

174th Street

(Continued from Page One) permitted to develop the 174th Street tract.

Following the establishment of homes in the area, the watering of lawns soon created a sump, according to Harris. City Engineer Jacob Joseph said that the State Highway Division will not permit a drainage course across a State Highway. "The sump could be eliminated immediately if the drain was created," Joseph said.

State maintenance engineer Harris has a little different version of the story. "The State isn't opposed to a drain across a State highway provided that it is placed under the highway through piping."

Harris contended that the City of Torrance had applied for permission to create what is known as a valley dip.

"It is a driving hazard, particularly in the rainy season, and traffic safety is our primary interest," Harris said.

Harris said that originally the State had planned to take care of the drainage problem. He said that a further check showed that legally the State is not permitted to provide drainage problems created by private property. Harris also pointed out that there is no way to hold the subdividers unless the Council has a special ordinance.

Even though a year has passed, no action appears to be in sight. The problem was referred to the State by Jack White, president of the North Torrance Civic and Improvement Association. White took a trip to Sacramento to get the State to pave the street. His efforts met with failure.

"I don't know where the money is coming from to give the residents some relief in this area," said City Engineer Joseph.

"I feel sorry for the homeowners in this district," said Harris. "They didn't know that they would create a sump by watering their lawns. However, the State Highway Division has no interest in the matter unless the sump becomes a traffic hazard."

Western Ave.

(Continued from Page One) a contract during the winter, we can't do the work during the summer."

CHECK REFUSED Before the first article on the highway patchwork appeared in the Torrance Press, a reporter checked with Aldrich. At that time he said that he would not investigate unless asked to do so in a written request by a Los Angeles taxpayer.

This week, following two exclusive articles in the Press, Aldrich sent a letter to this newspaper. He admitted that conditions on the highway "resulted from improper construction methods, including primarily the installation of the work on a subgrade which had been softened by excessive moisture."

However, then Aldrich attempted to shift the blame. He said: "Since the Bureau of Engineering is not in direct charge of construction, I had no knowledge of this condition at the time."

Here, according to a member from the Los Angeles Bureau of Inspection, Aldrich is passing the buck.

"By stalling, he gave us the contract during the winter," the spokesman said. "If there is any blame, and it seems to me there is, Aldrich must take the full responsibility for wasting thousands of tax dollars."

Gravel Pit

(Continued from Page One) gave a detailed description of the noise created by the gravel pit.

"The noise is tremendous," said Cameron. "I work in Los Angeles, and it was a joy to come home at night to my wife and family."

He admitted due to the gravel pit noise all this had changed now. "I drive home at night, and my children can't hear me due to the noise of the pit machinery," Cameron declared. "I walk into the house, and my wife doesn't hear me. I walk into the kitchen, and they are surprised to see me. The noise is tremendous," said Cameron.

"It must be tremendous," declared Mayor Bob Haggard. "A fellow called me Sunday while I was having breakfast. He wanted me to listen to the noise coming through his receiver."

Incensed residents of the area listened to council members and technical advisers of the city as the buck was passed back and forth.

"How do we get action on this?" asked one resident. "What are you going to do about it tonight?"

"I don't know the answer to your problem," said Mayor Haggard. That ended the discussion.

Army Services

Gerald Lowe, former Lomita resident, and graduate of Narbonne High School was given special military services Sunday at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach. Lowe was killed in action in Korea April 7.

Mrs. John Glowczewski of 1710 W. 252nd St., mother of the young army man was at the services with Pvt. Lowe's four sisters and two brothers.

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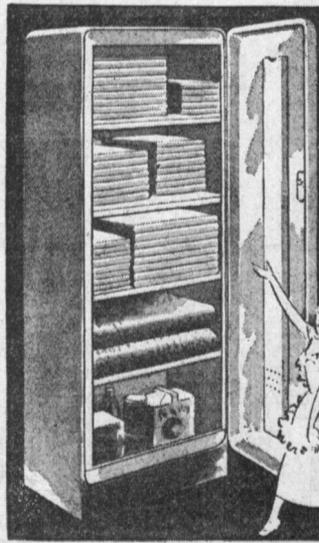
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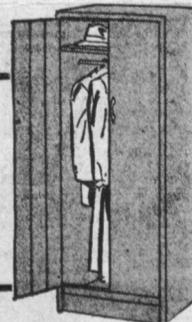
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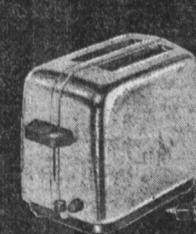
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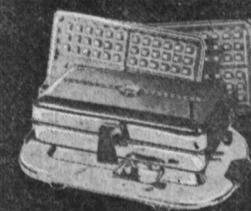


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