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Torrance, for a town of its size, probably has fewer beautiful women per square mile than any other city in the U.S.

This is a conclusion at which I have arrived after four years of periodic trips around the 18.8 square miles of our city in search of feminine beauty to photograph to illustrate developments in the local news. In Long Beach, San Diego, and San Jose where I at one time did some camera aiming, I found that passing any given uptown corner during any half-hour period would be more beautiful women than live in this beautiful void city of Torrance. There are fewer beautiful girls in Torrance who are not camera shy than there are ocean liner harbors in the city of San Bernardino.

There are all kinds of standards of measurements but here are three which could well come under the "Things-I-Never-Knew-Till-now" Department.

Emmett Ingram, business manager of the Torrance School District, says he is able to ascertain from the price of a new home in Torrance the number of school age children that will enter local schools from the homes. Here's that "yardstick" he uses: From homes costing \$8000 or under will come six tenths of a child, from new homes in the \$8000-\$10,000 bracket he can expect five tenths of a child, and from homes costing more than \$10,000 only four tenths of a child.

The carat, spelled with a "C" and abbreviated with a "K" on gold jewelry, is equal, so Tommy Wilkes, of Howard's Jewelers informs me, to the weight of 100 seeds from the carob tree. The difference in weight between any two seeds, says Tommy is less than the weight of the shadow of a dime by moonlight.

From Charlie Goodale the gent in charge of the Lay-Away-Plan Department at Stone and Myers tells of still another "Yardstick," although a bit unusual I guess it will work. It seems that a mother and her daughter were arguing about the girl wearing her first strapless evening gown to a dance.

"Too young," claimed the mother.

"I am not," was the daughter's argument.

"Well, let's settle it this way," suggested the girl's father. "Have her try on a dress. If it stays up she's old enough to wear one."

Ex-Army Colonel Bill Zoeller, the man who is pretty good with figures (the 2-4-6-8-10 variety) tells this one for the benefit of his Republican friends.

It happened during a big White House social event to which Harry was long over due. Mrs. Truman sensing something wrong went to Harry's bedroom. There she found him struggling to get a shirt over his head.

"This . . . (followed by the initials which have made him famous) . . . shirt is too . . . (more initials) . . . small."

"No wonder you are having trouble," offered Mrs. T. "You're trying to put your head through the button hole."

Mrs. Margaret Dean calls to our attention that Curries Ice Cream Store has Hot Weather for sale. Sure 'nuff. That's what is says on the window. "Hot Weather. Special. Per Quart 49 cents."

"Think I'll take some home, put it in my deep freeze then this winter take it out. Just think," quips Mrs. Dean. "I'll be able to have some Hot Weather in the middle of December."

County to Boost Slough Patrolling

More frequent patrolling of the area was recommended by the County Board of Supervisors Tuesday as a means of preventing any additional drownings in the waters of the Dominguez slough.

The supervisors heard a report from the County Flood Control engineers that draining of the area would cost \$16,500, which only would provide a temporary solution. They stated that the next rain would again fill the slough.



PVT. KIYOSHI MINE
Illness Fatal

Young Torrance Soldier Dies Of Leukemia

A rare blood disease—leukemia—this week claimed the life of a 21-year-old Torrance soldier in Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco.

Succumbing to the disease Monday after a short illness was PVT. Kiyoshi Mine, son of Mrs. Kosuko Mine, of 1341 Plaza del Amo.

A graduate of Narbonne High School during the summer of 1949, Kiyoshi had been in the service only three months, and was just about to finish his basic training when he became ill.

He was in the camp hospital until last Friday, when he was transferred to the general hospital in San Francisco, according to his brother, Yutaka, who lives at the Plaza del Amo address.

Besides his mother and brother, Kiyoshi leaves two sisters, Shirley and Sachiko. He attended Torrance High School until transferring to Narbonne in the 10th grade, his brother said.

Final arrangements for the young soldier are being made by the family this week.

Building Permit Totals Remain Ahead of 1950

Building continued to hit a record pace during the month of July, according to figures released yesterday by Walter Bradford, the city's chief clerk.

Total building permit valuation for July was \$755,260, the official reported. It brought the 1951 total to \$8,590,863.

Although the July 1950 totals were much higher than the July 1951 totals, the totals for 1951 are keeping ahead of the record pace set last year. Total for 1950 at this time was only \$7,843,849.

