

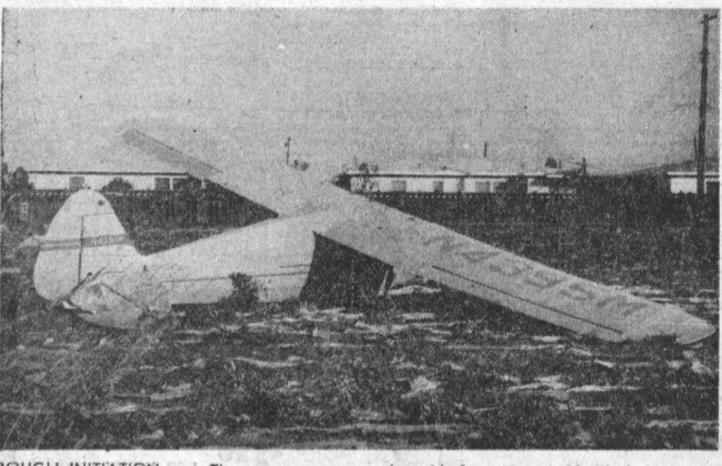
# DEADLINE FOR RABIES SHOTS TODAY

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**ROUGH INITIATION . . .** Three passengers escaped unharmed after this plane crash-landed in an open field on Crenshaw blvd. near Redondo Beach blvd. last week. It was the first plane ride for a 19-year-old girl who was going up to find out if she wanted to take lessons. The crash-landing made her more determined than ever.—Press Photo.

### Flood Control District Rapped For Indifference

Slowness of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to do something about Dominguez Channel and prevent potential flood conditions in North Torrance started Torrance councilmen to work directly through members of the Board of Supervisors to obtain better results.

The council and city officials complained that the taxpayers of Torrance have been contributing a "substantial" amount of money to the Flood Control District but that the city has never received anything in return for its investment.

### Mayors to Discuss 'Burning'

Best policy on burning hours will be discussed Monday by a Committee of Mayors, including Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance, who will meet in Los Angeles.

The mayors, on previous occasions, have indicated that they favor an ordinance which permits every city to determine its own burning hours rather than have a uniform hour for all of Los Angeles county, according to City Manager George Stevens.

"We're not getting the recognition we're entitled to," City Manager George Stevens told the council. "The only way to get action is through the Board of Supervisors."

Stevens indicated that the Flood Control District could really speed up its 5-year-plan for improving the Dominguez Channel and get the work done in considerably less time if it really wanted to.

Stevens declared that no homes have ever been flooded in North Torrance as a result of the channel but that there are areas which lie below the banks of the channel and which could be flooded.

The reason for this is that conditions vary in different localities. Afternoon burning in the foothills, for instance, is dangerous because of the possibility of forest fires. In coastal areas, morning burning is desirable because prevailing winds in the afternoon may be hazardous.

The Air Pollution Control Board, on the other hand, has favored one uniform burning hour in the past.

Stevens also maintains that it merits more consideration on proper maintenance of the channel than it has been receiving.

The issue came to a point as a result of a reply considered vague and evasive received by the city in answer to some pointed and specific questions regarding the Flood Control District's intentions.

However, there is apparent agreement on the types of material which should not be burned such as rubberized products. (Turn to Page 3)

The letter, signed by M. E. Salisbury, senior assistant chief engineer, for H. E. Hedger, chief engineer, of the Los Angeles Flood Control District, was sent in answer to a letter sent on behalf of the city of Torrance by City Engineer Ronald Bishop.

Monday's meeting of the El Nido Civic association will be held in the auditorium of the El Nido school, on 186th street, at 7:30 p.m. A delegation from the North Torrance organization is expected to attend.

The plane apparently developed engine trouble at about 1300 feet and Bradford looked around for an open field. Bradford's expert piloting was credited by Torrance police with saving the lives of all three. The two men and one girl all walked away from the scene of the crash with no significant injuries being reported.

### EXPLOSION, FIRE HIT GP PLANT

An explosion rocked General Petroleum Friday morning when a high pressure oil tube ruptured in a cracking unit furnace, spraying hot fuel into the furnace area.

GP and Torrance Fire Department personnel kept the fire localized and had it under control within 40 minutes, officials disclosed.

### Triangle Opened For Bids

A special council meeting for considering bids from all interested parties on the Airport Triangle shopping center will be held Tuesday, November 22, at 7 p.m. in the council chamber of the city hall.

The meeting was called after Store Properties, Inc., asked to submit a new lease proposal for the site. The firm had been negotiating for a lease with the city since late last year.

Three individuals were working in the area at the time of the explosion but none were injured.

The No. 2 visbreaking unit was described as a series of coiled tubes in a furnace which receive fuels at pressures around 475 pounds. They are then heated in excess of 800 degrees. It was one of these tubes which broke, causing the fire, it was stated.

