

Parade, Carnival to Highlight Kids' Day Celebration

Kiwanians Sponsoring Annual Fete

Oodles and gobs of fun is promised for Saturday when Torrance celebrates National Kids' Day, sponsored each year by the Kiwanis Club of America.

To start off with, Cowboy Andy Alexander and his beautiful horse will lead a "Kids' World" parade which leaves Cravens and Post avenues at 11 a.m. Those who will enter the parade have been asked to be at the corner near the library by 10:30 a.m.

Four individual groupings will be in the parade besides floats, marching units, and other attractions. The individual groups

— all for kids — include a Hoppy group, a pet parade, a bicycle section, and a costume section. Any kid can enter one of these sections by showing up at the starting corner by 10:30 Saturday.

BANDS TO PLAY

Other units of the parade will include the High School band, the El Camino band, floats, and marching units of local organizations.

The parade will start at Post and Cravens at 11 a.m. and go up Post to Sartori, down Sartori to Cabrillo, thence to Carson street, and west on Carson to Martina avenue where it will turn into the carnival area on the High School campus.

Highlight of the parade might well be the local collection of clowns and a Kiwanis "pep band," according to Kids' Day Chairman Jerry Eastham.

CARNIVAL SET

In the carnival area on the west end of the football stadium, Kids' Day revelers will find an expansive outlay of carnival games and rides.

Prizes for parade winners include trophies, ribbons, and merchandise contributed by local merchants.

Merchants donating prizes include McCown Drugs, Torrance Cycle and Fix-It Shop, Star Furniture, Payless Drugs, National Home Appliance, Newberry's, Roberts Liquor, Almonds Department Store, Rogers Liquor Store, Karl's Shoe Store, Safeway Stores, Parrish Stationers, Scotty's Sport Shop, Torrance Variety, Gary's Jewelry, Kiddie Lane Shop, A-1 Photo Service, McMahan's Furniture, Levy's Department Store, and the Tiny Tyke Shop.

Included in the prizes are such things as a baseball bat, a scooter, a pair of roller skates, a case of assorted soda pops, an Electro carving kit, Baby Brownie cameras, a zipper wallet and other valuable articles.

Toppling off the entire celebration will be three performances by the Strong Dog and Pony Show. Show times are 2, 4, and 8 p.m.

Technicalities To Keep Harbor Plan Off Ballot

Lack of the proper number of freeholders' signatures on a petition resulted in a negative vote by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday on the City of Redondo Beach's plan to place the question of forming a Harbor Improvement District on the ballot for the November 7 election.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby revealed that while an economic study by the county manager's office had recommended on the feasibility of such boat harbor, the measure could not be put on the ballot because many technicalities had not been ironed out.

COUNTY WIDE

Under the proposed plan the entire Los Angeles County would become determinants with the Harbor Improvement District and the cost of the project would be borne by residents of this county.

The proposal follows the recommendation of County Manager Wayne Allen, who has surveyed possibilities of the proposed improvement for which the Federal government expenditure would be \$3,475,000 to be matched by \$2,248,045 in local funds, under Allen's plan.

POSSIBLE REVENUE

Allen's survey sets forth the possible revenue from a 1,552-foot harbor, parking areas and a fishing pier for commercial craft as sufficient to retire the bonds without property assessments.

Officials here say the possibility that the proposal be included in the Nov. 7 ballot is being considered.



Schools Facing Loss of Quarter Million

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Beating Disproved By Inquest

Refuting charges that Bloyce George Hackney had been brutally beaten before hanging himself in the Torrance jail last week, a coroner's inquest found that he had died of "asphyxiation" by strangulation, it was learned late yesterday.

An autopsy ordered by the Torrance Police Department failed to show any "marked signs of violence," a member of the County Coroner's staff told the Herald yesterday.

The autopsy was ordered along with the inquest into the death of Hackney when police were accused of beating him, according to Police Chief John Stroh.

Following his arrest near his home at 2425½ Hawthorne boulevard last Wednesday evening, Hackney told Torrance police officers that he was going to hang himself.

Deputy Officer H. G. Trezise foiled Hackney's first try when he caught him making a noose out of bedding in the jail cell. Trezise removed loose bedding and articles of the man's clothing which could be used in his vow to kill himself.

Seven minutes later, the officer found Hackney hanging by a chain taken from a fold-up bunk, his feet barely off the floor.

Despite efforts of Engineer W. R. West and R. E. Moffitt of the Torrance Fire Department to resuscitate him, the victim was pronounced dead by Dr. Phillip M. Halloran, 24 minutes after being found.

Funeral services for the deceased were held Monday at Motel's Mortuary in Long Beach. Burial was at Westminster Memorial Park.



