

Mrs. M. D. Scoles, magazine chairman of the Howard Wood P-TA, achieved 100% magazine subscriptions, and is on the honor roll in the December issue of the California Parent-Teacher magazine. Howard Wood P-TA is one of two P-TA units in the Torrance district to achieve this award.

### Council Briefs . . .

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## Don't Throw Away That License Stub

A lot of motorists are going to find themselves with no proof they have registered the cars they are driving.

These motorists are throwing away the stubs of their 1955 registration cards, after having paid their fees and had the cards validated.

Director Paul Mason of the Department of Motor Vehicles said today numerous reports to the department since the registration period opened last Monday.

now on and await the Board's recommendation.

**PAINLESS PAYING:** Stamped and addressed envelopes will be made available by the city for paying parking meter fines, upon recommendation of Police Chief Willard Haslam and a motion by Councilman Isen.

**CIVIL SERVICE:** The new "streamlined" Civil Service ordinance was passed by a 3-2 vote at its first hearing. A second hearing will be held January 25 at which time interested individuals may be heard.

**REBUTTAL FOR BUTTLE:** Councilman Willys Blount deplored the fact that Elmo J. Buttles, a federal official who visited Torrance in regard to the important airport triangle, was refused admittance to Roll-

ing Hills, as were city officials. "This sure was a rebuttal for Buttles," Blount said. "Maybe we should ask our rich neighbors to give our city manager a pass to go into Verbotenland." Councilman Isen suggested pogo-sticks.

**ELLINWOOD DRAINAGE:** Ellinwood residents of homes facing Pacific Coast highway are incensed at the 14-foot embankments suddenly thrown up behind their homes as a result of the Pacific school construction. Even during the light rain they had a virtual river flowing past their homes in back. They're afraid of what the heavy rainy season might bring and will take their grievance to the School Board. The city will write the Board a letter and also make an engineering study of its own.

**SIGNAL:** A signal was requested at the corner of Yukon and 174th street by the North Torrance Civic association. The

request was turned over to the Traffic Commission.

**FEUD:** The Civil Service Board informed the City Council that City Attorney Hall had a chance to draw up his own version of the affidavit signed by the Board members in the recent Smith-Dresser building scandal issue. Members maintained that Hall did not do so and that they thereupon signed the affidavit submitted by John McCall, attorney for Smith-Dresser. Hall stated that he did not have enough time to draw up a new affidavit and therefore just submitted a counter-affidavit listing those facts which were apparently missing in the McCall version. Hall informed the Council that neither affidavits were finally taken into consideration by the Superior Court. This issue was instrumental in stripping the Civil Service Board of its function as an Appeals Board.

### SUMPS . . .

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have been given till February 1 to recommend a different disposal set-up which would eliminate underground water pollution hazards, according to Walter Pollution Engineer Carl B. Johnston of the California State Water Pollution Control Board.

If no plan is submitted by then, Johnston said, the State will set its own requirements and see that they are enforced. Till now no concrete plan has been submitted by the oilmen, Johnston indicated.

George Powell, land use investigator for the city of Torrance, indicated that the most effective way of dealing with the long-standing local sump problem is through the State Water Pollution Control Board.

**Follow-up By City**  
Powell believed that the Board's action will eliminate most of the sump hazards. If it is established that oilmen are maintaining methods contrary to State law and they are enforced to change their methods, Powell stated, then the city could follow with a law condemning any remaining sump exceptions on grounds that such sumps are a nuisance value.

Nothing has been done so far in regard to an ordinance calling for the removal of abandoned oil derricks whose rickety forms constitute a constant fire menace and hazard to life and limb.

The City Council some months ago asked City Attorney James Hall to draft such an ordinance. Till now it has not been presented to the Council.

### Pacific Hills . . .

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activities, club members heard George Powell, secretary to the Planning Commission, speak on the Rolling Hills area annexation issue, going into the pros and cons of the matter.

**Achievements**  
The association points to such achievements as providing left hand turn island at Newton and Highway 101; safety signs for children; boulevard stop signs in and around the tract; safety first and dead end signs; getting the Torrance Sand & Gravel area fenced in; ditch at Madison fenced for the safety of children; street lights for Weston Hills and Pacific Hills tracts; driveway aprons and drainage correction for Weston Hills tract.

Outgoing officers, besides Robinson, include: Alvin Schoonover, vice-president; Mrs. John P. Jones, secretary; and J. B. John, treasurer (re-elected).

### JOBS . . .

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ing part-time jobs for youngsters beautifying the city, like the entrance to Torrance blvd.

City Manager George Stevens stated this week that he will make a recommendation on this request after he has had a chance to study the semi-annual budget report to be made available shortly.

Stevens indicated that the budget will probably look good. While not committing himself on the Jobs for Juniors program he said that the idea "has not been abandoned yet."

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