It stated that it is ready to go ahead with the commercial development of the 35-acre site. Samuel Genis, president of the firm, died recently, and a new lease, incorporating a change in company officers, will be submitted to the council Tuesday.

Other offers to develop the property have also been received by the city. Included is one by George Binder, owner of a large segment of downtown Torrance commercial property.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, in whose district El Nido park is at present located, recently secured and moved to the park a suitable building which will be remodeled and used for a community hall. The building will be equipped with a modern kitchen and a meeting hall suitable for all local community meetings.

### Cornerstone To Be Laid For New Masonic Temple

Cornerstone ceremonies for the new Masonic temple will be held Saturday, November 19, at 11 a.m. at Cabrillo and Plaza del Amo, it was announced this week.

J. Edgar Stewart Jr., grand master of Masons in California, assisted by the grand suite, will officiate in the ceremony which will follow a breakfast for the grand officers and Master Masons of the area. Breakfast will be served in the present temple at 1314 1/2 Sartori ave.

The expanding population in the El Nido area has vastly increased the traffic hazard at the railroad crossings at 182nd street and Manhattan Beach boulevard and President Morehart is expected to name a special committee at Monday night's meeting with instructions to ask for signals at both places.



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SWEEP AND LOVELY . . . Miss Torrance, Yolanda Goldsmith, finds herself surrounded by jars of candy which members of the Torrance Area Youth Bands will sell from now until Christmas. The money will be used for buying uniforms for the Cadet Band.

### Clinic Slated Tonite

Torrance's rabies law goes into effect today.

This means that the 6000 dogs must have their anti-rabies inoculation certificates as of today or else their owners may be cited for violation of the law.

Two public clinics have been held in the past two weeks at which time dog owners could have their dogs inoculated for \$2. One more such clinic will be held tonight, Thursday, November 17, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Torrance park, located at Arlington ave. and Santa Fe ave. (near Sepulveda blvd.) Dogs must be on a leash.

No arrangements for any further clinics have been made but it is possible that another one may be held, officials stated.

So far only 650 of the 6000 licensed dogs have been inoculated during the two public clinics.

If a person's dog is picked up now by the South Bay Humane Society, the individual must first pay for an inoculation before the dog will be released from the pound.

Any dog owner found violating the rabies law may receive a \$500 fine or six months in jail or both.

Decrepit dogs, upon certificate from a veterinarian, or dogs under six months of age, may be exempt from the shots. The rabies vaccinations are good for two years. They prevent dogs from contracting the fatal disease and from infecting human beings.

### Volunteer Service Bureau Opens Here

The question, "What can I do with my spare time?" can now be answered.

A Volunteer Bureau where residents of the Torrance area may register to offer their free time to aid in health and youth agencies has been opened at 1628 Gramercy avenue in Torrance. The office will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday and from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. each Friday. The office may also be reached by calling FA-87998.

### Groups Work For El Nido Annexation

Joint action by the North Torrance and El Nido civic associations in an effort to bring about the early annexation of the El Nido area to Torrance is expected to be launched at next Monday night's meeting of the El Nido Civic association, according to George G. Morehart, president.

Mrs. J. F. Higgins, chairman of the office, stated: "There is a desperate need for volunteer workers of all kinds, including nurses aides, receptionists, translators of foreign languages, drivers of cars for handicapped or blind, craft and art instructors, clerical workers, and people who can tell stories or read to children and write letters for patients, as well as many other categories."

"Groups and individuals, both men and women, are urged to contact the office by telephoning FAirfax 8-7998, or just drop in during the hours we are open," Mrs. Higgins continued.

"We have numerous requests from various agencies, such as Harbor General Hospital, health centers, craft and art institutes, children's wards, YMCA, YWCA, and recreation centers, and even though you may think the talents you have to offer are limited, you may be sure your help is needed and the work will be found extremely gratifying."

### Resident Faced With Manslaughter

A misdemeanor manslaughter warrant for the arrest of Vernon Leroy Pollard, 37, of 4819 Narrot street, Torrance, was issued last week. Out on bail, he will be arraigned November 17 in South Bay municipal court, it was reported.

An inquest held into the recent traffic death of Mrs. Joyce Kelch, 23, of 1911 Marshallfield lane, Redondo, found Pollard, driver of the car which collided with the Kelch car, "probably criminally responsible," according to the Los Angeles county coroner's office.

### Safe, \$60 Stolen by 2 Thieves

Two thieves who stole a safe containing \$60 cash, but dropped one of their leather gloves while making their getaway, are being sought by Torrance detectives.

One of the burglars entered the warehouse and office of Glen's Auto Parts, 1324 Cabrillo by breaking a window. He then located the keys and opened the door for his partner.

Together they hauled away a 200-lb. safe containing \$60 in currency and a number of the firm's papers. In addition to the safe, they took the keys and locks.

### Press Will Run Holiday Event List

The Torrance Press will run a calendar of the Christmas holiday events in the Thursday, December 1, issue.

