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SECTION B

## CITY PARK DIAMOND READY FOR NIGHT SPORTS EVENTS

### Junior High Candidates "Endorsed"

Taking a cue from adult politicians who seek "endorsements" from anyone and anything during the heat of a campaign, three candidates for Junior high school student body president this week were the subject of the following laudatory comments from past and incumbent prexies:



HELEN THOMPSON

... commends Jackie's voice  
Concerning the candidacy of Jackie Cooke, Helen Thompson, who served as president in 1936-37, has this to say: "Altogether she is the only girl running, Jackie has just as much leadership as any boy and certainly has a voice that would boom thru any auditorium. Therefore I think she has an even chance against the two boys."



DICK LEECH

... booms Sonny's affability  
Dick Leech, who held office in 1937-38, booms Candidate Wallace Post thusly: "Better known as Sonny, Wallace has been very popular in his class, being president in the B7, A7 and also in the B9. Besides these he has held numerous other offices in his class and in school activities and recreations. Sonny, as you can see by his nickname, has a very sunny disposition and is the type of boy who is liked by everyone."



GEORGIA BILLINGSLEY

... picks her successor  
The incumbent president, Georgia Billingsley, has picked Guy De Witt as her successor and declares: "Guy has a very pleasing personality and a good speaking voice. I believe that if he is elected, he will assume the full responsibility of the office and carry it out to the best of his ability."

The election, May 19, will be held in conjunction with the senior high ballot event.

### HARDBALL SERIES STARTS SATURDAY

Have you been out to the City Park baseball diamond to see the new lighting equipment that has made that greensward the best illuminated field in Southern California?

If you haven't then he yourself park-wards Saturday night when the first of a series of hardball games will be played there between outstanding Southland ball clubs and the Torrance-Lomita Merchants.

You'll get a preview of what the State Semi-Pro Baseball tournament games will look like from July 8 to 30 inclusive.

The initial nocturnal hardball game will bring the powerful Bank of America nine here to do battle against Manager Walt Morris' boys starting at 8 o'clock Saturday night.

Has 62 Giant Floods  
Dale Riley, city recreation director, has scheduled a full week of evening games—hardball and softball—at the park diamond, leading up to the first soccer game ever played in Torrance.

This will be staged Friday night, May 19 between the L. A. Scots and Hollywood. The Scots recently lost a Southern California play-off game for the state championship. Hollywood has a strong club of soccer players and you'll see plenty of fast action that night. The complete city park diamond schedule to and including May 19 is published in the adjoining column.

Twelve giant floodlights are used on the main field when softball games are played and the illumination is increased to 62 lights when hardball contests are on deck. The floods were tested with light meters last Friday night by a corps of experts and after minor adjustments were declared ready for maximum illumination.

Best in So. California  
There were no shadows or reflections on the field to bother players or spectators. Light meters placed around homeplate showed an illumination of 17 foot candlepower. This is four more foot candlepower than at Wrigley Field's home plate, according to men who have checked both.

Players, such as "Red" Moon, formerly with the National Supply team and now on the Long Beach Plasterers' squad, declare that the Torrance field is the best in Southern California. They say the lighting, which costs about \$5 an hour to operate, is as near perfection as is possible to obtain with the most modern floodlights and reflectors on the market today.

Director Riley revealed this week that the L. A. Scots have offered to take a lease on the field for Saturday night soccer games. No action on this request will be taken until after the initial game May 19. Riley also reported that he believes he can schedule a hardball or softball game in the park every night until the opening of the State Semi-Pro baseball tournament July 8.

The tourney will see 16 of the Southland's finest teams playing games every day to work thru a double-elimination play-off. The winner will receive a handsome trophy, cash awards and

### Under Lights at City Park

Here is the complete schedule of night games at the city park diamond to and including the first soccer game ever to be played in Torrance. Clip it out and save for future reference.

Saturday, May 13, 8 p. m.—Opening hardball game on new illuminated diamond, between Bank of America and Torrance-Lomita Merchants.

Sunday, May 14, 2 p. m.—Pirone's Colts vs. Torrance-Lomita Merchants in hardball game.

Monday, May 15, 8 p. m.—Gardena Rovers vs. Redondo City Employees, softball game.

Tuesday, May 16, 8 p. m.—Moore's Hardware vs. Belmont & Gardner of San Pedro, softball game.

Wednesday, May 17, 8 p. m.—Gaffer & Sattler of Bell vs. Carpenters' Union of South Los Angeles, hardball game.

Thursday, May 18, 8 p. m.—Torrance Moose vs. Long Beach Plasterers softball game.

Friday, May 19, 8 p. m.—Soccer game between L. A. Scots, runners-up for the state soccer championship, vs. Hollywood.

### Pistol Team Going to Huntington Park Range Dedication

Five members of the Torrance Police Pistol club will go to Huntington Park next Sunday morning to assist in dedication of new pistol range facilities there. William H. Stanger will lead the group, consisting of Percy Bennett, Ernest Ashton, Marion Freeman and Ollie Medicus.

