

# Obituaries

## Selma Keefer

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel for Mrs. Selma Christina Keefer, a pioneer Torrance resident who died here Tuesday.

Mrs. Keefer, of 2259 Torrance Blvd., was born in Minnesota Nov. 4, 1888, and had lived in the city for more than 40 years. She was a member of the Torrance Woman's Club and had been active in the club's numerous projects for many years.

Surviving Mrs. Keefer are a son, Col. William Keefer, now stationed in Texas; two sisters, Rev. Alice Englebretson of Minnesota and Esther Hitchcock of Laguna Beach, Calif.; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The Rev. Arthur Nagel, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Torrance, officiated at the rites. Burial was in Green Hills Memorial Park.

## Doris Higgins

Funeral services for Doris Jean Higgins, who died last Sunday morning, were conducted this morning at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with burial following at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Mrs. Higgins, born Dec. 4, 1930, in Dennison, Tex., had lived in the Torrance area for the past 34 years. Her home was at 16020 Van Ness Ave.

She is survived by a daughter, Pamela Garner of Torrance; a son, Michael Marruffo of Los Angeles; her mother, Erion Settlemire of Tennessee; her father, George Boggs of Wheatland, Calif.; and two sisters, Delphine Palacios of Tustin, Calif., and Mary French of Garden Grove.

## Louis Sneed

Funeral services for Louise Sneed, 1881 Olive St., Long Beach will be held in East St. Louis, Ill., with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Sneed, who died last Sunday, was born Aug. 19, 1910, in Mississippi. She had lived in Southern California for 25 years.

Surviving are eight sisters, Barbara Bolds, Sarah Webb, Othelia Freeman, Jo Anna Jones, Katie Lee Hills, Jessie Beck, and Melinda Epps, all of Illinois, and Emma Morris of Tennessee; a brother, Thomas Brown of Illinois.

## Lamar E. Dotts

Funeral services for Lamar Ernest Dotts, 1015 Cota Ave., will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. Mr. Dotts died Wednesday.

A native of Pennsylvania, he was born Oct. 10, 1888, and had lived here for the past 18 months.

He is survived by his widow, Anna; three sons, William of Torrance, Wesley of Norwalk, and Henry of Pennsylvania; two daughters, Lois Eagan of Torrance and Anna Wilson of Texas; a brother, Clyde of Pennsylvania; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Arthur Nagel, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate the rites with burial following in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

## Buses . . .

(Continued from Page A-1) to local residents who need it. But he added that the city should prove its need for new busses one or two at a time. Uerkwitz noted that only \$39 fares were collected last month on the "shoppers' special" route.

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## Sacramento Trip Slated By Chamber

An educational day-long trip to Sacramento will be sponsored Wednesday, April 23, by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

A flat rate of \$50 covers round-trip jet fare, lunch, dinner, and tips.

Those attending will meet with elected officials and attend a session of the Legislature. Local legislators have been invited to join the group for both lunch and dinner.

## Unshaven Man Holds up Store

An unshaven man about 30 pulled a blue steel revolver on a clerk at Alondra Drugs, 16908 S. Prairie Ave., and forced her to turn over \$65 from the cash register.

The man, described as a Mexican-American wearing a gray windbreaker, entered the store Monday at 8:15 p.m. and presented the clerk with a brown paper bag for the cash.

## Series . . .

(Continued from Page A-1) for some funding next year, Dunn said.

As its second program, the commission has urged City Council endorsement of Project H.O.W., a YMCA project to hire a professional psychologist-social worker to meet individually with troubled teenagers. A letter of endorsement will be prepared at a later date for the Council's consideration.

THE THIRD project suggested by the commission was the development of an adult education program about the dangers of narcotics.

Chairman Dunn told councilmen he believes drug abuse is not a problem in itself, but a symptom of a real problem: young people's inability to relate to society. He believes a partial solution is bringing youth people and adults together and encourage them to talk out their differences.

