



HARBOR GENERAL HOSPITAL

Resting on top of the old TV which was no longer working well, is a new 21" Packard Bell TV given to the children at Harbor General hospital by the Torrance Kiwanis club. Making the presentation were Jay Barrington (l), incoming Kiwanis president, and Joe Doss, outgoing president, and Johnny Johnson, 2nd vice president (seated). Receiving the TV are Virginia Stoddard, local founder of Volunteers for Children, and Alan Robinson, a patient.—Press Photo.

Full Text of Mayor Isen's Speech Presented Before 'All-America Cities' Jury

In October of 1910, an event occurred which shocked the nation... the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times Building... with great loss of life.

Jared Sidney Torrance, a prominent investment banker, had for a long time visualized modern industrial city where people could live in harmony, free from labor strife.

He now felt that the time had come. He chose a location near the harbor which Los Angeles had acquired a few years before. At this time the Panama Canal was under construction and soon to be opened.

He spent two years in preparation, financing, engineering and planning, and for this latter purpose hired the Olmstead brothers, who had designed Washington, D. C., and who were, years later, to design Boulder City, Nevada, on an identical plan.

He floated a bond issue for \$2,500,000, which was taken up by his friends, and acquired some 2500 acres as a site for the town which later was to grow into a city of 20 square miles, 125 million assessed valuation and over 82,000 population.

City Created
In 1913 the city was created. Industries moved in, particularly the Union Tool, now the National Supply company, and the Llewellyn Iron Works, now the Columbia Geneva Steel division of the U. S. Steel company.

These were the forerunners of numerous large and small industries, and there is still room for many more.

I mention Douglas Aircraft, Harvey Machine company, General Petroleum corporation (our largest taxpayer)... 30 per cent of real property tax), American Radiator & Standard Sanitary corporation, Dow Chemical, North American Aviation, Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel corporation, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Rubbercraft corporation, and recently Carbon Carbide & Chemical company, a division of Union Carbide & Carbide company, have commenced operations and added \$11,000,000 to our tax assessment rolls.

School District
The Torrance Unified School

MAN ROBBED OF \$2000 BY GUNMAN, GUN MOLL

A blonde and her male accomplice kidnaped and robbed an oil company employe of \$2000 Friday, just as he left the bank with the money and was about to drive away.

Andrew Russo, 26, of 17519 Patronella ave. said that the pair approached him in a parking lot near Marcelina and Cabrillo.

The man threatened him with an automatic pistol, growling: "Move over. Keep calm and you'll be all right. This gun has a hair trigger."

Get Into Car
The woman entered the cab of Russo's pick-up truck on the right and the man got behind the wheel, driving the truck from the lot with Russo between them.

When the man had trouble shifting gears, he ordered Russo to do so.

At one point Russo shifted his hands from his knees to the dashboard to steady himself and the woman threatened:

"Do that again and I'll shoot you. I'm just itching to pull this trigger."

She prodded the victim sev-

eral times with a gun which she apparently held in her jacket.

Calls Police

The bandits forced Russo from his truck at 208th st. and Denker ave. and then drove off in the truck. He called police from a near-by home.

Russo had just left the California bank when the bandits confronted him.

In addition to the bills and coins, the bandits got away with an undetermined amount of checks belonging to Russo's employers, the Cal-Newell co., 2319 Arlington ave.

The checks were made out to employes of service stations operated by the firm.

Russo said the woman was thin, small and dressed in a dark jacket and slacks. He described her voice as husky and said he didn't realize that she was a woman until several minutes after she entered the truck.

The man was described as about six feet tall, 190 pounds, wearing a dark leather jacket and Levi pants.

Youths Sent To CYA In Rape Case

Four youths involved in the September mass rape of a 14-year-old Lomita girl were denied probation and turned over to the California Youth Authority, following their hearing in the Long Beach Superior Court.

They are John Gomez, 18, of 23636 Pennsylvania avenue; Jessie Verdugo Grande, 20, of 2276 West 203rd street; Thomas Soto, 18, of 2562 West 235th street; and Felipe Perez, 18, of 2580 West 235th street, all of Torrance.

Child Dies After Aspirin Intake

Charida White, 20-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes White, 21736 Palos Verdes blvd., accidentally took 140 grains of aspirin Thursday, December 20, and died as a result, according to a report by the coroner's office.

Civic Symphony Will Present Yule Program

The Civic Symphony of the South Bay, Elyse Aehle conductor, is announcing the production of a pantomime based on the story and music of Hansel and Gretel.

The well-known music will be played by the 60-piece symphony orchestra, while the familiar fantasy is freely interpreted on the stage by a series of ballets, soloists, singers, a narrator and pantomimes.

