

**TORRANCE ENTRY** in Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade is "Apollo to the Moon," signifying local missile industry's contribution to space race. Nearly 75 residents turned out nights prior to parade to put finishing touches on float, which featured yellow

crescent moon with Apollo orbiting past. Red and orange flames shot past moon as Apollo passed, with smaller satellite circling below.

—PRESS Photo by Mike Evans

# Arsonists Set School On Fire

**TORRANCE** — Fire broke out at Torrance Elementary School late Tuesday, causing an undetermined amount of damage.

Firemen said the blaze apparently was the work of arsonists.

According to Batt. Chief Gene Walker of Torrance Fire Department, damage

was confined to a building used as a nursery school, adjacent to the elementary school.

Walker said the fire apparently was started in a small, wooden box painted to resemble a popcorn stand.

Fire consumed the box, then spread to walls and

an overhanging porch of the one-story school structure.

Damage to the building was moderate, according to firemen. Plaster on an outside wall was cracked, the porch area scorched, several windows were broken and part of the roof was damaged.

Several boxes of matches were found by a school custodian at the scene, fire department arson investigators said.

## Dr. Knutson Named Chief At Hospital

Dr. Edward W. Knutson has been named chief of staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital for 1963.

Election occurred at the December dinner meeting of the hospital medical staff held recently at the Palms.

Installation will take place at the annual banquet scheduled for the Palos Verdes Country Club January 12, 1963.

Doctor Knutson is a general practitioner and has practiced in Torrance since 1951. During the past year he served as secretary-treasurer of the hospital staff. Currently he is vice president of the Crenshaw-Sepulveda Corporation which recently erected the Crenshaw-Sepulveda Medical Center in Torrance.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin Medical School, Doctor Knutson has been active on various committees of the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

Other 1963 elected medical staff officers include Dr. Jesse H. Frank, assistant chief of staff; Dr. James K. Lees, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Richard A. Sullivan, assistant secretary-treasurer. Elected to the Executive Committee are Drs. Jack R. Brokken, William A. Davies, and Joseph Nebolon.

The outgoing officers are Dr. Carlo A. Tabollario, chief of staff; Dr. Nathan M. Spishakoff, assistant chief of staff; Doctor Knutson, secretary-treasurer; and Doctor Lees, assistant secretary-treasurer.

## Information Office Moved

**TORRANCE** — The federal government has announced abandonment of its employment information center at the Torrance Post Office.

Announcement came last week from Asa T. Briley, San Francisco regional director for the U.S. Civil Service Commission, who said the change was part of a current move to cut costs and increase efficiency.

Persons interested in obtaining federal employment information now must visit the Long Beach post office, Briley said.

## Winners Named In HR Contest

**HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA** — Winners of a Christmas decoration contest sponsored by Riviera Homeowners Association were announced this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Burr, 5006 Vista del Vegas, were named sweepstakes winners.

Second place went to Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Frandsen, 325 Via Linda Vista, Dr. and Mrs. Pruseit of 468 Calle de Castellana placed third.

Judges were Karl Stefek, chairman, Mrs. Robert Katherman, Mrs. Luis Kaplan and Tom Roach.

Other winners were: **MOST ORIGINAL** — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Watts, 145 Via Monte de Oro, first; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schellman, 139 Via Monte de Oro, second; Mr. and Mrs. John Wakefield, 4909 Calle de Arboles, third.

**BEST RELIGIOUS** — Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Smith, 4730 Via Corona, first; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brogdon, 330 Camino de las Colinas, second; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Venegas, 228 Via Alameda, third.

**BEST USE OF LIGHTS**

— Mr. and Mrs. Don Seban, 506 Via los Miradores, first; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Locke, 145 Via de las Delicias, second; Mr. and Mrs. William Harrold, 4130 Paseo de las Tortugas, third.

**MOST ARTISTIC** — Mr. and Mrs. Carl Putman, 5109 Paseo de Pablo, first; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Belda, 461 Calle de Castellana, second.

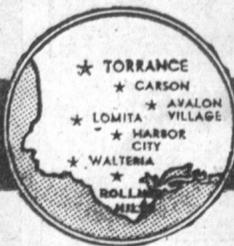
**CHRISTMAS THEME** — Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Van Loosbrock, 511 Paseo de los Reves, first; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Booth, 5301 Paseo de Pablo, second.