Mayor Albert Isen praised the commission's report.

## ... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Now is the time for all good men to pay their taxes. Well, good or bad — the Internal Revenue Service isn't really that concerned — as long as all taxes due are paid. The overwhelming spread and cost of government today practically ravages the income the average person in America earns.

Some poor souls are cruelly put upon by taxes, while others somehow manage to find the loopholes and escape quite unscathed. There are many fine deductions that were written into the law so as to legally provide compensation for such noble acts as contributing to one's favorite church, a cultural foundation, or the Red Cross. Americans are great contributors — almost any legitimate cause can be championed here in the United States — and the results are evident everywhere we go.

After years of donating money to my old alma-mater, the Red Cross, Boys' and Girls' Scouts, all kinds of medical research programs, and you name it — I have finally found a contribution that I can really enjoy. I have been doing this for years, never realizing that it was tax deductible — at least not for an average income earner such as myself.

TAX BENEFITS can be realized from the donation of gifts to museums, religious or educational institutions, charitable organizations, as well as scientific and literary foundations. These organizations must be qualified in every sense of the word. Some people set up phoney foundations so that they can give things to themselves and enjoy the deduction. That, of course, would be illegal. Generally, the deduction is limited to 20 per cent of the donor's adjusted gross income for the year in question, although an additional 10 per cent is often allowable when contributions have been made to certain defined public or publicly supported institutions. Sometimes, any amount great-

er than 30 per cent can be carried over and treated as a charitable contribution in each of the succeeding five years. The amount of the deduction is normally determined by the fair market value of the donated property at the time of the gift. When the donated property is a valuable painting, antique, or other art object, it is often very difficult to determine its fair market value with any degree of precision. This is particularly true where the item may have been in the donor's family for a considerable period of time, in which event the original purchase price would have little bearing on its present value.

IN REGARD to any gift of property, such as a valuable painting, for which a deduction of more than \$200 is claimed, a statement containing certain detailed information in support of the charitable deduction must be attached to the tax return. Such items as the cost, date, and manner of acquisition, proof of authenticity, and a statement of the factors upon which the valuation has been based, have to be proved to the satisfaction of the IRS. During the past year, we contributed two works of art to the Long Beach Museum of Art by Fotis Korkis and Robert Freimark. Korkis teaches printmaking at El Camino College and is becoming a well-known printmaker among museums and collectors. Freimark teaches painting at San Jose State College and is generally regarded as one of the most creative artists working in the United States today. It is a good feeling to know that by purchasing the original works of art, we contributed to the development of the artists. Secondly, by donating the works to the Long Beach Museum of Art, we feel good about sharing our selections with the general public. The attractive sidebenefit, as I mentioned earlier, is the legal right to use the donations as deductions at full market value. Now I am trying to figure out what to donate where during 1969.

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## Highway Use Taxes Apportioned Edison Aids Companies In Relocation Efforts

Capitol News Service  
Sacramento — Torrance has received a total of \$90,597 as its share of highway users taxes distributed by State Controller Houston L. Flournoy this week.

A total of \$51.3 million was distributed by Flournoy. Of that, counties received \$12.9 million, cities received \$9.6 million, and the remaining \$28.7 million will be used on state highways. Los Angeles County received \$3,778,035 as its share.

More than \$150 million in new industrial and commercial plant facilities will be added to the Southland's business community as a result of Southern California Edison Co.'s area development efforts last year.

R. L. Boynton, Edison district manager, said 65 firms assisted by the electric utility's area development staff last year made decisions to locate new or expanded plants within Edison's service territory.

"When the companies complete their moves, they will provide approximately 22,000 new jobs with an estimated annual payroll of \$136 million. New plant investment will total approximately \$153 million," Boynton added.

During the past five years, more than 300 firms assisted by Edison personnel acquired new plant sites in the company's service territory in central and southern California, he noted.

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