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100 GRAMMAR SCHOOL PUPILS PASS INTO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Largest Group Leaves Torrance Elementary School; Walteria Wins Citizenship Award

Torrance elementary schools this year produced exactly 100 pupils of the A-6 classes who received certificates of their promotion to the junior high division at appropriate ceremonies on Thursday. The Torrance elementary school lead with a class of 60; Fern avenue 30, and the Walteria school 10.

An informal program was held at each school to mark the passing of the grades.

Members of the elementary A-6 class include:

Billy Barnett
Helen Bay
Ruby Benner
Fusaye Bingo
Leah Bratton
Reida Briggs
Mary Brissinger
Thelma Blodgett
Myeko Bingo
Hazel Burchett
Jason Castillo
Bettie Cox
Wallace Clark
Harold Clayton
James Daniel
Raphael Duarte
Edward Dow
Patty Gean Doan
Patsy Dooley
Elizabeth Fish
Claud Gotts
Virginia Grajeda
Donald Guy
J. D. Greathouse
Kenneth Greene
Mina Hormell
Sally Ann Hovlid
Glen Hall
Walter Hamman
Philip Hoffman
Billy Johnson
Jacqueline Kyle
Eleanor Lukes
Bennie Mendez
Margaret Moon
Marilyn Moyer
Scott McAllen
Gordon Mitchell
Leola Newman
Robert Olsen
Betty June Pierson
Clifford Powell
Richard Pierson
Elizabeth Rossi
Ethel Schimmick
Walter Serviola
Francis Sheen
Dorothy Snow
Velma Stegelmeyer
Robert Schwartz
Eugene Shaner
Clifford Totten
Jimmie Takaki
Adolpho Torres
Lena Anne Thomas
Wesla Toler
Mildred Wallace
Dorothy Webb
Vera Mae Weber
Virginia Zamperini

A program given at the Fern avenue school presented the school orchestra in two opening numbers; dialogue, "What Our Flag Stands For," by the A-6 class; verse choir, "Who Killed Cock Robin," A-6 class; dance, "Irish Lilt"; presentation of citizenship pins to the class, Mrs. Oda Vans, principal; play, "Modern Knights," A-6 boys; poem, "Daffodils," Loletta Harbour; songs, A-6 class and A-6 girls.

The class roll is as follows:

Olin Barkdull
Lewis Dudley
Robert Ernst
Mitsuye Fujino
Elton Garland
Loletta Harbour
Tetsuo Hasegawa
Shirley Hayes
Harry Hillier
Ayako Honda
Masashi Ikezoe
Mary Intermill
Eileen Johanson
Bobby Jones
Leone Matthews
Ernestine Mauk
Bonnie Mosher
Marcella Paul
Ralph Pina
Lillian Prince
Margie Rhind
Joyce Robinson
Marjorie Rusk
Frieda Russo
Ro Shibuyama
George Snow
Emiko Tanaka
Kenneth Turner
Norma Warthan
Ruby Valdivia

At the Walteria school a luncheon was given Wednesday for the group to celebrate their passing into the junior high. Those in charge were Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Campbell. Members of the A-6 class are:

Delmer Butterfield
Betty Lee Campbell
Koshio Ishikawa
Joyce McKinley
Shiri Maruyama
Tonoe Ozawa
Dorothy Sanders
Cecilia Tiguero
Saniye Yazuki

The Walteria school was recently awarded second place in the contest sponsored by the American Citizenship League, and received a loyalty seal. The pupils wrote letters on "What the Flag Means to Me." In making the award the league officials stated that the high rating of the Walteria school was partly due to the fact that so many nationalities were represented.

