Health Center Opening Draws Record Crowd

Dr. J. L. Pomeroy Outlines Economy of Preventing Disease

Over 2000 visitors from Torrance and 40 other cities inspected the new Torrance Health and Welfare Center at the formal opening of the new county institution last Friday. The Woman's clubhouse was also crowded to capacity for the dedication dinner.

Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer, who was the principal speaker at the banquet, explained the necessity for health centers in a most convincing manner. He also pointed out the economy of preventing disease as contrasted with the greater cost of taking care of patients after they become disabled. "It is better to spend 3 per cent for prevention than 20 per cent for treatment," he said.

In discussing the question of reducing government expense, Dr. Pomeroy urged scientific budget cutting instead of vertical slashing of appropriations.

Visitors From Afar

Among prominent personages in the medical profession who attended the opening of the health center were Dr. B. W. Black of Oakland, president of the Western Hospital Association; Dr. Phillip King Brown of San Francisco, Southern Pacific Railway medical officer; as well as health officers from many Southern California cities. Visitors were registered from Los Angeles, Inglewood, Alhambra, Belvedere, Huntington Park, San Fernando, Whittier, Redondo Beach, Glendale, Compton, South Gate, Culver City, Hermosa Beach, Monrovia, Santa Monica, El Segundo, Long Beach, San Pedro, Gardena, Lomita, San Gabriel, Azusa, Venice, Pomona, Lynwood, Oakland, San Francisco, Edmonton, Canada, Ogden, Utah and Gallup, New Mexico.

Dr. H. C. Smiley, who is in charge of the local health center, expressed himself as highly pleased with the success of the opening.

Bids Opened On Large Order of Machinery

Indicating extensive Colorado river aqueduct building activity in the near future, Metropolitan water district officials called for bids on a large order of construction machinery, it was learned today.

Bids were opened Tuesday on 16 air compressors, 16 storage battery locomotives, eight motor-generator sets, 16 air receivers, 16 mucking machines, eight power shovels, 136 dump cars, and 16 flat cars.

The equipment, it was indicated by district engineers, will be used on the Coachella tunnel division of the aqueduct, where district forces, working from nine camps, will drive ten tunnels totaling 33 miles in length. Included in the division is the 18-mile East Coachella bore, longest on the aqueduct line.

Two camps already have been established on this section of the aqueduct, one at Deception Canyon and another at Fargo Canyon. Permanent structures are being erected with a capacity of 125 men in each camp.

The district has already opened bids on the construction of a materials testing laboratory building at Banning. The building, according to specifications, will be a frame structure 70 feet by 53 feet, located near the district's field headquarters. Low bidder was Hurd and Viskering of Santa Ana, who submitted a figure of $5,550. Estimated total cost of the laboratory, including materials and moved the district's laboratory equipment furnished by the district, is $22,000.

The work is now located at 306 West Third street in Los Angeles. The work to be carried on by this unit of the district organization consists largely of experimenting with concrete mixes containing sand and gravel obtained at various points along the aqueduct line.

Mrs. May McKinley enjoyed a week-end visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Romayne Shaw at Bell.

Four Children Hurt In Crash Torrance Blvd.

Gabriel Garcia, Mexican, Held On Drunk Driving Charge

Gabriel Garcia and Jose Ramirez, residents of the Pueblo, were arrested Saturday afternoon following an automobile accident on Torrance boulevard which injured four children and wrecked two cars.

Both men were given sobriety tests at the police station where a Torrance physician declared them to be under the influence of liquor.

The accident occurred about 500 feet west of Madrona, on Torrance boulevard, when the Mexicans collided with an Overland driven by Mrs. Inez Bigler, 107 Grand avenue, El Segundo. With Mrs. Bigler were her son, Donald, age 7, Mrs. C. B. Russell, 617 Arena avenue, El Segundo, Dorcas Russell, Dean Russell and Allene Rash, 203 W. Grand avenue, El Segundo. All four of the children were slightly hurt and were taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for first aid. Neither of the women were injured except for slight shock.

