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WALKING HISTORY BOOK... This year's "Good Neighbor" is exactly that... the Historian of Torrance. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was given the "Good Neighbor" award for 1953 Saturday for his numerous services to the city. Dr. Rollin Smith, chairman of the YMCA "Good Neighbor Breakfast" here presents "Bart" with a tie clasp and a set of cuff links.

CITY CLERK GETS AWARD YMCA HONOR

With the Torrance Area Youth Band providing continuous music under the direction of James VanDyck, close to 1000 Torrance residents enjoyed the Good Neighbor Breakfast sponsored by the YMCA last Saturday morning from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. At this time, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was presented with the "Good Neighbor Award for 1953" by Dr. Rollin R. Smith, former chairman of the YMCA Board of Managers. Bartlett was nominated by George Powell, land use investigator for the city. The letter described Bartlett as a "Walking history book of Torrance" and a "faithful servant" of its citizens for the last 31 years. Bartlett was instrumental in organizing the Chamber of Commerce in 1913 as well as the Torrance Athletic Association, fire department, and Home Guards.

NAB 3 CHECK FORGERS

Merchants are warned to be on the look-out for bad checks, according to Detective Sergeant Percy Bennett. A series of stolen and forged checks have been floating around the area. Three suspects have been arrested who are definitely a group or part of a group pushing the checks, Sergeant Bennett stated. The suspects are Gerard Manqueros, 29, Charles Roy Nieto, 20, and a sixteen-year-old girl. Manqueros used his own name or that of Patrick J. Sica Nieto, who lives in Harbor City, used the name of Donald G. Cambell. The three stole checks from the Sewall Boat company and Pacific Coast Mill and Lumber company.

A. DANDYO SPEAKS AT LUNCHEON

Aramis Dandoy, star SC football player, made a surprise appearance at the annual Lions club luncheon held in honor of the Tartar football team at Ding How Cafe Tuesday. The star athlete spoke inspiringly of how he would encourage others to go on to college football and of how he studied and is still studying. Dandoy, who is married to a local girl and who lives in Torrance, addressed the twelve members of the first string team, the two coaches, and about 50 regular members of the Lions club.

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

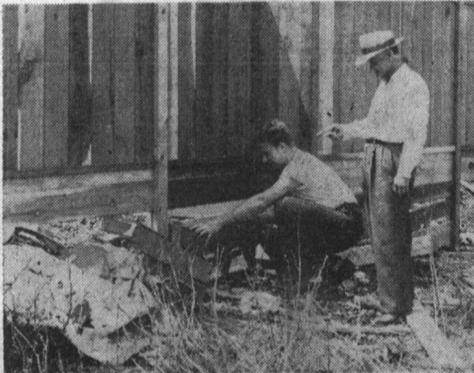
Deadline for getting news into the Thanksgiving edition is a week from today, Thursday, November 19. News must come in with the morning's mail or some time during the morning. The Thanksgiving edition of the Torrance Press will come out on a Monday (November 23) rather than Thursday, November 26.

Krappy Kottages

Lousy Homes, Owners Charge

Chlorine Threatens Residents

Deadly chlorine gas has been escaping in dangerous quantities from the John Wiley Jones Co., chemical manufacturers, a group of angered and concerned residents charged at Tuesday night's council meeting. An incensed city council took action to close down the plant instantly, revoke its business license, and to take all necessary legal action to force the plant to cease operation permanently. The shut-down order was ordered effective as of eight o'clock this morning (rather than yesterday, as originally planned, due to the legal holiday). Reports from residents and investigators testified to numerous...



DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT... When homeowners in North Torrance discovered common grievances regarding their homes purchased from the Watt Development Co., they banded together, drew up a list of their complaints, and presented these to the city council which has directed the city attorney to investigate. Here Stanley R. Van Reken and Roy Clark (standing) study the fencing which remained considerably raised because of lack of grading in the back yard. Until some residents protested, the fence was placed two feet short of the full lot, as is also important.

INQUIRY ASKED BY COUNCIL

Aroused over the cracker-box homes they were sold and over the builder's indifference, a group of North Torrance homeowners brought their grievances before the city council Tuesday night where they were assured of a thorough investigation of the matter by the city attorney. Delegates from the Civic Association of North Torrance appeared before the council to accuse the Watt Development Co. of not paying attention to the city building code in using inferior material and workmanship in their construction jobs. Homes involved are those located in the following three tracts: 176th St. from Prairie east to Almsworth; 170th and 171st St. from Cordary east...