74 Junior High Students Are Given Diplomas

Informal Aud Call Program Marks Passing of Ninth Graders

Members of the A-9 class of the junior high school who received diplomas at an informal program held at an aud call this noon number 74, one of the largest classes to be graduated into the senior high. They are:

Virginia Adcock
Hugh C. Allen
Carl W. Andrews
Arthur F. Basile
Joe Bay
Harry A. Bell
Ada Briggs
Rex Clark
Max G. Coast
Edward Colburn
Marcella Crook
John D. Disario
Ruth M. Duncan
Geneve Everett
George Wilbur Franklin
Mildred Friedman
Martha George
Carl W. Gilbert, Jr.
Eunice Gull
Bob Guy
John W. Guyan
Leonard Harris
Kenneth Hedge
Arthur Hedrick
Lorain E. Hill
Jack W. Holobaugh
Norman W. Hudson
Jacqueline Isaacs
Betty Elizabeth Johnson
Joe N. A. Kalina
Lee Kirkpatrick
Doris M. Kresse
Mildred Lane
Genevieve Leatherman
Weston V. Leech
Earl D. Lock
Mary Ann McElfresh
Harry P. McIntosh
Johnny Micanovich
Lorraine Miles
Robert Mowry
Tomiye Nagayama
Peggy Lou Olson
Phyllis M. Ordway
Edmund Pacheco
Madalyn Pinkham
Gerald F. Pizer
Kathleen Pullman
John Robert Rauss
Bonnie Virginia Rhind
Leo W. Rosset
John Schmidt
Lenora Schroeder
Norma Sue Seematter
Myrtle Oram Sharpe
Robert D. F. Sikes
Addison F. Smith
Annabell Smith
Arvol Smith
Ermanell Smith
Helen Smith
Virginia D. Smith
Hans H. Sommer
Monty Spaulding
Betty J. Sprong
Minori Sueda
Ted Takayuki Tanouye
Masanori Toyofuku
Reggie Treloar
Mildred Vincent
Bill Walker
Alice M. West
Irene F. Wilkes
Thomas G. Wilkes

Commencement Tonight

Commencement exercises for the summer class of 1935 will be held tonight at the Torrance high school. Dr. Edward W. Hauck, of the board of education, will present the diplomas.

Building Activity Gains In City

Building activities in Torrance continue this month, with a number of permits issued from the city engineer's office for new dwellings, alterations, and other types of construction, totaling an increasing amount. Dr. R. F. Bishop has taken out a permit for the erection of a new home at 1433 El Prado, on which work has begun. Otto Batsch is constructing a brick repair garage to cost $1,400 on the lot occupied by his service station on Arlington avenue. A. W. Hookway, of Pasadena, who has just completed a dwelling on Torrance boulevard near the Fern avenue school, has started construction on another house of the same type on an adjoining lot. House and garage will cost $2,700.

Walter C. Hoffman is erecting a house and garage costing $1,200 at 20520 Hawthorne boulevard near Spencer. W. S. Hamlin took out a $1,000 permit for a small dwelling and garage at 2318 231st street. G. R. Mau secured a permit to erect a gasoline storage tank of 10,000 barrels capacity, costing $550 in the vicinity of Riverside-Redondo boulevard and Hawthorne boulevard. Other permits covered the repair and alteration of dwellings already constructed.

Canning Equipment Is Improved

Members of the Co-operative Unit No. 244, located in the old carbon factory building on Border avenue, are busy this week setting up new machinery for the summer canning work, which has been a feature of the organization eaah year.

A stand of nine trays have been installed where women packers will fill the cans. They are then placed in a conveyor filled with live steam which heats the cans so that the tops can be put on. Two traveling chains carry the cans from the packing trays to the sealing machines. One chain carries the large cans, the other cans of smaller size.

From the sealing machines, the cans go to the pressure cooker for the final stage of the canning operation.

A boiler to provide steam for the cooking and operation of machinery is being erected in the yard.

With the new equipment the capacity of the plant will reach 5,000 cans a day, a great increase over the number turned out under the former arrangements.

