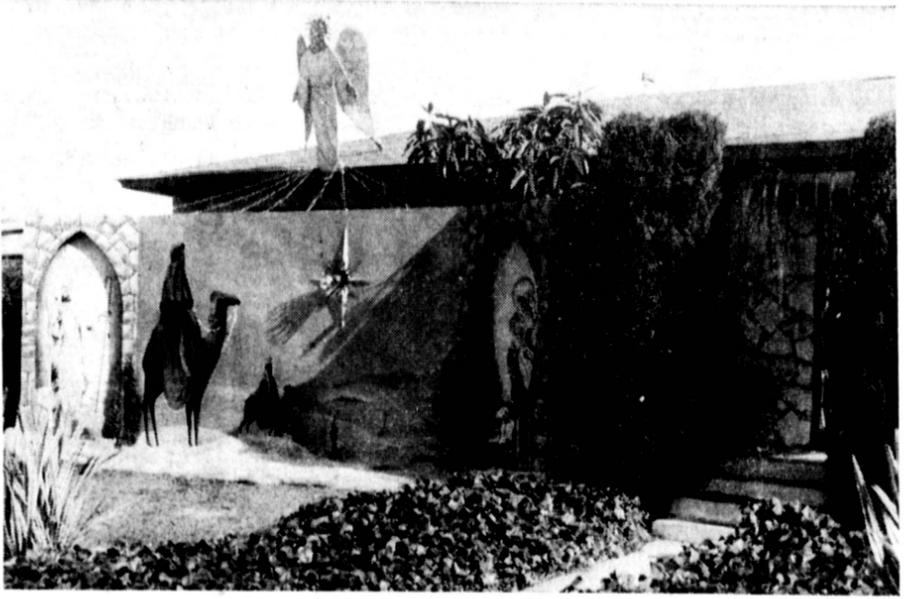


**NOVELTY WINNER . . .** Taking their cue from the off season home of Santa, the Melvin Dowden family, 16919 Fonthill Ave., decorated their front yard with the North Pole, complete with Santa and ice skaters. The scene won first prize in the Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting Contest. Second place winner in the novelty division was Jay Vaught, who lives in the Skyline Mobile Home Park.



**WISE MEN . . .** Portraying the visit of the three Wise Men to the Christ Child, this scene at the Wayne G. Harvey home at 22318 Avis Court was awarded first prize in the religious division of the Junior Chamber

of Commerce lighting contest. The second prize in the division was won by a double entry submitted by the Jay Harl and A. R. Caddell families of 4714 and 4718 Carmelyn St. (Press-Herald Photos)

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**WITH CHRISTMAS CHEER . . .** Members of the Future Business Leaders of America at North High have distributed small gifts to patients at the Earlwood Retirement and Convalescent Home. The club was one of five which completed work on Christmas projects to aid needy families last week. Shown here are, from left, Ramona Pearce, Anita Christiansen, Linda Dunlap, Carol Everett, and Howard Phillips.

## North High Clubs Aid Needy During Christmas

Members of five North High School clubs have completed work on projects to aid residents of Pueblo Ejido, Mexico, and Sasebo, Japan, and patients at three Torrance hospitals.

Las Siernas, the Saxon Spanish Club, collected canned goods for families in Pueblo Ejido at the suggestion of Linda Alvarez. The town crops were destroyed by salt carried by the lower Colorado River and Miss Alvarez learned of the disaster through a cousin, Rebecca Arciniega, who delivered the food.

Several families on a military base in Sasebo will receive stockings filled with books, soap, games, puzzles, and handkerchiefs. The project was organized by the Red Cross club and high school students in Japan handled delivery of the stockings.

Future Homemakers at North made animal faced bean bags for the children at Riviera Hospital, a project which was financed by a cookbook sale.

Homemade cookies and pine cone Christmas trees were distributed to patients at the Earlwood Retirement and Convalescent Home. The

work was done by members of the Future Business Leaders of America at North.

Future Nurses Club visited Harbor General Hospital with

Christmas gifts of knick-knack containers and novelty soap. The gifts were given to elderly patients at the hospital.



**RED CROSS CENTER . . .** Participating in groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Red Cross Service Center to be built on the southeast corner of First Street and Western Avenue in San Pedro, were, from left, Julius Kaplan, San Pedro Red Cross branch chairman; Jack Cunningham, chairman of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Red Cross branch; Stanley Heiman, Torrance-Lomita branch chairman, and Wendell Black, chairman of the Red Cross branch in Wilmington. The new building will serve as the administrative and service center for the five branches of Los Angeles Chapter American National Red Cross southern region.

# Sprinklers Douse Fire Then Flood Big Store

## Council Facing Year-End Backlog of City Business

A backlog of year-end business is in store for City Councilmen when they convene Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. for the final session of 1964.

At least one item, however, will be carried into 1965 if a recommendation from City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier is accepted. The item involves a variance which would permit Quinns' Dairy to continue operations in the city. The hearing on the variance was continued by the council two weeks ago pending discussions pertaining to right-of-way for Del Amo Boulevard.

