

HONORED FOR SERVICE
For thirty years of service with the General Petroleum Corporation, Don G. Baldwin, superintendent of the grease and lubricating plant and father of Jack O. Baldwin, managing editor of the Torrance Herald, was presented with a 30-year diamond lapel pin by P. S. Magruder, vice-president of corporation last Friday morning.

Aged Mother of Local Woman Dies in Modesto
Funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Evans, mother of Mrs. Julia A. Falls, of 20619 Elliott avenue, were held January 30 in Modesto following her death January 28. She would have been 93 on February 1.
The mother of 12 children, Mrs. Evans was a native of Freestone County, Texas. Six sons

and two daughters survive her. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.
Burial was in Elmore City, Oklahoma.

LDS Conference Slated for Sunday

Elder Marion G. Romney, assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles and assistant managing director of the LDS Church Welfare Program, will represent the General Authorities of Salt Lake City at the Long Beach Stake Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Quarterly Conference, Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11, to be held at the Long Beach First Ward, 1500 Pine avenue, Long Beach.

Postal Receipts Jump More Than 50% in One Year

Showing a 56.5 per cent jump, postal receipts at the Torrance Post Office gained \$2,393.79 in January of 1951 as compared to the same month a year ago, Mrs. Clara A. Conner, postmaster, pointed out this week.
In 1950 the local post office transacted \$11,399.36 in business while last month \$17,693.56 was handled by the clerks at the Marcelina avenue post office, she stated.

A MODEL CLASS

A new class in Professional Modeling, which will meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. has been opened to enrollment at Harbor Junior College, according to Peggy Mason, modeling instructor.

Building Report Given To B of E



A STICKER FOR THE Y... Putting one of the first YWCA stickers on her car to remind residents of the YWCA membership drive is Mrs. Mary Umer, chairman of the membership campaign. The YW hope to double their membership to 300 during the month-long campaign.—(Herald Photo.)

With bids due to be opened in June for the construction of four new units at Torrance High School, it is anticipated the new buildings should be ready within the next year according to a building progress report made before the Board of Education Tuesday night.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, reported that drawings for the classroom unit and the gymnasium should be ready for the State Department of Architecture by March 16 with the drawings for the music addition and the cafeteria due to follow the next week.
Bids on the new Greenwood school are due on February 16, Dr. Hull stated.

Architects are waiting for the completion of the land survey at the El Nido Elementary School site. The survey probably will be ready this week, Dr. Hull estimated. The school should be ready by September. Also discussed by the board was the erection of a concrete block building for storage of school books.
The new Fern Avenue Elementary School cafeteria as well as

the new four-unit classroom addition at the North Torrance Elementary School should be ready for occupancy within 60 days, the contractors estimate. Metal sash and plumbing may delay the work, however, it was forecast.

Both the Riviera Elementary School and the Madrona Avenue Elementary School are in the drafting stage and drawings should be ready for Board inspection at an early date. These two schools will be of the "new fill-up" or pre-cast type construction. The major advantages of such schools are their fire-resistant properties and the speed with which the buildings can be put into classroom service. Their cost approximates that of the frame-stucco type of buildings, it was pointed out.

Merchants Asked To Cooperate In Clean-Up Drive

A plea for the cooperation of merchants and businessmen in the city's drive to "clean up the downtown area of Torrance," was voiced this week by members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce who are conducting the campaign.

Letters from the Junior Chamber are being handed to merchants this week explaining the purposes of the drive, asking them to pledge their cooperation with the campaign.

An extensive clean-up campaign for the city has been in various stages of organization for some time. Several practical as well as esthetic reasons have been offered to justify such a drive.

"In the first place, we want Torrance to have one of the cleanest retail business districts in Southern California," said Ed Karlow, president of the J.C.C.

City Manager George Stevens echoed Karlow's statement and stated further that the clean-up program was one of the vital steps in the Civil Defense officials' efforts to control conditions that are likely to create fire hazards.

First step in the program was taken last week when the 18 new sidewalk trash containers were placed around the business district.

