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SINGS AT SUNRISE SERVICE . . . Pretty Miss Orpha Christensen, shown in a setting of Easter lilies, will sing at Long Beach in one of the outdoor Easter sunrise services in Western U. S. Long Beach service is held on shore of the Pacific.

All Children Invited to Recreation Events

Starting with a marble tournament this afternoon, a weekend of wholesome activity for all youngsters in Torrance and Waltham is planned by the city recreation department. The "mills-shooters" event will be held at the Torrance city park and the Waltham recreation center with two divisions—boys and girls under 12 and those over 12.

All participants in the marble tournament and other events of the weekend will be given merit cards. Those cards are to be kept thru the summer and totaled before the fall semester of school opens next September.

For each first place in a recreation sponsored contest five points will be given, for second place three points, for third place two points and for each honorable mention, one point. The boys and girls having the largest number of merits at the end of the season will be awarded attractive prizes. This merit award plan will continue thru the summer.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock a kite flying contest will be held in the city park. Prizes will be awarded for the largest, smallest, best made, best flyer and most unusual kite. A similar event is planned for the Waltham recreation center.

An Easter egg hunt will be staged at the park and in Waltham Saturday morning, March 23, at 11 o'clock. Each participant is asked to bring two colored eggs to be used in the hunt. These will be equally divided among all children in the event when all eggs have been found. The boy or girl discovering the most eggs or a lucky egg will receive a prize.

At 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon an amateur show will be held at the band stand. Children of all ages are invited to put on their acts and prizes will be given the best performers. If this show proves a success it is planned to hold them every Saturday morning thru the summer season.

Building Due for Enlargement Here

The new owner of the building at 1629 Cabrillo avenue which was damaged by fire Sept. 27, 1938, is planning to erect an extension to the structure to make a 60-foot building, J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company said yesterday.

Postmaster Conner Heads Judges of Want Ad Rhymes—Turns Poet

Postmaster Earl Conner of Torrance acted as head judge this week for the Want Ad Rhymes contest entries. He was so impressed that he added to his choice—these lines in verse: "Here are five I consider the best."

But, just a word about the rest—They're all very good; it's hard to say Who wins. Too, I don't like work without pay."

(Dear Earl: Enclosed herewith find two cancelled postage stamps for your's and Jim Farley's lil' album.)

The winners for this week follow:
First Prize Winner
Mrs. John H. Clay, 2300 Carson street, Torrance, will kindly call at our Torrance office for the \$1 cash award.
The Ad:
FURNITURE—UNFINISHED

This Week's Specials
Hodges Cabinet Shop,
1339 E. Prado, Res. Tor. 179-J
The Winning Rhyme:
"Choose your furniture in the raw Cut by Hodges hand and saw: Wardrobes, chairs, bassinets, too, Await your paint, a brush, and you."

Second Prize Winner
Mrs. George W. Murphy, 1884 262nd street, Lomita, will kindly call at our Torrance office for two tickets to the Lomita theatre.

The Ad:
SPORTSMEN—Use our lay-away plan. Name your own terms, etc.
GEORGE H. MOORE, HARDWARE, 1517 Caballo Tor. 167-M
The Winning Rhyme:
"George H. Moore, your Hardware man, Sells fishing equipment on the lay-away plan. Trout season opens the first of May."
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'Death Corner' Claims Life of Lomita Child

Death Corner—Eshehman avenue and Lomita blvd.—claimed another victim early Monday morning when little Carol Mae Hedstrom riding her bicycle south on Eshehman crashed into a car driven by Jethro A. Huffman, 17, of 1878 West 261st street. Huffman was traveling west on the boulevard.

The little eight-year-old girl died almost instantly at the corner which claimed two victims, Dr. and Mrs. Jameson, last March and in March, 1938, was the scene of the fatal accident to Otis W. Pedersen, rural mail carrier.

Only child of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hedstrom of 2112 248th street, little Carol Mae was a pupil in the third grade of the Lomita Elementary school where she was beloved by teachers and playmates.

Funeral Held Today

She was born in Nebraska on July 25, 1931, but came with her parents to Lomita seven years ago so that most of her short life had been spent in the neighborhood.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Gamby chapel with Rev. J. McKinney of the First Christian church officiating. Bert Kuhn, a Narbonne student, sang by request, "Jewels" and "Wishing." Interment was held in Roosevelt Memorial Park beside the grave of Carol Mae's grandfather who passed away several years ago.

Besides her parents she is mourned by her grandmother, Mrs. Carrie Willmore; two aunts, Mrs. E. E. Meyer and Mrs. G. E. McCann; and three uncles, Leonard Hedstrom of Lomita, Carl Willmore of Terminal Island and Percy Willmore of Trona.

