

Chest Leaders Shoot for One Day Campaign Wind Up

GIRL, 12, POLIO VICTIM

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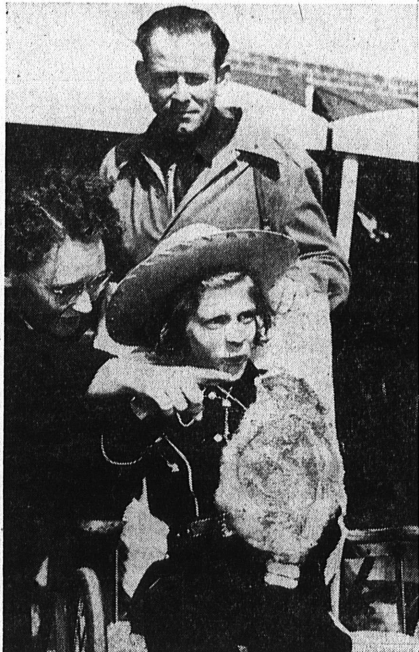
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POLIO WINS . . . After three years of battling to recover from a polio attack, 12-year-old Nancy Jones lost her fight Tuesday night when a relatively simple chest ailment proved too much for her weakened chest. She died only minutes after being rushed to the Harbor General Hospital. She is pictured here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Jones, enjoying a local carnival. (Herald photo.)

Chest Ailment Fatal To Girl Polio Victim

A polio attack three years ago contributed to the death of 12-year-old Nancy Dale Jones Tuesday night at the Harbor General Hospital.

Nancy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. LaVerne Jones, 1612 Cota avenue, died only minutes after entering the local hospital for treatment of a severe bronchial condition.

Mrs. Emy Schiller and Eugene Cook ordered the child sent to the hospital when it became apparent that the muscles of her chest, weakened and destroyed by a polio attack in 1948, failed to respond to permit her to clear the liquid in her bronchial tubes.

The victim, a former Torrance Elementary School student, was stricken with polio on July 23, 1948 and spent the next 23 months in the hospital. She came home in June of last year and had spent the ensuing 17 months in a wheelchair.

Last week she was admitted to the Harlan Shoemaker School For Handicapped Children in San Pedro, and was the "guest of honor" at a picnic held in Torrance Park by members of Mrs. Ethel Lewis' home teaching class.

Her father is a former Torrance Herald press foreman. Her mother, Wilma Jones, has been one of the most active workers in the annual March of Dimes Campaign, often consenting to pictures of her and Nancy to be used to promote the campaign.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Stone and Myers Chapel with Rev. Cecil England officiating. Interment in Green Hills Memorial Park will follow. She is to be in state today at 7 a.m.

Two sisters, Sally 10 and Patricia 8, are among the survivors. Surviving also are her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Jones of Riverside; a grandfather, F. N. Arnold of San Rafael and a grandmother, Mrs. W. N. Shoop of Riverside.

pallbearers will be William E. Buckley, Charles W. Robison, Fred E. Smith and Jack O. Baldwin.

To Kick Off Chest Drive Here Monday

Torrance's Community Chest business unit will get a week's head start on the residential unit when Paul Diamond and his volunteers start soliciting stores and shops employing 10 or less persons Monday.

