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# Torrance Residents Gypped by Door-to-Door Salesmen

## First of \$3,000,000 Narbonne Contracts Let

### Fleming Jr. High to Be Reconstructed

First of \$3,000,000 worth of contracts which will completely rebuild Alexander Fleming Junior High School in Lomita has been awarded by the Los Angeles Board of Education.

The school, formerly Narbonne High School, will get \$1,287,100 worth of strengthening and modernization in its main building, plus some new classrooms and other buildings, in the first phase.

Slattebo Corp. was awarded the contract for completion in 400 days.

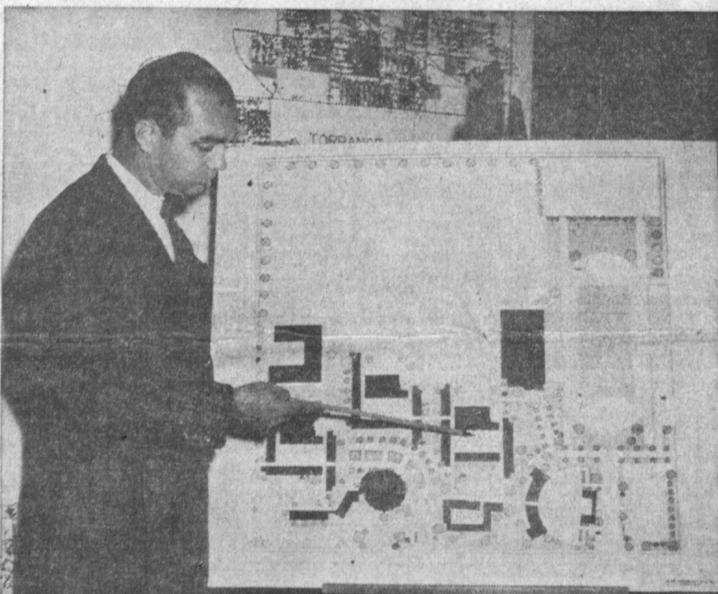
Later contracts will modernize the remainder of the school.

### ROSE PARADE FLOAT THEME 'CHOIR BOY'

Councilman George A. Bradford, Tournament of Roses float chairman, today reported a theme "The Choir Boy" will be used to represent Torrance.

The theme was recommended by a committee headed by Margaret Clark. Isabel Coleman of Pasadena will design and build the entry. She won Torrance a third prize in 1958 and first in 1959.

Bradford said the 1960 float will feature a 14-foot figure of a choir boy. The float will move under its own power.



NEW HIGH SCHOOL—James E. Crockett, director of new construction for Torrance Schools, points out facilities of West High School, expected to open in 1962. Plant would be centered round a circular library. Tentative plans are being studied by school board. —Press Photo

### Wortham to Talk on Konya Visit

Charles Wortham, Torrance's ambassador to its sister city, Konya, Turkey, will be guest speaker Nov. 10 at the North Torrance Fuchsia Society at 7:30 in McMaster's Park.

Frank Hinkel, president, said Wortham, a former mayor of Redondo Beach, will relate his experiences on his recent trip to Konya. Wortham will show articles and photographs.

### Inside the Press

You may agree, and you may disagree, but you can be certain you'll never be neutral about Looseleaf Notebook, another of the new features in the growing Sunday Press.

If some of our sacred cows, mores, and customs need another look, if conditions taken for granted should have a closer inspection, here is where you'll find it.

Today the author takes Halloween apart, recalling what it was and declaring today's is a pretty watered-down excuse for a celebration. See Page 8.

### Two Torrance Beauties Found Dead

Discovery of a plane wrecked five years ago on Mt. Cucamonga has written the final chapter on disappearance of a Torrance and Harbor City girl.

Mickey Kidwell of Torrance and Bobbie Gay last were seen boarding a plane at Lockheed terminal, Burbank. The wildest kind of speculation followed their disappearance.

It never will be known for sure where they were headed, with another girl, Joan Belger of Hollywood, and the pilot, John A. White of Mexicali.

White was an experienced pilot. He had flown here to pick up equipment for an ice house operated in Rocky Point Mexico, by his brother.

The plane last was heard from over Banning, where the pilot radioed he was icing. Then Thursday the wreckage and skeletons were found at the 6000-foot level of the mountain.

Miss Kidwell was 27, Miss Gay 19. The latter had been queen at Narbonne High School. All had met working in Los Angeles.