"We are still considering the possibility of extending the campaign into the residential areas of the city," Karlow stated, "but first, we want to finish the job downtown."

North Torrance Marine Promoted to Captain

Promoted to rank of Captain in the United States Marine Corps Reserves recently was Wesley L. Griffiths, 17203 Elgar avenue, in North Torrance.

The promotion of Griffiths was announced this week by Col. J. O. Brauer, director of the Eleventh Marine Corps Reserve district.

Home Safety Rules Outlined For Residents

What specific things should I remember in connection with my household?

There are five keys to household safety:

1. Strive for fireproof house-keeping. Don't let trash pile up. Keep waste paper in covered containers. When an alert sounds, shut off your utilities just as if you were going out of the house for the day.
 2. Know your own home, particularly the safest part of your cellar, if you have one, or whatever other part of the house provides the best protection.
 3. Close windows and doors. Draw blinds. If time allows, when alert sounds close the house as tight as possible. This will keep out sparks, reduce entrance of radioactive dusts, and lessen the chances of being cut by flying glass. AND keep house closed until advised the danger has passed.
 4. Store emergency equipment and supplies. These should include a good flashlight with extra batteries, first aid equipment and canned goods.
 5. Use telephone only for true emergencies. Needless use will seriously tie up the lines.
- (The above rules were issued this week by Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson, California Director of Civil Defense.)

Tax Assessor Continues Weekly Visits

A representative of the Los Angeles County Tax Assessor's office will be in Torrance on Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 19 to assist local property owners with county tax problems.

Mrs. Hazel Sticvel, deputy county assessor, will be in the City Hall on those week days from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Property owners who have not been called upon by field representatives should contact Mrs. Sticvel. Veterans may file tax exemptions with the deputy upon presentation of their grant deed. If the veteran is applying for the exemption for the first time he or she must also bring a photostat of discharge papers.

Eastern Star Rites Held For Mrs. Sarah Rawley

Eastern Star rites for Sarah Margaret Rawley, 89, of 2317 Sierra avenue, were held in the Stone and Myers chapel Monday. The services were conducted by the Torrance chapter of the organization.

A resident of Torrance for 15 years, the deceased had lived with her sister, Mrs. Ella A. O'Connor, until her death last Thursday.

Surviving besides her sister is one daughter, Mrs. Julia Spanjer, of Auburn, Calif.
Cremation at Inglewood Park cemetery followed the final services.

Raped, Run Over By Car, Claims Young Housewife

Held captive for several hours, raped, and later backed over by an auto was the story told to Torrance police this week by a 20-year old cultured, soft spoken Manhattan Beach housewife.

Due to appear in Judge Otto B. Willett's court at 2 p.m. this afternoon is 26-year old Richard Dean Derrickson of Redondo Beach. Derrickson was booked by Torrance Detectives, Captain Ernie Ashton and Sergeant Percy Bennett early this week and later released on \$500 bail. He has been charged with rape.

The Manhattan Beach housewife, using English denoting, a fine education, told police she met "Dick" in the Buccaneer Cafe on January 14. He drove her to a lonely spot near the General Petroleum refinery where he assaulted her. She tried to outwit him, she said, into taking her somewhere where she could call the police. Finally when he became unmanageable when he became unmanageable for the second time she suggested they go to a motel. She said she "hoped that he would 'take the bait' and that while he was registering she would attempt to make a break for freedom or possibly enlist the aid of the attendant.

When this strategy failed she leaped from his moving auto and fell on the ground.
"He backed his car over me," she told detectives, "I just lay on the ground. I could see parts of the greasy underside of his car," she claims.

"Apparently thinking he had run over me, he put the car in low gear and sped away," she told Detectives Ashton and Bennett.

Her clothing torn and disheveled, she called at the first house she came upon and later discovered she was in Compton.

Derrickson denies the allegations.
Blockade Base
Nassau in the Bahamas was the base for ships running the Union blockade in the Civil War.

Bicycles Need Licenses Just Like Dad's Car

Now that Dad has got those auto licenses fixed up at a cost of anything up to half a C-note—It's junior's turn. He is going to get off a lot easier, however.