Driver Is Exonerated

At the coroner's inquest, conducted yesterday at Gamby's chapel, Huffman, a 17-year-old graduate of Narbonne high school, was exonerated of all (Continued on Page 5-A)

Motorist Loses Control of Car, Hits Power Pole

A sudden heart attack rendered F. J. Bobsene, 54, of Santa Monica incapable of managing his car as he was driving west on Highway 101 near Avenue I and the machine skidded 210 feet in rounding a curve, finally crashing into a power pole.

The pole was snapped off about three feet from the ground and Bobsene was pinned underneath the overturned auto. He was rushed to the Hermosa Redondo hospital where it was found he was not seriously hurt. Bobsene told investigating officers that he remembered passing another car and applying his brakes.

"Then I felt dizzy and the next thing I knew I was underneath my wrecked car," he said. Officers found that only the right rear wheel brake operated. That tire showed skid marks for 210 feet.

Bobsene, who said he had been suffering from influenza, admitted he had a drink in Santa Monica but he was judged not intoxicated. Neither was he driving very fast, witnesses said.

1 KILLED and 23 Injured in Auto Collisions here to date 1940.

The Young Democrats feel that they can better know how to vote more intelligently as individuals if they can hear and see the candidates themselves and not have to depend on hearsay for their information." President Clarence Pinkham stated.

Rotarians to Hear State Physician

Dr. Helen Mackler of the State Department of Public Health will discuss social problems as they arise through the existence and spread of venereal diseases tonight at the Torrance Rotary club dinner-meeting. She will report what the state has done and is attempting to do now to combat this plague.

The service clubmen will elect five directors during the election session, one of whom will become the successor of President Harold E. Appenzeller. Frank Garbe, proprietor of the United Cut Rate Drug Company, will be formally inducted as a member. Garbe was formerly a Rotarian and director of the Hermosa Beach club.

Typical of Torrance Church Choirs



SING GLAD EASTER TIDINGS . . . The choir of the First Christian church, shown above in their new vestments, is typical of the singing groups in Torrance churches that will make Easter Sunday one to be remembered. Top row, left to right: Scott Ludlow, Ben Prime, Gordon Harris and Leonard Babcock; second row, left to right: Lillian Harris, Mrs. F. T. Porter, Mrs. Veda Peer, Mrs. Sally Rowell and Mrs. Elmer Prime; third row, left to right: Mrs. Edna Babcock, pianist; Mrs. Violet Lock, Mrs. Lorna Hammack, Mrs. Frank Cook and Mrs. Ner Kathlam; front row, left to right: J. W. Selby, director; Mrs. Gordon Harris, assistant director; Mrs. Scott Ludlow, Mrs. Gladys Motherwell, Barbara Harris and Mrs. Nadine Farrar.

City Candidates Discuss Issues With Democrats

Four candidates for city council and a spokesman for another responded Monday night to the invitation to the Torrance-Young Democrats and discussed civic issues before an audience of about 45 persons and discussed civic issues before an audience of about 45 persons. The speakers were George V. Powell, Gordon L. Mann, James J. O'Toole, Carl D. Steele and Neil McConnell representing Lawrence V. Babcock who was working.

They were asked five questions and the answers were similar in extent. The queries were: (1) Do you think that the city should pay any part toward maintaining the Chamber of Commerce? Answers were: Flatly no and "not unless more results were shown from the money thus expended."

(2) Would you support an anti-picketing law or any restrictions on the labor movement in this city? Answers were unanimous: No.

(3) What do you think of the present civil service system in Torrance and do you propose any changes? Answers were to the effect that civil service here could be improved considerably and all candidates would suggest changes.

(4) Do you propose any improvements in sewer and street maintenance? Answers generally yes.

(5) Would you support a low-cost housing project for Torrance to allow people that work to live here? Answers were in the affirmative.

At the next meeting of the Young Democrats at the social hall, 2171 Torrance boulevard Monday night, March 25, at 8:30 o'clock another group of local candidates will be invited to attend and speak. A speaker from the Workers' Alliance will also discuss the relief bill recently passed by the state legislature.

The Young Democrats have not, nor do they intend to induct any candidates for city council, it was pointed out. Candidates who speak before the group understand that.

Stripped Car Found Near City in L. A.

A stripped car, registered to the Southern California Gas Company, was discovered by D. A. Yoder of Los Angeles at 204th street and Denker avenue last week. Local police informed San Pedro officers who removed the machine as it was in Los Angeles city territory.