CARAVAN visits Torrance TUESDAY

Covered Wagon Days rolled into Torrance Tuesday afternoon and enlivened the downtown streets with a snappy program of music and comedy advertising the opening of the second annual celebration and rodeo contest to be held at Redondo Beach four days next week starting Thursday, June 27. Norman Sprowl, manager of the Fox Redondo theatre and civic leader, acted as master of ceremonies. The cowboy band furnished music. Men and women in costumes of the pioneer days added color to the pageantry and amused the crowd which gathered at the corner of Marcelina and Sartori avenue. The caravan visited a number of cities during the day to wake up the communities to the fact that Redondo Beach is celebrating.

J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company, treated the visitors to a glass of buttermilk each, a welcome gesture of hospitality.

Masons Attend Church Sunday

St. Andrew's Episcopal church will be host to the Torrance Masonic lodge Sunday, June 23, the vigil of the feast of St. John the Baptist. All Masons, their wives and children are invited to attend the 11 o'clock service when the vicar, Rev. F. Murray Clayton, will deliver a special sermon on the topic, "The Man Who Lost to Gain." E. H. Barlow, worshipful master, urges all Masons to attend.

Secretary of All-Year Club Will Be Heard

Kiwanis Club Invites Charles A. Horrworth to Their Monday Meeting

Charles A. Horrworth, field secretary of the All-Year Club of Southern California, Ltd., will be

CHARLES A. HORRWORTH

the speaker at the next meeting of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, Monday evening, June 24, at the American Legion clubhouse. Mr. Horrworth, who has a splendid reputation as a speaker, will have for his topic, "Why the World Builds Southern California."

During the past ten years Mr. Horrworth has traveled more than 200,000 miles in the United States advising metropolitan and rural communities in planning programs for development of civic pride and unity, and incidentally spreading the gospel of Southern California as a place to live, work and enjoy life. Many groups who have heard his message recommend him highly as an entertaining and interesting speaker.

CHILD DIES from shock of INJURIES

Tragedy followed childish joy in the celebration of her sixth birthday last Friday, when Marie Catherine Etter, daughter of Postmaster E. L. Etter, 2616 Via Ramora, Palos Verdes Estates, was struck by a car while crossing the street in front of her home. The child is said to have run into the side of the car, which knocked her down and passed over her body.

The muscles of one cheek were torn and a slight skull fracture was found but no other bones were broken. She was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital where she passed away on Sunday afternoon. Death was attributed to shock. Earl W. Gard, 15, of 2780 Via Campesino, driver of the car, was exonerated from blame at a coroner's inquest held Tuesday.

Recreation Center Wanted In Lomita

Requests of the Lomita Lodge, Knights of Pythias, that Supervisor John R. Quinn use his influence to obtain federal funds for development of a recreational center in Lomita was received and filed by the supervisors this week.

The communication pointed out that children of the community now had no place to play other than in the streets, and urged a community center as a vital necessity to the district.

400 Acres Needed For Jail Farm

That at least 400 acres of good agricultural land would be needed for the establishment of a "jail farm" in which to house 1,000 county prisoners is the conclusion of the bureau of efficiency after a preliminary survey of the proposal.

Such land in the San Fernando valley or a similar location, would cost from $250 to $350 per acre at the present market prices, the bureau states.

Of the 1,000 prisoners, it is estimated that 900 would be employed on 160 acres in raising various vegetable crops. Field, pasture and feed crops for livestock, including work horses, dairy cattle and poultry, would absorb the balance of the acreage and man the farm.

Car Stolen Here Used By Burglar

Daylight burglaries in the Palos Verdes Estates have been numerous over a period of months, with three residents lodging complaints at Sub-station No. 3 on Vermont avenue during the past week. The most recent victims are Mrs. Howard B. Hutchinson, 4209 Hawthorne boulevard, at whose home on June 12 two coats, a cigarette box and a coin purse, value amounting to $25, were taken; Robert Wulff, 1629 Via Montemar, former resident of Torrance, lost suits of clothes and small articles on June 15 amounting to $78.50; Gus A. Bauman, 529 Via La Costa, a collection of coins, white trousers and belt, on June 14. Sheriff's deputies are making an investigation.