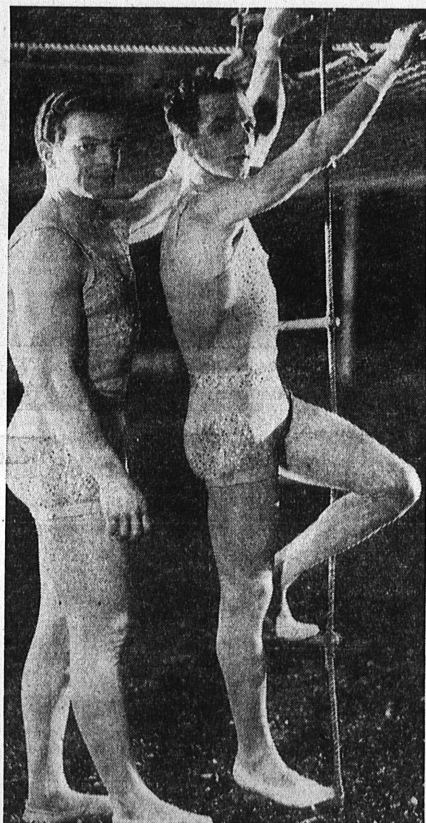
Business Chairman Diamond will hold his kickoff meeting Monday morning at 9 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce. Working with Diamond are Section Chairmen Eddy, Raphael and Dean Sears, and 20 volunteer workers.

One week later, on October 29, the residential campaign will begin and if plans go as scheduled, end on the same day. This year Torrance will strive to meet its goal on one day.

City Chairman Jack Dabbs and his volunteer workers have accepted a challenge from Lomita's City Chairman Earl Bar-

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Trapeze Artist Buried In Famed Codona Shrine



FINAL ENCORE . . . Buried yesterday in the much-visited shrine in Inglewood Park Cemetery was Abelardo Lalo Codona (left) the "catcher" of the famous "Flying Codonas." Pictured with Lalo, a former resident of Waverly, is Alfredo, his brother, the "flyer" in the world-renowned act. He died in 1937. The brothers are buried in the family plot guarded by a 12-foot statue showing a broken trapeze rope—cause of the death of Lillian Leitzel Codona, another member of the famous family.

Desire to Buy Present for His Daughter Lands Man in Jail

Because he wanted to buy his daughter a birthday present, George Bertie Johnson today faces a charge of burglary, grand theft, and vagrancy.

Johnson, 31, was caught by two men last Saturday who heard the cries of Mrs. Eliza Travoli, local realtor, claiming that the suspect had stolen her purse.

RING VALUED AT \$300 . . . The suspect is charged with taking a purse from Mrs. Travoli's real estate office at 1350 Engracia avenue. The purse contained \$137 and a diamond ring valued by Mrs. Travoli at \$300. The purse was found in a yard near the real estate office.

Mrs. Travoli said she entered the rear of the home where she also maintains a real estate office to see a man leave the front door carrying her purse. Her cries to "Stop that man. He has stolen my purse" were heard by two teenage boys who took up the chase.

PAIR JOIN CHASE . . . They were joined in the chase by Roy Miller, 1925 Torrance boulevard and Marvin Mead, 1512 West 219th street, who apprehended the suspect and held him until the police arrived. He was nabbed in the alley in the rear of 1107 Amapola avenue.

The two youths whose names were asked to be withheld by their parents, showed down in their pursuit of the suspect when, according to the youths, he threatened to kill them with a pocket knife if they didn't quit following him.

TO RENT ROOM

Johnson said he entered the real estate office in search of a room to rent. He claims he has been out of work for a year. He was broke, he told police, and was hoping he could rent a room "on the cuff" until he could get a job in a local plant.

The suspect said he wished he had some money to buy his 10-year-old daughter a birthday present. He had 16 cents on his person when he was booked.

Judge John A. Shlider set today at 2 p.m. for Johnson's preliminary hearing.



LAST OF THE CODONAS . . . The death this week of Abelardo Lalo Codona, her brother, leaves Mrs. Victoria Codona Adolph as the last living member of the famous Codona family—once the most famous name in the circus surrounded by pictures and scrap books gathered during her 18 years in the big top, she reminisces about the many events in the thrilling lives of the most respected name of all trapeze acts—"The Flying Codonas." (Herald photo.)

