

BIG CARPET PLANT HERE SOON

Largest Factory in West

It was disclosed yesterday that the largest cotton loom factory west of the Mississippi will be constructed shortly in the Torrance area.

Construction on the Adamo Company is scheduled to begin May 30 and is expected to be ready to begin production this fall, reliable sources have it.

The factory will be built on a site at 190th street and Vermont avenue. The project is already out of escrow.

About 160 workers will be employed in the new plant which will be capable of manufacturing full-width cotton boucle carpeting, which is considered to be one of its outstanding achievements. The goods will be made of wool, cotton, and synthetics, it was disclosed.

Shumaker Case Will Be Appealed

Edith May Foster, also known as Edith May Shumaker, will appeal the decision handed down by the Superior Court of the State of California which awarded Walter "Barefoot" Shumaker \$9383.16 of the close to \$30,000 which he originally sought. Collamer Bridge, attorney for Mrs. Shumaker stated.

The court's notice of decision states that "the evidence in this case in my (Judge William J. Palmer) opinion provide an adequate basis for a judgment of rescission."

Bridge maintains that this statement also applies to the charges made against his client. It was on the above basis that Charles T. Rippey Jr. and their families were completely exonerated of having bought and claiming property which Walter Shumaker now tried to claim. The property purchase was said to have been legally correct in every respect, it was stated.

According to Mrs. Shumaker's attorney, the case against his client is one of all or nothing at all. Bridge maintains that the \$9383 awarded Shumaker is a compromise gesture, representing partial compensation since there was no basis for awarding the total amount claimed. The attorney declared that since there was no basis for claiming that fraudulent action had been committed, no compensation of any sort is permissible.

The findings of the court will be worked out in about two weeks, Bridge stated. He will have ten days then to serve notice of appeal.

Many Groups Pitch In to Combat Polio

Extensive plans have been made for the anti-polio drive officially scheduled for May 4 to 14. The drive is sponsored by the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation of Southern California, Inc., 3026 Torrance Blvd., according to Mrs. Grace Osborne, Torrance chairman for the drive.

Mrs. Osborne states that she has contacted individuals and groups and that all have declared themselves willing to cooperate in the campaign.

Those contacted successfully in business, government, and industry so far are: Dr. J. H. Hull, su-

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UNION UNDER CONTROL

Barclay Mitchell, Retail Clerks International Association deputy supervisor and temporary secretary-treasurer of Local 905, this week reiterated that the local union is in firm control by the International and that it will remain under International supervision for many weeks, or perhaps months.



BARCLAY MITCHELL

Efforts of Haskell Tidwell, removed as secretary-treasurer, several weeks ago, to gain support looking toward reinstatement are of no effect, it was pointed out, although the movement is being watched closely. The action of a small group of Local 905 members, it was said, will only strengthen the hold of the International on the local, and lengthen the period of its control.

Mitchell also declared that employers are cooperating to the fullest, and that there is complete understanding regarding contractual obligations between the union and the Harbor Area Employers' Council, the representatives of the employers in negotiating and handling of grievances under the various contracts with Local 905. "We find no evidence of 'chisling' and we do not expect any," he said.

perintendent of schools; D. L. Hyde of Columbia Steel; Arthur D. Freshman of National Electric; Chief John Stroh of the Torrance police department; Chief J. J. Benner of the Torrance fire department. (Continued on Page 6)

FINAL ATTEMPT MADE TO PROCURE LOCAL ARMORY

House Razed By Fire

"I never thought this would happen," said Fred Wertalla of 2321 233rd st. as he viewed the scarred skeleton remains of what had once been his home.

While firemen trained their hoses on the smoking structure, Wertalla tried to account for what had happened—but couldn't. The fire department chalked up the incident to faulty wiring for the time being.

"Total loss" was what the fire department wrote down on its records. Wertalla said that he carried no insurance whatever on his belongings and that the house, which belonged to his sister-in-law, Edith Wertalla, was only insured for about \$200.

"I'm glad that someone saved my car," murmured the contractor. (Continued on Page 2)



FIREMEN BATTLE BLAZE at 2321 - 233rd st. Fred Wertalla, resident, lost all his belongings in a mysterious fire which broke out at his home while he was away. Only the car was saved.

Civitan Club Organizes In Area

With Dr. Courtney Shropshire, of Phoenix, founder of Civitan International, and district officers present, the Torrance Civitan Club was organized at a dinner meeting Tuesday evening in Hollywood Riviera Beach Club.

Temporary officers of Torrance Civitans are Frank S. Selover, chairman, Robert A. Owens, secretary, and Charles I. Creelius, treasurer.

Lieutenant Governor Clyde Potter, of Los Angeles, opened the meeting, and introduced Governor Elect A. J. Moe, of San Pedro. Presidents of the two organizations, Frank Sunstadt, of Long Beach, and Sam Mannino, of San Pedro, pledged full assistance and cooperation in carrying the Torrance Civitan Club on through its charter night and until it is firmly established. The group will meet next Wednesday, May 13, at 8:30 in the Hollywood Athletic club, and weekly thereafter on an evening to be chosen by the majority. In addition to the temporary of-

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Write Thomas In Final Try

Unless Torrance acts now to get its armory, the possibility of again having a chance to get one is very remote. Since May of last year, the Torrance Press has reminded its readers periodically of the need and advantages of such an armory.

