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POWERHOUSE GRID AGGREGATION chosen by 3000 voters in a poll conducted by the Torrance Press display "All-City" team trophies presented to them at a banquet Thursday night. The victorious gridgers are, from left to right, Vernon Davis, Torrance High; Joe Montgomery, Torrance; Joe Austin, South High; Bob Wehrhan, South; Mike Czarzke,

South; Dennis Higgins, South; Cliff Weimer, Torrance; John Sibley, North High; Bill Claxton, North; and Stan Gonta, Torrance. The eleventh member of the squad, Howard Taylor of Torrance was not present due to basketball activities; Jack Taylor accepting.

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Youth Recovering From Polio Attack

Post-Season Game Sought by Group

In an exclusive interview granted to the PRESS yesterday, Bob Prior, spokesman for a group of North Torrance sports figures and football fans, urged the school district to schedule a gridiron contest next fall pitting Torrance High against Catholic school Bishop-Montgomery.

Prior stated that since the religious school extended its curriculum to include the 12th grade many have told him that they favor his group's wish to see the game come off. Prior said that South High will clash with North in a Bay League contest next fall and the winner of this contest should engage the winner of the Torrance-Bishop game to determine the City's champion. "Our body wants the post season game receipts turned over to some charitable organization such as the YMCA," Prior reiterated.



BOB PRIOR

Special Buses Available for Rose Parade

Special buses will be available to transport Torrance citizens to the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena Jan. 1, according to Marshall Chamberlain, superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. Chamberlain said tickets may be bought from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1511 Cravens Ave., or, from any bus driver. The round-trip fare, including tax is \$2.75 per person, this does not include reserved grandstand seats. Persons wishing to reserve seats in the grandstands are being asked to call SY 3-4528 in Pasadena.

Stricken by polio several years ago, Freddie Diesel, 21, of 1608 Post Ave., was admitted to Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Downey early Saturday morning after the Torrance Fire Dept. had rushed a "resuscitator" to thwart an attack of convulsions at his home.

According to hospital authorities Diesel is beginning to respond to treatment and the attack is not considered dangerous.

Dr. W. E. Grubbs attended the youth and called for the resuscitator and air-way from the fire dept. to treat his patient. The equipment was rushed to the youth's home at 12:30 a.m. Saturday.

Isen Heads List to View TV Program 'Salute to Torrance'

Ten bus loads of Torrance women will make a trip to the Moulin Rouge in Hollywood Tuesday to see the "Christmas Salute to Torrance," on the "Queen for a Day" TV broadcast it was announced by Bill Hanson, special events chairman for the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce.

A total of 1,150 women will attend the program, almost 500 of them on buses to see the show which will be taped Tuesday for rebroadcast Wednesday, Dec. 23, Hanson said.

Leading the delegation will be Mayor and Mrs. Albert Isen, Councilman and Mrs. J. A. Beasley, Councilman and Mrs. Willys Blount, Councilman and Mrs. George Bradford, Councilman Nick Dralle, Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hull, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Phillips.

Report Due on "Dark" Street

Councilman George Bradford requested City Manager George Stevens to increase work activity on brightening up dark Torrance Blvd.

Stevens indicated a report will be completed soon and submitted to the council. Bradford had complained of "very poor lighting" conditions on the east-west boulevard.

Playgrounds and Parks Stay Open Over Yule Season

Seventeen park and school playgrounds will be open daily during Christmas vacation, according to the Torrance Recreation Department.

There will be supervised programs from 9 a.m. until evening at the El Nido, El Retiro, McMaster, Sea-Aire, Torrance and Walteria Parks.

The playgrounds of the Anza, Casimir, Greenwood, Flavian, Hamilton, Hillside, Parkway, Riviera, Seaside, Sepulveda and Wood Schools will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Open dates include Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31. All will close at 1 p.m. on Dec. 24, however, and none will be open Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

TRAFFIC SAFETY RESOLUTION

On motion of Councilman Jahn, and seconded by Councilman J. A. Beasley, the City Council of Torrance adopted the following resolution numbered 3823.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECOMMENDING THAT ALL ORGANIZATIONS ELIMINATE THE SERVING OF INTOXICATING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PARTIES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

Hahn Urges Establishment of Chapel at Airport Site

Establishment of a small, interdenominational chapel to serve all faiths at the new passenger terminal now under construction at the Los Angeles International Airport was urged this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Pointing out that more than 5,000,000 persons now pass through the Airport each year, he declared that "many hundreds of persons who arrive at and depart from the Airport each day would like to have a small place where they could worship and meditate."

