

# HUSBAND, 30, ENDS LIFE--'I COULD NOT GO ON' Garbage Dumping Exposed As Hogs-Homeowners Clash

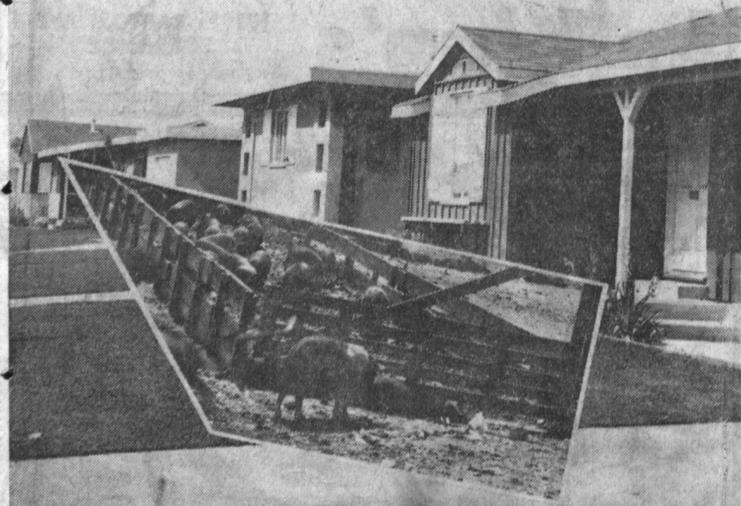
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### NOTHING IN COMMON



HOMEOWNERS AND HOGS may start with the same first letters — but that's about all they feel they have in common. Hogs wallowing contentedly in the Madrona area above Torrance boulevard are grunting about squatters rights. Their next-door neighbors, the Homeowners on Maple avenue

### Trace Odors, Flies to Dump

Residents in the vicinity of Maple avenue north of Torrance blvd. may find that the fly nuisance and the sour smell and taste which have been in the air recently will soon be a thing of the past, as a result of firm and swift action taken by the city.

Evidence of manure, rinds, bottle caps, and garbage generally were detected in patches by Land Use Plan Investigator George Powell upon investigating the large empty tract lying between the hog ranches and the home-owner tract on Torrance blvd., Madrona, and Maple drives.

Dumped Garbage Francis Foley, owner of one of the hog ranches, is the one who has used this area for dumping purposes rather than taking the garbage to the Main street dumping grounds, investigations revealed. This practice, probably more than the proximity of the hog ranches, has been responsible for the numerous flies and unpleasant tastes and odors which nearby residents have experienced.

Foley was swift in signing a letter drawn up by Powell promising the immediate discontinuation of the unlawful and unwholesome garbage disposal practices.

Manure and unused feeding material had been dropped in the tract, sometimes even without properly plowing them under.

Powell, who addressed the Torrance Gardens-Plaza Homeowners Association at the Fern ave. school Tuesday night, said that a month's observation of the conditions will tell whether the source of the trouble had been eliminated. Homeowners placed numerous

complaints with Powell last week. No complaint was registered against the Kazarian hog ranch also located in that general area. Powell said that the flies would not possibly travel the actual distance from the hog ranches to the residential area if the dumped garbage had not served as stepping stones.

Might Have to Go Eventually the hog ranches in (Continued on Page 8)

### MILLION FOR DEFENSE OF LOCAL AREA

The Torrance area is to get \$1,000,000 worth of anti-craft installations. The ground-breaking date has been set for September 1 by the U. S. Army Engineer Corps, according to an announcement this week by Col. Arthur H. Frye, district engineer.

Bids will be invited July 31 for the construction barracks, armories, shops, warehouses and other military buildings to be utilized in the defense of this area should the need arise.

Proposed installation will be (Continued on Page 17)

### Residents Complain: Tap Water Cloudy!

"The water we've been getting lately is the filthiest which has ever been sent to us," complained Francis J. Dougherty of 176th st. "In the evening it gets like soapy river water. It used to be soapy and filthy, but now it's just cloudy—it has a sort of milky look. "You know, my family actually got sick from the water. In fact, they won't drink it now and I've got to keep stocked up on cokes and Pepsis. You can't afford that after a while—with five kids!"