It was reported that the Mexicans had pursued an erratic course all the way from Redondo Beach, which forced a number of cars from the road to avoid them, until they were halted by the collision with the Bigler car. A third man, who was said to have been in the car with them, disappeared from the scene before the arrival of police.

Ramirez, who was a passenger with Garcia, was fined $10 or 5 days on a drunk charge, and was committed to jail.

Garcia, the driver, was given a preliminary hearing in the municipal court Tuesday morning on a charge of drunk driving, and was held to the superior court, after witnesses had testified "to the circumstances of the accident and the condition of the driver. In default of $1000 bail, Garcia was committed to the county jail to await trial. He made no defense at this time.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DOINGS

It is gratifying to note that a goodly number of pupils in the Torrance elementary school have been neither absent nor tardy, not only for one semester, but some show a perfect attendance record for ten consecutive terms. The parents, as well as the children, are to be highly commended for maintaining such a record. Following are the names of the pupils having perfect attendance records for:—

Two Semesters:
Selby Sharp, Marjorie Abbott, Lorraine Stanley, Joe Peterson, Opal Combs, Martha Wheeler, Benny Austin, Natalie Nelson, Edwin Smith, Henry Hedane, Vera Ferner, Harold Jackson, Eleanor Lakes, Gay Riley, Margaret Ruth Salm, Richard Schroeder, Hazel Burchett, Virginia Zamperini, Berton Lamb, Kathleen Mickle, Wanda Holstine, Robert Wardrap, Paul Haugeland, J. D. Anderson, Joe Asencio, Frank Fujino, Paul Gutierrez, Alberto Perez, Tadeo Yaji, Jack Massie, Claude Smarte, Loretta Hoyle, Margaret Schultz, Tommy Bishop, Jacqueline Jackson, Akiko Shimotoni, Lois Hudson, Rowland Justice, Shirley Guttenfelder, Harold Kerber, Fred Lincoln, Jr., Margaret McLaren, Maureen Tenner, Eva Guzman, Myrtle McLean, Lucile Acreo, Harry Lewis, Donna Miller, Eunice Mickesell, Norinne Schroeder and Tado Kawashema.

Three Semesters:
Dorothy Backstrom, Eileen Whiting, Luz Melgoze, Helen Day, Doris Eckersley, Virginia Grajeda; Velma Stgelmineyer, Tomiko Kamei, James Daniels, Paity Doan, Tauroe Iwaida, Donald Guy, Albert Day, Harold Johnson, Barbara Jean Tappin, Ann Dixon, Edward Cosma, Jensen Lowell, Phyllis Campbell, James McEwen, Guy Dodos, Alene Lamb, Lucile Anthony, Billy Jolley, Jean Bardeaux, Jeanette Evans and Gabriel Wada.

Four Semesters:
Ethel Shimmick, Elizabeth Rossi, Dorothy Weber, Marian Spehnezer, Bulelli Kuwamoto, Audrey Stanley, Dale Falk, Stanley Abbott, Clyde Andersen, Fashio Une, Richard Pierson, Isabelle Russell, Vera May Weber, Frank Whitney, Jomell Hale, Frances Dietture, Johnie Batovesky, Richard Miller and Joe Acero.

Five Semesters:
Glen Hall, Marie Turner, Wallace Clark, Pauline Newell, Clifford Totten, Bobbie Golden, Charles Bray, Charles Davis, Isma Nakamura, William Fulton and Muriel Alverson.

Six Semesters:
Wallace Woods, Betty Hatton, Douglas Russell, Evelyn Lanver, Howard Locke, Takayeko Umoda, Richard Paxman, Wayne Dilthey and Yasno Tukai.

Seven Semesters:
Elsa Norman, Harold Trexise, Charles Marek and Floyd Wheeler.

Eight Semesters:
Georgina Tiffany and Alfred Mason.

Nine Semesters:
Ruth Norman.

Ten Semesters:
Walter Marek.

