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# BOY PULLS SELF FROM OIL SUMP

## City Orders Sump Fenced

An open oil sump which the city ordered fenced in June 23 nearly claimed the life of a 2½-year-old Torrance boy Tuesday evening, according to police.

Apparently pulling himself from the quagmire was Edward Craddock, who police say wandered away from his

home at 20323 Valerie St., and got into the sump south of Spencer St. and west of Valerie in the Victor Tract area.

Investigators said young Edward apparently pulled himself out of the sump although he was mired to the waist in the oily mass.

HE WAS spotted at the side of the sump, half covered with tar and in tears, by two housewives who live nearby, Mrs. Amber Warmington of 4920 Spencer and Mrs. Barbara Newsome of 4518 Spencer.

Police were summoned by the women, who then comforted the boy until his mother, Mrs. James Craddock, arrived. The victim was taken to an emergency clinic here where he was checked and the tar cleaned off.

City officials said the owners of the sump had been notified last June 23 that the oil pit violated city ordinances which require fencing around such facilities.

THE OWNER was identified as the North Star Mining and Development Co. of Redondo Beach. Work and the fencing was to have been started last Friday and completed no later than July 23, the official said.

A dog and a horse have been pulled from the sump in recent months, Mrs. Newsome told reporters Tuesday.

## R. Newton Promoted By County

Richard L. Newton, field deputy for County Supervisor Burton W. Chace, with headquarters in Torrance for the past six years, was promoted this week to the post of real property agent in the Department of Real Estate Management by Los Angeles County.

Newton, who previously dealt in real estate, will assist the county in acquisition of rights of way.

In addition to serving Torrance while representing the Fourth District as field deputy, Newton also acted on the supervisor's behalf in the cities

## New Subscription Service Offered

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### At Preliminary

## Wife Freed At Hearing

A Burbank beautyshop operator was ordered held for arraignment on six counts of illegal surgery in municipal court here this week but his attractive wife, arrested as an accomplice, was released for lack of evidence.

Clarence E. Santee, 47, was ordered held by Judge

Otto B. Willett following preliminary hearing into charges that he performed an abortion here on a Torrance housewife June 14, and on charges of similar acts in the area.

Santee was arrested at his home by Det. Sgt. Don Hamilton and a state investigator after Torrance detectives spotted him entering and leaving a home where they had been told an abortion was scheduled. Police said the surgery on the young Torrance housewife was performed on the kitchen table of her home, and that her husband and a baby sitter were in the house at the time.

wood Superior Court on July 24. Charges against his 26-year-old wife, Blitz, were dismissed. Santee was arrested at his home by Det. Sgt. Don Hamilton and a state investigator after Torrance detectives spotted him entering and leaving a home where they had been told an abortion was scheduled. Police said the surgery on the young Torrance housewife was performed on the kitchen table of her home, and that her husband and a baby sitter were in the house at the time.

### For Three Weeks

## Council Delays Airport Lease Bid Discussions

In a short but busy session here Tuesday night, the city council:

1. Delayed for three weeks any firm action on leases for a nine-acre parcel of the municipal airport;
2. Approved establishment of a towing service at 2420 Sepulveda Blvd.;
3. Approved in principal a lease request for a 3.5-acre site on the airport for U.S. Army Engineers;
4. Denied payments totaling \$14,087.15 to Norwalk Asphalt Concrete Co. from original billing for improvement to Lomita Blvd.;
5. Voted to purchase 1200

tons of bank sand to replace base on Arlington Ave. between 190th St. and Del Amo Blvd.

TAKING the bulk of the time at the short meeting were two items, the payment for Lomita Blvd. and the lease proposals on the airport site of nine acres at Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy.

The council's refusal to pay the total billed price on Lomita Blvd. was done on the recommendation of Wade E. Peebles, director of public work, who said the field corrected costs would be \$172,231.76, not \$182,292.48 as

PEEBLES told the councilmen that no written change order was made in conformance with specifications for the job. Peebles was not hired by the city until after the roadwork was completed. Patrick has since been employed by the Norwalk firm, it was reported at the council meeting. The council vote was unanimous (with Nick Draie absent) to withhold payment on the

## Four Schools to Get New Principals for Fall Term

Four Torrance elementary schools will have new principals, as the result of actions at the Board of Education Tuesday.