Performances will be held Friday, December 28 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 29 at 2:15 p.m. at the Redondo High school auditorium.

The leading roles of Hansel and Gretel are played by Julie Watson, 10 years of age, and

Stephen Stackhouse, 11, who were awarded this honor after competing with over 20 other aspirants.

The cast of adult stars includes such artists as Marilyn Niska, soprano, Lyle Heck, baritone, Helen Carney, Clare Brown, and Kenneth Halle, dramatists, Jan Darian, Mary Tiffany, and Nancy Hesketh, solo dancers.

District embraces the same boundaries as the city.

In September, 1947, when formed, there were four schools and 1,772 children in the District. In October, 1956, there were eighteen schools, 18,543 children, and five more schools under construction.

In the past year, on June 7, 1956, a bond issue for \$10,000,000 passed 11 to 1. Also, since 1948, five successive issues totaling \$9,000,000 were passed.

In October, 1956, a 75 cent override tax was passed by a 4 to 1 vote, and a \$14,000,000 state building loan was authorized 5 to 1, through the efforts of the Torrance Education Advisory Committee, the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, and the Torrance labor unions.

(Exhibits were offered, giving full information on T.E.A.C. and showing cooperation of Tax Committee.)

Citizen Groups
Our city is responsive to numerous citizen groups:

Non-salaried commissions... planning, park and recreation, airport commission and city council (until this year receiving no compensation).

Ten homeowners associations... who have been very active and send delegates to the city council meetings, with the intent of improving their own areas.

Torrance Ministerial association... participates in matters for civic betterment.

Torrance Mounted Police... actively participate in civic projects; among other things, it is a parade group in which police and lay members participate.

Our Garden and Tree clubs are at all times interested in town beautification and clean-up.

The Junior and Senior Woman's clubs can be called on at all times to help put over projects for the good of the community.

The Art and Drama clubs have helped to raise the town cultural level.

The numerous labor unions send observers to the City Council meetings.

The 100 service, fraternal, patriotic groups are at all times ready to help together with the Senior and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

City Manager Form of Govt.
It is worthy of comment that this phenomena of growth and achievement has taken place in the last eight years, since our City Manager-Council form of government has been in existence. I doubt that there is any other city that can claim during that time a 600 per cent plus increase in growth. Our government is non-partisan; council elected at large; and stability is indicated in that Mr. George Stevens has been our City Manager since the beginning.

Summary
Summarizing, for your consideration, in Torrance we have had:

(First) Energetic, purposeful, intelligent citizenship action in the past 9 years, reaching its highest degree of effectiveness in the year last past.

(Second) City-school cooperation... making use of joint facilities to achieve maximum benefits.

(Third) City Manager-City Council government at its best. In conclusion, 18,000 Torrance school children wrote letters to

Columbia-Geneva President Killed in Airplane Crash

Alden G. Roach, president of Columbia-Geneva Steel Division of United States Steel corp., and two employees



ALDEN G. ROACH

killed last Thursday night in a Pennsylvania plane crash. Mr. Roach was on his way to the West Coast to spend Christmas with his family.

A twin-engine Lockheed with Pilot Roy Rollo and Copilot L. T. Williams, both of Los Angeles, was taking Mr. Roach to New York where he planned to fly to San Francisco.

The 55-year-old steel executive, who was the top officer of the Torrance plant of Columbia-Geneva, had been in Pittsburgh, Pa., for two days attending a meeting of U. S. Steel corp. executives.

West-bound flights from Pittsburgh had been canceled because of weather, so Mr. Roach was being flown to New York when the crash occurred.

Crashes
The plane carrying Mr. Roach and the two company pilots crashed in flames on a mountainside near Tyrone, Pa., about 30 minutes after it took off at 6:50 p.m., Thursday.

Jahn to Present Airport Plan at Council Meeting

Councilman Robert B. Jahn presented a plan to reactivate Torrance Airport tower and add landing strip lights for greater safety at a joint meeting of the City Council and Airport Commission, Thursday, December 20.

He said that he would make these recommendations at the next council meeting in the hope that they would break the deadlock on the present "touch and go" controversy.

'Touch and Go'
Jahn's three-point proposal

me to assist me in making this presentation. Although I could not bring all of these letters along, some of them are included in the brochure before you. The photographs accompanying the letters illustrate some of their main points.

After reading thousands of these letters, our committee was convinced that our children, as well as their parents, believe that Torrance is the All-America City.

