

# Blount Tosses Curve, Mayor Walks

# BLOUNT, DRALE ATTEMPT TO KILL RABIES LAW, MAYOR WALKS OUT



CONTRIBUTION to the Red Cross flood disaster fund was made this week by Harvey Aluminum in the form of a \$900 check. Mayor Albert Isen, Torrance Red Cross chairman, accepts the check from Albert W. Hinz (r), director of industrial regulations, Harvey Aluminum.—Press Photo.

## General To Descend In Helicopter During Parade

Military units from all over the 40th Armored Division of the California National Guard will start arriving next week to participate in the giant National Guard Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, October 8.

The parade will be held in conjunction with the dedication of Torrance's new armory and the arrival into the community of Company E of the 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion.

**Descent By Helicopter**  
Highlight of the event will be the arrival of Major General Homer Eaton, commanding officer of the 40th Division by helicopter from Los Angeles. General Eaton will tour the route of the parade by helicopter and land at the armory to review the parade.

Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers of California also will be airlifted by helicopter from the Hacienda hotel in San Pedro and brought over for the dedication ceremonies, according to Captain Douglas J. Horlander, commanding officer of the Torrance unit.

**Jets**  
Weather permitting, 12 F-86 and four T-33 jets will make an aerial review of the ceremonies. The parade will start at noon in downtown Torrance. Dedication ceremonies at the armory will start at 1:30 p.m. Open house will be held until 5 p.m. with all types of engineering equipment and two self-propelled 105 calibre guns (\$600,000 each) on display. A public dance will follow in the evening.

## Seek Change Of Boundary In El Nido

A petition, seeking a boundary change which would transfer approximately 80 students out of the Torrance district into Redondo Beach schools, was this week submitted to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. It was disclosed by the office of the special services director of Torrance schools.

Richard Hubert, assistant special services director, stated that the youngsters will be transferred from El Nido School to Washington School in Redondo Beach in September, 1956, if the petition is approved. The area was county territory at the time of its inclusion in the Torrance School District boundary. It has since been annexed to Redondo Beach.

## Professional Building Holds Open House

Joe Bellante, Waleria realtor, announced the grand opening of the Pacific Professional Building, at 3810 Pacific Coast hwy., one block west of Hawthorne blvd., with open house to be held Saturday, Oct. 1, from 5 p.m. on. Refreshments will be served and the public is cordially invited to attend and inspect the modern new building, first of its kind in the area, which was designated expressly for medical and professional offices.

Owners are Hosaku Iwata and his son, John T. Iwata. The building was designed by Smith and Grey, architects, and built by Mayfair Construction company.

## Man Found Hanging In Closet

Walter Francis Chayer, 55, who was found hanging in the closet of a Manhattan Beach motel Monday was considered to have committed suicide, according to Manhattan police.

Chayer had recently been living with his daughter, Mrs. Patricia E. Solis of 4119 West 175th place, Torrance.

He left two notes, one addressed to his wife, Dorothy, who is living at the Solis residence, and one to his daughter. Contents of the letters were not known to police.

Chayer, a retired superintendent of a Fresno upholstering firm, was a resident of the Los Angeles area for the past 18 years. He and Mrs. Chayer were visiting here.

He was born in Kankakee, Illinois, September 8, 1900. Survivors are his wife, Dorothy; Mrs. Solis; a daughter, Mrs. William Lockhart of Utah; and Miss Barbara L. Chayer, 10, living in Utah with Mrs. Lockhart.

Funeral services will be Thursday at White and Day Funeral Chapel, Hermosa Beach at 2 p.m. Rev. Paul C. Cox, pastor at St. Andrews Presbyterian church, Redondo Beach, will officiate. Private cremation will follow, the family announced.

## Familiar Landmark To Vanish

Buildings are still going up and coming down in downtown Torrance. Soon, the Van de Camp windmill, long a familiar landmark at the corner of Cravens and El Prado will be no more.

George Binder, business developer announced this week that two new modern buildings will occupy the corner.

Benson's Dress shop, located on Sartori, will relocate on the Van de Camp corner.

