

Local Girl in China Writes of New Crisis

The Chinese crisis is being watched closely by at least one Torrance family—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rath of 2575 West Carson Street—whose daughter, Miss Muriel Rath, is teaching in a non-sectarian school in Shanghai.

Miss Rath, former teacher at Malaga Cove Elementary School in Palos Verdes Estates, left for China last July 31 to teach and, as she expressed it, "to gain an objective view of her own country—to see how the United States appeared from the outside looking in."

In a letter dated Nov. 8 she wrote the editor of the Herald as follows:

"Rumors are rampant. Speculation runs from one extreme to the other. Americans who have lived in Shanghai for years are for the most part unmoved by the counsel's evacuation statement. Then another group of Americans gives the impression that a safe place for belongings and selves is the good old U. S. and they are under way."

"Concern is felt for personal belongings at the present time. Many Americans were forced to leave their valuable possessions when the evacuation came during the war. They have replenished their homes and do not wish a second occurrence to take place."

"Perhaps one reason such indifference is paid to the communists is their obvious lack of interest for large cities. Peiping has been surrounded for months and life continues in a normal way. Americans have been flying into the city for vacations, study and business with no hindrance from the Army which surrounds the city. It is supposed Shanghai will receive the same treatment—for a while."

"At the present moment, teachers at the Shanghai American School are planning to spend the school year off the campus. Communitistic statements about a November offensive may alter our plans, but that lies in the future."

"Money at the moment is doing things unheard of in the United States. It keeps jumping in value until it is so difficult to figure the price of an envelope, buying one is discouraging. Probably a good thing, too, for when the merchants see a foreigner walk towards their wares he makes them about three times as much as is necessary."

"It is quite amusing to watch a fruit seller reject all his Chinese customers for a foreigner, even not take money for his fruit with a foreigner watching, the money giving away his regular price. Of course, all bystanders gather around when a business transaction is going on to see how much the merchant is going to charge and how much he can 'get away with.'"

"All perishable goods a flowers and fruit are very reasonable in price, according to U.S. prices. Dahlias and asters are on display now. Tangerines, huge sweet grapefruits, persimmons, pears, apples and bananas keep the street merchants in business. "Sidewalks are narrow in Shanghai and the merchants who have no store in which to display their goods, comfortably take a place on the sidewalk leaving the street to the passersby and the wheeled traffic."

Man Reports Threat From Armed Thugs

Wearing shoulder holsters and carrying guns, two men accosted Albert St. Arnaud, a local hotel resident, and threatened him with "Get out of town or we will kill you," according to a report made by St. Arnaud to Torrance Police during the week end.

St. Arnaud told police he was walking in the 1400 block on Cravens avenue last Sunday night when he was approached by the pair of thugs and threatened. He told police that he had received a similar threat in Michigan where he had filed a law suit against the United Auto Workers Union, CIO, and had left the east for California without ascertaining the outcome of the trial. He said that he felt that Sunday night's incident was related to the eastern episode.

Fearing for his life he requested, and was granted by the Torrance Police, a safe place to sleep on Monday.



STYLES CHANGE IN MASTHEADS, TOO—The Herald's new masthead, which appears for the first time in this issue, shows considerable contrast with the elaborate design incorporated with the newspaper's name when the first issue came off the press Jan. 1, 1914. This is the fourth time that The Herald has changed its masthead in its 35-year existence. They are reproduced above, the oldest at the top, below it the one adopted June 13, 1929, and bottom, the one discontinued with this issue.



SUPERVISOR—Jerry McIlvaine, delivery supervisor for The Herald, and a student at El Camino Junior College.

Sister Kenny Due Soon on Second Visit

Sister Elizabeth Kenny, whose system for treating infantile paralysis has gained world-wide fame, will make her second appearance at the Harbor General Hospital within the last few months soon, according to J. E. Smits, hospital director.

She is expected to make a visit to the hospital shortly after she arrives in Los Angeles on Dec. 8. Last September Sister Kenny visited the local hospital to supervise the instigation of her method of treatment. At present there are two graduates of the Kenny Institute of Minneapolis and five students of the system practicing the treatment of polio at the Harbor hospital.

Local Supply Firms Furnished Materials for Herald Building

Built to last a century or more, the new Torrance Herald Building is constructed of steel, reinforced concrete and other long-lasting materials of the sturdiest nature. It was built under the almost constant direction of its owner, Grover C. Whyte, publisher of The Herald.

Plans were drawn by N. A. Mueck, consulting engineer, and embodied many functional ideas of The Herald's publisher and his associate, Edwin B. Brown. Phillip L. Hoffman, Sr., was the resident engineer in direct charge of construction.

- Many local firms participated in supplying materials and local contractors were given most of the sub-contracts. The list of firms whose efforts made the present magnificent building a reality in approximately six months follows:
- C. Ed Chambers, steel reinforced foundations and cement floors;
- Azusa Rock and Sand Company, ready-mixed concrete;
- Robert J. Corr, concrete brick masonry work;
- Kyle Steel Construction Company, structural steel;
- Soule Steel Company, steel window sash;
- Lyle Hanon, roof covering;
- James D. Parke Company, aluminum overhead loading door;
- Olson Glass Company, glass and aluminum front doors;
- Quality Electric Construction Company, electrical construction and neon sign work;
- David Jacobs, plumbing, heating and ventilating, using American Standard plumbing fixtures and Hammel heating units;
- Torrance Materials Company, lumber and acoustical tile ceiling work;
- Torrance Hardware Company,



MAILER—Mrs. Annie Wilson, assistant supervisor in the mail room.

