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Bloodmobile Visit Marks Drive Start

A visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile here next Monday, March 3, will be the signal for the kickoff of the 1952 fund-raising campaign for the American Red Cross.

Monday's visit of the Bloodmobile will mark the 14th time he unit has been here since the Torrance branch of the Red Cross was reactivated in 1950.

Much of the success of continuing blood drives in Torrance is due to the organization of more than 35 Red Cross participating groups. These groups make blood available to approximately 5000 persons.

The participating group is a plan whereby industry, church groups and other organizations arrange to donate blood as a group. This blood is credited to the organization, then in time of need blood is available to every member or employee and his immediate family regardless of whether the beneficiary is a blood donor.

"For thousands of years blood was the symbol of tragedy and death. Today it is the world's greatest agent of life and hope," one Red Cross official said.

Because of the support of Torrance residents to the Red Cross Blood drives, two deliveries of Red Cross-collected blood are made each week to the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Blood at the hospital is available to patients there requiring it.

Other services benefiting the community include the canteen and equipment units now being assembled at the Torrance branch of the Red Cross to be used in the event of a disaster in this area.

The local Red Cross has on hand 200 quilts, which were made by local sewing groups and individuals.

Processing and storing this equipment costs money, however, and each individual contribution to the fund drive is important. Without funds the branch cannot operate.

Volunteers will be in the area during the next few days soliciting funds to continue the operation of the Red Cross here. They ask for your support.

JIM DUMM
. . . Brand New G.I.

Herald Printer Enters Service

James M. Dumm, 21, a Torrance Herald printer for the past two years, has a new job.

Dumm reported to Ft. Ord yesterday morning for induction into the Army. He was called to service "by his friends and neighbors."

A graduate of Long Beach Wilson, Dumm did job printing and newspaper work with a Catalina Island firm prior to coming to the Herald. He lives in Long Beach.

Composing room men held a party for the new GI Saturday night.

Harbor Hospital Granted $84,000 For Expansion

More than $84,000 was granted to Harbor General Hospital by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday to be used in expanding the medical teaching facilities there, it was announced yesterday.

Some use has been made of Harbor General facilities by the University of California at Los Angeles Medical School, but until a full scale teaching program can be undertaken, present equipment must be brought up to date, the Supervisors said.

The full scale program will help in the recruitment of internes and resident doctors as well as provide better care at the lowest cost to patients, they reported.

Tri-Hi-Y Cake, Cookie Sale Set for Sat. Downtown

cookies will be offered by members of the Torrance Tri-Hi-Y Saturday morning when they hold a benefit cake sale in front of the Sam Levy Department Store.

All funds raised will be used to further the activities of the Tri-Hi-Y, affiliated with the YMCA.

Permits Out For More New Homes Here

Permits for six new dwellings on 160th St. to be built by W. G. Barclay were taken this week, reports of the Torrance Building Department reveal.

With a total valuation of $56,010, the homes will be constructed between Haas and Arlington Aves. Other permits were issued to:

Frank Morris, 626 Calle Miramar, dwelling, $14,000; Inglewood Farms, 3400 Del Amo, refrigerator storage addition, $3000; Mrs. Celia Pons, 1612 Cabrillo Ave., store, $12,000; Overland Investment Co., 23856 Park St., dwelling, $65,000.

Also issued were permits to: John McTiernan, 2713 Monterey St., residence, $7800; N. A. Williamson, 1904 Martina Ave., addition to dwelling, $1800; Frank Morris, 312 Camino de las Colinas, dwelling, $16,500; Associated Oil Co., 2114 Torrance Blvd., remodel, $5000.

Two Invited for IH College Day

Two Torrance High senior girls and their parents will attend annual college day exercises at Immaculate Heart College Sunday, March 9.

Miss Lois Cowden and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Cowden, 1529 W. 223rd St. and Miss Martha Smith and her parents, of 507 E. 223rd St., have received invitations from the college, it was announced this week.

Student leaders will tell guests of the college traditions and activities.

High school seniors from all over Southern California are expected to visit the college during the afternoon, it was stated.

