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**MAN FROM MARS . . .** Lorna Dietrich and Donna MacArthur of Redondo Beach stand mystified before the handwork of the children of North Torrance, who utilized a frog man in full regalia as part of their crafts display, titled

"Water Wonderland," which was shown Saturday at the Civic Auditorium as a finale to the Recreation Department's summer-long activities.



**TALENT LADEN . . .** Kids from parks and playgrounds all over town put on a talent show Saturday night at the Civic Auditorium under the title "Hi-Lites of '54" as the climax of the Torrance Recreation Department summer program. Performers are shown above.



**PRIZE WINNER . . .** The El Retiro Park entry in the Recreation Crafts Display won the first-place trophy, shown behind Lorna Dietrich, left, and Donna MacArthur, who inspect a prize-winning doll that was part of the El Retiro showing. The display was built around a garden theme, with chairs, baskets, paintings on glass and other crafts, all constructed by El Retiro children. North Torrance, McMaster Park and WALTERIA Park all were tied for second place.

### Drivers Here Get Off Easy

Torrance drivers got off easy in the toll of county autoists who had their driving rights suspended by the Department of Motor Vehicles during the week of Aug. 9-13.

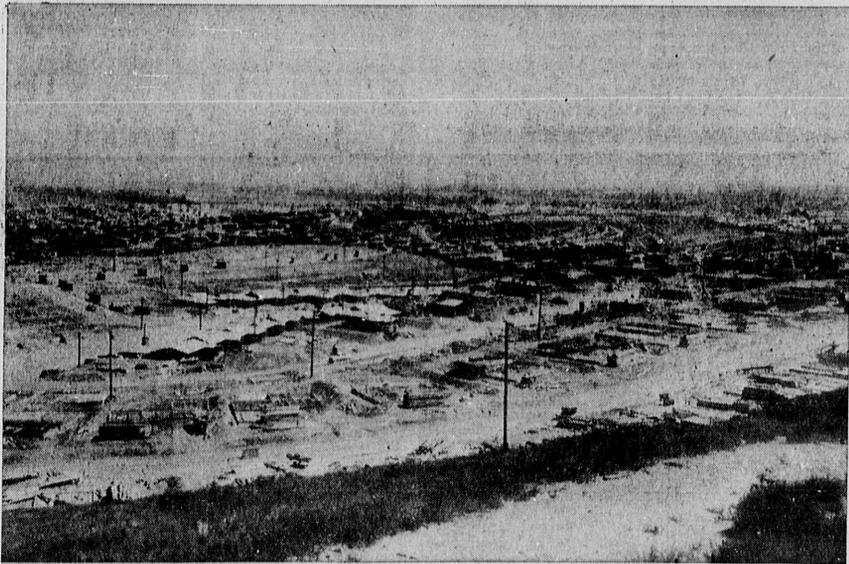
Only five lost licenses. They were Frank Cheney, 1308 Crenshaw Blvd., Robert Frownfelter, 1617 25th St., Harbor City, Claud Goode, 2125 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, and Cabell Tilley, 1000 E. 220th St., all suspended for failure to meet the requirements of the financial responsibility law; and Victor Smith, 1735 252nd St., Lomita, court suspension of 90 days.

Convicted of a violation but with no suspension recommended by the court was Robert Bureau, 22634 Orchard Ave. Licenses have been reinstated to Elaine Alexander, 1733 Arlington Ave., William Castillo, 1593 W. 20th St., Joseph Smith, 2442 Pacific Coast Hwy., Herman Sutherland, PO Box 441, Lomita, and John Walker, 974 W. 253rd St., Harbor City.

### McIlvaine To Complete Navy Course

Scheduled to graduate from the Navy Reserve Officer Candidate School and receive a commission as Ensign, USN, on Sept. 3 is Mark G. McIlvaine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark K. McIlvaine, of the CWOD lease.

Rear Admiral K. M. McManes, USN, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for the Naval Reserve, is slated to address the 190 graduates, their families and friends in ceremonies at the Naval Base in Newport, R. I.



**MUSHROOMING GROWTH . . .** Typical of the amazing growth of Torrance during the past months, which was reflected during August with a new construction total of more than \$7 million, is this section of Ellinwood Estates being constructed adjacent to Hollywood Riviera and south of Pacific Coast Hwy. A total of 1300 homes has been

planned for this development, which has been under construction for more than a year. When completed, the new community will have a fire station, new school, and will be close to fast-developing shopping centers along the highway.