Angus McVicar, superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Water District, discounted the "soapy and filthy" part of the story but acknowledged the "milky or cloudy" part.

No Health Hazard McVicar stated that this condition was in no way detrimental to the health of local residents. The cloudiness is caused by air mixing

with water as it gets pumped out of the reservoir the superintendent said.

This happens whenever there is a heavy demand made on the water supply. Water is being pumped out faster than it is being pumped in, so that a mixture of air becomes inevitable.

Remedy The remedy for cloudy water as far as residents and personal consumption is concerned, McVicar stated, is to let the glass of water stand for about a half minute to a minute and you can actually watch the air disappear and the water clear up.

McVicar said that "clear" water will come out of the faucets as soon as the water demand lets up.

Residents need not worry about "impurities" or "chemicals" in their water. The discoloration is by no means due to any sort of chemical treatment, since the water is not treated chemically.

As for impurities, this was said to be out of the question since the Health Department makes constant and frequent checks, and will even make special checks if called.

### Construction Controversy Continuing

At a packed meeting of the Planning Commission last week, the Commission voted overwhelmingly in favor of the controversial di Mayle construction recommendation, thus defeating a formal request that Chairman Tony di Mayle and his Planning Committee be removed from office and a new group be appointed.

In a 7-2 vote, the Commission upheld the di Mayle Committee's recommendation to deny a construction plan for a Hollywood Riviera tract presented by the Don-Ja-Ran Construction Company. A plan more in keeping with the surrounding area was called for by the Committee.

Commissioners voting for the di Mayle recommendation were: H. R. Black, R. J. Deininger, Tony di Mayle, W. A. Felkner, A. K. Hill, Luther Mumford, John Salm. Those voting against were: R. S. Whitcomb and Beverly B. Smith. (Continued on Page 17)

### New Housing Project Next To Center

Charles R. Laraway, Inglewood builder, has just announced the purchase of all of the remaining lots in the Community Airport Tract lying on the South side of Redondo Beach blvd. between Hawthorne blvd. and Prairie ave. in Torrance.

This project, when completed, will represent an investment in excess of a half million dollars and will be located a few blocks from the recently announced 60 million dollar Shopping Center to be built at the Southwest (Continued on Page 17)

### Principals Reassigned To Different Schools

High school principals might be considered to be playing a game called perpetual motion. Their new assignment to different schools within this district for the coming year is really very healthy for everybody concerned, according to Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull.

The rotation policy is good, Dr. Hull stated, because, on the positive side, change is invigorating and broadening and, on the negative side, it will prevent both principals and the school system from getting into a rut.

He said the move was in no way to be regarded as a "shakeup." The change in assignments apparently met with the unanimous approval of the Board of Education since there were no objections from the five-member board when Dr. Hull informed them of his intention to shift the principals at a special board meeting Thursday afternoon.

These are the principals affected, together with their new assignments:

Walter Rehboldt will become the new principal of Seaside Elementary school. Presently he is the director of instruction for the district. He will continue to perform the duties of that office in an advisory capacity.

Robert Morton, presently serving as principal of Torrance Elementary School will become the new assistant director of instruction and will report directly to the superintendent.

D. Boone Kirks, principal of Walteria Elementary school, will move to Torrance Elementary school. The new principal of Walteria (Continued on Page 8)



LINCOLN ASSASSINATED AGAIN... ALMOST! Some time during Thursday night last week someone fired a lone shot through the front window of Paramount Builders on Torrance boulevard at Madrona. The bullet sped across the inside of the

store and through the office wall on the opposite side. In doing so it pierced a picture of Lincoln hanging in the office. Sid Starck, Jr., who is employed by the store, inspects the curious "near assassination." —Press Photo

### FIRE STATION TO GET NEW DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief J. J. Benner stated that by the end of the year the Torrance Fire Department will have as a new addition a Fire Prevention Bureau under the direction of Captain Robert Lucas.

"People just can't estimate the value of such a bureau," the Chief said.

Its function is just like preventive medicine in constantly educating the public in the avoiding rather than the curing of disasters.

Such a service in other places has saved the citizens both money and lives, the Chief declared.

Captain Lucas will take charge of the Bureau after he has attended a training course in Los Angeles.

In commenting on the possibilities of a new fire station, the Chief was only certain of the great need for one.