'At Home' Pupils Show Work In Public Library Display

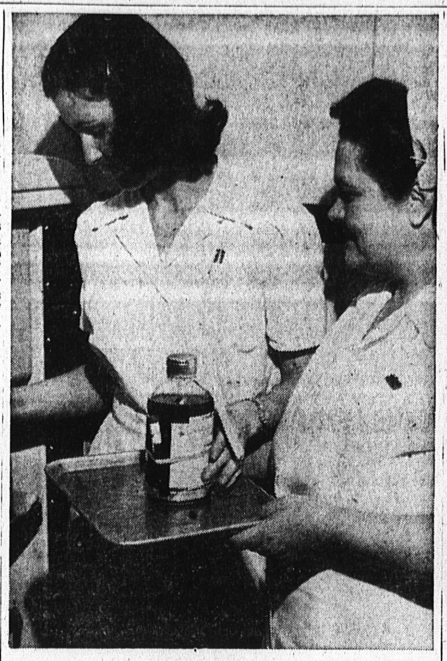
A display of work done by handicapped children of Torrance who are taught at home by Mrs. Ethel Lewis, home visiting teacher, is being shown at the Public Library.

Children of all ages suffering from polio, hip bone deterioration, spiral bone fractures, tumor surgery, epilepsy and rheumatic fever are taught at home to live regular, active lives through the assistance of the home teacher.

Shown in the display is a corduroy skirt, made by a 10th grade girl, an embroidered Philippine pillow case, an acorn necklace and many other projects.

Some of the regular class writing projects are also shown. A special book on grooming and manners makes the rounds of the "at home" young people.

One young student has drawn out the complete electrical circuit diagram of a doorbell. Others are learning the fundamentals of sign lettering.



READY SUPPLY . . . Patients at Torrance Memorial Hospital have a supply of blood available at the hospital through efforts of the American Red Cross blood collection units. The blood is made available to the hospital by the Red Cross Blood Center in Los Angeles. The hospital is not a blood center, however, but has the supply only for patients there who need it. (Herald photo).

Hat In Ring

Shidler Announces For Court Contest

John a Shidler, Judge of the South Bay Justice Court, yesterday added his name to the growing list of jurists who have announced their intention to seek election to one of the new South Bay Municipal Court offices which will go into operation next Jan. 1. He will seek Court No. 1.

City Judge of Torrance from 1941 to 1947, and Judge of the Gardena Justice Court, recently renamed the South Bay Justice Court, Shidler added his name to those of Collamer A. Bridge, Hermosa City Judge; Otto A. Willett, Torrance City Judge and D. Clifford Higgins, Manhattan City Judge. Higgins, Willett and Bridge have declared for Court No. 2.

"We have had only one elective judge in this area in the past," Judge Shidler said. "However, due to the recent Constitutional amendment reorganizing the local courts, we will have two full-time elected Municipal Court judges beginning Jan. 1, 1953," he said.

JUDGE SHIDLER
. . . Enters Court Race

Judge Shidler was first elected to the Gardena Justice Court in 1947 by a plebiscite to succeed the late Frank Carrell. He was reelected at the 1950 primaries, carrying 168 out of 178 precincts in Redondo, Hermosa, Manhattan, Palos Verdes, Gardena, Lomita and Torrance.

"Two years ago I received many votes from the new residents of this rapidly growing area," Judge Shidler said. "Like many of our new people, I am a veteran of World War II, have three small children and the usual problems of making a new home after a war."

Mrs. Shidler is the lovely Rosemary DeCamp, radio and motion picture star known to millions.

A veteran of World War II, Judge Shidler is well known to the older residents of the area. He came to Torrance in 1923, was graduated from the Redondo High School in 1928, and received BA and law degrees from Stanford and Loyola.

"During my tenure more than $500,000 of public funds have been collected and properly accounted for, and more than 7000 civil disputes have been determined in my court," he said.

The keystone of his previously announced policy has been to grant no special privilege, to fix no tickets and to receive no evidence outside of court.

In addition to serving the area judicially, the judge became a member of the Torrance Unified Board of Education in 1949. In 1950 he received 1759 of the 1770 votes cast at the school election and since then has served as president of that board.

Inaugurating teaching techniques in traffic court, Judge Shidler punishes traffic offenders by making them participate in a discussion of traffic problems of this area before assessing any fines. He predicts that in the not too distant future, traffic offenders will re required to attend night traffic school rather than to pay fines.

