Kettler Kapers

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The biggest news this week, of course, was the first day of school! An old familiar scene to most students, it was a great day in the life of the tiny beginner. Yessiree—we're all on schedule again!

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wise of 235th street entertained Sunday with a delightful buffet luncheon for 40 guests, following christening services for their infant son, David, which was held at the First Lutheran church. Little Susan Wise celebrated her third birthday, too, as did Mrs. Robert Moore of 235th street, who, incidentally, was David's godmother. Godfather for David was his uncle, Mr. Robert Olsen of Torrance. It was indeed a momentous and beautiful occasion for all.

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James and Josephine McMechan of Middlebrook road are spending a wonderful two weeks vacation at Lake Tahoe. Last weekend, Mr. McMechan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McMechan of the same address brought their little daughter Gail to spend this week with them.

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An evening of gaiety highlighted with a wiener bake in their patio was the recent party given by Ruth and W. G. Ruttan of Reynosa drive. Guests who enjoyed this delightful affair were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jensen of Anaheim, Miss Elizabeth Webber of Temple City, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frazier of Arcadia, Mr. Harley Lisle of Monrovia, Miss Metta Warren of Yorba Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Myers of Walteria, and Mr. and Mrs. McKinney of Torrance.

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From Omaha, Nebraska, is Mrs. Laura Wilson, who is visiting for two weeks at the Martha street home of her son John, daughter-in-law Ida, and grandson John. Previous to her visit here she was their hostess in Omaha, the young Wilson's spending two weeks' vacation at her home.

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Tommy Cook, of 2822 Gramercy avenue, will be one of the entries from Kettler in the big Soap Box Derby to be raced on Kid's Day, September 22. Tommy is the 14-year-old boy who brought home the trophy from the recent Chevrolet Derby held at Arroyo Seco. We'll be rootin' for you, Tommy. Good luck!

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While we're at the Cook's residence, let's greet Tommy's mother, Mrs. Mavis Cook, with some real happy though belated birthday wishes. Mrs. Cook celebrated her birthday as honoree of a lovely birthday dinner given by her mother, Mrs. Joe Clarkson, and her sister, Mrs. Crawford.

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Navy news this week is from Frankie Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. "Tom" Andreoli of Kathy way. Frankie, one of Uncle Sam's newest "Bluejackets" has been assigned to duty aboard the U.S.S. Iowa at dock in San Francisco. It's his very first experience with sailing soo. "Bon voyage, Frankie!"

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Here and There: Mrs. Iris Duncan had a guest at her home on Middlebrook road. Her cousin, Murnon Potter, came down from Colton to enjoy several days' stay before returning to school . . . It's nice to see Mr. John Truesdale out and around his Reynosa drive home again. Mr. Truesdale has been convalescing since his return from the Torrance Memorial Hospital . . . The Bakers, Jack and Millie, of Kathy way, enjoyed an evening of fun and dancing Saturday when they motored down to Ocean Park to enjoy the Champagne Music of Lawrence Welk . . . Briefly saw the Jim Withycombes, former Kettlerites, last week when they moved to Berkeley . . . Mrs. Thelma Setser of Walnut street entertained Monday eve with an informal party for neighbors and friends.

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The first fall meeting of the Torrance Cub Scouts was held at the home of Edgar Bell, on Falena avenue, last September 10. Plans were made for the coming year with a membership program as the first project. Any boy in this area between the ages of 8 and 11 who is interested in cub scouting is urged to contact any of the following persons: Bell, who is publicity chairman; Gene Beavers, activity chairman; Newell Wayt, cubmaster; Jewell Johnson, den mother of Den 5; Eva Ross, her assistant, or Dorothy Mearing, den mother of Den 8. Den mothers meet at Mrs. Mearing's home, 2204 Gramercy avenue, on September 24.

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It's nice to see so many women from Kettler Knolls giving their whole-hearted support to the Torrance Elementary PTA for the coming year. Those holding offices are Mrs. Kenneth Sexton, recording secretary; Mrs. Roy Dawson, auditor and registrar; Mrs. Gene Beavers, ways and means chairman; Mrs. Don Minor, Founders' Day chairman; Mrs. Larry Brown, room mothers' chairman, and Mrs. Walter West, historian. Nice going, Girls!

Longren Request To Get Action At Next Meeting

Postponed until the next regular meeting of the City Council was action on a request by the Longren Aircraft Company which sought permission of the Torrance City Fathers last week to beautify and expand its facilities on Carson street.

The Planning Commission recommended the council approve the company's program, but only if the concern met five requirements suggested by the commission.

Mayor Bob L. Haggard informed the audience that a decision on the matter would not be rendered at Tuesday's meeting since some of the "evidence" in the case was not as yet available to the council.

Objecting to the company's plan are a score of homeowners adjacent to the plant. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett read a petition signed by five pages of nearby residents objecting to the expansion program. A letter from L. W. Sawyer urging the council to deny the request also was read.

The Planning Commission had recommended approval of the company's proposal if the company complied with these requirements:

1. Refrain from any type of burning.
2. Provide employees with a paved off-the-street parking area.
3. Beautify the Date and Elm avenue frontages as well as the Carson street frontage.
4. House all machinery within buildings and install such soundproofing as would be necessary to control excessive noise from machines.
5. Complete the construction work within 120 work days.

At a recent meeting of the commission, residents living near the plant which is located at 2567 W. Carson street, objected to the noise, dust and unkemptness of the plant. Plant officials explained that any move at the present was very unlikely since the company is engaged in manufacturing parts for seven major aircraft companies. A plan of remodeling and modernizing the exterior of the plant was drafted so that the industrial plant would be less of a community detriment.