State Sea Water Bill Report Is Due on Sept. 7

A comprehensive report on the work to be accomplished under AB 2712, which appropriates \$750,000 to investigate means of stopping salt water encroachment into underground fresh water basins, is being compiled by the State Engineer's office.

The report, which may designate areas in which the investigation is to be carried on as well as recommend study of reclaimed water as a source of supply for recharge wells, is slated to be submitted to the State Water Resources Board on Sept. 7 in Sacramento.

The project is considered to be of vital importance to the local west basin in view of the serious sea water damage here.

DEATHS BRING ACTION

Action by the two county agencies followed the death of four youngsters in the murky waters within the past month. Petitions signed by more than 250 nearby residents asked the supervisors to drain, fence or in some other way abate the attractive nuisance before any more adventure-seeking boys are drowned in the swamp-like ponds.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby said that at present, the Dominguez channel was in the process of being widened and would eventually drain the sloughs, but not for at least two or three years.

POSSIBLE HELP

Meanwhile, Darby suggested that for what good it might do the county legal department prepare an ordinance prohibiting swimming and boating in the ponds.

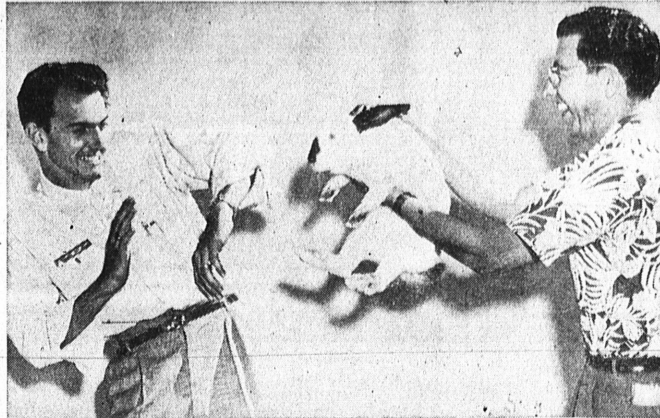
Flood Engineer H. E. Hedger recommended that the area be watched by a special patrol. The increased cost to the county was estimated to be an additional \$800 per month. This plan was deemed unwise by the supervisors, who saw in the recommendation a precedent-setting bit of legislation. It was pointed out that many other areas in the county require similar precautionary measures and that to patrol all would involve a considerable expense.

Civic Group to Name Chairman

Chairman of Councilman John S. Gibson's new Harbor City advisory committee will be selected tonight in a meeting at the home of Mrs. Frances Henkel, 25108 Normandie avenue.

Other members of the panel are Charles F. King, Albert Backman, Wesley E. Dana, Edward Killingstad, Ray Martinez, J. A. Moore and Santiago Carreras.

It will be the first session of the new organization. Regular meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month.



NOT ME, PAL . . . Jim Wood (right) shows an understandable reluctance to accept Able Mabel from Sam Van Wagner, chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce membership drive. Mabel is expecting sometime this month and Wood, like several other Jaycee members, is not interested in being Godfather to a bunch of little Harveys. (Herald photo).

Jaycees Toy with Hare Raising Idea

The Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce this week announced a membership campaign that is pregnant with possibilities.

While the 50 members of the young booster club are busy swapping "hare-raising" tales, one member (as yet unknown) is about to go into the rabbit business.

Central character in the drama is Able Mable, a young rabbit who is reported to be "that way" by a Walter Winchell-like announcement from Vardis Rabbity at 2220 West 230th street who furnished the rabbit for the drive.

The young expectant mother, whose due date is known only to the Wards, will be comfortably housed in a portable hutch and will pass from member to member until someone is in the rabbit business. To pass the rabbit on, a member must sign a new member to the organization.

OPERATION EMGAM

Heading the membership drive, which is being called "Operation EMGAM," (Every Member Get A Member), is Sam Van Wagner. He will start out with Mabel. Next in line is Jim Wood, who has been appointed publicity chairman for the Jaycees. From there on, it will be passed on as the members are signed up.

Requirements for membership in the Junior Chamber state that members must be between the ages of 21 and 35, Wood said. Purpose of the organization is the improvement and development of the community, improvement and development of

OK Rubbercraft For \$23,000 Plant Expansion

Approval of a \$23,000 building project at Rubbercraft Corporation of America at the Torrance plant located at 2102 Border avenue was granted July 18 by the National Production Authority of the United States Department of Commerce it was announced this week.

