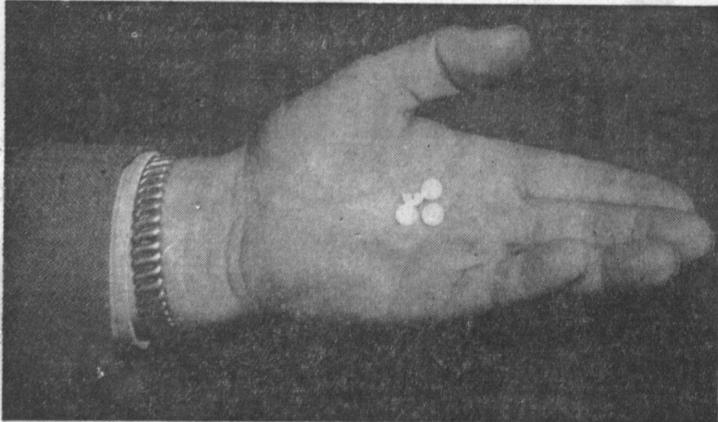


# JUVENILES WARNED ON DRUG DANGERS



**DANGEROUS DRUGS**

These barbituates were found in one of the boys' lavatories at Torrance high school last week.—Press Photo.

## Harmful Pills Found At Torrance High School

Grave concern was expressed this week and a stern warning issued to teenagers against the habit of buying drugs which are available without prescription and taking them just for kicks.

The warning was issued by Sgt. D. C. Cook, of the Torrance Police Department's juvenile bureau, who stated that the practice has taken on serious proportions.

Last week a 15-year-old North Torrance youngster had to be hospitalized for a number of days, after fainting from the effects of these drugs and suffering terrifying hallucinations.

The youth had to be put under hard restraint all night long and was placed under constant medical observation.

"We're also having trouble with girls using these drugs," Cook stated, mentioning one time when two girls passed out from the effects.

Cook explained that (Turn to Page 21)

## Kids Find Out Lacquer Burns ...

Two juveniles who doubted whether lacquer burns are no longer doubtful. It does.

Juveniles were credited with having set drums containing paint and lacquer on fire behind a service station at 229th st. and Arlington late Monday afternoon, according to the Torrance Fire Department.

Total amount of damage was estimated at \$200. One drum blew a lid and one ruptured, throwing streams of flaming lacquer 75 feet and 150 feet. No one was hurt.

## 30 TNT Caps Found, 170 Still Missing

About 30 of the 200 dynamite caps which were stolen last week are present or accounted for, according to Lennox sheriff's station officials.

The dynamite caps were stolen last week from Chandler's Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel firm in Lomita, apparently by juveniles.

Lennox officers issued a warning again to residents of the area to be on the look-out for the dynamite caps since one cap is powerful enough to blast a whole hand off.

The caps look like a copper shell, 1 1/2 inches long and 1/4 inch in diameter.

Sheriff's officers said that some junior high school children came to Narbonne Friday with a few of the caps. These were traced to a lot at 253rd place and Narbonne where 17 more were found.

One girl at the Lomita elementary school found seven caps. Other pupils found seven more. The mother of one girl found her chewing on a dynamite cap.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the rest of the dynamite caps is urged to contact Lennox sheriff's offices instantly (OR 8-3801).

# TB Patient Wins Sweepstakes In Hobby Show



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## MAN, 80, BURNS TO DEATH

An 80-year-old Harbor City man who apparently fell asleep while smoking in bed was burned to death Monday when his mattress caught on fire.

Dead is Fred Doane, of 1350 W. 251st st. Firemen theorized that he fell asleep while smoking.

Doane's body, clad only in underwear, was found by firemen who broke into the locked house after a neighbor, Howard Harris of 1531 W. 251st st., noticed smoke from the victim's home.

Neighbors said Doane had (Turn to Page 21)

# Mayor Isen Blasts Drale's Tract Deals

## STATE AID SOUGHT BY LOCAL SCHOOLS

Because it is impossible to get any more money from present sources, local school administrators are preparing to recommend to the Board of Education that the local district apply for state aid.

Present sources—local taxes, bond issues, and federal aid—are being used to capacity, leaving the state aid program the only adequate alternative, school officials explained.

There are several reasons why administrators are looking around anxiously for additional sources of revenue.

**LATE BULLETIN:** The School Board approved taking steps to get on the state loan program at Tuesday night's board meeting.

By the end of this year the local school district expects the seven schools now under construction to be completed. This will take 5000 students off double session who are now on double session.

However, by that time, 4000 additional students will be going on double session.

**Sleep Rise In Enrollment** Estimates show that by October 1961 the local elementary school enrollment will be 32,778 students. Present school buildings will take care of 13,357 of these pupils. Additional buildings to house the remaining 19,421 will be needed.

To provide these elementary school buildings, it will be necessary to raise \$18 million. Another \$4 1/2 million will take care of the high school needs bringing the total to \$22 1/2 million.

Since it has been estimated that the district will be able to raise \$14 1/2 million of that sum through bonds in the next five years, only about \$8 1/2 million would have to be borrowed (Turn to Page 3)

## DRALE'S INTEREST MAY HALT 3 TRACTS

Councilman Nick Drale had to absent himself from voting on three tract maps which came up before the City Council for approval Tuesday night, admitting that, as a realtor, he had commissions involved in the subdivisions totaling approximately 22 acres.