"This will make all people learn and prevent some persons from buying the right to violate the law," he commented.

He also explains carefully to all defendants who appear before him what their rights are in his court. He points out in each case that the defendant would not have these rights in Russia.

"Before a person can become a Communist, he must be dissatisfied with the democratic processes of his government," he explains.

"The individual is unimportant in Russia and exists only to serve the state. Here I treat each individual, no matter what his particular circumstances may be at the moment, with extreme care and dignity. I realize our courts only exist to serve the citizens," he added.

The candidacy for Judge Shidler for the court position has been endorsed by church, labor, veteran and other civic non-partisan groups.

"While I understand that I will not be opposed, I will welcome an expression by the voters of their approval or disapproval of my past stewardship," he concluded.

Soldier's Combat Valor Wins 3rd Highest Award

RECEIVES SILVER STAR . . . Corporal Alec C. Elliot, Torrance, is presented the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in Korea. Major General Robert B. McClure, 6th Infantry Division commander, makes the presentatation at Fort Ord. Corporal Elliot won the medal while serving with the 24th Infantry Division in Korea. (U. S. Army photo).

Silver Star Awarded to Torrance GI

Presentation of the nation's third highest combat medal to a Torrance soldier for courageous action in Korea last March, was made at Fort Ord, Calif., recently when Maj. Gen. Robert B. McClure pinned the medal on the tunic of Cpl. Alec C. Elliot.

Cpl. Elliot, son of Mrs. Lona May Elliot, 123 E. 216th St., received the medal for action on March 11, 1951, near Yonggong-Ni, Korea, while a member of Company A, 19th Infantry Regiment.

The original citation (Herald, Sept. 13, 1951) said Cpl. Elliot's unit was facing an enemy force estimated to be of company strength. The enemy was holding a hill, defending it with heavy automatic weapons fire.

Noting that the UN forces were halted in the area, Cpl. Elliot organized and led a bayonet charge through the wall of fire.

He shot two Reds, bayoneted another to destroy one position.

Unmindful of the heavy enemy fire still covering the area, he continued the attack. He ran into three enemy soldiers and killed one and was engaged in hand-to-hand combat with the other two.

He killed them both—then killed two more snipers.

"Cpl. Elliot's action aided immeasurably in his unit's advance," the citation read.

The 22-year-old soldier served 10 months in Korea. He also received the Purple Heart there for wounds suffered in combat. He is now assigned to train new soldiers in the United States.

FORREST W. MEYERS
. . . Leading Optimist

Meyers New President Of Optimists for '52

Forrest W. Meyers, charter member of the Torrance Optimist Club, was elected to serve as the service group's fifth president at the annual elections held Monday night. He will succeed Dr. Allen L. Pycatt, president during the past year.

Meyers, who owns the F. W. Meyers Insurance Co. at 1328 Crenshaw Blvd., was one of the men instrumental in organizing the service club here in 1948. Attorney Boris Woolley was the club's first president.

Elected to serve with Meyers as first vice-president was Chris Sorensen, member of the Alter Realty firm.

C. A. Woodcock, certified public accountant, was named 2nd vice-president; Reid Bundy, managing editor of the Torrance Herald, secretary; E. V. Winkelbauer, of the Bank of America, treasurer; and Cliff Graybehl, THS coach, sergeant-at-arms.

Named to the board of directors were Al Turner, Dr. Jack Roberts, J. Clyde Anderson, Vern Lovelady, and Richard Miller.

Installation of officers will be held late in March, according to Lovelady, chairman of the installing committee.

Other presidents of the club since its formation here five years ago have been Tweed Jolley, Delbert Vaughan, and Lovelady.

Youth Slashed By Car Gang In School War

In what police connected with the recent outbreak of violence between Narbonne and Torrance High Schools, a 16-year-old student was held by two youths and slashed by a third assailant Friday night.

John W. Holmes, 16, 25349 Woodward St., a Narbonne student, reported to sheriff's deputies that his car was forced to the curb at Eshelman Ave. and 253rd St. about 8:10 p.m.

When he got out of the auto, he said, two youths held him while another cut him about the arms and face with a razor blade. His injuries were superficial.

