



A tribute to their spirit in overcoming a natural handicap is the way the boys at the Industrial Home for Blind in Oakland, Cal., still play a fast game of baseball. A bell inside the ball gives them the cue to its whereabouts and a sound system tips them off to the positions of baserunners. Here's one blind batter taking a healthy swing at the ball.

Deep Sand Production Shifts Southwest

All Schools Have Talent in Free Program at Aud. Friday Night

Climaxing one of the best observances of Public School Week ever arranged here, a combined program of exceptional interest will be presented tomorrow, Friday, evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Civic Auditorium. This entertainment is sponsored by city civic organizations with Dr. C. L. Ingold, master of the Torrance Masonic lodge, as chairman. The complete program is published below:

Starting last night with open house at the high school, the week's effort to acquaint parents and friends of educational institutions with the latest trends in teaching, continued with similar open-house welcomes today at the Torrance Elementary and Fern Avenue schools.

TORRANCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MERLE R. JELBACH, Principal
by Tommy Nuckles
SELECTIONS — ORCHESTRA . . . Bennett
Military Escort (March) . . . Ascher
Cupid's Heart (Gavotte) . . . Bennett
Bright Star (Overture) . . . Bennett

Directed by Mrs. Eva May Burns
SELECTIONS — Boys' Glee Club — SELECTIONS — Girls' Glee Club
Moving Along . . . J. S. Zamenik, Venetia . . . J. S. Zamenik
Bells of St. Mary's . . . Adams, March . . . Creighton

Directed by Mrs. Juliet Young
FERN AVENUE SCHOOL
ODA B. VANS, Principal

"Why I Like School" . . . by Bob O'Toole
HARMONICA BAND NUMBERS . . . Southern Melody
Oh Susanna . . . Folk Song
Believe Me . . . Snow White
Whistle-While-You-Work . . . Adams
The Bells of St. Mary's . . . Spanish
Cello

Directed by Margaret K. Hollenbach
VERSE CHORUS . . . by William Allingham
The Fairy Folk . . . Charles Edward Caryl
The Camel's Plume . . . Betty West—Florence Page Jaques
The Green Goblind . . . Betty West—Florence Page Jaques
Directed by Laura M. Thomas

Last night a Spring Fashion Show in the high school library proved a charming highlight of the evening when many types of dresses made by girl students were displayed by the youthful seamstresses. In all class rooms there were exhibitions and displays of student work and teachers were present to meet all visitors.

The two elementary schools received many visitors today. Regular class sessions were held with parents and friends as auditors and interested spectators. Tonight's Civic Auditorium program, which is free to all, will include numbers from all educational units in the city. Here is the complete program:

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

THOMAS H. ELSON, Principal
by Helen Thompson
"Why I Like Junior High School" . . . Bach
JUNIOR A CAPPELLA CHOIR . . . Robinson
1. Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light . . . French Folk Song
2. Water Boy . . . French Folk Song
3. Alouette . . . French Folk Song

Mrs. Marjorie Eischen, Director
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
THOMAS H. ELSON, Principal

"What a High School Education Means to a Boy" Wilbur Franklin
"What a High School Education Means to a Girl" Norma Seematter
MADRIGAL SINGERS . . . Negro Spiritual
1. Joshua Fit de Battle . . . Palestrina
2. Gloria Patri . . . Palestrina
3. Adoramus Te . . . Palestrina

(Assisted by the Junior Choir) Mrs. Marjorie Eischen, Director
TORRANCE EVENING SCHOOL
GEY L. MOWRY, Principal

"What Torrance Evening School Means to Me" Mrs. Jean Isaacs
P. T. A. CHOIR . . . Paul Batovsky
1. I'm Thine Eyes . . . Mendelssohn
2. Estrellita . . . Ponce

EVENING SCHOOL ORCHESTRA SELECTIONS
George N. Mershon, Director
"AMERICA" . . . by Audience

600-BARREL WELL LEADS IN FIELD

Larger production of rich high gravity oil from deepened wells along Pennsylvania south of Sepulveda boulevard shifted the attention of oil operators in the South Torrance field this week. Outstanding among the week's developments was the completion of McDonald and Burns' No. 3 well, which is maintaining a flow of better than 600 barrels of 27 gravity oil, cutting less than five percent and cleaning up.

T.H.S. Honors Its Greatest Grad Today

It was the "new boys' gymnasium." This morning it became "the Zampierini building."

With Louis the Great present, the physical education structure on the high school campus was formally, if somewhat hurriedly, dedicated in his honor by Principal Thomas Elson and student body leaders.

