

Proposed School Camping Program Meets With Mixed Board Reactions

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Former Captain Awaiting Senate Confirmation on Waleria Postmastership

Senate confirmation is all that is lacking to make official the appointment of Robert Sleeth Jr., a postal clerk at the Torrance Post Office as the postmaster at Waleria, it was learned by wire from Washington late yesterday.

A former captain in the U.S. Army with long service overseas, Sleeth has a ten-point veteran advantage over other candidates for the office. He was recommended for the office on April 28.

Nomination to the Waleria postmastership was made by President Truman on recommendation of Congressman Cecil R. King.

Mrs. Mauretta L. Vaverka is now acting postmaster at Waleria.



SENATE ACTION DUE . . . Robert Sleeth Jr. awaits official word he has been appointed Waleria Postmaster.

Local Employers Invited to Hear Labor Reports

Employers of Torrance, Long Beach, San Pedro, Wilmington and Gardena have been invited to a meeting Thursday night at 8 p.m. in the Wilmington Woman's Clubhouse, Deini and Lakme streets, to hear a report on the progress of labor legislation and on matters pertaining to negotiations with labor organizations in the Harbor Area.

James M. Nicolson, labor relations counselor retained by the Harbor Area Employers' Council to represent its members in handling labor troubles, will speak. The Employers' Council is sponsoring the meeting.

Nicolson was for 12 years with the National Labor Relations Board, and is one of the best authorities in Southern California on labor matters, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council.

Nicolson also will report on the progress of joint employer negotiation councils in other communities, he said.

"The Harbor Area Employers' Council has one principal objective," Selover stated, "and that is to bring about permanent labor harmony and peace in the Harbor Area."

"Our approach to this objective is two-fold. We offer a service to our fellow-employers, that of representation in labor troubles including negotiation 365 days a year, with legal services and a full-time office staff at disposal of members. Not only will we represent our members during negotiation periods, but we will stand by them through the year. Secondly, we offer a means of unification of efforts to end the long period of labor strife which has blackened the name of the Harbor Area for years. If any employer does not need the organization for the service it renders, he needs it need for it in its approach to bringing about permanent labor peace and prosperity in the Harbor Area."

Council Changes Street Name to Mullin Avenue

Acting on the theory that certain confusion exists over the name of Guadalupé avenue, the City Council voted last Tuesday night to change to the name of the street to Mullin avenue.

The street—two blocks long—is a continuation of Post avenue on the north side of Torrance boulevard.

The name change was suggested by Max Folker, manufacturer, who suggested the name Mullin be chosen because it would help locate the street. The street is to the rear of Mullin's Oldsmobile Service located at 1885 Torrance boulevard.

Other business conducted at the meeting consisted of the passage of a resolution declaring an abandoned well known as Hogan No. 1 to be nuisance. The resolution stated the well should be abated.

Council George Powell said that the appointment of a permanent recreation commission would be made at the next meeting of the council. He also said the proposed budget for the summer recreation program would be presented at that time.

Edna Mae Snell Holds Lead in Queen Contest

Receiving the full backing of her fellow workers at Columbia Steel, Edna Mae Snell, comely candidate for the title of Torrance Queen, doubled her "votes" since last week to continue in the lead for the crown.

Della Cooper, a miss from Torrance High School who is making a hit with the local populace, continued her hold on second place with 14,830 votes.

Pulling up a notch—from fourth to third was Julia Menni, with 14,025 votes.

Relative standings of the "Crown Princesses" is indicated by the following tabulation:

Edna Mae Snell	20,220
Della Cooper	14,830
Julia Menni	14,025
Jerry Speck	12,075
Pat Clero	8,850
Marlene Quaggin	5,100
Joyce Franzen	2,460

All but one of the candidates now have sponsors. Championing the cause of Edna Mae Snell is the C.I.O. Local, No. 1414. Behind the efforts of Della Cooper is the Royal Neighbors. The Optimists have stated their backing for Marlene Quaggin. American Standard Corporation have said they are backing Jerry Speck. Pat Clero has the sponsorship of the Lion's Club while Julia Menni is supported by the Pacific Electric Shops.

Joyce Franzen, a student at El Camino College remains without a sponsor, according to Mrs. Ethel Richardson, chairman of the Queen Contest.