County Asked To Relinquish Gas Tax Money

Proposal of Finance Director May Delay Local Road Projects

Action of the county board of supervisors on the suggestion that the county relinquish its share of gasoline tax funds, with the result that highway projects in the vicinity of Torrance would be delayed for months, was awaited throughout the county today.

The proposal came from Roland A. Vandegrift, state director of finance, who asked that the supervisors give careful consideration to the suggestion.

"The state now is faced with necessity of finding $9,000,000 within the next four months to meet the deficit in the state's general fund," Vandegrift informed the supervisors. "The deficit could be met by the legislature enacting a special sales tax or by the levy of an ad valorem tax on all property in the state.

"In my opinion we should temporarily delay some of our highway projects rather than levy an ad valorem tax on property of the already-overburdened taxpayers."

The most feasible way to meet the deficit, which represents payments made by the state for highway bond interest and redemption, is with the gasoline tax money, Vandegrift goes on to say. Two-thirds of this would come from the state's share and one-third from the counties' share.

Local residents have looked forward to obtaining state gas tax funds for Sepulveda boulevard and other needed highway improvements in this section.

One of the last proposals for which bids were asked was the Elena avenue project in Redondo Beach, slightly more than $59,000. Award of two contracts for the new Ridge Route in the northwestern corner of the county also was made recently, this being regarded as one of the more important projects in the entire state.

The supervisors are expected to act on Vandegrift's proposal this week.

Playasax On Sale At Doan's Market

L. H. Doan, proprietor of Doan's Market, 2223 Torrance boulevard, announces that the new "Playasax" may be secured by purchasing merchandise at his store to the amount of $12.50. For further information call Torrance 486.

IN SOCIETY

CATHOLIC PARTY IS SUCCESS

More than 100 members of the Catholic Church of the Nativity and their friends attended a bridge, pinochle and 500 party at K. C. clubrooms Monday evening. Awards for pinochle were received by Miss Florence Gramling and H. E. Reeve; 500 winners were Mrs. J. McLean and Mr. Kingsley, Mr. and Mrs. Hinckley, Mrs. Basil and James Carlin; while prizes for bridge were presented to Mrs. J. McDonald and Clifford Sprague, Mrs. J. W. Sullivan and J. W. Murray, Mrs. Theresa Condley and J. W. Sullivan. Much credit for the success of the party is due Mrs. O. J. Batsch and her committee.

Mrs. A. P. Olinger enjoyed a week-end trip at San Jacinto mountains where she joined Mr. Olinger and children, Betty and Paul. Mrs. Paul Vonderahe was a guest.

Miss Viola Dawson of 2212 Andreo avenue, who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. W. W. Samson, at Douglas for the past eight months, has returned to her home here.

Miss Elizabeth Neelands spent the week-end as guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Gray at Los Angeles.

Mrs. William Rogers was a recent house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wheaton, accompanied by Mrs. Olive Lee, Miss Jean Wheaton, Ted and Bud Stromberg of Los Angeles enjoyed a Southern California Gas Company dancing party at Elks Temple, Los Angeles, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kinnison entertained as their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gorgeman of Santa Ana.

R. Posada Dies In Auto Accident

Ramon Posada of Los Angeles, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Martinez, residing at 1621 Narbonne avenue, was killed February 19 in an automobile accident at Casa Grande, Arizona, as he was going east on a business trip. Posada is survived by his widow, Mrs. Josephine Posada, and one son, Manuel, aged 9 years.

Emergency Food Garden Projects Aid Unemployed

Five Communities Carry on Successful Self-help Campaigns

Emergency food garden projects now are going concerns in five communities throughout the county and the movement is gaining ground daily, it is reported by the county farm bureau. Within the past two weeks a project has been launched in Santa Monica, with another meeting scheduled there for this week.

Any community that desires to organize these emergency food garden projects will be given every possible assistance by the agricultural extension service. Aid is being given in selection of the land, and in instruction to those who plan to prepare, plant and care for the gardens. The local community involved supplies the land, water and seed, it is explained.