A suspect was apparently frightened away from one home when a neighbor sent her little girl out to inquire what the young man wanted when he parked in front of the house. He left hurriedly as the girl approached.

The license number of the car was obtained, which lead sheriff's deputies to Torrance where they found that the machine used by the bold marauder had been stolen on June 12 from a parking lot across from the Safeway Market on Carson street, where the owner, Harold Rittmiller, is employed in the Grubb Meat Market. The car has not yet been recovered.

State Election In August For Bond Approval

Improvement of State Institutions to Be Financed By Issue

Wednesday, July 3, is the last day to register in order to vote at the special state election set for August 13 when the voters will be asked to approve a $13,950,000 bond issue for enlarging and improving state institutions, it was announced today by W. M. Kerr, registrar of voters.

Election boards must be appointed by July 13, and polling places also designated by that time. This leaves less than two weeks for local residents to register, and less than a month for the board of supervisors to make up the election boards.

The voters also will be asked at the same election to decide whether the state should be permitted to handle its present general fund deficit of $28,000,000 by means of short term loans, rather than continue registered warrants.

Purchase of a site in Southern California for a new state prison, enlargement of the state building in Los Angeles with $1,000,300 of the issue, and a similar enlargement to the capitol at Sacramento would be provided for by the bond issue in addition to enlarging institutions in general.

Allocation from the federal government is expected to boost the total available, under the public works projects bill.

Factory Head Home From Trip

C. R. Dennis, president and general manager of the Insulations Products Ltd., 1917 Border avenue, has just returned from a business trip east. He reports an increasing demand for the products of his company which manufactures a type of safety device in use by linemen working on all types of power lines. Mr. Dennis relates that conditions in the east appear to be steadily improving, with promising crops prospects and a healthy tone to business in all lines.

Relief Problem Greatly Increased

Some idea of the growth of the relief problem in Los Angeles county within the last two years is evidenced by the fact that the number of cards in the charities department's confidential index has grown within that period from 265,000 to 344,500.

This was brought out by the request of Rex Thomson, county superintendent of charities, for approval for the expenditure of $2,712.50 for additional guide cards for the index. Thomson stated that 21,700 new guide cards were needed to prevent loss of time and errors.

Donahue Will Be Placed At Head Of Recreation

High School Coach Employed Full Time For July and August

Arrangements are being made which will probably be ratified by the city council at their meeting next Tuesday night to employ Coach Bernard J. Donahue, of the Torrance high school, as head of the recreation department for the summer months of July and August.

Mr. Donahue, through his close association with the boys and girls of high school age, is well prepared to lead them in playground activities and keep them busy during the summer. He will be assisted by the playground supervisors of the SERA who have been handling the work here for some time past.

The authorities also hope that arrangements can be made with the board of education to secure the use of the high school gymnasium and playground equipment. Mr. Donahue will take over his duties July 1.

Torture Death Dealt To Dogs

Torrance owners of dogs are watching their pets vigilantly just now since death in agonizing form has been meted out recently, to five canines owned by residents along Amapola avenue. The party responsible for the cruel act has not yet been identified, but dog lovers all over the city are hoping that he will be discovered and legally dealt with.

Identification in this instance is made difficult because of the fact that no poison is being used. The unknown is said to enclose a piece of dry sponge in some appealing dainty which is snapped up by the dog. The sponge lodges in its throat and the animal slowly chokes to death as the sponge absorbs moisture and swells. Several days of torture are endured by the dog before death releases it.