Adding their support to the Junior Woman's Club campaign this week were four merchants who agreed to donate prizes to the Queen and her court. The local merchants are:

- Gibson-DeVore, table for television set.
- Renise Dress Shop, peasant blouse.
- Trend O' Fashion, clothes.
- Adams Dress Shop, costume jewelry.

Purpose of the campaign is to raise funds for the construction of a YWCA building for the area.

Spelling More Important Says Board Member

A plan to give sixth grade students a week in the mountains as proposed by the Superintendent of Schools met with mixed opinions of the Board of Education at a meeting last Tuesday night.

Under the plan outlined by Superintendent J. Henrich-Hull, students of the sixth grade throughout the entire system would have the opportunity of spending five days at Camp Joseph in the Santa Monica Canyon. Partial cost of each student's stay in the camp (from \$18-\$25) would be borne by the school district. An additional \$10 would be borne by the parents of those children making the trip.

Hull estimated the total cost to the district would be approximately \$6000.

Strongest objection to the plan was voiced by George Thatcher, vice-president of the board, who disapproved of the plan on the grounds that:

"Our children are taken out of class too much as it is now."

He urged that more attention be applied to spelling and less to the "frills." He read several newspaper clippings which alleged that today's children were far behind in learning proper spelling.

Hull pointed out that the adoption of the camping program at this time meant taking advantage of an opportunity that might never present itself again. He said that the camping program was not a "supplement" to the regular classroom studies but an actual lesson conducted out-of-doors. He said that if the program was adopted there would be no easing of spelling proficiency requirements.

Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the board, favored the plan. He pointed out that the lesson the children would learn by being forced to depend upon themselves—away from the help



GOOD CAUSE . . . Janet Davis, Torrance High School Senior, holds record of Artie Wayne's "Candy Kisses" which will be sung by the recording-television star during the 20-30 Club's Rheumatic Fever Benefit Show Monday night. Lorraine Anderson buys a ticket to the show from Chairman Harvey Abramson.—Herald Photo.

Benefit Show, 'Record Revue' Climaxes Rheumatic Fever Week

Studded with recording stars such as Artie Wayne, Marion Morgan, Art Lund, and a bevy of others, Torrance's 20-30 Club will climax "Rheumatic Fever Week" on Monday night with the staging of the "Record Revue" in the Torrance.

All proceeds of the benefit performance will be turned over to the 20-30 International Rheumatic Fever Foundation to continue the uninterrupted study of the cause and treatment of the greatest heart disease—rheumatic fever, according to Harvey Abramson, chairman of the local drive.

Among the list of recording-radio-television stars who are donating their time and talents to the program are:

- Artie Wayne, star of "The Picture Album," on KLA-TV, and whose record "Candy Kisses" is sweeping the country.
- Art Lund, the ex-All-American football player whose MGM records are so popular.
- Marion Morgan, who stars on the "Picture Album" and on "Take A Chorus" on ABC; Marion recently left the Harry James Band, with whom she made many recordings. Her latest records are with Bob Crosby, as a duet.
- Dottie O'Brien, that cute little thrush who has appeared with such bands as Jimmy Dorsey and Jack Teagarden, as well as

starting on several television shows.

The sensational Bobby True Trio, whose appearances in Los Angeles night-clubs always create a racy evening.

The Tune-Tailors, the vocal group which does such a fine job with Artie Wayne on "Candy Kisses" and who recently signed for a coast-to-coast radio show.

The Dick Kane Trio, the always popular instrumental group, will accompany all of the artists and, in addition, play some strictly instrumentals.

They now are appearing in the California Club in Los Angeles.

Tickets for the performance may be purchased for \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for juniors, at any of the following places:

- National Home Appliances, Torrance Pharmacy, Deo's Fountain, Music Center, or the Gibson-DeVore Appliance Company.

Aiding in the sale of tickets is the Junior Statesmen of Torrance High School. The organization is sponsored by the 20-30 Club.

High School Annual Staff Dance Set

Sponsored by the Torrance High School annual staff, a school dance will be held Saturday evening in civic auditorium. Committee in charge of arrangements is headed by Anna Jane Kelly and Janet Wellen, co-editors of the school annual. Proceeds will be used to defray expenses of the publication.