All religious, service and social organizations wishing to list events may mail them to the Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens.

Lists may be mailed now. All lists must be in by 10 a.m. on Friday, November 25.

Information should list only the organization, the event, the date, the time, and the place.

### Thanksgiving Press Deadline

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the next edition of the Torrance Press will be published Monday, November 21. There will be no edition Thursday, November 24.

News deadline for the Monday edition is this Friday, November 18, 10 a.m. Advertising deadline is noon Friday.

### THE PATH OF THE PANTHER?

South Bay Humane Society officers and Torrance police patrolmen yesterday checked the area around 2932 Winlock road, Walteria for a black panther reportedly seen by two women who were too frightened to give their names when they called.

Mrs. Frank Fallon of the Humane Society stated that her men did find tracks which were "much too large for a cat" but that the panther—if such it was—had probably taken to the hills again.

The women who reported seeing the animal said it was lying in the rear of their property at the foot of the hill. They said it was jet-black and ran off the moment they threw stones at it.

Anyone sighting the panther should contact the Humane Society at FR. 2-8100 or the Torrance Police Department, FA. 8-3456.

### CRASH WHETS GIRL'S APPETITE FOR FLYING

Despite the fact that her first airplane ride ended in a crash-landing, a 19-year-old girl is more sold than ever now on learning how to fly.

"I was more scared going up than coming down," Joan Mayo, 19, of 414 South Burlington, Los Angeles, admitted following an emergency crash landing in a strawberry patch on Crenshaw boulevard just south of Redondo Beach boulevard Friday afternoon.

### Parakeet, Parakeet, Fly Away

"Tweet, tweet!" said the parakeet. "Incredible!" said Mrs. Walter Howells of 1424 W. 253rd st., Harbor City.

They were talking, of course, about the fabulous results they had with the following classified ad placed in the Torrance Press:

FOR SALE—Parakeets, breeders and young birds. Completely equipped aviary. DA. 6-6725

"By 9 o'clock Thursday morning I had received a dozen calls," Mrs. Howells exclaimed in amazement. "By early afternoon the entire aviary and all of the birds were sold. The calls just kept coming. I NEVER expected such results! In fact, I hesitated about putting the ad in the paper. My husband placed it—I didn't expect any results at all. But, by gosh, it was TERRIFIC. People called from all over—Walteria, Lomita, Torrance, Harbor City. I just couldn't believe that one little ad could get such response!"

Mrs. Howells really became convinced of the power of the (Torrance) Press when she forgot to cancel out her second insertion and the calls started all over again the following week.

So, give it a try. For instant results, place an ad in the Press. Call FA 8-2345.

### Arnold Appointed To Board

Joseph G. Arnold, purchasing agent for Chicago Bridge and Iron, was appointed to fill the school board post which was vacated when Dr. Rollin Smith resigned recently because he was moving away from Torrance.

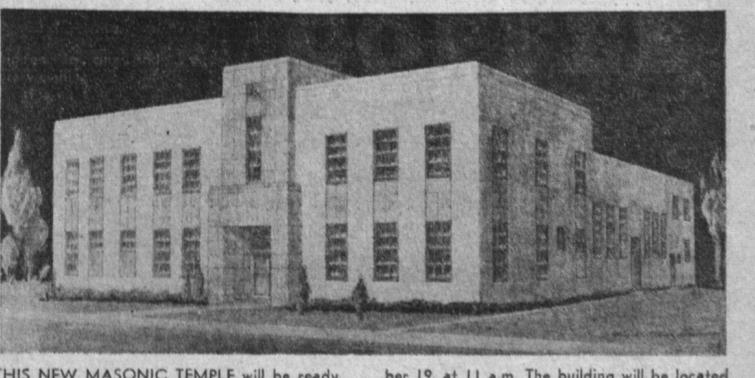
Arnold will serve out the balance of Dr. Smith's term and will then be eligible for re-election. He has lived in Torrance 10 years and is a member of Rotary, Shriners, and on the board of managers of the YMCA.

### NHS Burglary

A tape recorder valued at \$40 was stolen from Narbonne high school two weeks ago. The theft was first discovered Monday, November 14, according to Lennox sheriffs.



THIS COLORED MOTOROLA TV SET will be given away Friday night, December 9, at 8:30 p.m., as part of the Santa-land Christmas activities sponsored by the Torrance merchants' division of the Chamber of Commerce. The \$800 set may be seen at McMahan's. Checking it over, are (l-r) O. R. Trueblood, of McMahan's; Tim Moore and J. H. Paget of the Christmas committee. Eligibility rules may be obtained from any Torrance merchant.—Press Photo.



THIS NEW MASONIC TEMPLE will be ready for occupancy in January 1956. Torrance Masons will lay the cornerstone Saturday, November 19, at 11 a.m. The building will be located at Cabrillo and Plaza del Amo.