The hurry-up dedication was necessary because the Torrance high alumnus who is now carving new niches in the athletic hall of fame as a U.S.C. track star, arrived just in time and declared he would be unable to be present next week when the rites were scheduled to be held.

Local Victims of Attacker to Wed Saturday

Determined to forget the nerve-shattering experience of being viciously assaulted by an armed bandit early Tuesday morning, Mrs. Ruth Hall, 32-year-old divorcee and mother who lives in Lomita, was making plans for her marriage Saturday to Ollie Dodson, 42, Torrance city street department worker.

She and Dodson were sitting in a car parked at Lomita boulevard and Figueroa discussing their honeymoon trip to Mexico, according to Mrs. Hall, when they were interrupted by bandit, who said, "This is a hold-up," got in the car and told them to "drive on."

He forced the pair to drive to a secluded spot at Figueroa and Q streets in Wilmington where Mrs. Hall told deputy sheriffs he ordered them from the car, bound both their hands with electric wire, stripped off Dodson's trousers, and then attacked the bride-to-be.

No Suspects Found
The bandit left after taking \$8.50, gloves and Mrs. Hall's wristwatch, cigarettes and the car keys. The couple's hands were still bound tight by the wire. He told them, according to police reports, they would find the car keys "20 feet from the second telephone pole down the road." A few minutes later they heard a car roar away down the highway.

After considerable struggling, Dodson worked his hands free, released Mrs. Hall from her bonds, located his pants, and then they walked to the nearest house from which they notified Wilmington police. According to police reports, the bandit-kidnaping attacker was launched but so far has not produced any suspects.

Has Young Daughter
In a semi-hysterical condition, Mrs. Hall was taken to the San Pedro. Receiving hospital and released after an examination. Her assailant was described as an American, about 30 to 35 years old, six feet tall and weighing from 180 to 190 pounds. She said he had a thin mustache, medium complexion and was wearing a gray suit, gray hat and gray shirt.

But the marriage Saturday will wipe out all memory of that harrowing night for Mrs. Hall and Dodson and they will honeymoon in Mexico, according to their previous arranged plans. Mrs. Hall is living with her three-year-old daughter and Miss Ethel Spratt at 2244 1/2 Lomita boulevard and Dodson resides at 2104 Arlington avenue.

VALUABLE GUESTS
Unusual guests at the Torrance Rotary club dinner tonight will be two fuzzy chinillillas valued at \$3.25. The tiny natives of South American mountains pride themselves on having the most valuable of all fur on their heads. W. D. Parker of the Inglewood Chinillilla Farms will address the club.

Noted Psycho-analyst to Speak Here May 5

Next Thursday night Torrance residents will be afforded the opportunity of hearing, for the first time in this district, the world-famous secrets of Andrew Carnegie, financial wizard and steel magnate. It was revealed this week following announcements that H. Malcolm-Smith, will appear here in person to present a free public program.

The program, acclaimed as highly educational in scope, is being presented locally under the auspices of the Torrance Business and Professional Women's club at the Civic Auditorium at 8 p. m. May 5.

The Business and Professional Women's club will attend the program in a body and every resident of the district, especially business and professional men and women, are urged to attend. In addition to revealing Carnegie's secrets of success and business administration the noted speaker will reveal other secrets of some of the world's most successful men and women.

Life struggles and the rise to fame of Harvey Firestone, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford will also be reviewed, it was announced, and the laws of success as applicable to the individual of today will be revealed. The program will be free of charge and no collection will be taken, according to officers of the sponsoring organization.

Pringle Named Columbia V-P

O. L. Pringle, general manager of operations of Columbia Steel company, subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation, has been elected vice-president in charge of operations by the company's board of directors. Pringle will assume his new duties immediately it was announced this week by Ambrose N. Dicht, president.

Thirty-five years in steel and kindred industries mark the new vice-president's career. After graduation at Carnegie Tech, Pringle took his first job as "test boy" with the old Carnegie Steel company. In 1931 he was brought to San Francisco from St. Louis Gas and Coke company and became assistant to the president of Columbia Steel. In 1936 he was elevated to the position of general manager in charge of operations. He is married and lives in Berkeley.

Moose to Install Officers Friday

New officers of the Torrance Moose lodge, No. 785, will be installed by John V. Murray, new city councilman, Friday night at the Moose hall. Henry Williams is the incoming dictator and the other Moose officers are H. H. Cooke, vice dictator; Eric Betts, prelate; T. J. Wilkes, secretary; J. Lepkin, treasurer, and John V. Murray, trustee. The public is invited to attend the ceremonies and dance to follow. Women of the Moose championship drill team will stage an exhibition.