The idea was suggested to him by the Reverend L. I. Weaver, Pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, 298 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne.

Supervisor Hahn explained that many persons traveling by air do so because of emergency problems, such as the sickness or death of loved ones and that the existence of a chapel at the Airport would give them a chance to obtain spiritual solace and comfort through prayer and worship.

"With more than \$24 million being spent for construction of the new passenger terminal, it surely would be possible to provide a chapel to serve the spiritual needs of persons traveling by air," he declared.

He added that the new terminal will not be completed until 1961, but that a temporary chapel should be established at the present terminal.

Requests for Guns Head Lists of Local Elementary Students

Although the Space Age has made an impression, the Christmas wants of the younger generation apparently haven't changed too much with the years. According to a giant letter to Santa posted on a bulletin board in second grade classrooms, guns, bikes, dollies, and puppies still head the list of most popular Christmas gifts for eight-year-olds this year.

Mrs. Maxine Ruckle and Miss Lois Ruhl prepared the huge letter to Santa, which incorporates the first choice in Christmas gifts among members of their classes. The two teachers share a room, since Meadow Park is on double sessions this year.

Guns led the list, with nine requests among the 65 children in the classes. Eight youngsters each wanted bikes and dollies. Five requested puppies, including one specific demand for a Great Dane and another for a Collie. The other three just want a dog.

Mobility of the younger set is indicated by the nine requests for bikes, four for skates, two for race cars, and one each for a go-cart, water skis, and quarter midget racer. One student asked for a baby stroller.

On the athletic front, three Los Angeles Rams fans asked for football suits of their idols. Only one baseball fan requested a suit. The call of the outdoors inspired two to ask for cowboy outfits.

Three youngsters wanted portable radios and two sought record players. There were two requests for jet planes, and one each for a missile set, Army set, and "Battle of the Blue and Gray" army set. Two children asked for trains and another for a "yard bird," which he explained was "something I saw in a train magazine."

There were miscellaneous requests for wood dough, a doll house, a watch, and popcorn set. There was one student who just couldn't decide what he wanted most.

Impact of TV on the younger set was apparent as a number of the youngsters asked not only for specific presents, but for the brand names of the product as well. One boy, for instance, announced he would settle for nothing less than a "Steve Canyon" Jet.

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Thomas, School Consultant, Dies

Dr. W. Craig Thomas, 49, curriculum consultant for the Torrance Unified School District, died Wednesday at Magnolia Hospital, Long Beach, after a short illness. He lived at 1200 Esplanade, Redondo Beach.

He returned to the Torrance school system last June, after serving in the same capacity in 1955-56. In the interim, he had travelled and written several books.

A graduate of Stanford, he held doctorate from the University of Southern California. He previously served as director of Compton College and chairman of the Graduate Council at Arizona State. His father, Dr. Frank W. Thomas, is a retired president of Fresno State College, while a brother, Dr. Laurence Thomas, is a Stanford professor. He leaves his widow, Lynn; son, Col. A. T. House, Ohio; brothers, Dr. Laurence, Palo Alto, and Dr. Frank, Flintridge; and father, Dr. Frank Thomas, Palo Alto.

Lover's Wait Interrupted

Police officers rushed to Lucky Market at Sepulveda and Hawthorne Blvd. late Friday night after a call from manager Harley Delano who reported a suspicious truck loitering outside the premises.

Police report—just a lover waiting for his lover.

Moses Chosen Cancer Group Unit Leader

The appointment of Mrs. James-Moses as unit leader for the Torrance Gardena area participation in the American Cancer Society's huge epidemiology study was announced today by Richard F. Root, field representative, District Eight, American Cancer Society.

The study, a survey of the relationship of human living habits to cancer, will involve the volunteer services of 10 men and women who will be expected to make annual follow-up reports on seven to ten local families during the next six years.