BOOSTER ROOSTERS . . . Comes now "B'Day." Marvin Goettsch of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and John Ott of the Torrance Lions Club (with the help of photographer Lee Weinstein) pose with a big roll of tickets to direct attention to "B'Day" this Friday. Proclaimed "Booster Day" by the Mayor, the two organizations have combined efforts to boost community interest in the Torrance High School Football Team. The prep squad meets Glendale Hoover in the season opener this Friday night at the local high school. Advance tickets may be obtained from any Lion or Jaycee member for 80 cents for adults, 25 cents for children. (Herald photo).

NEWS BRIEFS

LOCAL WAVE HITS LIFE MAGAZINE

Depicted on page 153 of the September 18 issue of Life Magazine is a Torrance girl, Genevieve Pisel, of 1524 West 216th street.

A member of the Waves who went aboard the Destroyer Uhlmann for a cruise to Catalina Island last week, she is shown doing one of the Navy's less glamorous jobs — sweeping the deck.

Season Grid Tickets Under Study at THS

A plan to provide season tickets for three of Torrance High School's three league home games is under study by the Student Council.

The Board of Education Tuesday night authorized the issuance of the tickets. A section of seats equal to the number of season tickets sold would be reserved until half time.

Guest at Lions Club

J. H. Gilmeister, clerk of the Gardena Justice Court and former secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, was guest of Attorney Al Isen at a meeting of the Torrance Lions Club on September 11.

Pre-Cast Concrete Schools Studied

Views of pre-cast concrete schools were shown members of the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night by Frederic Barienbrock, designer of the new type school houses.

Substantial savings in original cost, fire insurance, heating and other items of maintenance can be effected by using the modern structures, Barienbrock said.

Band to Play at Fair

Members of the Torrance Area Youth Band will play a noon concert in the Radio-Television building at the County Fair in Pomona Sunday, according to the director, James Van Dyk.

The bandsmen and members of the baton corps will leave the Civic Auditorium here at 9 a.m. Sunday and will return at 9 p.m. The trip is being made by bus, with meals and transportation furnished by the Fair Association.

Lions Ring Up Mark

A perfect 100 per cent attendance was rung up by the Torrance Lions Club at their meeting of September 11, according to Roy Winters, attendance chairman.

Prop. No. 1 Threatens Schools

Plundering of Torrance schools, including the stoppage of school buses, elimination of some teachers, and the cancellation of school supplies will take place behind a propaganda smoke screen favoring passage of Proposition No. 1 unless voters act at once to protect themselves. Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. Henrich Hull said Tuesday night.

BODIED WARNED

Dr. Hull warned the Board of Education at Tuesday's regular meeting they must prepare to pare a quarter of a million dollars from this year's school budget if Proposition No. 1 passes on the November 7 ballot.

He pointed out also that the City of Torrance will lose \$120,000 from funds allotted for operating the city this year.

Proposition No. 1 would exempt all personal property from taxation. To the homeowner this would only amount to a few dollars which is paid in taxes on refrigerators, money in the bank, diamond rings, and other personal property. To large companies, many of whom do not own their buildings or the land on which they are located, it would mean savings running into the millions.

HEAVY LOSS

In Torrance \$13,705,000 in taxable personal property would be taxed off the tax rolls. Dr. Hull reported John R. Quinn, the county tax assessor, as saying.

After hearing Hull's report, the Board directed him to survey the budget to determine where, if necessary, the \$250,000 could be sliced from this year's budget.

REPORTS TO BOARD

Hull's report to the board follows:

"According to information received by telephone from Mr. Quinn, County Assessor, \$13,705,000 worth of personal property will be eliminated from the tax roll in Torrance by passage of Proposition No. 1. This would amount to nearly a quarter of a million dollars being sliced off of Torrance's School Budget. In order to slice off this amount of money from the proposed Budget for 1950-51, it would be necessary to eliminate such things as the community services, all capital outlay, all transportation of pupils, and cancellation of orders for supplies which have not been received."

"This is just a rough estimate. We could not employ any more teachers and it would probably mean that many of our classes would get up as high as 50 or 60 pupils before the year is over. Cutting \$250,000 off the Torrance School Budget would so seriously handicap the program as to require perhaps even the elimination of some teaching personnel due to lack of funds. Mr. Quinn's figures indicate that 29 per cent of Torrance's assessed valuation is personal property tax."

MORE TAXES NEEDED

"With these things in mind, it would be advisable to consider a special tax election for next year in the event Proposition No. 1 passes. In order to maintain valuation is personal property tax."

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Stores Close Until Sunset

A number of Torrance stores will remain closed today until sunset in observance of Yom Kippur — the Jewish Day of Atonement.

LEASE MAKERS . . . Mayor Bob L. Haggard accepts a check for \$1 from Junior Woman's Club President Mrs. Robert C. Morton for the first year's rent on the proposed YWCA building soon to be built at Carson street and Plaza del Amo. With her are Mrs. Lee A. McCoy, chairman of the building committee (left) and Mrs. Charlotte Lukes, program director of the YWCA. (Herald photo).