NARBONNE students make FINE RECORD

According to advices received this week by Miss Clementina de Forest Griffin, principal of Narbonne high school, Narbonne students attending Compton Junior College this year made an enviable record. All Narbonne students placed among the first 15 percent of enrollment in their scholastic standing. Because of the good record made, Narbonne has been granted two scholarships instead of the usual one to be given to deserving students. They will cover music and general scholarship. The awards have not yet been made, but two students will be selected before the close of school tomorrow.

Dwight Eubank, graduate of Narbonne, now associate editor of the Tartar Shield and editor of the feature section, created the page which won first place in the semi-annual contest held recently in connection with the California Junior College Press convention.

Trial On Arson Charge August 1

August 1 has been set for the trial of Mrs. Grace M. Taylor, of Lomita, on charges of arson, and burning insured property, according to Los Angeles county superior court records.

Mrs. Taylor pleaded not guilty to the charges when arraigned late last week, and her trial was fixed immediately following, to be held in Department No. 42, before Superior Judge Thomas P. White.

Cafe In Lomita Changes Hands

Sale of his interest in the stock, fixtures and equipment of Laura's cafe at 1815 Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, Lomita, to Laura M. Scott was disclosed this week with the filing of a bill of sale for recording by R. W. White. Furniture at 1819-A Redondo-Wilmington boulevard also was involved in the bill of sale.

Council To Safeguard Youth

Steps to organize a co-ordinating council to work in conjunction with the probation department of the sheriff's office, were taken at a meeting held at the city hall Monday evening, when Kenneth L. Scudder, of the department, explained the movement which is being extended to all counties in the state. Sixteen counties have already been organized and others are waiting for the opportunity to join the movement, which has for its object the reduction of juvenile delinquency.

Of the civic groups which had been invited to send representatives, all but three were represented, a gratifying situation to Councilman W. H. Stanger, who has promoted the idea in Torrance.

Mr. Scudder explained that the principal idea in organizing a co-ordinating council is not correctional but preventive. The function of the council in each community is to take care of the borderline cases, directing the youthful activities into harmless channels of work and play, so that the tendency to mischievous acts and petty crime is checked in its beginning.

R. R. Smith, Chamber of Commerce representative; Mrs. Irvin C. Rous, Torrance Elementary P. T. A.; Mrs. Dan Barnard, Fern Avenue P. T. A.; Mrs. Lon Ralston, American Legion Auxiliary; Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, Rev. G. G. Elder and others expressed very favorable reaction towards the plan and offered the co-operation of their groups in the work.

City Police Judge Robert F. Lessing was elected temporary chairman, Mrs. Juliette Johnson, temporary secretary. A steering committee of five including C. T. Rippy, chairman, Mrs. Irvin C. Rous, R. R. Smith, G. G. Elder and Mrs. Lon Ralston, was appointed to nominate permanent officers and recommend the personnel of three groups into which the council will be divided, adjustment, character building, and environment. The three groups will have definite duties, all co-operating in the main idea, to provide a safe outlet for the activities of youth. A second meeting will be called at an early date to complete the organization.

Miss Mary Spoon Passes Away At Home Thursday

Well-Known Resident Succumbs to Stroke After Two Days' Illness

The sudden illness, which struck down Miss Mary E. Spoon on Tuesday of last week, culminated in her passing two days later, at her home, 2271 Torrance boulevard, and closed a lifetime of unselfish devotion. Miss Spoon, who had been a resident of Torrance for almost 14 years, was widely known and loved for her many traits of Christian character and self-sacrificing service.

She was born September 2, 1860, at Spoonville, Michigan. When her mother died, leaving young children, Miss Spoon devoted herself to the task of bringing them up, and cared for them to maturity. Later in life, when the wife of her brother Frank passed away leaving him with a family of small children, Miss Spoon once more stepped in to play a mother's part in bringing up her young nephews and nicce.

She came to California 24 years ago, and became a resident of Torrance in 1921, where she took an active part in the community life, identifying herself with church and social work. She was a member of the Methodist church and served one year as president of the M. E. Ladies' Aid Society.

