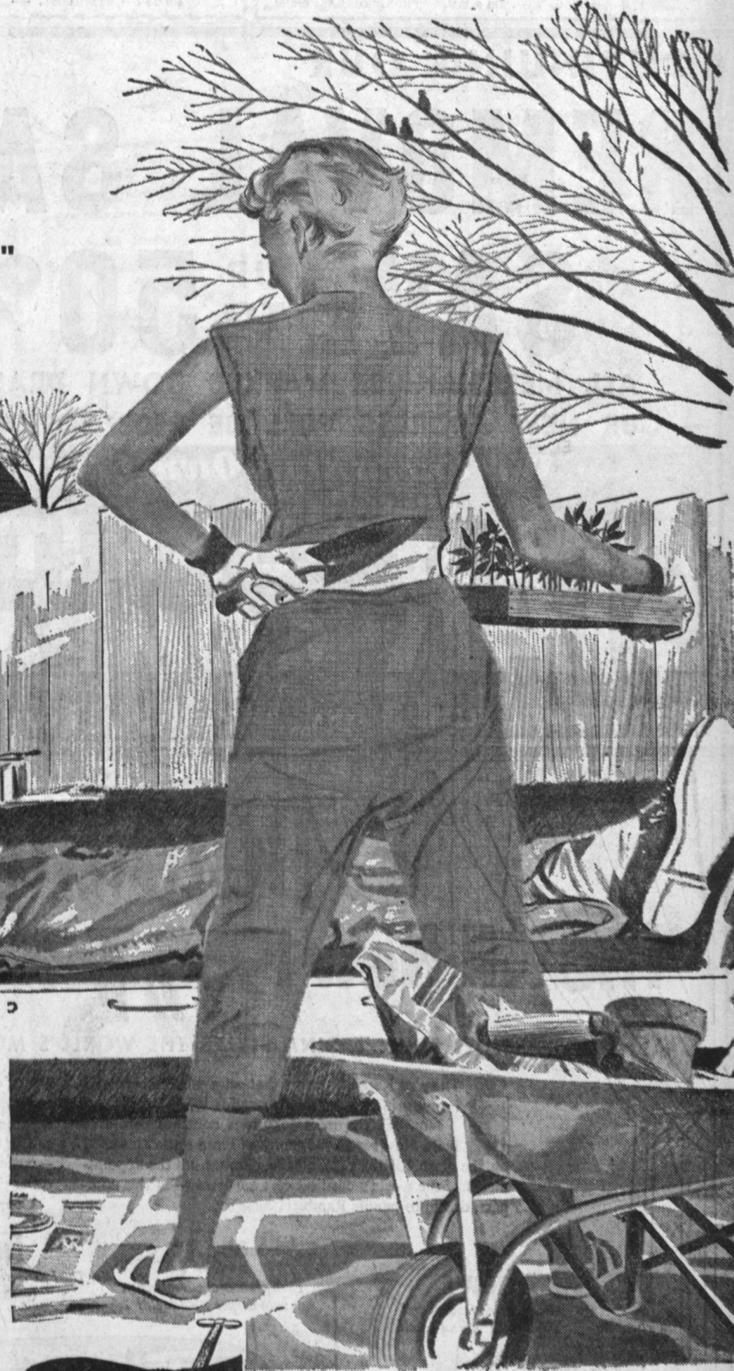
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