Their letters prove further that Torrance has civic pride, a noble spirit and an understanding and generous heart. As one Torrance child wrote, and her letter is in the brochure,

"Buildings and people alone did not make Torrance great. Civic pride and respect for the rights of neighbors has made Torrance outstanding in the nation..."

We, the citizens of Torrance, believe that we are helping to build a great city of which Jared Sidney Torrance would be justly proud.

was given after the City Council turned down an Airport commission recommendation for a "touch and go" strip for the second time.

Basis for the rejection was that the extra strip would create a safety hazard because of lack of air control at the airport.

According to the councilman, two men would operate the tower part-time and would be paid \$5000 per year salary. The tower would be in operation on weekdays from about 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and all day on the weekends. Cost of lighting the field would amount to about \$16,000.

Bond Issue
Also discussed at the meeting was a proposed bond issue of \$1,500,000 to enlarge the airport in accordance with a new master plan recently sanctioned by the council.

The bond would be self-liquidating from airport income, according to Mayor Albert Isen. It is expected the federal government will give aid to the expansion program.

Airport commissioners feel that without such a "touch and go" strip, the Civil Aeronautics authority might not approve a financial grant to expand airport facilities.



TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS
A total of \$700 worth of toys were given away Monday at Scotty's Department store, 174th st. and Crenshaw as hundreds of people showed up for the event.—Press Photo.

Firm Offers Concessions in Strike, Workers Call Meet

Negotiations over the National Supply co. strike broke up late Friday night without settling the issues of the dispute.

Company officials announced a number of concessions. A general membership meeting of the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers, Local 1-128, was called for last night to pass on the new proposals.

Among the concessions made by the company was an offer to make any wage agreement retroactive to November 12, 1956 for those employees returning to work within one week from the signing of the agreement proposed by the Company.

Should the Company's proposal be accepted and an agreement signed in time to permit employees returning to work by December 25, 27, or 28, the company agreed to give Christmas Day pay to those returning employees.

If these employees are also on the payroll after New Year's Day they will also be paid for New Year's Day.

Those employees returning to work between January 2 and

January 7 inclusive, will be paid the New Year's holiday pay.

So that insurance protection will be continued during January for all employees and their families, the company has also offered to advance the employee's portion of the premium payments.

The company has further agreed to take into account the November cost-of-living index which has just been released, that will give effect to an additional three cents per hour increase on all hourly earnings beginning in the fourth day period after the return to work.

Despite the strike, children of all employees were entertained at the annual National Supply Employee's club Christmas party held Sunday. Club membership includes both striking and non-striking workers.

from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport.

Witnesses reported the plane either exploded or was in flames before it crashed 90 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

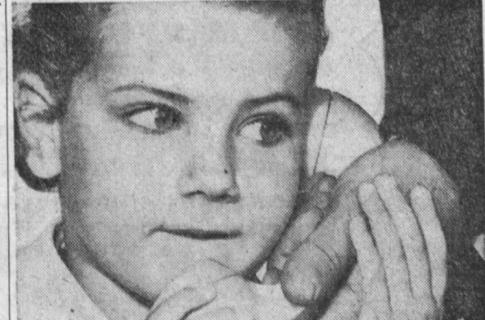
Funeral services are being arranged for all three of the crash victims.

Mr. Roach was born in St. Louis, Mo., on March 22, 1901.



COLOR TV SET AWARDED
Winner of the 21" RCA color TV set given away by Alondra Drugs, Perfection Cleaners, and Lease Auto Supply is Dee Turner, 6533 Hollywood blvd. Present for the activities Saturday night were (l-r) Bill Marlowe, general manager of Lease Auto Supply, Mrs. Sue Carter of the Torrance Press, Sam Myerson of Alondra Drugs, and George Giraux, master of ceremonies.—Press Photo.

WHAT'S DOING
R. S. Pyle, your Telephone Manager in Torrance



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This was the year you discovered that fascinating thing Mommy and Daddy call the telephone. Pretty wonderful, isn't it? But just you wait! Why, by the time you're grown—say twenty years from now—lots of wonderful things will have happened to your phone. You'll probably have one in every room of your home. Maybe you'll even carry a tiny one in your pocket. Combined telephone and television may be yours if you wish. All these things will come from never-ending telephone research—will come, too, from the men and women of Pacific Telephone, who work to make your telephone more useful every day.

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Have a happy holiday
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MOST INSPIRATIONAL PLAYER
Bob Walker, of the North High school football team, was chosen as the "most inspirational player of 1956" by his team mates. Here Coach, Cliff Graybehl presents him with the perpetual Al Bledsoe Memorial trophy on which his name will be inscribed. Walker is a former Torrance Press office boy.—Press Photo.

