

CHEMICAL PLANT MUST MOVE OPERATIONS

Company Retains License

The City Council's recent attempt to shut down the John Wiley Jones Co. overnight on grounds that it represented a public nuisance was settled at last week's meeting of the City Council when that body granted the Jones Co. two years within which to transfer its tank-filling operations.

The chlorine-transferring operation touched off the Council's drastic attempt to shut the plant down overnight recently because of chlorine leakage which allegedly threatened local residents. Poor plumbing practices were also cited as potentially endangering the city water supply.

In a drawn-out hearing resembling a court-room trial, W. Anderson, attorney for the company, presented systematic evidence to disprove the charges brought against the company.

Can't Revoke License
The Council had no right to revoke the company's business license, Anderson maintained, since a permit to operate the plant had been granted in 1951 and the city ordinance did not legislate against the plant's operations.

Anderson examined Arthur S. Moore, plumbing inspector for the city of Torrance, in an attempt to establish the fact that the tanks and plumbing had received the city's approval.

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Mata Family Has Merry Christmas

Christmas this year truly represented a day of miracles for the Mata family. A few weeks ago Jesus Mata, his wife, and 12 children felt forsaken by the world.

When, through this newspaper, local residents heard of the Mata's plight, their kindness and generosity knew no end.

For the next three weeks, people continued to bring food, money, clothing, furniture, and toys to the Torrance Press office or directly to the Mata's or made arrangements to have these things picked up.

Help came from all sections of the city. Elementary school classes, individual families, persons who had taken it upon themselves to canvass their neighborhood and inform others of the family's hard plight; church groups; anonymous individuals who left their contributions and hurried away again; service clubs; children's clubs—help came from every corner.

There were two beautiful Christmas trees in the Mata home the night before Christmas. A turkey had been left for their Christmas dinner and there were boxes of toys underneath the tree.

The Mata's and the Torrance Press wish at this time to thank all the wonderful people who responded with such overwhelming generosity from the bottom of our hearts.

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Merchant Turns Detective; Captures Forgery Suspects



READY TO TAKE COMPLETE HOT MEALS TO 6,000 employes at the Torrance, Calif. facility of Douglas Aircraft Company's El Segundo Division, are mobile cafeteria trains, newest development in mass industrial feeding. Driver needs only to reverse seat to become

Bad Checks Total \$3000

"If I hadn't been shakin' when I signed that check you'd never have caught me," one of two men and a woman arrested on suspicion of passing \$3000 worth of forged checks exclaimed as a local TV store owner and two detectives arrested the three in their Gardena hide-out.

"You're right!" Jim Siegrist, Nicola's TV store owner turned "detective" said, relieved that the tense drama had come to a close in which he had singlehandedly stalked the suspects over a period of three days.

Arrested on suspicion of forgery and turned over to Long Beach police were: Raymond Howard Hall, 31; Henry Grady Branch, 29; Marilyn Louise Stine alias Marian Myers, 23.

RECREATION PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL
With the warm, springlike weather holding forth in Torrance, the recreation program at the Perry Elementary School has been enjoying exceptionally large attendance. More than one hundred youngsters a day have been turning out to play softball, football, volleyball, basketball, and tetherball. There is always something to do at the playground which is under the leadership of Bob Blevins and Jim Williams.

Perry School playground is the only play area in the North Torrance-El Nido area on which there is provided professional adult leadership, contributive to its extreme popularity. The only other recreation area available (Continued on Page 7)

Hospital Kids Get Many Gifts

There were lots of happy and astonished faces when Santa Claus in the person of Leo Wagner, of the U. S. Naval Supply Depot in San Pedro, helped distribute the countless toys donated by local residents, classrooms, church groups, and other organizations to the children's wards at Harbor General Hospital.

The Torrance Press would like to take this opportunity, too, to thank the many generous people who gave so unstintingly and freely to this cause. There were over 100 presents for the children from the tiniest babies to the oldest youngsters (Continued on Page 2)



LITTLE GEORGIE wanted a cowboy suit with all the trimmings for Christmas, but he never really believed that he would get one since there was no one to really look after him in this world except the nurses and chaplain at the Harbor General Hospital. When the Torrance Press took the presents which people had donated to the children at the hospital over to them last week, there was one package from Neta's Tots 'N Teens which contained this wonderful cowboy suit for Georgie. (One other resident also donated a new cowboy suit which went to one of the other children.) The San Pedro Naval Supply Depot was able to have Santa Claus there to distribute the gifts. (See story this page.)

P. V. MINE VOTE SET FOR TODAY

The Palos Verdes mine controversy will be voted on in a final ballot by the L. A. County Board of Supervisors today.

The heatedly contested issue, which has received a number of full-day hearings before the Board, is about to receive the final word of the supervisors though it has been strongly hinted that the losing side, whether it is the Homeowners or Great Lakes, will appeal the decision in court.

When a vote was taken in regard to the proposed diatomaceous earth mine, intended for the peninsula, at the close of the December 10 hearing, Supervisors Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn voted against the mine. Supervisor Ford voted in favor "pending further study."