POST OFFICE

SENATOR APPROVES RESOLUTION

Favorable response from Senator Thomas H. Kuchel has been received by J. Rome Gateley to his proposal to change the method of selecting heads of local post offices. The idea was first publicly discussed at a carriers meeting in Torrance when candidates for congressman in the last election expressed their approval of Gateley's plan. Eliminates Political Appointments The resolution, which has now been adopted by several branches in two postal employee organizations, proposes to change the postmasterhip from a political to a professional appointment by abolishing the...

Hitchhiking Youth Attacks Woman Driver

It was raining last Thursday night and the young fellow who stood at Hawthorne and 182nd St., hitching a ride, looked like a clean-cut youth. The woman who picked him up thought he looked perfectly safe, and besides, it was a bad night. The fellow had hardly been in the car a few moments when the woman found herself repulsing an attempted rape. Owing to a series of curious circumstances, the youth found himself in the custody of the police only a few minutes later. Miss Gladys Clark, 41, of 21830 South Figueroa, an employee at the Douglas plant in Santa Monica, was on her way...

Gas Station Swamped With Calls

That one day particular the phone just kept ringing continuously at the Golden Eagle Station, 1518 Cabrillo Ave. You would have thought that they were giving a new car with every purchase of ten gallons of gasoline or something crazy as that. They weren't giving anything away at all... they were selling something, and the reason that they were swamped with calls from people eager to buy was that they had placed the following in the Torrance Press classified section:

FOR SALE—1949 30-ft. Continental Trailer, shower, hot and cold water, Kelvinator refrigerator, window awnings, floor furnace, electric brakes, light birch interior. Cheap. Call FAirfax 8-9848 or see Mr. Al Marchand, 1518 Cabrillo, Torrance.

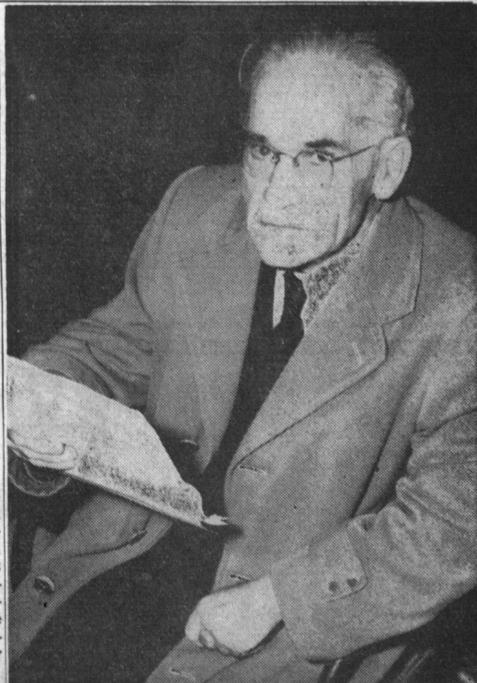
Whatever you wish to buy, sell, trade, or rent can be had effortlessly and with the same overwhelming results experienced by the Golden Eagle Station. All you have to do is place an ad in the Torrance Press classified section.

H. TIDWELL FINED \$50

The case against Haskell Tidwell was closed Monday when he was fined \$50 and ordered to stay out of bars for one year by Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett. The former secretary-treasurer of the Retail Clerks Union Local 905 earlier pleaded guilty of assault, brandishing a weapon, and carrying a concealed weapon. Tidwell, who has been confined to Magnolia Hospital in Long Beach for several weeks, was not in court to hear the sentence. He was represented...

Torrance Strikes Gold...!

