



# STATE TO END SUMP HAZARD

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**GOLD MINE . . . of violations!** This Crabtree and Zingg oil well and property at 223rd St. and Pennsylvania Ave. illustrates the type of situation the city is constantly on the look-out for and which should be remedied permanently with the forthcoming State survey. Fire Chief J. J. Benner points to the weed growth which is a fire hazard and which is against the law, while Land Use Plan Investigator George Powell and License Inspector Cy Weber inspect the newly forming sump, which is the result of oil, rather than water, spilling out of tanks or fenced sumps. City officials also watch for other violations, such as debris, old timber, improperly abandoned wells.

### Present Disposal Methods to Cease

Dangerous and disagreeable sump conditions in and around Torrance will soon be a thing of the past. Water Pollution Engineer Carl Johnston of the California State Water Pollution Control Board stated this week that an industrial waste survey is about to be launched in this area.

**Solution**  
Following the survey, well-owners and industries will be approached with recommendations to solve the sump situation through one of four ways: draining the brine into the sewers; reinjecting it into the ground through abandoned wells (the most common); carrying it off in tank trucks; or evaporation.  
At present, lake-like sump holes are found all over the oil fields. The sump problem has been a serious one in this area and it was this paper which first called attention to the deplorable conditions and dangers. Open sumps, which often look deceptively like firm land, have been a constant hazard to children and animals roaming the fields. Once caught in a sump, one needs quick help in getting out of the sticky downward-pulling black substance.

### Hogs Cited As Cause of Pin Worms

Pin worms may very well be caused by the fly menace coming from the hog farms and garbage dumping exposed last week.  
Arthur E. Allen, 1024 Maple ave., recently stated before the Planning Commission that his children had been sick and treated by Dr. Earl Ryan of Long Beach, who diagnosed their illness as pin worms, very likely caused by flies contaminating the food.  
Allen lives only a few hundred yards from the field which was used for unlawful garbage dumping purposes by the nearby Foley hog ranch. Flies and odors which disturbed Maple st. residents were traced to this area by George Powell, land use plan investigator.

### Legion Raises Protest Over School Names

An all out effort to name Torrance schools after deceased veterans of the second World War was begun this week when the American Legion Bert L. Crossland Post 170 lodged formal protest against the present method of choosing names for the new schools, Legion Board members started the ball rolling at the regular executive board meeting Monday night, and it is expected that the V.F.W. and Disabled Veterans will join with them.

Protest was based upon the fact that new schools in the district are being named after former school board members who are still living, and that this honor rightly belongs to the young men who gave their lives during the last World War.

A committee to include Bob Lewellen, C. E. Younken, and Vernon Coil was appointed to appear before the Torrance School Board at their regular meeting next Tuesday night and present the complaint.

### Man Molests Girl; Brought Into Court

Andrew Rabel, 69, was taken to court yesterday on a child-molestering charge.  
Rabel, who lives at 1628 Madrid, told Detective Captain Ernie Ashton that he handled the body of a little nine-year-old girl but did not mean her any harm. When asked, he said that he had had nothing to do with women for ten years and did not know what came over him.  
Rabel was out on \$1500 bail. He was arraigned yesterday in the South Bay Municipal Court.

# 'Give 'Em Ol' Ned' Get Rid of Hogs

DINNER FOR (A) KING

### Make Big Plans for Reception

Cecil King, representative of the 17th Congressional district, will be the focal point of a gala homecoming dinner being planned by the Torrance Democrats, Inc., for August 29 or the early part of September.  
Very famous national dignitaries and most of the state dignitaries will be present at the affair, working in conjunction with Mrs. Ella Schwartz, dinner (Continued on Page 2)