Each volunteer will keep track of approximately ten families already known to him, asking each family to fill out a comprehensive questionnaire which the family itself will seal for transmittal to New York. Thus not even the volunteers will know the contents of the completed questionnaires.

During each of the following six years, the volunteers will make routine reports on the status of the families for which they are responsible. If any deaths are reported American Cancer Society statisticians will obtain data about the causes from death certificates, medical records, and attending physicians.

Similar data was gathered for the Society's famous survey which linked heavy cigarette smoking to cancer of the lung, he pointed out. That survey was completed in 1954.

As soon as recruitment of the volunteer task force is complete, the county-wide distribution of questionnaires will begin. Mr. Root said that 1960 has been set as a target date.

Toucan Street Santa Claus Lane

By JOE DIXON Press Feature Writer
Santa Claus lane is not in Hollywood as reported by that city's drum-beaters

but here in Torrance according to Mrs. George Westerlund, 4507 Toucan St., spokesman for a group of

home owners living on Toucan St., in homes bearing 4500-through 4600 num-

"We got tired of hearing the commercial aspect of Santa Claus lane back before the holidays in 1958

and a group of us neighbors decided to do something about it," said Mrs. Wester-

"Every night after dinner one of the fathers dons a Santa's outfit especially made by another neighbor

and visits the 80 kids living on the almost two blocks of houses included in our group, bearing gifts of candy and listening to the youngsters requests," Mrs. Westerlund further reiterated.

"Because the spirit of Christmas prevailed through-out the '58 holiday season the group decided to continue the practice this year complete with outdoor displays.

"The happiest of all of us are the children who anxiously anticipate the arrival of Santa each night with St. Nick climbing the season by bringing 'some' of the gifts the kids 'ordered,'" said Mrs. Westerlund.

The lane starts on the entrance to Toucan via Hawthorne Blvd., south of 190th St. and opposite Union Carbide. Candy stick posts in front of each house and seasons greetings "Merry Christmas" on one side and "Happy New Year" on the other as you enter the street.

Small Firms Get Contracts

Small business firms in Southern California received Government prime contracts valued at \$6,471,460.00 during the month of October, Small Business Administration Regional Director, Donald McLarnan, reported today.

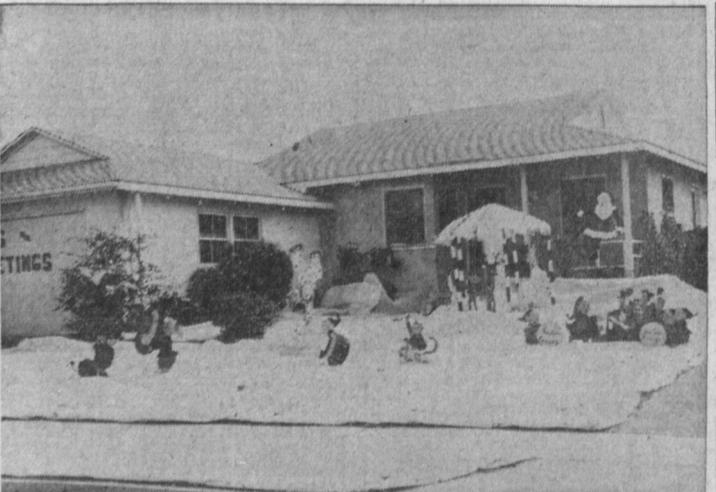
These awards to small business concerns were made as a result of Small Business Administration's cooperative program with principal military and civilian Government purchasing centers throughout the country.

Pvt. Completes Army Course

Army Pvt. David L. Burdick, 18, son of Neil M. Burdick, 1407 Cota Ave., Torrance, completed the eight-week finance procedures course Dec. 9 at the Finance School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Burdick was trained in matters relating to the acquiring, disbursing and accounting of funds. He entered the Army last August and completed basic combat training at Fort Ord.

Burdick is a 1958 graduate of Torrance High School.



SANTA'S CIRCUS is depicted by outdoor yule display at 4626 Toucan St., showing Santa's animals and helpers in miniature on

imitation snow, being directed in their work by the coming visitor from the North Pole.



SNOW MAN made of white fibreglass material on a bed of the same substance shows visitors to 4621 Toucan St. a cheerful wel-

come of "Noel" on Santa Claus lane in Southwest Park.

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