Newberry's on the other hand, will start extensive remodeling procedures and will expand to include the 30x30-ft. building which is now Benson's.

Construction will start October 10 and will be completed about the first of the year, Binder said.



PACIFIC Professional Building, 3810 Pacific Coast highway, will hold open house Saturday, October 1 at 5 p.m.—Press Photo.

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## Delinquency Town Meeting Drawing Near

Plans for the holding of an old fashioned town meeting to discuss the problem of juvenile delinquency as requested by Governor Goodwin Knight are almost complete.

Date for such a meeting will be set after representatives from the various organizations in the community will submit their organizational reports Monday night, October 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Torrance high school.

In addition to submitting these reports, representatives will form small discussion groups during the October 24 meeting and further reports will be gathered from the conclusions reached by these groups, according to Rev. Nathan Bond, of the First Baptist church and chairman of the Juvenile Delinquency Committee appointed by Mayor Albert Isen.

The information gathered from the individual organizations, from the discussion groups, and finally, from local residents who will be able to contribute their ideas at the public town meeting will be coordinated and submitted to the governor.

This is part of a state-wide program in which all major communities are cooperating to investigate the problem of delinquency in California.

Three questions have been offered for discussion and comment by the committee: 1) Evaluation of existing juvenile problems in the local Torrance area; 2) Description and evaluation of whatever facilities and programs the individual and the organization are offering to meet this need; 3) Suggestions for improving methods dealing with juvenile problems.

## Her Buggy Went For A Long Ride

Six little words and a telephone number did the trick for Mrs. Eugene Vaughan of 1724 Juniper st.

Mrs. Vaughan had a baby buggy for sale. She placed a simple, inexpensive ad in the Torrance Press and, presto, found a buyer.

Her ad read as follows:  
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For quick results, call FA. 8-2345. A friendly classified salesgirl will help you word your ad just right. We're confident you'll be happy with the results!

## Torrance Press Classified Section Largest Ever

The Torrance Press proudly announces its seven-page classified section in today's publication. This is the first time in the history of Torrance that any newspaper has carried such record volume classified advertising lineages, marking another "first" for the Torrance Press.

## DOWNTOWN SHOPPING AREA

# 470 Additional Off-Street Parking Spaces Proposed

A thorough report on the possibility of acquiring 470 additional parking spaces for the benefit of merchants and residents who shop in the downtown Torrance shopping area was presented at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting Tuesday.

There are a number of sites still available in the downtown area for off-street parking purposes, City Manager George Stevens told his audience. These lots would provide parking for 470 more cars, thus relieving present and anticipated parking problems in the downtown shopping area.

The cost for acquiring these sites would be borne by the downtown property owners included in the assessment district. Revenues obtained from parking meters may also be

earmarked toward such a project, Stevens pointed out.

Cost for acquiring this additional land would come to about \$166,400, Stevens said. The land has been assessed at about \$1,070,000.

The cost per property owner on a 20-year bonding basis would be \$268 on every \$1000 of assessed valuation.

**Approval Needed**  
It will take the approval of at least 51 per cent of the property owners by land area and assessed valuation to set up such an assessment district, City Attorney James Hall stated. It is desirable, he said, that at least 60 per cent would favor such a district.

In answer to suggestions that multi-level parking be proposed (Turn to Page 5)

## Harvey to Construct \$65 Million Facility

Construction of the reduction plant at The Dalles, Oregon, will begin early in 1956, it was disclosed by Leo M. Harvey, president of Harvey Machine company and Harvey Aluminum. The announcement follows the recent signing of a contract between the California company and the General Services Administration for a \$65 million primary aluminum facility.

Annual capacity of the new plant, which will make Harvey the nation's fifth producer of primary aluminum, will be 108 million pounds. The contract gives the Government first call on production, with non-integrated users getting two-thirds of the output after Government needs are satisfied.

The Dalles project, to be financed with private capital, is scheduled for completion in late 1957 and will employ 500. Power will be obtained from the Bonneville Power Administration.