Mayor Albert Isen thereupon gave notice that from now on he would vote 'no' as a matter of principle on all tract maps coming before the City Council in which any councilman was getting a commission.

Councilman Victor Benstead wished to have a "legal opinion" in the matter from City Attorney James Hall.

"An opinion on what?" Councilman Willys Blount snapped back.

Benstead declared that he wanted to know if it is legal for a man sitting on the City Council to have a financial interest in real estate matters which come before the council for approval.

Councilman Bob Jahn also asked Hall to find out if the council would be within its rights to deny final tract maps after having given approval to the tentative maps.

Hall said he would have the opinion at next Tuesday's 8 p.m. meeting.

The three tracts involved are: Tract no. 19835, 43 lots, Property Management Corporation (subdivider), west of Arlington ave. and north of 174th st.

Tract no. 22495, 21 lots, Property Management, north of 170th st., south of Dominguez channel, west of Arlington ave., and east of tract no. 18852;

Tract no. 22413, 49 lots, Anderson-Janssen, 179th st. between Crenshaw and Casimir.

## You Name It, We'll Do It...

For the best results—tell it to the marines or the Torrance Press! You name it and they'll do it!

Mrs. A. M. Ginn of 1016 W. 220th st. decided to run the following unusual classified ad in the Torrance Press:

**67x8 BUILDING — SUITABLE** for bird aviary or small chicken coop. Pay for the ad and it's yours. 1016 W. 220th St.

"I could have given 25 away if I had had them," she reported with surprise. "People came all day Thursday, clear up until after dark. They kept coming all day Friday and Saturday. Every knock on the door meant more interested people. I was real tickled to get such results, but I always have good luck with Torrance Press ads. It's a real good way to dispose of items I can no longer use."

So, give it a try—there's no surer thing. Just call FA 8-2345 (Turn to Page 21)



BILL KING

## Bill King Elected To Commission

Bill King, Jr. was appointed to assume the position on the Planning Commission recently vacated by Beverly Smith who submitted his resignation to the City Council last week.

The appointment was made by Mayor Albert Isen, following an attempt on the part of Councilmen Nick Drale and Willys Blount to appoint John Kesson of North Torrance to the post.

Drale claimed that inasmuch as he appointed Smith, he should be able to appoint his successor.

Isen called Drale out of order, stating that the city code says that the mayor makes all appointments.

## Series Of Burglaries Solved Here

A series of recent burglaries in the Torrance area were solved this week with the arrest of four men in their early twenties and three juveniles.

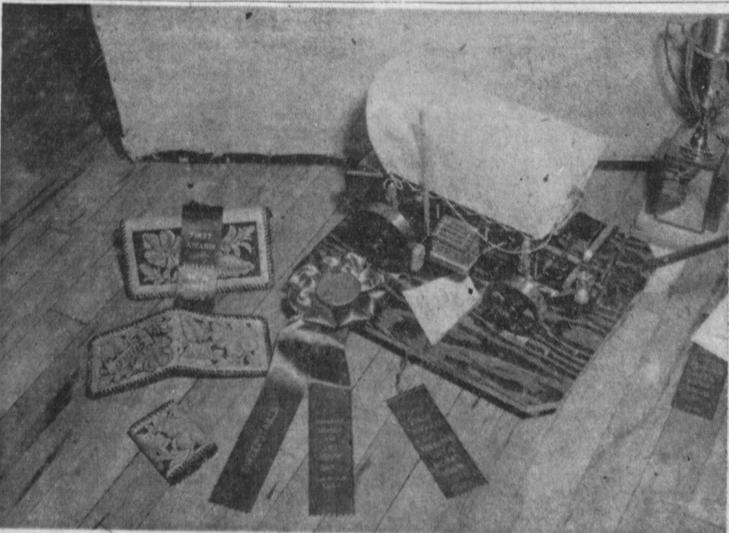
Under arrest are Jay Grigsby, 25, of 1460 W. 182nd st.; Robert Doner, 22, of 15704 Atkinson; Glen Nance, 20, of 21709 Dolores; Wayne Summers, 23, of Gardena; and three juveniles.

These suspects were gradually linked with the series of burglaries as a result of laborious detective work on the part of Sgt. Ted Morris and Officers Don Hamilton and Mickey Fischer of the Torrance Police Department's detective bureau.

Grigsby, Nance, and the juvenile were held for the recent burglary of a home at 17209 Wilkie where a service gun and Land camera were stolen.

He and Doner were also held for burglary in the Lennox area last August, when two shotguns and 11 rifles were stolen from a home.

Grigsby, Nance, and the juvenile were also charged with (Turn to Page 21)



HOSPITAL HOBBIES

Winning the Grand Sweepstakes in the Hobby section of the Hobby, Art, and Flower Show was the handmade covered wagon created by George Hickey, who is a patient in the TB ward at Harbor General hospital. Also shown are his prize winning leather craft entries (l) and costume jewelry (r). See story page 20.—Press photo