Although the mystery of their fate is solved, the mystery of where they were headed—and why—doubtless never will be.



SPOT CHECK—Gale Whitacre, city license aides continually checking solicitors and canvassers to be sure they have city permits to sell. —Press Photo

### Dick Dimmette in Hawaiian Isles On Week's Tour

Dick Dimmette, automotive columnist for The Press and president of DeVon Plymouth-Valiant-Triumph Center, is en route to a week's stay in Honolulu as guest of Cal-Sales, West Coast distributor of Triumph family and TR-3 sport cars.

Dimmette, whose column Free Wheelin' appears each Thursday, will be accompanied by his wife and daughter Mary. He will take a postman's holiday, visiting dealerships on the islands and reporting news of interest in his columns.

He attributes the trip to generosity of Cal-Sales, inspired by DeVon being virtually without competition as the largest sellers of the line on the coast.

### Escrow Firm Opens Office in Torrance

(Photo on Page 2)  
The Rolling Hills Escrow Company this week opened at office at 23870 Hawthorne Ave.

Officers of this company are Jackie Davis, president and Dalton Davis, secretary-treasurer.

The office will be under the management of Jackie Davis, assisted by Edna Watts. Mrs. Davis has been active in escrow work in this area for two years.

The company will offer loan, collection and notary services.

### ALUMINUM GROUP NAMES L. A. HARVEY

Lawrence A. Harvey, chairman of the board of Harvey Aluminum here, yesterday was elected to the board of the Aluminum Association of America.

He will serve until 1962.

### PRESS CARRIER ART MOLLO JR. RECOVERING

Art Mollo Jr., 13, taken to General Hospital Tuesday with all the symptoms of polio, is expected to be released today.

Art, a carrier for The Torrance Press, doesn't have the dread disease after all; it is a virus the doctors have not been able to diagnose.

His mother told The Press yesterday his headaches, fever, and other pains are gone, and so is the family's anxiety. The Mollos live at 1121 Cerise Ave.

### Pitch Men, Incompetent Prey on Consumers Here

Ever pay \$700 for a water softener? \$75 for a bunch of portraits you didn't want? \$15 for magazines that never were sent? \$507 for a fire alarm worth \$75?

Then likely you live in Torrance. They all happened here, and unless the trusting resident becomes more discriminating about door-to-door pitch men (and women), the city is due for more and soon.

This is the season. The rains are coming, and it's time to seal the asphalt driveway and oil the roof. Christmas is coming, and you'll be wanting pictures of the children. This is the time of year the door-to-door, fly-by-night, dirty-fingernail operators clean up. As usual, the trusting consumer is the goat.

The city License Department had more than a dozen calls last week on driveway-sealing jobs alone. The operators smeared the asphalt with old crankcase oil, collected a fat fee, and departed.

The department, under Gale Whitacre, license inspector and policeman, does all it can under the law to protect the unwary from folly and bankruptcy. So effective are its regulations that more than 90 percent of complaints concern peddlers and solicitors operating without a permit.

All door-to-door canvassers and salesmen are required to apply for a permit. If the applicant checks out, it's granted. If he turns out to be a parole robber, burglar, rapist, or dope peddler, it is not. Police Chief Percy G. Bennett already has denied permits on these grounds this year.

The permit won't keep the consumer from being stung, but it is an assurance that the solicitor's background has been checked; his name, photo, description, and fingerprints are on the card.

Residents usually wait till after they've been gypped to call the license department, which then does what it can to get an adjustment made. But generally the consumer has signed a contract, which is sold to a hole-in-the-wall finance company, and that ends it.

Principal squawks are coming from magazine pitches, food (Continued on Page 12)



QUEEN IS HERE—In this group stands homecoming queen of Torrance High. First row: Flora Watson, Lynne Hyde, Vicki Hippik, Bev Orend, Linda Williams. Second: Donna Ritchie, Sharon Ricci, Sue Hammack, Carol Donaher. Rear: Sondra Hanni, Pat Cochran, Sheila Thornberry, Denise Hunter, Carol Johnson. Queen, to be picked Wednesday, will reign over homecoming. —Press Photo



POLICE SHOW STAR—Luscious Connie Haines, internationally celebrated singer, will appear with Nelson Riddle's orchestra Nov. 7 at Long Beach auditorium. The show, sponsored by Torrance Police Officers Association, will feature singing, dancing, comedy, and thrill acts with dancing to 1 a.m. Proceeds go to association charities. Tickets are available at police station.