Funeral services held Monday at 2 o'clock at Stone & Myers chapel were conducted by Rev. Kemp J. Winkler, and attended by a large circle of friends who came to pay their last tribute to one whose life among them had been an example of duty well done.

Mrs. Rose King, soloist, sang "Lead Kindly Light" and members of the Methodist choir sang "Haven of Rest." Interment was made at Roosevelt Memorial Park. Miss Spoon leaves besides her brother Frank and his daughter, Miss Doris Spoon of the home address, with whom she had made her home for many years, a nephew, Daniel Spoon, enlisted in the navy, at San Diego; and two brothers, John Spoon, of Hayward, California, and Henry Spoon, of Aberdeen, Washington. A sister-in-law, Mrs. George Spoon, resides in Muskegon, Michigan.

Suggestions For Celebration Stump Reporter Seeking Ideas

Just what type of celebration is being harbored in the mind of Secretary L. J. Gilmeister, of the Chamber of Commerce, who sent out letters to all the organizations in the city asking them to join in planning a civic celebration for the city, to take the place of a Fourth of July celebration, has not been ascertained.

Secretary Gilmeister, when interviewed several days ago, put on a cryptic smile (cryptic meaning unfathomable, and has nothing to do with mortuaries, mausoleums, or other places of eternal rest) and said, "That is why we wrote that type of letter, to arouse curiosity, and promote the incubation of fertile ideas. We want the people of Torrance to choose their own celebration, and we hope to make it an annual affair, such as the Old Spanish Days at Santa Barbara, Centinela Days at Inglewood, and similar affairs. Other communities have their 'whiskers day, covered wagon and pioneer day, and so on. Torrance master minds should put their heads together to evolve something truly distinctive, something, to use a favorite California expression, very unusual."

Two reporters who were hanging breathless on Gil's words, sought frantically to suggest something, but that truly distinctive phrase had them disorganized.

One of them feebly mentioned a wild animal day but Gil refused pointblank to lead the parade. Besides, he pointed out, there would be so little variety to such an affair. "The larger percentage of entries would be goats which have gone rampant at various occasions. For instance Poncho Fabregat's goat which slips the halter regularly when the umpire calls a ball a strike.

"No, we must have something with a little more esprit, eclat or what have you? I think it would be nice to have a sweetest wife day—"

"Or a meanest husband day," put in a reporter.

"That's out," said Gil. "There are no such animals."

A round of the business section elicited the following suggestions: Torrance Water department, a Bathe on Tuesday day; Firestone Service Stores, a Non-skid day; Torrance postoffice, Buy a Stamp day; Safeway Stores, a Kindness to Onions day; Edison Company, a More Power to You day.

As all of these suggestions were more or less partisan in nature the reporter called a halt and tackled the man in the street. How about a grubstake day said the fellow with the packroll on his back? I haven't et since day before yesterday. The reporter squared that with a dime and crossed it off the list. What is so rare as a bug in June, said the bugologist, let's make it Junebug day. What a nasty idea, said the lady in lavender and old lace, by all means let it be a June rose day. Lady, did you ever see a rose without a bug, countered the bugologist, and they walked off arguing.

Since no two answers were anywhere near alike the reporter gave up in disgust and has turned the whole matter over to the committee which will meet soon to promote, devise, incubate, concoct, elucidate, or otherwise plan for a civic celebration of some sort. It will probably turn out to be a birthday party on the date Torrance was admitted to the circle of incorporated cities.

Secretary Gil has retired into the fastnesses of his sanctum at the Chamber of Commerce, and is there feverishly awaiting the birth of an idea.

Torrance Girl Wins In Beauty Contest

Miss Millicent Lincoln, Torrance student attending Compton Junior College, was one of the participants in a beauty contest held recently at Jaysee, and was selected by Dick Powell, film and radio star, as the most beautiful girl in the college.