Bob Anson and his 8-piece band will provide music for the sport dance.

Highlight of the evening will be the surprise announcement of the winner of a written queen contest, the winner and her attendants to be presented at the dance.

Torrance Herald Offices to Close All Day Saturday

Effective this Saturday, May 7, and continuing throughout the summer months, the editorial and business offices of the Torrance Herald will be closed all day Saturday.

This arrangement, initiated several years ago, enables the clerical staff members an opportunity to relax over a longer week-end.



'WEATHER MAN' . . . Seventy-year old Walter Shumaker casts a glance skyward, decides summer is here and takes off his shoes for the season.—Herald Photo.

'Off with the Shoes' Says Shumaker, 'Summer's Here'

Like the groundhog who comes out of his hole to tell the world that spring has come, Walter C. Shumaker, this week cast a glance about him, decided summer was here and took off his shoes.

The barefooted and bareheaded Shumaker may have a little trouble with the Weather Man, however, since the latter claims the city is due for some rain.

"Rain, rain," scoffs the shoeless Shumaker, "angel tears, that's all it is."

Shumaker claims going without shoes is the cure for many things—corns, bunions, colds, juvenile delinquency and even international relations. Shoes, claims Shumaker, cramp not only the feet but the soul as well.

For health there's nothing like going without shoes—or clothes, Shumaker avers. He has followed a nudist movement for the past 16 years.

"Seventy years old I am," says Shumaker, "and never been down a day in my life. Know why? I give my skin plenty of sunshine. Lots of real vitamin D. None of this pill kind. No, sir. Real sunshine full of vitamin D, that's what the body needs. Your skin needs to breathe just like the rest of your body. Cover it with clothes and it smothers—and smells."

"Look at my head. So smooth you can polish it. That came from wearing a hat in my younger days. Here in back," he points out, grabbing a lock of hair on the back of his neck, "where my hat didn't cover you can't pull out the hair with a dermick."

"Been a long winter, it has. My feet have really been itchin', not actually mind you, just literally, to get out of shoes. Yep, you can count on it—summer's here to stay, least of all for this season," advised he without shoes.

Truck Driver Negligent Says Coroner's Jury

The death of Frederick R. Cowan, 38, an employee of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation, last Tuesday night was due to the negligence of truck driver John E. Fowler, a coroner's jury decided last Friday.

The inquest was held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Cowan was killed instantly shortly after midnight last Tuesday night when he crashed his motor scooter into the rear of a parked truck on 190th street west of the General Petroleum entrance.

Cowan, who lived at 14801 Mansel street, Gardena, was the brother of Mrs. Mildred Gilbert, 1107 Anapola avenue.

Chief of Police John Stroh stated that misdemeanor manslaughter charges would be filed against Fowler upon the receipt of the coroner's deposition.

The six-man jury, after hearing the testimony of several witnesses, rendered the decision

Sewer Project Starts Monday

Installation of long-awaited Waleria sewers is scheduled to start Monday. Councilman George Powell revealed in a recent address before the Waleria Civic Organization.

The project will take several months to complete, Powell said.

Recently elected heads of the Waleria group include Paul Slonecker, president; Sgt. Al Conger, vice president; Mrs. Jean Hoyt, treasurer; and Mrs. Bessie Slonecker, secretary.

WALERIA HOME CONSTRUCTION TO START IN 10 DAYS

Construction of 59 new homes on a tract near Madison and Newton streets, Waleria, is scheduled to start in about 10 days, Builder K. Sande Senness announced today.

Plans for repatriation for a zoning variance on the proposed Weston Ranch cemetery have been abandoned for the time being, the builder said.

ON THE INSIDE

For a story on the plans for the formal dedication of the Torrance High School bleachers turn to page two and see a yarn headed "VOCAL FESTIVAL." The Board of Education this week announced the re-employment of teachers in the Torrance Unified School District. For who'll be back next year see page three and a story titled "TEACHERS HIRED."

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RARE TREAT . . . Mrs. Bill Keefer, 1619 West 220 street is served breakfast in bed by daughter Karen, three years, as son Kip, aged two, brings her a red rose in preview of treatment she will receive this Sunday—Mother's Day. Daddy, Colonel Bill Keefer, U.S.A., was in the kitchen watching the toast.—Herald Photo.

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