**DOORWAY DECORATION** — Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Akana, 4514 Paseo de las Tortugas, first; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Short, 5409 Paseo de Pablo, second; Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Moss, 5611 Via del Collado, third.

**UNUSUAL EFFECT** — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roberts, 5002 Paseo de Pablo.

**SPECIAL AWARD** — Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Griffin 4131 Paseo de las Tortugas.

Awards will be presented Monday at the association meeting.



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# Torrance Growth 'Booms'

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**TORRANCE** — 1962 has been a boom year in Torrance, with 1963 looming even bigger.

Growth termed "phenomenal" was recorded in population, industry, commerce, home and apartment building, civic improvements and a variety of other fields.

"We expect 1963 to be even bigger," said Martin M. Denn, manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

Noted as most significant in 1962 was the total value of new building permits issued by city officials. More than \$38 million in new construction was recorded, less than 50 per cent of which was for single homes.

The bulk was spent for multiple dwellings and commercial construction. Denn said the building trend follows with a population increase of more than 5,000 in Torrance, plus increases in surrounding communities.

"Of special interest will be the construction of multi-storied office and professional buildings, beginning next year. Plans already are

on the way for a zoning variance for the construction of a six-story major medical building," Denn said. "This will be followed by high rise office buildings."

It was also pointed out that development of the Marble property at Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds. over the next three years will not only result in over \$30 million in new single homes and apartment buildings, but in a population leap of some 8,000 new residents.

"Another highly important action during the past year has been the joint interest of both the city government and the chamber in community planning. The

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**FIREMEN TRY** to dislodge huge chunk of earth balanced precariously over bluff at Torrance Beach. Despite a five-hour try, attempts failed and police blocked off area in hopes of averting injury. More than 80,000 gallons

of water were played on the cracked earth to loosen it, firemen said. City Manager Wade Peebles, who declared the emergency in area, is in rear, with Fire Chief J. J. Benner, at right.

—PRESS Photo

## Firemen Fail in Tries To Loosen Hill Crack

**TORRANCE** — City officials waited cautiously today, hoping they would be able to dislodge a huge earth mass before it tumbles suddenly onto a stretch near Torrance Beach.

Firemen were unsuccessful Monday night in tries to dislodge the land section,

but said they would keep trying until it gives way.

City Manager Wade Peebles declared the area, which lies above Torrance Beach in the 600 block Paseo de la Playa, a public hazard and ordered 24-hour police guard to avoid injury to neighborhood children and curious.

Firemen spent nearly five hours and pumped an estimated 82,000 gallons of water into the large cracks on the bluff, but were unable to break the section loose.

The earth is hanging precariously, threatening to collapse at any moment.

The crack was noticed two weeks ago by a neighbor, identified as Mrs. Norman Slater, 631 Paseo de la Playa.

Shifting earth already has uprooted a portion of chain link fence separating homes from a bluff overlooking the

beach. Lifeguards, fearing further movement might endanger life, kept a vigil until police patrol was announced.

### FIND YOUR NAME AND WIN

It's "Find Your Name Time" again with today's issue of the Torrance Press.

And you may be the lucky winner.

Readers whose names appear anywhere throughout the paper in contest form will win a free classified ad, good any time up to 30 days.

Simply clip the name and bring it with your ad to the Torrance Press, 3238W. Sepulveda Blvd. Good hunting!

## Riviera Residents Observe 19th Year

**HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA** — Nineteenth anniversary of the Riviera Homeowners Association will be observed Monday at 8 p.m. in ceremonies at Parkway School.

New members and property owners will be honored guests.

Mayor Albert Isen will present awards for the Riviera Christmas Decoration Contest, and outstanding students from South High School will be introduced.

Araceli Bianco, American Field Service exchange student from Spain, will be speaker. Coffee and an anniversary cake will be served.

## Postman Cited

**TORRANCE** — Mailman Joe Trujillo has been cited for bravery by the U. S. Post Office.

Trujillo, 23, of 2100 Lincoln St., doused a house fire at 360 Via Colusa before firemen arrived last week, braving flames to do so.

His action was cited by Postmaster Clara Connors, who called Trujillo "a fine example of postmen everywhere."

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**NEW SELECTION** of books on American heritage will be among those purchased for Isabel Henderson Library with \$200 check donated by Bert Lynn (right). Participating in infor-

mal presentation ceremony are (l-r) Mrs. John Galvin, member of book selection committee; Harold Umbarger, head library, and Lynn.

—PRESS Photo