Among 423 commercial building projects approved by the NPA this month the expansion of the Torrance plant of Rubbercraft will be in the form of an office and factory building containing 4375 square feet.

Construction costs approved by NPA were \$23,600 but the building permit valuation issued by the city was less than \$23,000, according to city records.

The new building will have asphalt floor, and be of precast, fill-up type of construction. Roach Construction Company of Los Angeles will do the building.

Donkey Ball Clash Slated by Optimists

Members of the Lomita Optimist Club will meet members of the Torrance Optimist Club Saturday night, August 18, for the donkey baseball championship of the lower Crenshaw basin.

Clowns, professional wrestlers and other sidights of the game of donkey baseball are being planned, according to Dr. Allen Pyeatt, president of the Torrance club.

Residents Pledge Aid For Flood Victims

Torrance residents, answering President Truman's appeal to help Kansas flood victims, this week contributed \$500 through the Torrance Chapter of the American Red Cross.

"We are part of the Los Angeles Chapter which has a goal of \$182,000," said Mrs. Don Hyde, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter. The President has asked for \$5,000,000 to aid the peoples of the disaster area.

MAROONED ON TRAIN

Painting a picture of the disaster and the urgent need for relief this week was Mrs. Sidney Brown, 1414 Hickory avenue, a nurse at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Brown and her two sons, Allen 14 and Dennis 12, were among the 350 persons marooned aboard the Santa Fe "El Capitan" for two days during the height of the flood.

"We could look out from our windows and see water on three sides of us. The two story farm houses showed only their gables. After being evacuated by the Army we were taken to the nearby town of Newton, which was not hit by the flood. The people there, all strangers to the passengers, were wonderful to us."

EFFECT FELT HERE

Feeling the effect of the flood although 8000 miles away was Mrs. Ethel Beck, assistant secretary of the Torrance Chapter of Commerce, whose brother lost his home and an 8-unit motel in the flood.

"My brother had just remodeled his home adding several electrical appliances, all of which were damaged beyond repair. He doubts if the home will ever be usable again," she said.

High praise for the job being done by the Red Cross came from another brother of Mrs. Beck, G. W. Blades, who is adjutant of the American Legion Post in the flood area.

TERRIFIC JOB

"The Red Cross has done a terrific job of supplying the flood victims with clothing. We have ample clothing, but what the people need now is financial assistance. The only source they have to look to is the Red Cross, the legionnaire wrote his sister.

Those wishing to contribute to the flood relief program need not contact the Red Cross headquarters here, Mrs. Hyde pointed out.

"Throughout the city of Torrance we have placed canisters in which citizens may drop a coin or two while shopping," she said.

MAIL ACCEPTED

However, those wishing to mail contributions to the relief fund should send their financial help to the Torrance Chapter, American Red Cross, 1754 Torrance boulevard.

Among the organizations and individuals who have contributed to the fund are these: Rotary Club members, \$7.93; Torrance Woman's Club, \$10; Torrance Junior Woman's Club, \$10; Sobada Dance Club, \$18.25; Miss Pat Clere, \$6.65; Mrs. Margaret Felker, \$25; Miss Sara Hoge, \$5; and America Rock Wool, \$25.

National Supply Earnings Set All Time Record

Net sales of \$103,633,461 in the first half of 1951 established a new all-time high record for the National Supply Company, it was announced this week following a meeting of the board of directors. Net income for the period was \$4,570,724.

These amounts compare with sales of \$85,985,672 and net income of \$2,505,218 in the first half of 1950.

Earnings per share of common stock in the first six months of this year were \$2.94 as compared with \$1.50 for the same period last year.

Provision for taxes on income under the present tax laws totaled \$7,525,000 on the first half-year earnings.

President A. E. Walker indicated that prospects for continued high production and sales of the company's products appeared sound for the rest of the year because of the current huge demand for petroleum products. National Supply, which is the world's largest manufacturer and distributor of oil field machinery and equipment, depends upon the petroleum industry for approximately 80 percent of its sales.

According to Walker in recent weeks there have been some 2700 rotary drilling rigs in operation in the United States and Canada, which constitutes record-breaking activity. In addition, he said, there are an estimated 500 rotary rigs operating in the rest of the world, excluding West Germany and the Communist countries. Of these 227 are operating in South America, 80 in Mexico, 62 in Africa, 36 in the Middle East, 20 in Europe and 73 elsewhere.