The new Torrance range will be formally opened and dedicated May 28, Police Chief John Stroh said this week. He has received acceptances from 12 outside teams to attend the first shoot in the range created off Torrance boulevard and Cedar avenue.

represent California at the national Semi-Pro Baseball Congress in Wichita, Kansas.

There will be the usual opening ceremonies with Mayor William H. Tolson flinging the first ball in the general direction of home plate where Police Chief John Stroh will swing at it and probably Alden W. Smith, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will catch it. Riley has also learned that Wade "Red" Killifer, manager of the Hollywood Stars, intends to drive up from San Diego to be on hand and George Stovall, well-known old-time baseball star, will be present for the game.



Torrance Herald Photo.

### T.H.S. Boys Man All Civic Offices for Day

Here are 27 of the 35 Torrance high school students who manned all city departments, Chamber of Commerce and The Herald shop last Thursday afternoon in the local observance

of "Boys' Week." They are: top row, left to right: Harry Raymond, Jean Bordeaux, Bert Bender, Marvin Goettsch, Lee Stecker, Eddie Shaner, Bill Fulton and Bill Stewart.

Second row, left to right: Eugene Hatter, W. L. Priest, Robert Newman, Kenneth Perkins, Don Seematter and Bob Figueroa. Third row, left to right: Harry Lewis, John Hall,

Harold Massey, Harold Trezise, J. B. Wallace, Bert Lamb and Junior Richardson. Bottom row, left to right: Bill Ritchie, Jack Sheehan, Clifford Trezise, Elmo Hall, Robert Ueda and Claude Mitchell.

### Youths Take Keen Interest in City Work

City officials and municipal workers went about their duties last Thursday with 35 pairs of sharp young eyes watching their every move and 35 pairs of ears strained to absorb all the information they could get. The eyes and ears belonged to Torrance high school boys who were freed from classes for the day to observe "Boys' Day in Government."

The junior aides to the police department had the most fun the other youths manning the city hall offices, water department, fire department, Chamber of Commerce, recreation department and other municipal bureaus learned a great deal about "what makes the city of Torrance tick."

Proudly displaying badges, the "policemen for the day" rounded up a number of "law breakers," including Sam Levy, Principal Thomas Elson, City Judge Robert Lessing, Guy Mowry and others. They were charged with minor infractions and given trials before "Judge" John Hall.

The magistrate's penalties gave local soda fountain and candy counter operators rush off as the "prisoners" paid off in "cookies," malted milks, ice cream sodas and candy bars. Later in the afternoon a number of the boys attended the small claims court session held by Judge Frank Carroll.

Youths filling in for other municipal departments were introduced to the business of conducting city affairs and all appeared keenly interested in the contact. At the same time, Bill Fulton and Howard Benigar were stationed at The Herald and assisted the staff in publishing last week's edition.

WILDS PRESERVED  
California has 18 wilderness areas covering more than 2,000,000 acres in rugged mountain regions which are being preserved by the U. S. Forest Service in their primitive state.

### Charge Electrician With Two Counts of Embezzlement

Charged with two counts of embezzlement, K. B. Sims, 29-year-old electrician residing at 1720 Cabrillo, was arrested May 3 on a warrant signed by Ray Clifford of the Service Electric Co., acting for owner, Arthur Loft. He pled not guilty to the charges when arraigned Friday morning and was released on \$250 bond.

His trial was scheduled for Tuesday but at the request of his attorney, Kenneth B. Hughes, it was continued to May 23 at 10 a. m. Sims is charged with embezzling \$46 on one count and \$4 on another in electrical service jobs.

The defendant was a partner in the Service Electric Co., until December when the partnership was dissolved and he remained with the firm until a few weeks ago. Clifford alleges that Sims performed electrical services in the name of the firm and failed to return payments he received.

Hitching Posts Collected  
CLEVELAND, O. (U.P.)—Although he never has ridden, Van R. Rodgers collects old hitching posts and plants the best ones in his front yard.

### May 19 Will Be Red-Letter Narbonne Day

Three events in one day will combine to make Friday, May 19, an outstanding date on the Narbonne high school calendar. They are: the finals of the Marine League track and field meet, Narbonne Alumni Homecoming and annual Lettermen's Carnival.

The track meet will be held on Narbonne's new athletic field, the Homecoming—open to 1,056 students who have graduated since 1922—will be an all-day affair with a business meeting and election of officers at 8 p. m., and the Carnival will be held in the gymnasium from 4 to 10:30 p. m.

### Police Vacation Schedule Posted

Police Chief John Stroh posted the vacation schedule for members of the police department at the station this week. Officer George Dolton will start the two-week holiday periods by taking his vacation from May 16 to May 30.

There are 217,300 persons per square mile in some districts of Manhattan.

### Lomita P. O. Job Seekers Interviewed

John S. Howe, field examiner for the U. S. Civil Service commission, arrived in Lomita Tuesday to begin reviewing applicants for the Lomita postmaster's position at an office at 24702 Narbonne avenue. He is expected to remain until the end of the week.