Since it is absolutely necessary to get action on this issue at this moment before the California state legislature winds up its activities, the people of Torrance are asked to write or wire their representative, The Honorable Vincent Thomas, California State Assembly, Sacramento, California, or to drop in at the Torrance Press office at 1406 Cravens ave. to sign the following letter which is being sent to Thomas:

May 5, 1953

The Honorable Vincent Thomas California State Assembly Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Thomas: Because the birth or death of the Torrance armory is at stake at this very moment, we, the undersigned, would like to appeal to you to help us in seeing that the deadline for building the California National Guard armory in Torrance will not be passed up without action.

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Board May Purchase Land Soon

There was talk at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night about picking up additional acreage so that the school service units—administrative offices, bus depot, facilities—can expand with the demands made by an increasing population.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent stated that if the board were to think about a future administration site for the future location of the school service units, the time to think about this would never be better than now.

The project is still in a stage of informal discussion but it was generally agreed that now was the time to buy land cheaply.

Stores to Stay Open for Late Gift Shoppers

If you're having a tough time trying to find "just the right thing" for a Mother's Day Gift, you'll have a little extra time to shop around in Torrance this week.

Most of the larger downtown Torrance stores are remaining open until 9 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday evening to accommodate late shoppers.

Lavish displays featuring anything from the most practical to the most frivolous, all designed for Mom on her day, await thrifty shoppers in downtown Torrance stores this week-end.

Crazy Prices!

Thrifty housewives will have a chance to look at their shopping budget through rose-tinted glasses today when they turn to the special rose-colored page in this issue of the Torrance Press.

Beginning today and for the rest of the month of May, leading Torrance merchants will advertise guaranteed values in boxed specials for Thursday, Friday and Saturday only.

Every item appearing on the special page will be below, or near wholesale price. For real bargain values turn now to page seven. It's convenient, slip it out and bring it downtown with you today.

Lieutenant In Japan

Army Second Lt. John U. Tachihara, whose wife, Maria, lives at 25931 Oak st., Lomita, recently completed a course in chemical warfare at the Eta Jima Specialist School in Japan.

The two-week course is designed to teach defenses against chemical, bacteriological and radiological warfare.

Lieutenant Tachihara, a former student at Lake Forest College, entered the Army in June 1944.

He is the son of Mrs. Hatsuki Tachihara of Goleta, Calif.

Honor Supervisor At Dinner

Burton W. Chace, fourth district supervisor of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, was greeted by local dignitaries last week at a dinner given at the Smith Bros. Fish Shanty, 4024 Pacific Coast Highway by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Those attending the dinner were: Donald Armstrong, Stan Briggs, Clara A. Conner, Henry W. Creeger, Nicholas Drale, Gerald M. Eastman, M.D., Marvin Goettsch, Bob L. Haggard, Dr. J. H. Hull, W. Dale Isenberg, Otto A. Kresse, Harriet Leech, Sam Levy, Paul Loranger, Commander William A. Mason, USN, Ret.; Al Muir, Read H. Parkin, Darwin Parrish, Robert I. Plomert Jr., Elvin Schoonover, Mervin M. Schwab, Dean L. Sears, George Stevens, William H. Tolson, Jack White, William R. Zappas, M. L. Owens and William A. Zoeller.

Sunshine Report

If you haven't melted yet you might be interested to know that it really was hot yesterday—officially! The maximum temperature was 94 degrees dropping off to a not so cool 87 degrees about 3:30 p.m. The minimum temperature for yesterday was 54 degrees. Two grass fires were reported.

Woman Says Bed Gone

"... and then my bed was gone!" exclaimed Mrs. Harry W. Gaudineer of 1844 256th st.

She was not phoning in a theft complaint to the police when she made that statement.

Nor did she mistake the Torrance Press office for the police when she called in with such excitement.

Mrs. Gaudineer simply called to tell the Press how happy she was regarding the swiftness with which her bed was sold, after she decided to advertise in the Press Classifieds.

Her successful ad was simple and short:

USED SIMMONS hospital bed, 835, Lomita 302-W, 1844 256th st., Lomita.

Why not give it a try yourself?

THS Production To Play at College

Drama students from several high schools, including Torrance high, will participate in a One Act Play Festival to be given at the college Friday afternoon, May 8. The plays will run from noon to 5 p.m. The event is open to the public, it was stated.

The Torrance high school play to be performed is "The Valiant," starring Jim Crane, Dewayne Lund, Bob Hopkins, Janet Williamson, Sue Snyder (understudy), Marshall Pulvers, and Ronnie Jadin. It was reported.

The story is one of a convicted murderer who refuses to reveal his identity.



OFFICER H. B. INGRAM, right, accepts a dollar from Sgt. Swayne Johnson for the present polo drive while Mrs. Grace Osborne, Torrance chairman, looks on gratefully. Officer Ingram, who was a victim of the crippling disease as a child, volunteered to act as drive chairman for the police department when Mrs. Osborne received Chief John Stroh's permission to solicit funds.



DE SIMONE'S MARKET, conveniently located at 701 N. Pacific Coast Highway in Redondo Beach, this week will begin bringing their advertised grocery, produce and meat specials to Torrance residents. Noting the rapid growth of the western section of Torrance, the market has instituted a policy of presenting their budget buys to local shoppers. De Simone's market ad appears on pages four and five.