Shades of the '49ers! Torrance has struck gold! The gold rush will be on from now through the rest of the fall season with \$100 in cash being given away every Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. in different parts of the Torrance shopping area plus many merchandise consolation prizes. This Saturday, November 14, the \$100 cash prize and merchandise prizes will be given away in the 1300 block of Sartori. Free tickets to be eligible for these prizes may be obtained from the following list of participating merchants: Lawson's Jewelers, Gay Shop, Le King Shoe Store, Gary Jewelers, Squire's Style Shoppe, McMahan's Furniture, Trend-O-Fashion, Bernard's Family Shoe Store, Frank's Furniture, Allen Jewelers, Sam Levy Department Store, Torrance Men's Shop, National Home Appliance, McCown Drug Store, Mayflower Dress Shop, Treske's Men's Wear, J. J. Newberry, Benson's Dress Shop, Western Auto Supply company, Porter's Yardage, Strum's Department Store, Baker's Furniture, Universal Furniture, Carl's Shoe Store, Kale's Children Shop, Torrance Bargain Spot, Hefner's Bakery, Ed's Automatic Laundry, Renee's Sports Shop, Torrance Loan and Jewelry, Torrance Bootery, Torrance Army and Navy, Roth's Market.



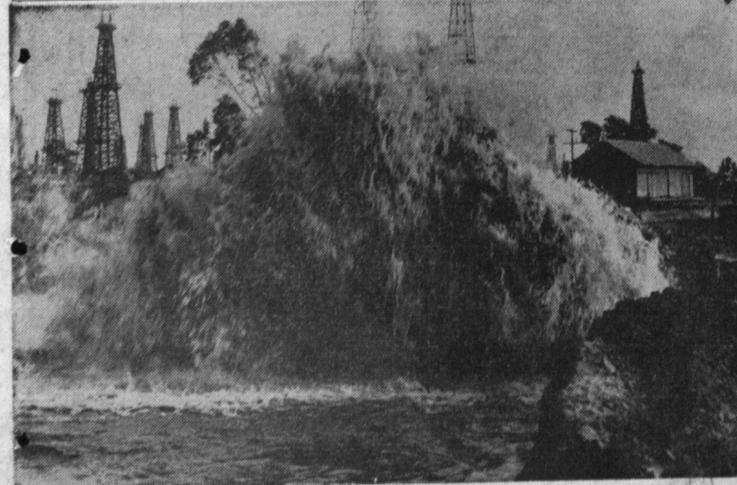
OUT OF THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE of life hurrying to and fro along the streets of Torrance, Joseph Madore stepped into the office of the Torrance Press and identified himself as a poet.

Poet Recites Verses In Newspaper Office

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ There may be hundreds and maybe thousands of this kind and you'll know what I mean, but still it isn't every day that a poet walks into a newspaper office. How do I know he is a poet? Well, he told me so. As inevitably happens, Joseph Madore, whose age I've been asked to keep a mystery, came to the office naturally on the busiest day. That was the first time he came to leave a poem. When he came the second time, I began to get curious. Sincere "Here," Madore said as he handed me a neatly type-written poem, "I thought you might want to print this," and there was the tense sincerity of the dedicated artist in his voice. Churches, schools, and bowling alleys Are crowded morning, night, and day Over Torrance Way— Because of work and big pay, Over Torrance Way. There were five more verses (Continued on Page 19)

'HOW ABOUT A (STREET) LIGHT...?'

Owners of homes in the Torrance Gardens and Plaza tracts are engaged in a concentrated effort to bring light to their darkened streets. "Already \$2400 in cash has been collected for street lights as of November 4," reports Ted John, chairman of the street lighting committee. The zone captains have contacted over 90 per cent of the homeowners, and report that (Continued on Page 19)



IT'S A STRIKE ALL RIGHT! Engineers were so engrossed in extending Crenshaw Blvd. south of Sepulveda they forgot that one of the main water pipe lines ran along there. While using a bulldozer in excavating an old oil sump, a

Press Photo by Ross Sciarrotta break was produced in the hidden pipe line. Water had to be shut off from 203rd St. to Lomita Blvd. till midnight. "Old Faithful" started spouting in the middle of the afternoon.



LONG LIVE THE QUEEN!... Doralee Chaffin was elected to reign as Homecoming Queen during this week and at tomorrow night's Torrance-Leuzinger festivities by the studentbody of Torrance high school. Serving

as her royal court are (l-r): Sandra Constance, Connie Ericson, Queen Doralee, Pat Fenton, and Norma Quine. The Torrance-Leuzinger game will be played at the Torrance high school stadium.

GOLD RUSH DAYS START SATURDAY