



HOSPITAL GIFT . . . A new walker to help patients at Harbor General Hospital is accepted by Superintendent Alfred Thomas from Mrs. Paul Ruegg (left) while Mrs. Garrett Eustace Jr. looks on. The equipment was a gift from the Centinela Valley Dental Assn. (Herald Photo)

Aid Pledged To Get More School Funds

Legislators have promised support to the Torrance Unified School District in a drive to retain sources of funds for the district.

In answer to a resolution asking a special session of the legislature to vote more funds for state building aid, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas declared that he is in accord with the proposal and urged that it be placed on the agenda for the special session of the legislature. Gov. Goodwin Knight, however, has not indicated whether this subject will be presented.

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said at the last board meeting that the district's building program would come to a halt if more state aid were not forthcoming.

California's two U. S. Senators, Thomas Kuchel and William F. Knowland, promised

their support to renew Public Laws 815 and 874, which provide federal funds for districts which have been greatly affected by tax-empt defense industries and the influx of children of workers in these plants.

Will It Pass?

The law comes up for renewal this year and observers have expressed doubts that it will pass again.

If the law expires, local school taxes would have to be hiked, Waldrip said. In the past, the Torrance schools have received \$3,000,000 in building funds and between \$50,000 and \$200,000 annually in operating expenses under the federal laws.

New Building, Architecture, On Display in 'Flow House'

Marking further spectacular achievements in building and architectural developments in Southwestern cities, "Flow House" is open in Redondo Beach.

Created by architect Roscoe Wood, A.I.A., of Palos Verdes, the futuristic Flow House is located at 501 Ruby St. in Redondo Beach, one block east of Pacific Coast Hwy., and opened for public viewing Saturday.

According to Wood, who has guided the construction of this ultra-modern structure during the last several months, the Flow House utilizes the "hyperbolic paraboloid" in its basic construction form.

Two Houses

"It is really a duplex, or two houses, alike in shape but different in structural principle," he stated. "It is named Flow House because of its roof which flows together in a series of undulating curves defining its overall design and giving a billowing, tent-like appearance to its roof on the exterior and ceiling on the interior."

In explaining the use of the use of the hyperbolic paraboloid, Wood said that simply it is a geometric form consisting of a surface bounded by a square of diamond with its two corners raised achieving ultimate structural expressiveness with greater elegance and economy.

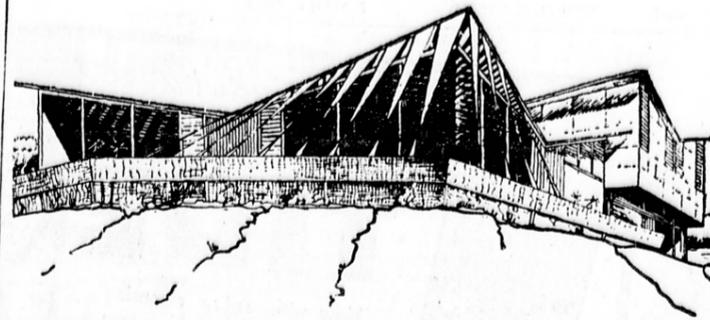
Adding stylized function in use of unique building materials to its imaginative design, Wood adopted new techniques such as "cocooning" the roof as a protective covering, walling in precast panels of wood fibre and magnesite cement affording one material for inside and outside surface, and using a new mosaic like polyester resin on all counter tops and over tub walls. In the lower unit of Flow House, plants and

rocks of the garden continue through plate glass into the living room.

Fancy Home

On the interior of the structure, each unit contains two bedrooms, a study or den, bath, living room, and complete, working all gas kitchen. Outside on split levels, continuing the overall design, each unit has a terrace-garden enclosed for privacy, and landscaped with a recirculating water system through a series of shallow pools.

Custom furnishing continuing the modern design of the Flow House have been developed by Kurt Wagoner of Redondo Beach for installation in the lower unit during the public exposition.



"FLOW HOUSE" . . . This artist's sketch shows the unusual design of the new "Flow House," 501 Ruby St., Redondo Beach, which is now open for public inspection. The structure was designed and built by Architect Roscoe Wood, AIA, of Palos Verdes.

ANCIENT TEMPLE

The Buddhist temple of Horyuji, Japan, parts of which have stood since 739 A.D., is believed to be the oldest wooden building in the world.

DIAMOND SOURCE

Minute diamonds are occasionally found in meteorites which have crashed. In 1891 Dr. G. A. Koenig found a diamond in Canon Diablo, Ariz.

SCHOOL CHANGES

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YMCA FUND DRIVE UP TO \$18,000

The Torrance YMCA announced yesterday that \$18,000 has been raised toward 1958 current support.

Ben Smith, chairman of the local YMCA board of managers, credited the Century Club for close to \$2200 from 20 citizens interested in the YMCA youth program.

Smith said that Century Club members are those who give \$100 or more toward the support of YMCA clubs, camps, leagues, and trips.

1958 Century Clubbers are L. N. Gill, Sam Levy, Paul Diamond, Ed Raphael, Douglas Cannon, Clyde Miller, Paul Burnam, Paul Shinoda, Dr. Howard Wood, Dr. John Nussall, Scott Albright, Edwin Smith, Albert Isen, Frank Renz, Bill Speck, Sam Van Wagner, Dr. Allen Pyeatt, William Verburg, Bill Kesselman and Joe Wilcox.

Smith urged other citizens to join this club in order to help the YMCA meet its \$30,000 goal needed to serve more than 5000 local youth.

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