

Blue Ribbon Winner  
Mrs. A. Segura of 1846 Reynosa drive, won a blue ribbon at the 1954 Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona for a needlepoint picture. The work was displayed in the domestic arts exhibit.

### Many Instructional Materials Available

Torrance schools attempt to provide all possible instructional materials for pupils. From the state, the district secures basic texts for most subjects taught in the elementary school. Basic texts for all subjects are purchased by the district for high school pupils.

A district warehouse is maintained which supplies all schools with basic materials such as pencils, paper, art supplies and classroom equipment.

The district provides a library for the high school and a central library for the elementary schools. The central library has a variety of materials available to teachers upon request, which include over 60,000 books covering the various subject areas; 800 film strips on educational topics; 300 records for rhythms and music instruction; 4600 mounted pictures; 150 models; as well as science kits, reading and arithmetic games.

This library is one of the prized assets of the district and greatly appreciated by teachers. Many other districts have come to Torrance to study this facility.

Instructional films are provided for classes through a contract with the Audio Visual Department of the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools. Over 3000 of these films are used in Torrance during a school year.

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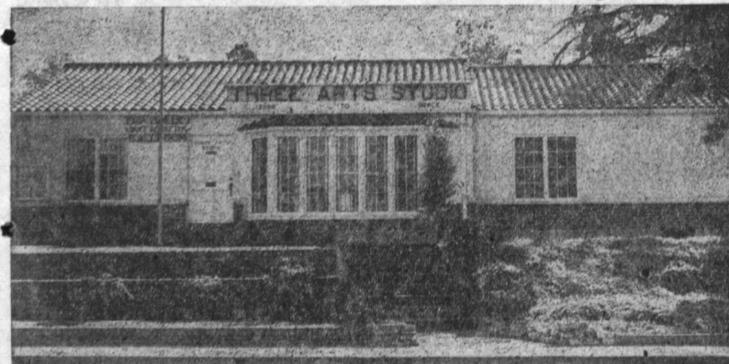
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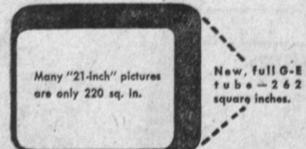
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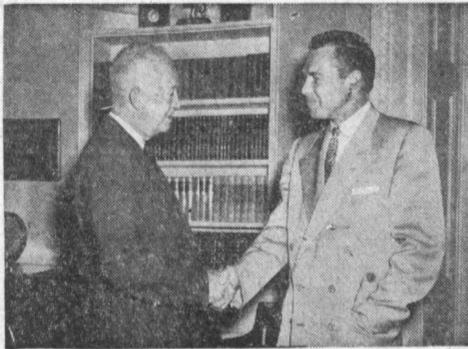
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PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER extends his greetings to Bob Finch, 17th District Congressional nominee, at the White House recently. Finch praised the Eisenhower legislative program, and pledged his support to it if elected to Congress on Nov. 2.

### New Foreign Dances Will Be Shown By Three Arts

The Three Arts Dance Studio will open its fall term next Monday, September 27. The studio, located at 2252 West Carson street in Torrance, will offer tap, modern ballet, and ballroom, with many new dances having been added by Martha Jane and Edward Thomas Rickard, dancers and instructors at the studio.

The Rickards have been studying and teaching dancing in New York, and have recently returned from a European junket which enabled them to learn firsthand native and folk dances of Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, and Spain. They also crossed the Mediterranean into Africa, where they studied the Arabic dances of Spanish and French Morocco.

While in Europe this dancing couple were guest teachers in London and Paris, and throughout their itinerary they found the native people most interested in learning the dances of the United States.

One of the many interesting facets of their trip was the study of the Tarantella, a Neapolitan folk dance. This dance, originating as a cure for the tarantula's venomous bite, was studied by the Rickards on Capri, the famed isle off the coast of Italy. In dancing the Tarantella, special hand cymbals are used, and the couple have brought back some of the cymbals from Italy for their students.

The discovery that an authentically dressed doll is the answer to the costume problem, the Rickards have built up a collection of dolls from their travels. They also take notes and colored motion pictures of the different dancing customs. Says Mrs. Rickard, "We've learned that it's easier to teach a student when we can tell him the story behind a certain dance."

Previous trips made by the Rickards include Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean countries, and the Hawaiian Islands; all of which added to their repertoire of foreign dances.

### Chest Fair Share Plan Endorsed

Prospective Community Chest donors this year should find the answer to the long-existing question, "How much shall I give?" in the Chest's new "Fair Share Plan," according to a statement issued by Mrs. Ella Schwartz this week.

The City Chairman wholeheartedly supported Area Chairman Tommy Thompson's endorsement of the new donation plan for Torrance and the Harbor Area. Both leaders joined more than two score other Red Feather leaders who endorsed the plan recently at the Associated Cities Committee meeting.

Defining the new plan as one which "represents a new departure in fund raising, one that takes the guess work out of giving," Mrs. Schwartz said that the essence of it is informing the prospective donor of the average gift last year from the most generous givers in his income bracket.

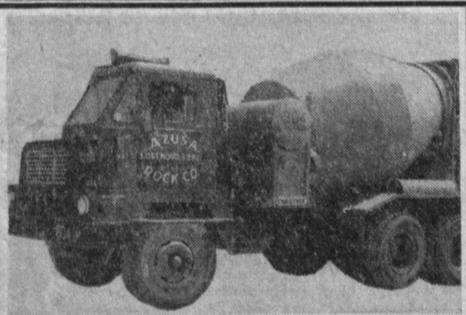
"Thus he is offered a scale or standard set in actual practice by last year's subscribers when

attempting to determine his own 'fair share gift,' she said.

In conclusion, Mrs. Schwartz said that the housewife, also, will be relieved of the same problem of determining what is her fair gift. "For our Community Chest volunteer can tell her what her Chest gift will buy. For instance, \$10 will help keep a boy in the Scouts or a boys' club, and a \$10 gift will feed 10 underprivileged school children lunches for week."

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