Management Club Now Has 70 Members

Randall Maass, process engineer for General Petroleum Corporation, talked to the Torrance Industrial Management Club Monday night at the regular meeting of the executives. Maass, with the aid of picture slides, gave the history of the Torrance plant and the methods of processing the products turned out in Torrance.

The Industrial Management Club now has over 70 members enrolled and is open to any person in an industrial firm, who is engaged in the direction of any phase of management or other work closely related to management.

School Board Will Get New Building Plans

Consideration will be given to preliminary plans for the construction of an administration building and service unit for the Torrance Unified School District at next Tuesday evening's meeting of the Board of Education, according to Supt. J. H. Hull. Other plans for development of school sites also will be discussed.

The board's architects, Daniel, Mann and Johnson, were authorized to start work on the preliminary sketches several weeks ago, after it was decided that the location of the proposed building should be on Plaza del Amo, on property already owned by the school district.

There is still difference of opinion, however, between at least one member of the board and the superintendent as to whether the office-and-service unit should be built now, or whether the funds should be applied toward the cost of a new high school cafeteria.

Board Member George Thatcher is of the opinion that the cafeteria should come first, since the voters were told that this facility would be provided out of the \$1,504,000 bond issue. Since then, however, construction costs have gone up and the \$75,000 fund has been drawn upon to cover increased costs of building wood bleachers and reorientating the high school athletic field.

At last week's board meeting, he expressed himself as strongly favoring the cafeteria over the office-and-service unit. Superintendent Hull disagreed with him, because, Hull said, the board was going to have to consider a broader, over-all plan for development of the entire high school plant, and the cafeteria's original proposal might not fit into the scheme when the architects complete their study of the master plan of development. This study was authorized some two months ago.

Indications were that there would be further discussion of the matter at next Tuesday night's meeting.

Father, Son Event Draws 125 to Dine

One hundred twenty-five persons attended the "Father and Son" banquet staged by the Gra-Y Clubs of the Torrance YMCA last week at the woman's Club. The program was put on by representative boys from each of the nine clubs.

Louis Valencena presided at the meeting that modeled a regular "Y" Boys Club. Glen Dick, acting as sergeant-at-arms, led the salute to the flag, followed by the chaplain's invocation by Bob Harfell.

Dinner was served by mothers of the Greenstreaks clubs—opening ritual was by the Greenstreaks, introductions came in the form of roll call. Clubs introduced were Greens, led by Robert Lee; Green II, led by V. T. Vanderpool; Streaks, led by Marvin Goetsch; Aces by Clyde Milan; Wags by Leo Wagner and Jim Height; 216th Street, by Melvin Miller, Blue Diamonds by Emil Real, Rockets by Roy Sullivan and Seaside Ranchos by Robert Lee.

Toast to dads was given in the form of "old business" by Bob Moon and the "new business" was a toast to the sons by W. B. Hickey. Don Daily, as program chairman, introduced Dal Derouin who played a piano solo, Skippy Schomuch who played a guitar solo and Lloyd Waller who gave the main talk.

A song led by George Zavislan of Torrance High School and movies shown by Leo Wagner completed the two-hour program and dinner.

Proxie dads for boys whose fathers were not available were Mayor J. Hugh Shertey, Jr., Councilman Nick Drale, W. E. Bowen and Dr. Don C. Moskos. The lay planning committee for the YMCA were Gil Derouin, A. C. Turner and Dr. John Beeman.

PULPIT ROCK—Pulpit Rock, located within The Dalles city limits near the Columbia River in Oregon, is reported to have been used by early missionaries to preach to Indians of the region.



LOMITA PUBLISHER—Ray H. Reed, editor and publisher of the Lomita News, which is published at the Torrance Herald's modern plant.



LOMITA EDITOR—Robert Wilcox, editor of the Lomita News.

Emergency Call System Set Up for This Area

A central emergency medical clearing house for physicians in the Torrance-Lomita-Gardena area was placed in operation on a 24-hour basis this week by the local section of the South Bay Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

In event any person cannot contact his own family physician, a doctor may be reached by calling Torrance 231, which is the number of Torrance Memorial Hospital. This number should be posted by your telephone.

Eighteen doctors in the Torrance-Lomita-Gardena area will stand by on a 24-hour basis, according to Dr. Charles T. La France, president of the Southwestern branch of the Medical Association. For the first 24 hours of this period, the physician designated by the Association is on "alternate" call; the second 24 hours he is on "first" call.

This is not a charity service, it was explained, but insures that any person needing the services of a physician can locate one at any hour of the day or night.

Court Clerk Waifs Fate in Los Angeles

Enough evidence was presented Monday against Mrs. Mary B. Harder, 45, former chief clerk of the Inglewood Justice Court, on charges of embezzlement and falsification of public records to bind her over to Superior Court for trial on Dec. 15.

Mrs. Harder was arrested Nov. 10 after an audit of court records revealed a deficit of more than \$1000. Municipal Judge Leroy Dawson ordered the woman held to answer on 12 counts of embezzlement and 12 counts of falsification of public records. She resides at 4408 Century boulevard, Inglewood.



FIXING IT UP... Mrs. Eva Smith, 1521 Crenshaw boulevard, learns how to recover one of the family's chairs at the upholstery class at Torrance Evening High School. The class is one of the most popular adult classes, with a long waiting list. Enrollees furnish their own work pieces and materials.