

### Civic Group Meets Tonite

The general monthly meeting of the North Torrance Civic Improvement association will be held this evening April 5, at 8 p.m. in the McMaster Hall 3642 West 174th street.

Because of interest in the forthcoming election, all candidates are invited to attend this meeting to be introduced for the benefit of those present.

Since the NTCIA is a non-political organization, the candidates will not be permitted to speak before the group.

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### Volunteers View History Of Therapy

Volunteers for Children held their recent meeting at Harbor General hospital. Mrs. Virginia Stoddard, president, greeted the members and guests and presided for the evening.

Representatives of the occupational therapy department of the hospital were in charge of the program.

The history of occupational therapy was traced in detail. A film and a display of work done in the occupational therapy department by patients were shown.

Minutes from the February meeting were read and accepted and reports from officers and directors were given.

After a question and answer period, the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Anyone interested in joining this group may contact Mrs. Rita Smith, 1312 West 186th st., Gardena, or Mrs. Grace Hoehn, 4255 Newton st., Torrance, FR. 5-4545.

### Hospital Will Get New Wing

The completion of preliminary plans for the immediate construction of a new wing containing 100 hospital beds was announced today by the Daniel Freeman memorial hospital through Robert M. Woods, M.D., president of the medical staff.

This will increase the present class A facilities of the hospital to 200 beds. The hospital, located in Inglewood, serves an area including Torrance and Lomita.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Coughlin of 2272 29th St., announce the birth of a son, Gregory Peter, weighing 8 pounds and 9 ounces.



WORKING WHILE THEY LEARN

Both Torrance high schools are now providing on-the-job training supplemented by classes. Learning the marketing ropes are Jerry Dixon (packing) and Melrhea French (cashier) while Lynn Stephen and Mike Drale act as customers. Lyle R. Albro, program coordinator, looks on. Above students go to North high.—Press Photo.

### Nat'l Supply Plans Open House Sat.

The officers and employees of The National Supply company will entertain their families with an open house at their Torrance plant on Saturday, April 7, according to John D. Spalding, Works manager.

An interesting program has been scheduled that will include extensive exhibits of the company's products, a planned tour through the major operations of the plant, with explanatory remarks at various locations, and refreshments.

Interesting exhibits on display will include oil field drilling machinery, numerous products sold to other industries in this area, and some material produced for our defense program.

The tour of the plant will begin at 1 p.m. and should take approximately an hour and a half.

A preview of the open house program will be held on Friday afternoon from 1 to 3:30 April 6, for all local civic leaders in industry, business, education and government and their guests.

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### Dear Editor Torrance's 2 High Schools Offer On-The-Job Training

At a recent meeting of the Board of Education for the Torrance Unified School District, a plan was approved whereby high school students from the two high schools of Torrance will be given an opportunity to obtain experience in on-the-job training supplemented by high school classes.

Many of the students participating in the program will work at jobs in the field of selling and merchandising for at least 15 hours per week and study in the classroom section of the Salesmanship and Merchandising course.

**Other Plans**

The Work Experience program in Torrance includes two other plans which are designed to allow students to participate in on-the-job training in fields other than selling if the students are enrolled in a course at high school that is related to the job they are performing. Several exploratory activities are also being carried on in which students act as camp counselors, teachers' aids, clerical assistants, and nurses' aids.

At the present time there are some 30 students in the selling and merchandising program. It is hoped that someday these persons will look to the field of selling as their means of livelihood and if so, they will be prepared with experience and training. Many students who complete high school may remain in the same job for which they were trained in the program.

**Those Enrolled**

Many of the students in the selling class, which is being conducted at North high school this year, are already employed in part-time related jobs. Students in the class are: Dave Campbell, Roberta Carpenter, Anita Cerda, Vicky Cloutier, John Denz, Jerry Dixon, Steve Dixon, Mike Drale, Glenda Everett, Melrhea French, Billie Griffin, DeAnn Groves, Errol Giuliano, Gene Habich, Keith Hall, Rosanne Hamilton, Peggy Hendricks, Sharon Huson, Yvonne Knight, Joe Lambert, Carolyn Lowry, LaJuana Rainer, Ruth Salor, Bennie Sitz, Ardine Smith, Lynn Stephens, Geraldine Therhegen, John Snyder, Joan Thomas, Lee Tussing, Joe Hedgecock and Richard Davis.

The program is being coordinated by Lyle R. Albro, whose office is at North high school at present. Albro states that plans are being discussed to offer both part-time and full-time employment placement services to all graduating seniors in the Torrance district. Many businessmen in the community have already been contacted. He urges other employers to contact him in the event they would like to know more about the programs or employment services and would like to know more about the programs or employment services and would want to employ a good dependable student for part-time or permanent work.

### Greene Leaves Theater Post

Joe Greene, noted character actor and manager of Harbor Drive-in Theater, announced this week that he is leaving his managerial position because of professional commitments in Hollywood.

Lester Wuestwald will be the new manager. Greene has recently been seen in the TV Gangbuster series.

### Lomita-Harbor City Mental Health Clinic Benefit Breakfast Set

A public benefit breakfast to raise funds for the Harbor District Mental Health clinic will be held at the Lomita park recreation center, Wednesday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The clinic located in the San Pedro health center, is open to any person on the capacity of each person to pay.

The local Mental Health Clinic is expanding its services from one day a week to three or four. This will increase the cost of support to the community but it will also increase the number of patients that can be handled in this area. The clinic may be contacted at anytime at 122 W. 8th st. San Pedro or by telephone TE. 2-6464.

The salaries of the doctors are paid from state funds but the community must pay the remaining costs in order to have this service available.

Mental health disturbances are on the increase and the field of diagnosis and treatment is still young, it was pointed out, but already it has been found that many persons who were previously committed to institutions can now be cured in a relatively short time with the proper care.

It is this care that can ultimately save the state additional funds in institutional care and this saving passed along to the taxpayers, it was maintained further. Right now, the cost to the state every year for the care of the mentally ill, would build a new elementary school every day of the year.

### IT'S NO REAL FIRE REALLY...

That was no fire which residents may have seen from the direction of General Petroleum, 190th st. and Crenshaw this week. GP has simply been flaring its gas supply which is shut down for maintenance work.

The gas which is normally absorbed and reprocessed must then be flared which is done under controlled conditions through a central location, according to A. E. (Tommy) Thompson, plant manager.

The burning is done by means of smokeless burners to prevent smog and has the county's approval, Thompson stated.

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