Under the present set-up, he stated, it is difficult to accommodate increased personnel for lack of space, while at the same time a personnel increase is greatly needed.

The chief, who has three other stations under his jurisdiction in addition to the central station, is very proud of the men whom he has at present. Their spirit was recently put to the severest test (Continued on Page 8)

### Adjustment to Marriage Hard

Some time between Friday night and Saturday morning a 30-year-old husband killed himself by taking poison because he "could not go on."

Services for Blain will be held today at 10 a.m. at the Stone and Myers Chapel, Reverend C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Lynn Richard Blain, 30, who lived in a trailer court at 1820 Torrance blvd., was found dead in his trailer by the manager of the court Monday morning.

A note was left behind, reading as follows: "To whom it may concern—I have taken my own life because I could not go on. (signed) L. R. Blain."

"Marital troubles" was the motive listed by the Torrance police for the suicide.

Married Blain had married a year-and-a-half ago shortly after his grandmother had passed away. He had lived under the protection of his grandmother and felt at ease only when he was with very old people or children, according to a story told by his wife, Mrs. Sybil Blain.

Blain found it difficult to adjust to the personal duties of marital life. His wife had been separated from him for several weeks.

The former aircraft employee had threatened to take his own life to his wife and to his family for a period of two months already.

On one occasion he told his brother-in-law: "I won't do it now, but my life's my own, to do with as I please!"

As late as Friday Blain told his wife that he would kill himself. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Roxie Hawks, made an anonymous call to the police and Sgt. Karl Friberg went to investigate the call.

Blain told Friberg that he "felt fine, had no worries" and did not know where the rumor originated that he would do such a thing.

Sometime between this visit and Monday morning, Blain took poison.

When discovered, Blain's body had turned black and become bloated. It was already partially decomposed.

At one time during his married life Blain hit his wife in the throat, which knocked her unconscious. He carried her around in his arms mumbling "God tells me to kill you" and hit her again as she came to, according to the story given to Captain Ashton by the deceased's wife.

When Blain's uncle offered to pay the costs of prolonged psychiatric treatment, Blain declared (Continued on Page 8)

### No Licenses For Three Weeks Here

No driver's or chauffeur's licenses will be issued for a three-week period starting August 17 thru September 7, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The last date before that time licenses may be obtained at the Torrance city hall is August 3.

Uncompleted exams must be completed at Culver City, the announcement stated.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME? Nixon Finds Autograph Lacks Bargaining Power

Vice-President Richard Nixon may still be somewhat stunned from his visit to the Scout Jamboree, according to Harry Marshall, assistant scout-master for the South Bay area.

When the vice-president went to the trading post his eye was attracted by a beautiful neckerchief knot in the form of an Indian head displayed by one of the boys.

The vice-president wanted to trade. He offered the scout his autograph in return for the attractive knot.

The scout told Vice-President Nixon that, with all due respect to his position, still the signature couldn't compare with the value of the knot.

Thereupon the vice-president took personal inventory but found nothing on himself with which to trade.

But the scout's eye had caught something worthy of the object which he had for trade.

He opened the vice-president's coat and pointed to a gold mechanical pencil which he had seen.

For a moment the vice-president was somewhat taken aback but then he handed over the object of interest and was given the coveted Indian head knot in turn.

Harry Marshall was witness to this small incident because he had been asked to accompany Vice-President Nixon on the tour. But Marshall fared little better than the vice-president as far as trading was concerned, despite the fact that he is a seasoned scout leader. Before he got what he wanted he had to borrow some trading objects from his son.



HERE TODAY... GONE TOMORROW is the life-cycle not only of people but of business directories as well. Valda W. Wilkins of the Chamber of Commerce gently files the "old" Torrance Shoppers' Guide and Business Directory away in the "circular file" while already captivated by the new 1953-54 version. Copies of the new guide went out to 25,000 residents this week by bonded messenger. —Press Photo

### Dollar Days Here Again!

Bargains! That's what you'll find all over town Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

This weekend is dollar-day in Torrance.

If you have been planning to buy things and have waited for a particularly appropriate time to come along—why, you better not pass up this weekend.

Visit your local merchants today, tomorrow and Saturday.

# \$\$\$ —Dollar Days This Week-End... Shop Here!— \$\$\$