### Inspiration, Humor Mark Teacher-Tour

It was hard to decide what experiences were the most inspiring on the teacher-hour of historical places, but the group was pretty much agreed as to what episodes were the most amusing, according to Ross Sciarrotta, Sr., the Long Beach State College instructor and teacher-tour guide organizer.  
Sciarrotta mentioned how a woman in the group appeared on a radio program—"The Phrase that Pays." When asked why she was in the east, she stated that she was on a vacation. But where is your husband? she was asked, to which she replied, "I told you, I'm on a vacation."  
The other humorous episode happened in Vice-President R. Nixon's office when one of the teachers wanted to know "who that man was whose picture appeared on the wall." "That man" happened to be President D. Eisenhower. The light reflection seemed to have had something to do with the error.  
Officials at Long Beach State College were enthused over the trip's success and Sciarrotta spent two full days with college administrators recounting his experiences. The college will give a great deal of publicity now to this successful and unprecedented undertaking which served as a summer course for which credit was given.  
Sciarrotta is sure that one of the sights which impressed everyone on the trip was the United Nations. The different national character of each of the rooms; the five official languages into which the sessions are translated; and above all, the one room which had been left purposely unfinished to remind the members and the world that the United Nations must be thought of always as a workshop—these things left a deep effect upon the group.  
The teacher-caravan also had lunch with the UN delegates.  
Washington, D. C. was likewise very impressive. The group attended sessions in the Senate and (Continued on Page 2)



**SADDER BUT WISER . . .** Beaugard— or, Beau, if you like— did not think that bad dogs would pick on good dogs if good dogs just minded their own business. But Beau's young heart learned that even though you do not seek out evil, evil sometimes seeks you out. The particular form of evil which attacked the gentle Beaugard was a cruel and vicious 60-pound boxer. As his mistress, Mrs. Geraldine Wickham, carries Beau out of the hospital, profound bewilderment as to the ways of life seems to have settled upon the face of the shocked, little terrier.

### BEAUREGARD

Beaugard—"Beau" for short—learned last Sunday that there is Good and Evil not only in the human world but in the dog world as well.  
Beau, a gentle blue-gray Bedlington terrier, never as much as said "pooh" to man or beast.  
He would trot peacefully next to his mistress, Mrs. Geraldine Wickham or Miss Nell Johnson, and was happy to live and let live.  
Sunday night, Beau's idyllic, uneventful life was brought abruptly to an end when the force of evil, in the form of a boxer, entered his world.  
Beau was just crossing Five Points with his mistress, Mrs. Geraldine Wickham, in order to return home to the Brighton Hotel at Cabrillo and Carson.  
Suddenly, out of nowhere, a 60-pound, chestnut-colored boxer jumped Beau from the rear, clamping his heavy jaws on the little terrier's back, tearing viciously into the little animal's body.  
Dog and mistress screamed. No sooner had Mrs. Wickham torn the boxer from Beau than the ruthless animal was on Beau's throat, sinking his teeth into it and shaking it, till the blood flowed freely.  
Such was the dog's strength, that he dragged Mrs. Wickham five to six feet across the street, flat on her back.  
Only through the kindness of a passing motorist who stopped to help did Beau come out alive. Mrs. Wickham said she did not even have a chance to thank the gentleman for releasing the boxer's grip, so concerned was she to get her little terrier to safety within the hotel. She would like to thank him personally now if he would get in touch with her.  
Beaugard was badly ripped on both sides. He had three bad gashes on the back, side, and neck and was rushed to the Harbor Animal Hospital for surgery. The little terrier suffered greatly from shock and was put under sedatives.  
Mrs. Wickham stated that the chestnut-colored boxer has been seen running loose in that general area for some time. The damage, as far as her own dog— (Continued on Page 2)

