

### Resignation of M'Donneil Up

Resignation of Secretary-Manager Pat MacDonnell of the Gardena Chamber of Commerce has been requested by a newly-elected board of directors in the nearby city. MacDonnell is well known in Torrance, having served as a member of the draft board and in emergency war-time housing. He resided in North Torrance for some time.

### Dance to Aid Polio Victims

The March of Dimes will benefit from monies raised by the Torrance Firemen's Association, sponsors of a benefit dance in VFW Hall on Feb. 25, according to Bob Lukas, dance chairman. Admission to the dance will be 60 cents. The hall, located at Arlington and Washington avenues, has been donated for the dance by the VFW, Lukas said.



GUEST SPEAKER — Princess Ataloo, who will speak at the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church Sunday night.

### Princess to Occupy Pulpit Sunday Night

Princess Ataloo, an American Chickasaw Indian, will speak Sunday evening, Jan. 23, at 7:30 o'clock at the Central Evangelical United Brethren church of Torrance, according to the pastor, the Rev. H. Wesley Roloff. The princess will speak on "The Rainbow on the Moccasin Trail." Born in old Indian territory in Oklahoma, she has taken college and graduate work at the University of Redlands, California and Columbia University.

Ataloo has won international recognition as an interpreter of the art, music and philosophy of the American Indian. Her program in the local church will be given in both word and song. Beauty, sincerity and simplicity characterize her lecture and concert.

The evening service and program is under the direction of the Altruistic Guild of Central church.

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### LETTERS to the EDITOR

Readers are invited to join in the discussion of current matters of interest to the community through this column. Letters should not exceed 150 words in length and should be signed, although the writer's name will be withheld upon request. Discussion of religious subjects should be avoided.

Los Angeles has just experienced the two driest consecutive years since the U. S. Weather Bureau commenced recording annual rainfall. The announced total for the years of 1948 and 1949 is 11.73 inches which is less than the normal for one year's precipitation.

It has been truthfully said that the Los Angeles area has more cause to worry over too much rain rather than too little. Although the annual rainfall is about 15.5 inches (at the office of the U. S. Weather Bureau at Los Angeles) we have experienced more than three feet in one season. The heaviest annual rainfall ever recorded was 38.18 inches in 1883-84, the next heaviest 34.84 inches in 1889-90 and the next 32.76 inches in 1940-41 (official figures of the U. S. Weather Bureau at L.A.).

With an average yearly rainfall of about 15.5 inches, more than this has fallen in one month. In December, 1889 15.8 inches was recorded.

However, it is not the annual or monthly precipitation that concerns us so intimately as is the rapidity of the fall. In December, 1933 there was a rainfall of 7.36 inches in less than 24 hours, this being about half of the total yearly average and in February, 1914 there fell 1.51 inches in one hour!

In early 1938 a record-breaking precipitation of more than 10 inches of rain in less than three days caused the most damaging flood in the history of Los Angeles County. About one hundred lives were lost and a monetary damage of tens of millions dollars was experienced. It was estimated that the runoff from this storm was probably the event in the past occurred within historic times, at least since the measurement of precipitation was commenced.

After a period of less than normal rainfall such as we are now experiencing the man-in-the-street is inclined to forget or ignore the events of the past and their dry (wet?) statistics. Although ranges of paper have been expended in an effort to prove that the weather follows cycles of varying length we still have no assurance that the rainfall for any given year will be above or below the average. BUT—nothing is more certain than that the normal of 15.5 inches will be greatly exceeded from time to time. Will this be in 1949—who knows?

In view of the above facts it would be well for the residents who have built their homes in this area during the last decade to examine the area surrounding their premises with a view to determining the possibility of them being situated in the path of possible flood streams. May be his home has been built in the bottom of a dry lake which will become a real one with the first heavy downpour. One of the frequent tasks of the Major Disaster Committees is the rescue by boat of the unfortunate who have selected such localities during the dry seasons or in years of less than average rainfall only to learn too late that the soil is unable to absorb the sudden tropical downpour to which this area is often subjected.

William A. Mason, Commander, U.S.N. (Ret)

#### Public Notices

**TORRANCE HERALD**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the second public hearing before the Torrance Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 1949, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, at 8:00 p.m., to consider the petition of Anna Sohn et al. for a Change of Zone affecting Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 18, and Lots 4, 5 and 6 in Block 19, in Tract No. 2761 situated between Sonoma Street and Carson Street on Greenwood Avenue. Petition requests that the zone be changed from A-1 (Light Agricultural) to R-2 (Two-Family Residential).

All persons interested are requested to be present at the hearing, or to submit their written approval or disapproval to the City Engineer's office, City Hall, Torrance.

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### Winning Souls Sermon Topic for Lutherans

"He that wins souls for Christ is wise" will be the sermon theme by Pastor Paul Wenske next Sunday morning. The morning worship service begins at 10:45 and the public is cordially invited to this service.

The senior choir under the direction of Mr. Roy Doberick, and accompanied by Mrs. Joe Bay, will present a musical selection, "Send Out Thy Light" will be the anthem sung by the Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Paul Wenske.

Following this morning worship service there will be a potluck dinner in the parish hall for all worshippers. Visitors and guests are invited to this noon dinner. This has been planned to be a fellowship and get-acquainted dinner.

#### CASTLE CRAGS STATE PARK

Castle Crag State Park, located in the northwest corner of Shasta county, was the site of the "Battle of the Craggs," which took place in 1855 and in which the white settlers drove the Indians up into the crags. It was during this battle that the poet Joaquin Miller was wounded by an arrow. Miller lived at the site and drew inspiration for some of his works from the lofty peaks that surrounded him.

#### START WITH YOUTH

"We speak of the wastage of resources, thinking in terms of natural resources such as water, timber, wildlife, etc., and neglect to consider perhaps the key resource — the minds of American youth properly incultured with the philosophy of conservation."—A. E. Henning, chief of the California Division of Beaches and Parks.

### High Voltage Loss Reported

Batteries valued at \$102 were stolen from a service station Sunday, it was reported by the owner, Charles Rodgers, 2121 Carson street.

Rodgers told Torrance police that seven batteries were removed from a storage shed alongside his MacMillan station.

#### WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

"When one considers that the shooting of only one hen peasant means the killing of six to ten others, it can readily be seen that no amount of game farm releases can keep up with game law violators. It would take a veritable army of wardens to catch all the violators."—Carl A. Winther, editor, Oakdale Enterprise.

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