Car Strippers Busy at Beach

"Car stripping season" an annual epidemic of automotive thievery began last Saturday night at Torrance beach. Reports of the thefts of two tires, two tail lights and a battery were made to local police by the car owners.

Success-Tracer



H. MALCOLM-SMITH knows the wizards' secrets

Biting Dog Lands Owner in Jail

An allegedly vicious dog which severely bit a woman investigator for the State Relief Administration last Saturday was the cause of Bertrand Lindsay's spending eight hours in jail Tuesday. Lindsay, who lives at 2654 Carson street, was escorted behind bars when he heatedly refused to follow City Judge Robert Lessing's instructions to get rid of the animal and plead not guilty to maintaining a public nuisance; to wit, the snapping canine.

When he truculently declared he "would appeal the case to the highest court" and serve as his own attorney, Judge Lessing accepted Lindsay's plea of not guilty and demand for a jury trial and then set his bail at \$50. Unable to furnish this security, Lindsay was jailed.

As he "was being served his dinner" in the clinic, Dog-Lover Lindsay informed his jailers he had "changed his mind" and would plead guilty and get rid of the animal. He was accommodated after Judge Lessing signed his release on his own recognizance. Lindsay is scheduled for a return appearance in court in a few days after the quarantine on his pet has been lifted and he is supposed to announce that his dog is no more.

Bad-Tempered Canine
The animal badly bit Miss Josephine Wood, Los Angeles case investigator for the State Relief Association, when she called at Lindsay's home to interview him regarding his relief status. No one was at home but the dog and he knocked the woman down and gnawed her left leg. She was treated by a local physician and was advised by Dr. Harry Smiley, deputy county health officer, to begin taking Pasteur treatment to prevent rabies infection.

She signed the complaint Monday of harboring a nuisance. When he appeared before City Judge Robert Lessing, Lindsay denied his dog was vicious altho police reports were cited to prove the animal had a bad temper, had bitten other people and could not even be controlled by the car owners.

LOMITA WANTS SIDEWALKS ON TWO STREETS

According to H. H. Halladay, secretary of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, more than 90 percent of property owners on two Lomita streets have signed petitions asking for sidewalk and curb improvements. One, petition covers installation of continuous sidewalks on 24th between Pennsylvania and Oak streets in gaps which do not have walks. This request is being held up for the possibility that residents will work out a method of paying cash for the improvement to avoid assessment district bonding.

The petition for the improvement of 25th between Pennsylvania and Eschelman is nearly completed, Halladay said, while more residents of 25th street are being interviewed to circulate the paper on that street. The petitions will be submitted to the board of supervisors when all details are worked out.

Mayor Announces Administration Committees

Mayor William H. Tolson announced his committee appointments for the new administration Tuesday night at city council meeting. The placements were:

Finance: Councilman Tom McGuire, Councilman James E. Hitchcock, and Tolson. Recreation: Councilmen John V. Murray, chairman; George V. Powell, and McGuire. Ordinance: Powell, chairman; Murray and Tolson.

Police and Fire: Tolson, chairman; Hitchcock and McGuire. Streets, Sewers, Parks and Garbage: Hitchcock, chairman; Murray and McGuire.

Watts Youth Cited To Norwalk After Detention Here

A strapping blue-eyed young man who claimed the name "William" because "I like that name" when he was questioned at police headquarters here last Saturday after being picked up at Torrance boulevard and Acacia for wandering in an erratic manner, yesterday was cited to Norwalk state insane asylum from the county psychopathic ward.

Investigation determined he was Walter Saunders, 21, who lives near Watts. Evidence of his mental derangement was quite noticeable, local officers said, from the incoherent responses he made to their questions.

April Building Sends Year Close to Record

With two more days remaining before the April record is closed, the value of new construction here to date this month totaled \$54,725 to date. The total amount of building permits issued here so far this year stands now at \$2,053,325, as compared to \$98,720 for the first four months of 1937. New construction in April, 1937, totaled but \$21,690, according to figures at the city engineer's office.

Building here so far this year is nearly double that of all 1937 because in that 12-month period construction valued at \$1,066,057 was accomplished. The all-time building record year was 1927 in Torrance but the current year with only one-third passed into history is just \$68,588 short of equalling 1927's \$2,134,645 in new construction.

Radio Tower \$17,500
The comparative building totals are:

1938 1937
January \$1,811,950 \$41,080
February 32,400 11,845
March 154,250 52,875
April 54,725 21,690

TOTAL \$2,053,325 \$127,110
The largest permit issued so far this month was granted the Columbia Broadcasting System Monday for a 490-foot vertical steel radio antenna tower and foundation valued at \$17,500. This is now being erected at the CBS-KNX radio transmitting station which is rising at 190th street and Hawthorne.