### Council Winks At Homeowners

While hogs and homeowners clashed last week and are still clashing, the City Council also indicated Tuesday night that it was through playing footsie with the hogs. Attitudes rather than actions revealed as much.  
Leading the group in humor and punchiness was Councilman Willys Blount who thrust forth with the following remarks:  
**Glad to Hear Noise**  
"Gentlemen, I for one am glad to hear some noise. Let's not stop. Let's have a lot of it. It's time we realize that we're no longer boys but grown-up men. I've heard of hogs and dairies for four years now. Now that we know where all the trouble is coming from, let's do something. (and addressing himself to a representative of the complaining homeowners) In the vernacular of the uncouth—"Give 'em ol' Ned!"  
There was fast, furious, and spontaneous applause from the floor.  
The hog-issue was raised about two weeks ago when a group of Maple St. homeowners went to the Planning Commission to complain of the terrible odors and flies which apparently came from the hog ranches which are only a few hundred yards away.  
**Mayor's Comment**  
Mayor Mervin Schwab also indicated in his folksy manner that he was sympathetic to the homeowners' cause. He told of taking his wife out for a ride in the area recently and concluded that this was one trip which his wife did not enjoy.  
When contacted later, Councilman Victor Benstead said that he was sure that the Council was greatly concerned about the matter and that it intended to do something about the hogs.  
In the meantime the meeting of the Planning Commission committee with the hog ranch owners and dairy men took place last night. Each group met separately with the committee because the problems were different.  
The Foley hog ranch was singled out as a particular violator in recent weeks. Odors and flies which have been plaguing the residential area in the vicinity of Torrance Blvd. and Maple have come from illegal garbage dumping practices carried out in near-by fields.  
The County Health Department will investigate the fields to see whether it should recommend plowing the garbage under or spraying the area. The Department still wants to consider whether or not too much garbage would be stirred up through plowing or whether the spraying would be sufficient for getting rid of the odor.  
A gradual dismantling of the farms would take about five years. Foley has already declared to Powell that he will start curtailment measures within the next 90 days. He is moving a lot of his stock and equipment to his ranch in the north. The extent of the curtailment operation was not disclosed.

### Dull-Seeming Page Hides Vivid Story

I am the Classified Page. I am the step-child of the newspaper world for I am called dull and homely.  
But like the soul and all deep things, mine is a hidden beauty and fascination.  
Every item on my page is a story that reaches into a human home and stems from a human heart.  
**FOR SALE, FOR RENT, TRADE, WANTED**—the words sound matter-of-fact. But the pet which is being sought, the family car which is for sale, the back room which is for rent for the first time, the tricycle which has outlived its purpose, the odds and ends which must be gotten rid of, the job which is looked for so hopefully or desperately—throb with human romance.  
I am the Classified Page which reaches into the homes of the people and permits them to voice their needs and wishes.  
I, and I alone, can make this claim for no other medium shares my function and no other medium can supplant me.  
As long as there are people, I am immortal.  
I am the Classified Page.

### GOP Gets Set for Campaign

Republicans of the 68th Assembly District, including Torrance, Lomita, San Pedro, Wilmington and the Keystone-Dominguez area, are already undertaking plans for an active campaign during the 1954 election year, according to Frank S. Selover, chairman of the Republican Central Committee for the 68th District, and executive vice president of the 68th District Republican Assembly.  
Voters will elect a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Assemblyman from all districts, 30 members of Congress, a United States Senator, and State Senators next year.  
Selover said that the Republican organizations of the 68th, in addition to assisting in the statewide elections, will concentrate on the nomination and election of a Congressman from the 17th district. (Continued on Page 2)

### Third Charge Filed Against H. Tidwell

One more charge, in addition to the two already pressed, has been filed against Haskell Tidwell who was accused of threatening Wallace Elliott, president of the San Pedro Retail Clerks Union, with a gun at Elliott's home, June 28.  
In addition to the charges of assault and brandishing a gun, a third charge, that of carrying a concealed weapon, has been filed, it was announced.  
Tidwell, who pleaded not guilty to the assault and gun-brandishing charges, asked for a jury trial which will be held a week from today, August 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the South Bay Municipal Court. (Continued on Page 2)



**TEACHER-CARAVAN VISITS VICE-PRESIDENT . . .** Ross Sciarrotta, (second from left), the modern-day pied piper who guided a group of teachers on a tour of historical places in America, here introduces his group to the Vice-President. Sciarrotta's group was greeted with great enthusiasm and interest wherever he went. The Long Beach State College instructor introduced this tour as a special summer school course this year and has received high commendation for his imaginativeness. Standing next to Sciarrotta in the picture is Craig Hosmer, U. S. representative from Long Beach.

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