**Threatened Suit**  
The Harvey Machine company obtained its Federal loan guarantee and power contract for its Oregon Aluminum project after threatening to sue the Government for \$70,000,000. Government officials disclosed. Harvey's suit for alleged repudiation of contract was prepared by the New York law firm of which Thomas E. Dewey, former New York Governor and twice the Republican presidential nominee, is senior partner.

**Had A Case**  
The company waived its claim only after conference this summer between James E. Nickerson of the Dewey firm and high officials of four Government agencies. Administration lawyers decided Harvey had a case at least good enough to cost the Government "many millions" if taken to court.

This, officials said, explains how Harvey obtained the pledge of a Federal guarantee, announced a week ago, for its private borrowing to finance the long-delayed \$65,000,000 aluminum plant on the Columbia River at the Dalles, Oregon.

**New Policy Rules**  
Such guarantees have been contrary to Government policy, except for crucial military items like titanium, since the Eisenhower Administration took office.

Mobilization, Director Arthur S. Flemming, who supplied the information in an interview and authorized other officials to release full details, said the general (Turn to Page 6)

## Recreation Program Announced

The Torrance Recreation Department announced today that the following parks and school playgrounds will have a supervised program during the school year:  
Carr School—9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.  
El Retiro Park—1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.  
McMasters Park—6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.  
Seaside School—9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.  
Torrance High School—7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday and Thursday.  
Waleria Park—4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.  
Walteria School—9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.

## Youths Tell Of Vandalism And Thefts

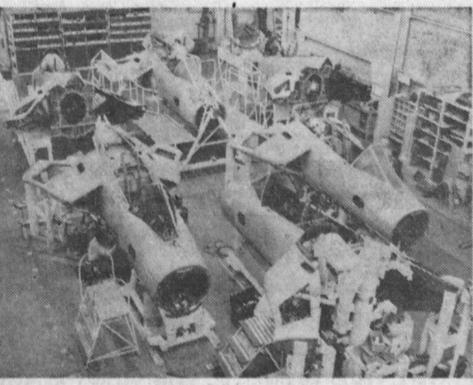
An end was seen to the wave of burglaries and vandalism in Seaside Ranchos and Hollywood Riviera last week when Torrance police apprehended two 13-year-old boys.

The two boys, along with four others they implicated, were turned over to the juvenile bureau for questioning, according to Det. Sgt. T. A. Morris.

They are being questioned about a number of home burglaries as well as a raid on the Keys Hardware company at 22230 Palos Verdes boulevard, and vandalism and thefts from the Seaside Elementary School. Most of the goods stolen by the youngsters have been returned, Sgt. Morris said.

## DINNER TO FETE KING

The Democratic Breakfast Club this week disclosed plans for a dinner to honor Seventeenth District Congressman Cecil R. King. William L. Wilson, press chairman, stated that the dinner will be held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium on November 12.



FUSELAGE NOSE AND INDUCTION SCOOPS are joined to make a major sub-assembly. All wiring for the pilot's cockpit and the radio compartment is installed at this point. Jig-mounting is such that all areas can be reached without difficulty.

## New Assembly Method Introduced at Douglas

A big step forward in aircraft production methods was achieved at the Torrance location, El Segundo Division, Douglas Aircraft company, for the supersonic F4D Sky-ray by the use of a stationery platform with movable fixtures instead of individual dollies on the final installation.

It is the first time such an approach has been used in the aircraft field.

Ordinarily an airplane has the conventional wing, fuselage, and tail. Being a modified delta, with the fuselage consisting only of the nose section, the F4D needs a production flow of different concept.

**No Radical Changes**  
No radical changes are incorporated in minor sub-assembly and major sub-assembly work. Conventional jigs are used for the construction of the center and folding outer wing sections, the nose section, vertical stabilizer, elevons, and wing slats.

Complete hydraulic, electrical, and mechanical installations are placed in these assemblies. This work is done on a decentralized basis with each department responsible for its unit.