The permits for the tower and the building total \$57,500. When complete the whole broadcast transmitting plant represent an investment in Torrance of more than \$250,000, according to CBS-KNX officials.

Other permits issued since the last report published in The Herald were: Arthur Mullin, double garage at 1323 Cota, \$225; Mrs. L. P. Steepholm who is having anchor and footing repairs costing \$400 made to her house at 2203 Torrance boulevard; May Smith, 1423 Post, is having a moved-in three-room house erected at 3325 Emerald, for \$1,000.

Two New Derries
The Berken Oil company of Long Beach is erecting a wooden oil derrick at 2439 229th, \$5,000; DeKalb Spurlin is building a four-room frame house and garage at 2260 Dominguez, \$2,000; Sophie M. Pringle of 1024 Amadeco house and double garage built at 1625 Amapola, \$2,700, and Y. Yasuda is erecting a moved-in five-room house at 5100 Sepulveda, \$500.

The Woolmer Oil company of Long Beach is erecting a wooden oil derrick at 2351 229th, \$5,000; J. J. Brenton is building an 8x10-foot ice house at 1957 Carson, \$200; J. A. Roventstein is building a house and garage at 2029 Cabrillo, \$3,000; L. D. Young is erecting a five-room frame house and garage at 907 Madrid, \$2,500; and John T. and Roma E. Robinson are building a five-room frame house and garage at 1324 Beech, \$3,700.

COUNCIL MEET MAY 10
The next meeting of the city council will be Tuesday night, May 10.

P. V. TRACT OFFERED FOR NAVY HOMES

Offer of a tract of land in the Palos Verdes Hills as a building site for several thousand homes to be built for junior naval officers under the county's new Housing Authority was conveyed to the Authority this week by the Long Beach city planning commission.

Junior officers and warrant officers are particularly in need of housing facilities for rentals between \$16 and \$21 per week, according to a report made to the new county authority by naval officers.

\$6,000 Loss In Oil Rig Blaze

Workmen performing a welding job on the floor of the Superior Oil company's No. 6 derrick on Sepulveda near Pennsylvania accidentally started a blaze at 11:30 last night that totally destroyed that rig and its drill pipe and threatened to ignite the adjoining C.C.M.O. No. 33 derrick. The flames shot several hundred feet in the air, illuminating the surrounding South Torrance field and attracting hundreds of spectators.

The fire department arrived within a few minutes after the fire shot out of control but there was nothing the firemen could do to save the tinder-dry rig. Instead they concentrated on saving the C.C.M.O. derrick, a feat they accomplished. The loss, partially covered by insurance, will exceed \$6,000, it was reported, because all the drill pipe, which had just been pulled out of the deepened hole, was twisted and bent by the extreme heat.

Volunteers Win Praise
When the derrick and pipe fell it narrowly missed crashing on the C.C.M.O. rig. It did, however, collapse on part of the pipe rack attached to the adjoining derrick and caused damage to that quarter. All of the "call firemen" but one turned out to battle the blaze and steady streams of water were pumped on the flames and the adjoining property for four hours.

Work of the volunteer firemen drew high praise from Fire Chief A. B. Stevenson and Engineer J. R. Winters. Without faltering they faced the intense heat like veterans and continued to direct their water streams on the fire until it was completely out. The final effort was to smother the flaming oil in the hole by using a chemical foam.

Firemen in Last Man's Club
HARRISBURG, Pa. (U.P.)—Pennsylvania firemen who served during the 1937 flood have organized a last man's club.

LAY GROUND WORK FOR CBS DEDICATION

Looking forward to the completion early in September of the new quarter-million-dollar CBS-KNX transmitter station in Torrance, a delegation of six Torrance officials and citizens attended the luncheon of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Biltmore hotel yesterday and joined in congratulating officials of the Columbia Broadcasting System on the completion of its new Hollywood studios.

The Torrance delegation was the guest of L. J. Middlebrooks, CBS chief engineer. Others in the party were: L. Shepard, Torrance officials and citizens who attended the luncheon of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Biltmore hotel yesterday and joined in congratulating officials of the Columbia Broadcasting System on the completion of its new Hollywood studios.

Following the luncheon, the Torrance delegation met Donald Thornberg, vice-president of CBS in charge of Pacific Coast activities, and a number of other prominent CBS officials. Arrangements were made to hold an early meeting between CBS and Torrance officials to plan a suitable dedicatory ceremony for the new transmitter station on Hawthorne boulevard at 190th street.