Interesting Facts Concerning Easter

Easter Sunday this year is earlier than it has been since 1913. It is the earliest it will be for the remainder of the 20th Century. It is but two days later for the earliest Easter on record, which was March 22, 1818.

Church Page Devoted to Easter Rites

For complete information concerning Easter Sunrise and other Resurrection Day services in Torrance and elsewhere see page 2-A.

The Herald is glad to devote that full page to the active church organizations of the city and joins all local pastors in inviting you and yours to attend the services of your choice next Sunday and every Sunday.

SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY

Bringing to a close a happy Easter holiday, all school classes in this city will be resumed at the usual time next Monday morning, March 25.

Reporter and Poet Hail Spring's Arrival Here

Precisely at 10:24 yesterday morning Spring arrived in Torrance. A Herald reporter, assigned to cover the advent, turned in his story simultaneously with the receipt of Mrs. Frank T. Porter's lyric to the new season. Here they are—fact and fancy:

STREET SCENE AS SPRING ARRIVES

Two business men consulted a map folder to determine the best route to Gen. Grant National Park;

A beauty parlor operator intently studied a hat in a local store window;

Four sparrows twittered in half-hearted battle on Sartori avenue until

A dog ceased his investigation of an ornamental light standard and dashed toward them;

Backing out from the curb a motorist hooks his bumper with the fender of another car, eases forward again and then straightens his wheels to slide out with a deep sigh;

Your observer yawns and gives up trying to estimate the number of weeks until his vacation arrived.

Spring had come.

New Evening School Term Opens Monday

New enrollment for the spring term classes in the Torrance Evening School will be taken starting Monday evening, March 25. Principal C. B. Baldwin announced today. Three new classes have been added: Civil Service Preparation, Mechanical Drawing and Blue Print Reading and Voice and Chorus Singing.

All adults of the community are welcome to enroll. The school is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p. m.

Mrs. Edna Stone of Long Beach was a Torrance visitor Tuesday.

Not Withdrawing From Race Says Frank Schmidt

Emphatic denial that he intended to withdraw from the Torrance councilmanic race was made this morning by Candidate Frank Schmidt.

"It's just an Isen trick," Schmidt said, referring to Albert Isen who is managing a vigorous campaign for the Powell-Mann-Loughbridge ticket with the reported hope of getting himself (Isen) appointed to the remunerative job of city attorney, should this ticket be successful at the polls April 9,—a possibility which politically wise observers term "impossible."

"I am not withdrawing from the race for anybody, and you can quote me to that effect," Schmidt told The Herald this morning. "Any reports by the Isen forces that I intend to withdraw are false and are being made without my consent or authority," he added.

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POET'S TRIBUTE TO SPRING'S ALCHEMY

There is such loveliness—in Spring!

Its warm sunshine—that gently pours

Upon the earth—reopens doors;

Brings home sea-winged birds—to sing;

Invites young grass and fragrant bloom;

And calls my heart—from its sealed tomb.

So it again darts lift faint green

Up through soft, fragrant air—to realms;

Where harvest's fruit—o'er-whelms;

And makes me seek ways—yet to glean

Rewards for faithful, loving toil;

For God lifts glory from dead soil.

Mrs. Frank T. Porter, 1319 Arlington Ave.

Young Bill Phillips, 21-year-old Monrovia high school graduate, is visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest A. Turner of 1027 Amapola avenue.

This is not just an ordinary nephew—visiting—uncle stay because Bill is an author and whenever he goes these days he's questing for new material for his stories.

He made his first sale to a magazine recently after pounding "The Lil' Bug" (which, incidentally looks just like a typewriter) for exactly a year and six months. This yarn was published in the March 8 issue of The Family Circle, a popular magazine distributed from all Safeway Stores.

The title of his initial paying opus was "Hollywood Brat," an amusing short story. Bill's mother is a sister of Mrs. Turner of this city. The young author has also sold some skits to radio stations and while in high school won several literary prizes.

Only 2 Parties Qualify for May 7 Election

Only registered Republicans and Democrats of the community and of Los Angeles county will be entitled to vote at the May 7 presidential primary, according to William Kerr, county registrar of voters.

The other parties failed to notify the secretary of state of national party conventions and therefore are unable to cast a ballot in May according to a ruling of the attorney general's office.

This means that approximately 100,000 voters of the county will cast no ballots at the May 7 election, Kerr declared. The greatest number of these are voters who declined to state party affiliations in registering. Their number is about 80,000, Kerr said.

The situation also will result in a saving of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in county funds as it will not be necessary to mail sample ballots to members of other parties or to voters with no party, Kerr declared.