SHOT G.I. IMPROVES

Rudy Quintana, the 24-year-old soldier who was shot four times after allegedly burglarizing Allen Jewelers a week ago Sunday, was doing "very well" this week at the L. A. County Hospital to which he was transferred from Harbor General Hospital.

Quintana was arrested with William David Walters, 21, also a soldier from Ft. MacArthur, following the alleged burglary during the foggy early morning hours. (Continued on Page 2)

'Sunshine' Brings Down Milk Prices

Someone has finally found the answer to the "higher cost of living" problem . . . CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE.

Mild weather helped cows give more milk this year, enabling a price cut in milk. Effective January 1, milk will be down one cent a quart home-delivered, in stores, or cash and carry, Ben Cullif, of Ben Cullif's Dairy, 22010 South Avalon boulevard informed this paper. Other dairies will also reduce their prices.

IN KOREA

Army Pvt. Warren F. Clemmer, son of Casper W. Clemmer, 1516 Crenshaw, Torrance, spent Christmas north of the Thirty-eighth parallel in Korea. On security duty with the Forty-fifth Infantry division, he had the opportunity to attend special religious services and share the traditional holiday feasts.

UNIQUE MOBILE TRAINS FEED AIRCRAFT WORKERS

Mobile cafeteria trains, said to be the most significant mass feeding innovation in more than a decade are now in service at the El Segundo, California Division of Douglas Aircraft Company, Incorporated.

The revolutionary new industrial food service does away with cafeterias and restaurants and makes it possible for 6000 employes at the division's Torrance, California location to eat in a single 30-minute lunch period on each shift, according to the aircraft company. Three staggered lunch periods a shift are customary at Douglas.

Twelve Food Trains
Twelve food trains each with three carts and carrying identical menus of food supplied from a single central kitchen, convey food to appointed areas near 10 modern dining rooms, Douglas said.

Each train becomes a miniature two-line cafeteria, and the entire fleet of 12 mobile cafeterias dispenses food to an entire shift of 3000 people in 12 minutes. There are 6000 people on two shifts at Douglas Torrance and mobile cafeteria operation can be expanded to serve twice this number, the announcement said.

The new system is said to eliminate the need for multiple stationary cafeterias of the type customarily in use in most large industrial plants.

Dishwashing is eliminated for all food is served in "disposable" utensils. Plastic knives, forks and spoons are thrown away after use. Advantages
John V. Thompson, welfare and cafeteria supervisor of the Douglas El Segundo division, listed numerous advantages offered by the mobile lunch counters:
"Staggered lunch periods are eliminated; the number of servers is reduced from four for a regular cafeteria line to one driver-cashier; man hours lost by employes in going to and from cafeterias and standing in long lines are cut immeasurably; equipment and labor ordinarily necessitated for dish washing are eliminated, and adjustment to handle increased numbers of employes only requires additional carts, not additional cafeterias."



FIFTEEN HUNDRED KIDS attended the free Christmas show sponsored by the Torrance Civitan Club. Following the three-hour movies shown at the Torrance Theater, each one of the kids received a candy cane. Standing with a group of kids are, from left to right (in back): Floyd DeVore, chairman of the party committee; Robert Belken, secretary; Frank S. Selover, president; Ferrell Miller, committee member. Other committee members were: Tom Ward, treasurer, Dan Sorensen, Dr. A. F. Kline, and Bob Owens, first vice president.

RIDDLE

DIRECTIONS: Study the following ad carefully:

FOR SALE—Stationary porcelain tub. Also electric guitar and amplifier. \$25.
FA. 8-3978 1502 W. 221st St.

RIDDLE: What do a porcelain tub, an electric guitar, and an amplifier have in common?
SOLUTION: The one thing these unrelated objects which were owned by Mrs. Brenda Fryback, 1502 W. 221st St., have in common is that they were sold with incredible speed through an ad in the Torrance Press classified section. To top it all off, all the ad cost was 75 cents!

First Baby of '54 to Receive Free Gifts

Attention! Calling all babies!
The first infant born after the clock strikes twelve o'clock midnight and 1954 is ushered in will receive several hundred dollars worth of baby furniture, clothes and equipment free due to the generosity of Torrance merchants.

All persons living within the circulation area of this newspaper are eligible to enter their infant in the race if the baby is born immediately after the first of the year.

Parents whose baby is born on January 1, need only to fill out the coupon printed on this page giving the exact time and place of the child's birth. The infant's sex, weight, and name, plus the name, address and telephone number of the parents must also be included.

This information may be sent or brought to the office of the Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens by Monday, 5 o'clock, January 4. In the event of twins,

Who'll Be First in 1954?

The first baby born after the first of the year in our community will receive several hundred dollars worth of baby clothes, furniture and equipment.

All persons living within the circulation area of this newspaper are eligible. Simply fill out this coupon if your baby is born on January 1. Bring it or mail it to the Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens Ave., before 5 p.m. on Monday, January 4.

WRITE PLAINLY

Exact date and hour of birth _____

Hospital and doctor _____

Baby's Name _____ Sex _____

Weight _____

Parents' name and address _____

Telephone Number _____

WHO'LL BE THE FIRST BABY IN 1954?