Dr. John Dunworth, Casimir principal, resigned to become assistant superintendent in Lawndale. He will be succeeded by Martin Beaudet, Carr School vice principal.

Robert Evans resigned as Wood School principal, effective Aug. 1, to become personal consultant for Monterey County Schools. No successor was named.

Robert Allen, Hillside principal, and John Webster Strom, Perry principal, will trade posts next Monday, in line with the district policy of rotating administrators periodically. Allen, 34, opened Hillside



THE CLEAN-UP . . . Getting a vigorous cleaning job is 2½-year-old Edward Craddock, who was covered with tar after pulling himself from an oil sump quagmire near his Victor Trace home Tuesday evening. Two housewives who live nearby spotted the youngster at the edge of the sump. (Herald photo)



SAVED FROM SUMP . . . Mrs. Barbara Newsome, one of two housewives who found 2½-year-old Edward Craddock on the edge of an oil sump near his home Tuesday evening, comforts him while awaiting an ambulance to take him to an emergency clinic for cleaning and a checkup. (Herald Photo)



DR. JOHN DUNWORTH Going to Lawndale

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"Do you feel that a preschool child who lives in a neighborhood where there are other children his age benefits by going to nursery school?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked several women in Torrance this week. Their pictures and answers appear below:

Mrs. Heidi Gutierrez, 1114 Greenhedge St., housewife: "I do. It helps them to adjust to kindergarten more easily because they are already already experienced at accepting discipline from someone other than their mother."

Mrs. Helen Alberts, 5229 Bindewald Rd., accountant-clerk: "Definitely, yes. The child learns to get along better with his age group and should develop better ability to share his belongings. He learns to work and play in a group."

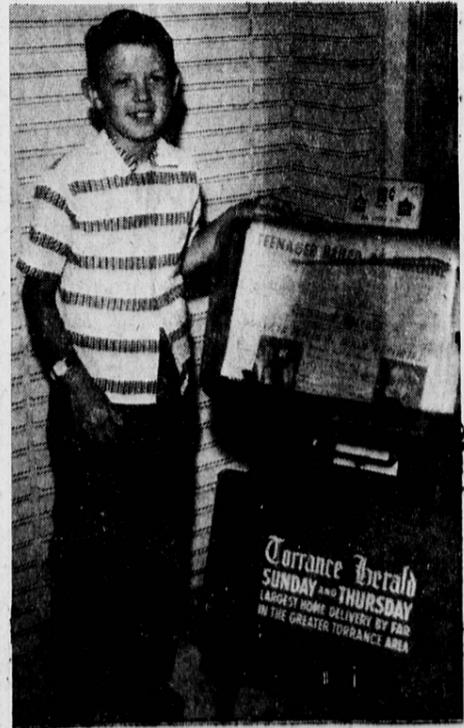
Miss Barbara Alter, 2220 Arlington, student: "Only if his mother works. If she's home, then he should be home."

Kathleen Savage, 520 E. Carson, housewife: "It's good for both the mother and the child to have some time away from one another. The child benefits from having a world of his own and the mother enjoys him when she has time to herself."

Lottie Hansen, 520 E. Carson, housewife: "I think it's very good for child to have supervised by with other children his age. My experience was that the nurses wouldn't take my child. It was not a working mother."

## Contract On New Firebee Let To Ryan

ward of an \$8,667,000 definitive contract to Ryan Aeronautical Co. by the Air Force harrassed production of the company's most advanced version of its famed Firebee target missile well into 1960, it was announced today. Receipt of the definitive contract followed an earlier \$2.4 million letter of intent, under which the program was started.



WINS CONTEST . . . Terry Nelson has a good reason for smiling. He is \$5 richer as a result of winning the June HERALD subscription sales contest. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nelson of 17341 Harvard Ave., Terry is gaining valuable sales and business training on his HERALD paper route as well as enjoying the opportunity to meet new people.