Police Chief John Stroh reminded bicycle owners this week that they have to register their bikes just like dad registers the family auto. Here is where it can be done:

February 13, Walteria Elementary School, 3:30 p.m.
February 14, Fern Avenue Elementary School, 3:30 p.m.
February 20, Nativity Catholic School, 2:30 p.m.

February 21, Riviera at the intersections of Calle Miramar and Calle de las Colinas.
Chief Stroh pointed out two requirements for registering bicycles according to the laws of the city:

1. Bring the bike when you come to register it.
 2. If your bicycle has never been registered in Torrance before; bring 50 cents along. If the bike has been registered previously and you just want to renew it, you need bring only a quarter—25 cents.
- Pretty soft, eh dad?

...Busy Burglars

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appear in court today.
After gaining entrance by pounding a hole through a panel door, would-be thieves left this note scribbled on the blackboard of the Nativity Catholic School, 2317 West Carson street, Monday night:

"You cheap skates, Don't hide the gold. We are coming back.—The Prospectors."

According to The Mother Superior a half-eaten ice cream bar was left on her desk. Nothing else was reported missing.

Apparently using a pass key to gain entrance, someone entered the Torrance Van and Storage office, 1916 Border avenue, and carted off \$19.75, according to a report by Mrs. Ann C. Miller, owner, on Saturday morning.

Ed A. Schwartz, owner of a men's furnishing store at 1505 Cabrillo avenue, reported that sometime during the night of February 2 someone entered his store and stole approximately \$90.50 in merchandise including electric shavers, clothing, and cigarette lighters.

...Price Help

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other organizations, and that its members be asked to await recommendations for their cooperation with the plans of this agency to explain and clarify its activities in the public interest. Request is also made that the composition of your committee, when appointed, be forwarded to your district price stabilization director so that our requests for specific assistance may be directed through proper channels.

MICHAEL V. DISALLE
Director Office of Price Stabilization Emergency
Washington 25, D.C.

Pearl Industry
Culture pearls were produced in China as early as the 14th century.

New Psychology Course at Harbor Hospital Set

Opening of a University of Southern California extension course in clinical psychology at Harbor General Hospital was announced this week.

Called "Survey of Clinical Psychology," the course, which gives three units of graduate or undergraduate credit, will meet each Thursday evening at 7 o'clock in room 9-A at the hospital. Dr. Theodore Kahn will be the instructor.

Persons interested in enrolling in the class may do so February 22. Information about this course may be obtained by calling Terminal 3-6845.

Plans Under Discussion For Flower, Art Show

A preliminary meeting of service club representatives and members of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club is being planned to begin discussion of this year's Art, Hobby and Flower Show, it was announced by Fay Parks, last year's general chairman.
Parks said it was his hope that the service clubs would help in the planning and production of this year's show.

RECRUITS FINISH NAVY TRAINING

Two Torrance seaman recruits, USN, Dabbert J. McGuire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guss D. McGuire of 20611 Victor street, Route 1, and Jerrel E. Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Falls of 22028 Myler avenue, recently completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, and are now available for assignment to a Fleet unit or to one of the Navy's schools for specialized training.

During this period of training they underwent intensive drill in such subjects as signaling, navigation, basic or dance and seamanship. They also were indoctrinated into the ways of the Navy and learned the customs of the service.

Construction To Start for Dial System

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office at 1266 Sartori avenue, which has been serving subscribers since April 1928. At that time there were 722 Torrance exchange telephones as compared with a total of 5,650 today.

"Your telephone company is happy to be able to announce the start of construction work on the new telephone center here," Smith said. "With the tremendous communications growth taking place in Torrance, it would be impractical to engineer more equipment and facilities for the already crowded non-dial central office."

"The new building will advance Pacific Telephone another step forward in its continuing program to convert Torrance exchange to dial operation just as soon as possible consistent with economical operation and sound financial investment. Meanwhile, the company will move ahead with its primary objective of providing telephone service for all applicants who are waiting."

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