15 Sports Stars Enjoy Legion's Dinner Program

With Tommy "Zeke" Turner enlivening the session by his inimitable heckling, the third annual Sports Night of the local American Legion post Tuesday night drew the largest number of past, present and future athletic luminaries ever to gather in Torrance. Turner spared none of the 15 honor guests with his dry witticisms with the result that the dinner-program was very hilarious indeed.

Robert Lewellen, who corralled the outstanding coast football, basketball and track performers for the event, served as a well-informed master-of-ceremony. He presented each guest with a thumb-nail sketch of each one's performances. The dinner, prepared and served by the Legion Auxiliary under Jim Wilkes' direction, was hailed with delight by the 90 who attended.

All Enjoy Evening
Each of the honor guests responded to introduction with sincere expression of appreciation for the invitation and all indicated they would be glad to get a bid to Lewellen's 1941 sports frolic. The visiting sports stars were:

John Hall, Torrance high post-gard who will enter U.S.C. next year; George Anderson, California; Barney Willis, Bill Stewart, Bob Peoples, Al Kruger, Jim Humphreys, Mickey Anderson, Ambrose Shindler and Louis Zamparini of U.S.C.; Ed McPherson, Mike O'Rourke, Bernie Flaherty, Bob Klink and Johnny McFadden of Loyola.

"For that reason, the board has deferred action on the Asbury and city of Torrance application for 15 days to allow time for those interested parties to file an amended application," Bean testified before Examiner Gorman.

Parkways Filled In To Extend Sidewalks Here

Extending the sidewalks three feet to make a pavement nine feet wide, city street department workers started in yesterday filling the grass parkways with cement on three streets.

The parkways on the north side of Manuel from Encarnacion to Cota, the west side of Encarnacion from Manuel to Arlington and the east side of El Dorado from Arlington to the driveway leading to the rear entrance of Torrance Memorial hospital have been cemented in.

William Gascoigne, street superintendent, said that the parkway from the hospital driveway to Cota and around to Manuel may be paved later.

Harbor City Man Injured In S. P. Crash

Pete Smith, 66, of 1678 West 261st street, Harbor City, was listed by San Pedro police as having suffered a possible skull fracture in a three-car collision Saturday night on Gaffey Road near Avalon boulevard. Dorothy Campbell, 20, Gardena, suffered left leg injuries in the same mishap. Officers said the cars were driven by Smith, Eugene Murphy, 42, Gardena, and Anna Louise Bell, 32, of San Pedro.

L. A. Board Favors Bus Application

Principal obstacle in the plan of Mayor William H. Tolson to secure permanent and fast bus service between Los Angeles and the Torrance-Lomita-Waltheria area is believed to have been removed. Tolson learned this morning that the application of the Asbury Rapid Transit System to provide this service—to replace the temporary city-operated buses—had been deferred 15 days, but that all members of the L. A. Board of Public Utilities and Transportation were favorable to granting everything that the Asbury firm requested with the single restriction against picking up passengers on the north turn beyond Imperial boulevard.

Mayor Tolson with City Attorney John E. McCall has been in constant attendance the past three days at the hearing before the Los Angeles Board and both city officials are continuing the battle beginning today before the State Railroad Commission in support of the Asbury firm's application for a certificate of operation.

A large battery of attorneys were present to contest the Asbury and city of Torrance bus request. These represented the city of Gardena, Los Angeles Railway, Rapid Transit, Landier Transportation, Pacific Motor Coach and other carriers.

The Asbury and city bus application is being championed by Mayor Tolson, City Attorney John E. McCall, and Wallace H. Ware, attorney for Asbury.

Defer Action 15 Days
Major K. Charles Bean, chief engineer for the Los Angeles Board of Public Utilities and Transportation, read into the record of the Railroad Commission's hearing in Los Angeles this morning a memorandum report of the outcome of the three-day airing of Asbury Rapid Transit System and the city of Torrance's joint application. This concerned the request to run either Asbury or the city's rented buses over Los Angeles city streets north of 116th street.

Major Bean reported that his board was not willing to grant a permit to Asbury or the city for a route north of Imperial boulevard unless the operator of the bus line would be restricted from picking up and discharging Los Angeles city passengers between Imperial boulevard and Ninth and Hill streets terminus of the line. This restriction would not apply, he pointed out, to passengers from Waltheria, Lomita, Torrance or Gardena.

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Want Through Service
Major Bean said he was also instructed to tell the Commission's examiner that this action by the L. A. Board was by a three-to-two vote, two members being more generous with Asbury and the city by indicating a willingness to allow the bus line to operate as on an unrestricted basis as far north as Manchester boulevard, and a (Continued on Page 8-A)

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