**New Techniques**  
In the joining and mating of major sub-assemblies, new techniques are used because of the nature of the aircraft. The center wing sections and nose and induction scoops are fitted on a mating jig and riveted and bolted together. The two wing sections make what normally (Turn to Page 3)

## New Lomita Chamber Up For Approval

Members of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce will vote tonight on the board's recommendation for a permanent Chamber of Commerce location and the appointment of Tim McCormick as full-time secretary manager.

A dinner, to be held at the Wayfarer's Inn at 7 p.m., will precede the general meeting. The board of directors last week approved location of the new Chamber office at 2213 Lomita blvd. (the old post office building) and the appointment of McCormick to the managerial post effective October 1, pending final approval by the general membership.

Provided this approval is granted, McCormick, who is president of the Chamber of Commerce, will have to relinquish that post which will presumably be filled by Vice President Dave Wilkinson for the remainder of the term. McCormick, in addition to the newly proposed duties, would also continue to manage his Trojan Realty office. Wilkinson is the owner of the Lomita Lumber co. and secretary of the Lomita Kiwanis club.

## Bobbie Wilson Wins 'Miss Lomita' Contest

Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson, 17, of 2361 248th st., wa. crowned "Miss Lomita" Saturday in Lomita park, emerging victorious from among 15 contestants in this fourth Optimist club sponsored beauty pageant.

Runners-up were, second place, Marilyn McGary, 17, of 1514 W. 215th st.; third place, Barbara Ann Barnes, 16, of 1515 W. 125th st.; and, honorable mention, Mary Grafe, 17, of 2042 W. 238th st. Bobbie received prizes including a trophy, modeling course, savings bond, hair styling, and numerous gift certificates. Second and third place winners received trophies and merchandise certificates.

## Surprise Tactics Backfire

By Ralph Gompertz

Taking advantage of a three-man council, Councilmen Willys Blount and Nick Drale tried to pull a fast one Tuesday night and kill the rabies ordinance. Their scheme, however, backfired when Mayor Isen, sensing what was about to happen, bolted from the council chamber, leaving the two councilmen officially powerless.

Blount and Drale had apparently waited until now to pull this maneuver since Councilman Victor Benstead and Mervin Schwab were both away on vacation. Schwab, Benstead, and Isen had voted in favor of the rabies law two weeks ago and had set October 18 as the date for the second and final reading of the ordinance.

**Near-Hit**  
Had Isen stayed in the chamber Tuesday night, a 2-1 vote would have been sufficient to kill the ordinance at least for the time being, since a three-man council constitutes a quorum and may act on official matters.

Blount had waited until the end of the agenda to introduce "Ordinance 776" (the rabies ordinance) for "consideration."

Mayor Isen pronounced him "out of order" which drew from Blount the reply, "Oh, I don't know."

Thereupon Mayor Isen suddenly got up from his seat and headed out the door, exclaiming "I have a date — I have to leave!"

"I thought he'd do that," Councilman Blount muttered as about 35 individuals in the audience who had come to see (Turn to Page 6)

## Two More Dogs Die Of Rabies

Two more dogs died of rabies in the Torrance area during the past week, according to Health Department officials.

A black and white female Dalmation, owned by Jack Hibberd of 1508 Manzanita, Manhattan Beach, died of furious rabies Friday.

The dog had six human contacts, four of which were saliva contacts and two of which were bites. The one person, a Humane Society official, was bitten severely on the thigh, requiring stitches in addition to Pasteur treatment.

The dog reportedly chewed up one of its nine pups. While four of the pups are accounted for, five others are still being sought.

Health Department officials said that there is no danger that these pups caught rabies from the mother since the pups were given away prior to the incubation period. However, there is the chance that the (Turn to Page 3)

## Blood Bank Sets Drive October 10

A Red Cross blood bank will be held at the Civic Auditorium on Monday, October 10, from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood bank chairman.

The goal for this quarterly drive has been set at 250 pints, Mrs. Jones said. In the last blood bank held here in June, 183 pints of the valuable, life-giving substance were collected.

Mrs. Jones urged all eligible donors to remember the date, October 10.