## Telephone Co. Manager Hails Firm's Progress

"Looking back over 25 years of telephone progress, General Telephone Company, which celebrates its silver anniversary this month, compares its increase in telephones from 23 in 1899 to more than 34,000 for this exchange at the present time," H. C. Vaupel, the firm's local manager said this week. "This growth is coincident with the population increase of the exchange which today is estimated to be in excess of 102,000 persons."

It was not until the early 1880's that Redondo Beach began to assume the standing of a city, and during this period there were three business buildings, a commercial pier and a few scattered dwellings. The original town site was laid out by the Redondo Beach Company and its interests were taken over by a local firm, which later disposed of the holdings to Henry E. Huntington.

**A Shipping Center**  
Redondo Beach, as a shipping center, was a commercial rather than a resort town when it became a city in 1892. Consequently, small resort centers sprang up along the beaches to the northwest which eventually developed into two cities of Hermosa Beach, incorporated in 1907, and Manhattan Beach, which became a city in 1912. "It is interesting to note," said Vaupel, "that in 1907, the former owner of the Western Fuel, Gas and Power Company of Hermosa Beach had telephone

service in his home on Manhattan Ave. He had, however, installed his own telephone line from his home to the ocean front where the Redondo Home Telephone lines were located."

**Second System**  
"The Sunset Telephone and Telegraph Company (later part of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company) operated in Redondo until 1904 when a group of five men formed the Redondo Home Company," Vaupel said. "This new independent telephone company established a common battery switchboard with two positions on Commercial St., and installed outside equipment covering the main part of the city of Redondo." As long as the two companies were in competition a business man found it necessary to subscribe to both services in order to reach all customers in the area. This was eliminated when the Home Company acquired the Sunset Company in 1919. By

1929 the Associated Telephone Company Ltd. acquired the properties of the Home Company and the name recently was changed to General Telephone Company of California.  
**Serves Large Area**  
Today, the exchange includes Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Waverly, and part of the city of Torrance. General now serves this area of 44 square miles with its 165.33 miles of pole line, 1759 wire miles of aerial wire and 131,315 wire miles of all cable. The length of wire in the cables could go around the world five times.  
The company's \$2,500,000 construction program which will expand and improve service in the local area during 1954 indicates a remarkable growth in the development of the industry as well as the local increase in population. Approximately \$597,000 will be used for the

### Baton Class Opens Sept. 4

Any boy or girl interested in baton twirling is invited to attend the first fall-session of the Torrance Area Youthettes at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 4, in the Civic Auditorium.

Youths interested in beginning or advanced twirling and marching can be enrolled in the Saturday morning classes.

This group of girls and boys, for the fourth year, will be under the direction of Rod White, nationally known baton twirling authority and former champion baton twirler.  
The Youthettes make various appearances throughout the year with the Torrance Area Youth Band, trained and conducted by James Van Dyck.

The firm's building program which will house more than \$1,900,000 of equipment.  
"General Telephone Company of California has grown to the largest independent telephone company in the nation and has developed from its acquisition of several independents located as far north as Santa Maria, south to Laguna Beach and east to San Bernardino. The firm serves approximately 100 cities and towns in Southern California," Vaupel said in conclusion.



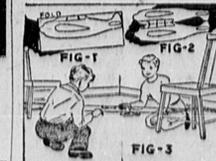
**A TISKET, A TASKET . . .** A prize-winning basket is displayed by Robin Seder, 9, of 268 Vista del Parque, Hollywood Riviera. Robin, entered from El Retiro Park, won second place with his hand-made basket and first place for the flower he holds in his other hand.

### Fun for Boys and Girls

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**Creative Racing Planes**  
On a rainy day you can hold indoor races with captive planes that "fly" on strings. The planes are captive because, hung on strings, they can't get away from you.  
First, you must make two planes, one for yourself and one for your friend who will be your opponent in the race. Figure 1 shows how to do it. For each



Line the planes up side by side at one chair rung. At the word "go" each player places his string with his finger as you would the string of a violin. The vibration of the taut string will cause the captive plane to move. Keep doing this. The first plane to reach the rung of the other chair wins the race.

It is not always easy to win, for sometimes the plucking of the string will cause the plane to go backward and sometimes it simply will stand still. Try it! It's fun!

**They Were Coming to Him**  
Judy: "Who gave you the two black eyes?"  
Jimmy: "Nobody gave them to me. I had to fight for them."

### Liquor Control Men Given New Positions

Paul Thompson, Supervising, fill the vacancy created by the death of Boyd B. Moran one year ago.  
To fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Thompson, the Board appointed Willis C. Stein, Liquor Control Officer, to the position of Supervising Liquor Control Officer.