His findings, Howe explained, will become an integral part of the test for postmaster which was conducted six weeks ago by the Lomita civil service secretary for 15 applicants. The examiner's reports will be forwarded to Washington and the Post-office department there will certify the three highest ranking applicants to the postmaster-general.

### Pupils See Fish Harbor On Trip

Seven pupils in Miss Dorothy Kenyon's A4 room at Torrance Elementary school enjoyed an educational trip to Fish harbor on Terminal Island last Friday. The entire class will go to Exposition Park in Los Angeles next Wednesday, May 17, to visit the museum and hear a talk on California history by the curator.

### Bills Banning Alien Fishing Hard Fought

SACRAMENTO, May 11 (U.P.)—National defense is an important subject in these days of war threats, dictators and international broadcasts in the wee small hours of morning. That's why there was so much interest in efforts to secure committee approval of four assembly bills concerning alien fishing.

All the bills had the intent of preventing alien fishermen—and that hits principally at the Japanese—from spying on the fleet and the California coast while ostensibly fishing for herring. Regulating issuance of permits was the means of enforcing the policy. The assembly fish and game committee was custodian of the bills and failed three times to send any or all of the measures to the floor.

The 15-man committee was about evenly split on the matter. The first hearing was 6 to 4, lacking two votes of approval. By the time the final hearing was held, the United States navy officially intervened in behalf of the bills, the count stood 7 to 7. And there it may remain, so firmly set are the committee members. But one member had an interesting explanation. He said there were 300 or 400 Japanese in his district, many of them respectable and a credit to their community. For that reason, he hated to vote on a restrictive bill. But when the naval officers presented the government's position, urging a "yes" vote for patriotism and national defense, he said he had put his Japanese friends second and his country first.

Wrong Home Remembered  
BUTTE, Mont. (U.P.)—Alec Stephenson had a lapse of memory. He forgot that he had moved from his former home about a year ago. So he returned there, broke the lock off the door, and was sleeping when Tom Horn, present occupant, returned.

### Wooldridge Writes

When a man's plan has failed, he himself has not failed. He can try another plan.

## LOCAL MERCHANT MAKES PLEA TO HELP CUT ACCIDENT TOLL

Harvel's Service Station Joins Nation-Wide Drive to Make Motorists More Safety-Minded Than Ever

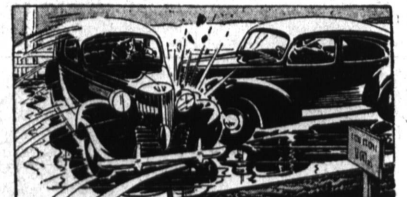
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HARVEL GUTTENFELDER

"It is all very well to promote Safety on a nation-wide scale, but when all is said and done, Safety, like Charity, begins at home. Real Safety starts when the motorists in the community make up their minds to do just a little bit more than is demanded of them to make our streets and highways safer for the other fellow. If we do, we'll be only too happy to 'Lose a minute and save a life'; we'll be glad to 'Step on our speed urge instead of our gas pedal'; we'll wholeheartedly agree that 'Children should be seen, not hurt!'"

"Next to driving courtesy in accident prevention is well-conditioned equipment. Last year tread-bare tires were responsible for thousands of life-endangering skids. Wet, slippery pavements, a sudden jamming on of brakes, and away goes the car—completely out of control!

"These are things that can be avoided. A visit to the service station will quickly fix any mechanical defects. And as for skid protection, the new Goodrich Silvertown will give you the quickest non-skid stops you've ever had on any road. That's because this new kind of tire automatically sweeps wet roads dry—so dry that you can actually light a match on its track. And whether roads are wet or dry, Silvertowns at all times give you that other great life saver—Golden Ply blow-out protection.

"Remember, too, the tube of an automobile tire is just as important to you as the tire itself. A good tube, and a good tire mean long uninterrupted safety, service and economy. That's why we recommend that you equip your Silvertowns with Goodrich Seal-o-matics—the tubes that 'never let you down' because they self-seal punctures as you ride. For Safety tomorrow get this 'perfect' Goodrich motoring combination today."



Hundreds of local accidents that happened during the past year could have been avoided by safer driving and safer equipment.



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## CITY-WIDE IMPROVEMENT ASSN. HIGHWAY BANQUET and PUBLIC MEETING NEXT THURSDAY, MAY 18 Torrance Civic Auditorium

DINNER SERVED at 6:30 p. m., 75c per Plate. MEETING STARTS 7:30 — FREE TO ALL! If you cannot come to the dinner, be sure and come to the meeting afterwards and learn all the facts about the proposed Highway Improvement Program!

HEAR J. A. MELLE — Highway Engineer of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission, tell...

"What Good Highways Have Meant to Other Communities!"

Other Speakers Will Fully Explain the Proposed Improvements! COME! Get the facts! Have a Good Time! Music! Entertainment!