Proof of the success of the movement is seen in the example of Long Beach, where last year, with voluntary help, 4000 home gardens were launched, and 48 acres of community gardens. Projects now are under way in South Gate, Altadena and Bellflower, with others about to be announced. The Bellflower project, which is on a community basis, was started the middle of December. The community now has 35 acres of community gardens and 80 home gardens.

According to Mr. F. H. Ernest, county farm advisor, the plan is a method of helping people to help themselves. The feasibility has been proven, and it amounts to virtually a miniature land colonization plan. Ernest said. It is not to be confused with the community land idea, he added.

Those interested in international problems should visit Mrs. Young's social problems class. At present the students are studying the Japanese-Chinese conflict, and believe it or not there are some "Huey Longs" in the class. The students are very much interested in the problem, and some lively discussions take place.

Speakers galore, and believe me there were, at the Key Club meeting held February 27. Among the men present were Dr. Alden Smith, local optometrist; Mr. Austin, high

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Keeping Up With Torrance High

By MYRON NIGHTINGALE

Mike Pecarovich was the main speaker at the Varsity Club banquet which was held February 8. Mr. Pecarovich is head coach at Gonzaga University, which is located at Spokane, Washington. Coach Pecarovich is a close friend of Mr. Donahue, both having attended Loyola University.

At the banquet the lettermen installed their officers for the coming semester. The newly elected officers are as follows: President, George Figueredo; vice president, Carl Quayle; secretary, Melvin Howard; treasurer, Eldon Zanon; sergeant-at-arms, Raymond Rogers; reporter, Arthur Yamamoto.

When the T. N. T. comes out tomorrow, it will be the first issue under the new staff.

Elmer Munson, a veteran of last semester, heads the paper as editor-in-chief. Georgie Higgins will act as assistant editor. Georgie was also a member of last semester's journalism class.

Myron Nightingale, editor of the paper last term, was made Torrance Herald reporter and copyreader. Other members of the staff chosen by the editor are as follows: Gale Travers, sports editor; Mary Whalen, girls' sports; Horace Andrews, advertising manager; Henry Bruhanski, business manager; Herbert Otto, circulation manager; Virginia Bowersox, junior high editor; Pauline Failla, exchange editor; Elmer Munson, art editor.

The student council met in the new council chamber at last week's meeting. It was the first meeting in the newly reconstructed room, and all the council members seemed to enjoy its atmosphere.

Palos Verdes Club Mixed Foursomes to Start Next Sunday

The first of a series of monthly invitational mixed foursomes sponsored by the Palos Verdes Golf Club will be held at the course next Sunday, March 5. The foursomes will be continued indefinitely, held on the first Sunday of each month. No green fees will be charged.

All members of the Southern California Golf Association are invited to take part, says R. L. Harfington, chairman of the tournament committee. Handicaps will be based on S. C. G. A. and Women's Auxiliary handicaps.

school principal, and last but not least, Dr. Clarence Marsh Case of the University of Southern California.

Dr. Case is one of the most outstanding sociologists in the United States. He has been very active in boys' work, especially in the eastern part of the United States. Dr. Case had charge of a boys' camp in the state of Maine for nine years. He gave a short talk to the members of the club concerning the individual, stating that he believed that the welfare of the country did not rest on the great individuals but on those great persons who have the courage to work earnestly and honestly for his or her community.

At a meeting held February 16 the Madrigal Society elected its officers for the coming semester. Those students elected to offices are as follows: Jim McLean, president; Bob Atchison, vice president; Mary Ogata, secretary-treasurer; Bob Wirtz and Cyril Paisley, librarians; Mildred Neelands and Barbara Nickerson, wardrobe mistresses; Bob Angel, historian; Jim Lanz and Leonard Lock, janitors.

There was a great deal of merriment in the club when Jim Lanz and Leonard Lock were elected janitors. Jim Lanz was last semester's president; so it was quite a jump for Jim.

L. I. Fordice returned from a trip at Yuma, Arizona, and various points in Imperial Valley.

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