Under Two Flags:

Officials Act To End Boundary Line Split

Promises from officials of two cities, Torrance and Redondo Beach, this week indicated that the peculiar boundary problem near the ocean which already has resulted in two "house divided" situations is on the way to being solved.

The problem arises from the fact that the boundary line between the two cities bisects

12 business lots and eight residential lots. On one of the lots is the Riviera Beach Club while an apartment house occupies one of the other lots.

All kinds of complexities could develop if many more buildings are erected on the lots before officials of the two cities rearrange the boundary line.

At present, assuming a house were located on one of the lots, if a child left by the back door he would go to Torrance schools while if he left by the front door he might answer the chimes at a Redondo Beach school or vice-versa.

If a fire were to start in the kitchen of one of these homes Redondo Beach firemen could fight the blaze so long as it didn't reach the dining room which might be in Torrance.

It could happen that the same lot would be zoned for different types of buildings. A builder might find that he could build a residence on the front half of his lot but could only conduct a business, like a used car lot for instance, on the back half of

his lot if he conformed to zoning laws.

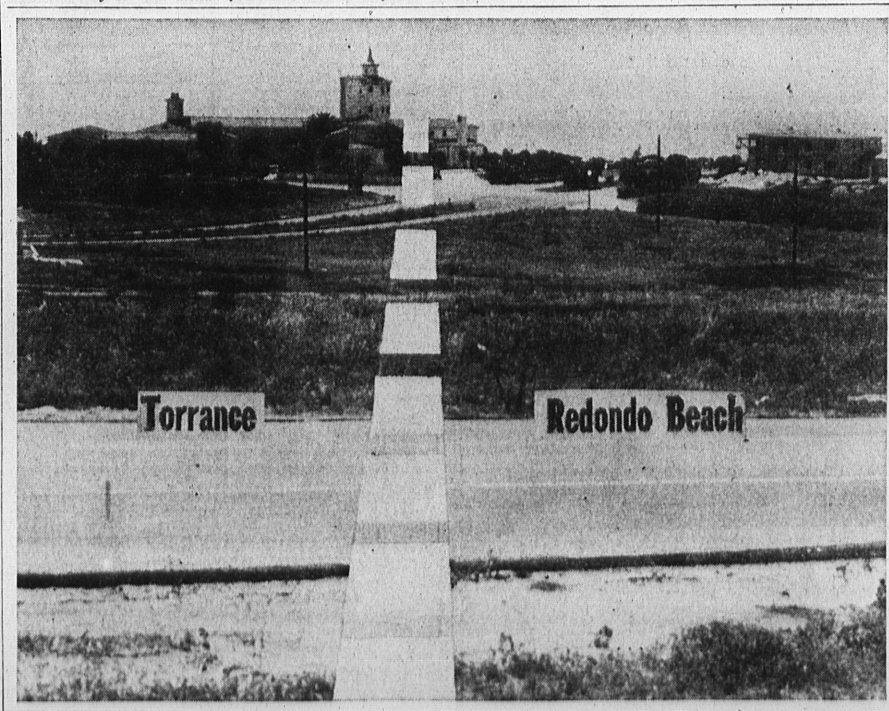
As it stands now with two houses on the same street, in fact next door to each other, it is possible that both would have front doors in different cities, and back doors in the opposite cities.

However, the problem appears to be on the way out.

City Attorney James M. Hall of Torrance said Friday he was starting the legal wheels turning to rectify the situation.

Also came a statement last week from George Coffey, City Manager of Redondo Beach. "I intend to recommend to city council that they instruct our city attorney to work with Mr. Hall on the boundary realignment problem," he said.

It will require that the matter be voted upon at a general election in both cities before the confusing issue can be untangled, the city officials said. Next election scheduled in Torrance is in April of 1952 while Redondo voters will not go to the polls for their next scheduled election until April of the following year.



A LOCAL 38th PARALLEL . . . Action instigated by the government of two cities this week may eventually result in a dog leg being inserted in the Torrance-Redondo Beach boundary line to eliminate splitting of lots by the line. At

present the line bisects several pieces of beach property, including the Riviera Beach Club in the background. It will require nearly two years before the confusing situation can be cleared, officials stated. (Herald photo).