Remelmeier will recommend that the hearings be continued until April 6, 1965. At that time, he noted, tentative plans for the widening

of Del Amo Boulevard will be available and negotiations may be completed with the owners of the dairy.

During the Tuesday meeting, councilmen are scheduled to:

- Consider a new ordinance prohibiting the sale

## Red Cross Will Have New Center

The official groundbreaking of the new American Red Cross Service Center to be constructed on the southeast corner of First Street and Western Avenue in San Pedro was attended by Red Cross volunteers and community and civic leaders from Torrance, Lomita, Wilmington, Palos Verdes, San Pedro, and Gardena. The San Pedro branch hosted a luncheon prior to the groundbreaking. Julius Kaplan San Pedro Red Cross chairman conducted a short meeting at the present Red Cross building, 390 W. 7th St., before the group of more than 100 men and women gathered at the new building site.

MORE THAN two-thirds of the funds to finance the purchase of the lot, for construction of the new building and furnishings were provided by Bessie Yuncker, who left a substantial bequest in her will.

The remainder of the approximately \$300,000 project will be paid for by other bequests and legacies left to Red Cross for such use.

"Red Cross donations given during annual fund drives are never used for buildings, property or improvements to either," Dan Haughton, president of Lockheed Aircraft Corp., explained.

Among the dignitaries attending the groundbreaking were Councilman John Gibson and State Rep. Vincent Thomas. Both addressed the group and wished Red Cross continued success in its service to the southern region. (Continued on Page 8)

of cars from vacant lots throughout the city. Councilmen asked for the ordinance because of the increasing number of cars being parked along Hawthorne Avenue with "for sale" signs. If adopted, the ordinance will require a business license for such sales.

- Approve final plans for the additions to the city's police station, and schedule bids on the project. Plans were drawn by Koebig and Koebig of Los Angeles.
- Adopt a budget for the urban renewal Redevelopment Agency for administrative expenses.

• Consider appropriation of \$5,000 to complete the final phase of the civic auditorium study. The study, if authorized, will be completed by Economic Research Associates.

- Consider a sister city program budget of \$1,570 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

## Driver Held After Auto Hits Truck

The driver of a car which slammed into a parked truck and then careened into the path of another vehicle Christmas night has been booked for drunken driving and taken to the prison ward of County General Hospital.

Charles Van Houseman, 31, of 15515 Vermont Ave., slammed into a truck parked on the east side of Hawthorne Avenue between 178th and 179th streets just before 9 p.m. Friday. Witnesses said his car careened back onto Hawthorne Avenue and was struck by an oncoming car.

The third vehicle, backed away from the wreck and then drove off, police were told. A partial description of the car was obtained.

Houseman was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment of head and facial injuries. He later was booked and transferred (Continued on Page 8)



**NATIVE SON . . .** Air Force officer Kenneth B. Fess, of Headquarters Field Command, Defense Atomic Support Agency, Sandia Base, N. M., has been promoted to the rank of colonel. Originally from Torrance, he has been in the military service 21 years.

## Flames Trigger System

Three overhead automatic sprinklers, triggered into action by flames which started near a Del Amo Center store checkstand, doused the flames and dumped thousands of gallons of water into the store early Saturday.

Flames which started near a check-out stand of the F. W. Woolworth store were doused before doing much damage, according to Fire Capt. Stanley Sellers.

Water continued to pour from the three activated sprinkler heads, however, and dumped water into the store until it had covered the main floor with more than an inch of water and had begun running into the basement stockrooms.

Quick estimates made by fire department personnel and store manager William L. LeFevre indicated the damage would be slight.

Firemen were called to the store after a police patrol (Continued on Page 8)

## At Sessions

C. J. Evanson, Torrance branch manager of the American National Insurance Co., attended the company's two-day meeting at the Sportsman's Lodge in San Fernando Valley.

## Gas Station Robbed . . .

Three men took about \$100 from gas station attendant Paul Cox in a robbery Wednesday night at 1605 W. Carson St., he told police. Cox said one bandit approached him and asked for directions to the Harbor Freeway, then was joined by two others who demanded money. One of the robbers displayed a gun, Cox said.

## Liquor Store Robbed . . .

Two gunmen held up a Torrance liquor store clerk and a customer, getting nearly \$800 from both, during a Wednesday night holdup here. Police were told that two gunmen entered the store at 2087 Torrance Blvd. and had just taken about \$300 from the store till and another \$38 from the wallet of clerk Michael Scouten, when Paul J. Smith walked into the store. The gunmen took \$436 from Smith's wallet on their way out.

## Police Chief Leads Panel

Chief of Police Walter R. Koenig will address members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday at the chamber's monthly membership breakfast. Koenig will head a panel which includes assistant chief M. H. Porter, Lt. R. E. Hammond, and Capt. J. W. Maestri at the Torrance Recreation Center gathering. The panel subject will be "Meet Your Police Department."