Only One Flying Codona Survives

A chapter in the exciting saga of the famed Flying Codonas, the most noted family of aerial acrobats in circus history, was closed yesterday morning with the burial of Abelardo (Lalo) Codona, last surviving male member of the troupe, in the family's lavish tomb in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

At the close of his death-defying career in 1939, the world-famed trapeze artist had settled in Waverly as co-proprietor of a flourishing wheel alignment business, which he later moved to Pacific Coast highway and Searsville avenue, Harbor City. He had been a resident of Long Beach since 1944.

Watching silently as last respects were paid to the supplanted "catcher" of the troupe was a still beautiful grey-haired woman, Mrs. Victoria Codona Adolph, Lalo's sister and a pioneer Waverly citizen. A former acrobat with the family, she now terms herself "the last of the Flying Codonas."

Two of the community's present streets, Los Codona and Adolph, are named after the families.

Requiem mass was held at 9 a.m. yesterday in Holy Innocents Church, Long Beach for the former circus performer who died Friday in his home. He was 55.

Other survivors include his widow, Anita; a daughter, Mrs. Lita Paschas, Long Beach; two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Krukow, San Bernardino and Mrs. Hortense Ferranti, Los Angeles; and a brother, Edward, of Crestline.

A member of a family which had been trapeze performers throughout three generations, Codona began his career as a boy and saw many tragedies strike the troupe.

In 1930 while they were still the toast of the continent, the beautiful Lillian Leitzel Codona fell to her death from a trapeze in Copenhagen.

Three years later her husband, the handsome, breath-taking Alfredo Codona fell in New York to a personnel shortage results in inefficient operation of the buses.

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Dorothy Cates — "Miss Broomette"

LOVELY DOROTHY . . . voted by the members of the Torrance Lions Club as the girl they would like most to have sweep them off their feet, reminds local readers of two forthcoming events, the Brooms for the Blind Sale on Friday and Saturday, and Halloween on October 31. She reminds us also that no witch's costume is complete without a broom. "Better get one Friday," she urges. (Herald photo.)

Brooms for Blind \$\$ Do Duty on 3 Fronts

"Your dollars spent during the annual Brooms for the Blind Sale actually do duty on three fronts," Lions Club President Paul Diamond pointed out this week in urging local citizens to support the sale on Friday and Saturday of this week.

"First of all," Diamond said, "the brooms are purchased

from blind persons who construct the brooms. Secondly, the profit from the sale of the brooms is used by the Lions Club to provide glasses, examinations and other eye care for less fortunate children of Torrance. And, of course, thirdly the person supporting this program by the purchase of a broom actually receives a usable household item for their financial assistance in the program.

Assisting in the sale of Brooms for the Blind will be members of the Torrance Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs, according to Dr. Rollin Smith, chairman of the event.

Lending a helping hand also are members of L'onesty, who are making phone contacts under the chairmanship of Mrs. Don C. Moskos.

Friday and Saturday 15 locations in central Torrance will be manned by members of the Lions Club and assisting groups who will sell the brooms. Three types of brooms will be available—whisk brooms, regular brooms and small children's brooms which may be used to fill many "special" uses about the home.

Plant officials reconstructing the accident from the meager evidence available surmised that the painter must have lost his balance, grappled for the crane runway to save himself only to have the crane run over his fingers a few seconds later. There were no witnesses to the accident.

The victim, an employee of National for the past year, was working in the weld shop when the accident occurred.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Looney; two brothers, Marvin and Mode; a sister, Mrs. Fanny Burns, all of Augusta, Arkansas and another sister, Mrs. Ida Crail of Memphis, Tenn.

Shipment of the victim's body to Augusta for burial is in charge of Stone and Myers Mortuary. There will be no services here.

He was a member of the American Legion of Blytheville, Arkansas.

Kiwanis Pancake Feed Nets \$1189

A final report to the Torrance Kiwanis Club by Don Hitecock, chairman of the Kid's Day pancake breakfast, held in the Civic Auditorium recently, showed that the affair netted the club \$1189.17. The money will be used to defray the cost of sending Torrance kids to Alondra Park during the summertime Learn-to-Swim program.