Holmes said he refused when the car, carrying four youths, first pulled alongside his and one of the boys shouted: "Pull over for a second; I want to talk to you." He was then forced to stop, Holmes said.

The youths jumped in the car and rode away after the attack, the victim told officers.

Girl Scout Asks Help in Finding Cookie Funds

Girl Scout Gwendolyn Hall, of 811 Faysmith Ave., is making an appeal to the person who found her plastic wallet in downtown Torrance.

The money purse contained $22.50, money received during the recent Girl Scout cookie sale campaign.

Gwendolyn told her story to Police Officer Harvie Turrentine and asked the police to help. The money, she says, belongs to Troop 1299 and it's needed badly.

Hail of Slugs Fails to Halt Keystone Crooks

Two men who had just robbed a Keystone business place jumped into their car and fled amidst a shower of bullets fired from the victim's gun last Wednesday night, all for 120 pounds of butter and 35 pounds of cheese.

Ben Cluff, owner of a dairy at 22028 Avalon Blvd. told sheriff's deputies that he saw the hoodlums as they were making off with the dairy goods and called to them to stop.

The thieves leaped into their auto and started to drive off—so Cluff opened fire. Two of the slugs, he told policemen, struck the get-away car.

He set the loss at $120. Deputies were unable to locate the suspects or the fleeing auto.

Dr. Hull to Participate In Educators' Meeting

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools here, will sit with a panel of prominent educators on a discussion of "Working With Advisory Committees" at a joint meeting of the American Association of School Administrators and the National Education Association to be held on the USC campus March 11.

Keystone Tot

Services Pending For Fire Victim

Funeral services are pending for two year old Julie Anna Morgan who was burned to death in her home Monday morning when her clothes caught fire while she apparently was playing with matches. Her mother was asleep in a nearby room.

The tot's mother, Mrs. Grace Morgan of 23721 Maribel Ave., Keystone district, told sheriff's deputies she awakened about 10:45 to find smoke pouring into the bedroom. She raced into the living room and found Julie's clothing aflame.

Mrs. Morgan picked up the youngster and hurriedly carried her into the bedroom where she smothered the fire with a blanket. The infant was found by a door which she apparently had tried to open, and escape.

A neighbor, Mrs. Florence Day, was attracted by Mrs. Morgan's screams, and called the fire department. County firemen, led by Capt. E. Evans, Eng. 36, confined the fire to one door and a small portion of the floor.

Julie was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital.

The father, Hubert, a Navy seaman, stationed at Astoria, Ore., was scheduled to arrive here yesterday evening.

Mrs. Morgan said that she had been up all night with another youngster, and had not gone to bed until about 6 a.m. Julie later got up and went into the living room to play.

Cartwright Mortuary, Wilmington, is handling the arrangements.

Car Fires Keep Firemen Hoppin'

It was car fire day for Torrance firemen Monday as smoke-eaters were called out to three separate vehicle blazes.

Headquarters station firemen rolled to a lift truck fire at the Navy Supply Depot, and an auto fire at Border Ave. and Carson St. Damage was slight in both instances.

But fire fighters at the North Torrance house had a real picnic. A junk truck loaded with old mattresses and rags burned at 164th St. and Redondo Beach Blvd. The fire was confined to the contents, and the truck was not damaged.

Rites Held for Pueblo Resident

Rosary will be recied for Regin Villegas, 87, by the Rev. Anthony Cambra at Stone and Myers Chapel Friday at 8 p.m. Mass will be celebrated the following morning at St. Joseph's Church.

Villegas, who lived at 2244 W. 203rd St., is survived by a son, Charlie, and five daughters, Lupe, Rose, Virginia, Peggy and Lucille.

Interment will follow Mass at Woodlawn Cemetery, Santa Monica.

THS Writers Prepare for Festival

Seven Torrance High School playwrights are putting finishing touches on one-act plays they have written for the forthcoming Thespian Society Play Festival.

The original plays will be judged this week-end and three will be selected for presentation in the school auditorium on March 19, 20 and 21.

Plays being considered for presentation have been written by Sandra Pestoff, Donna Latture, Jo Ann Beard, Dwight Hanna, Dorothy Keil, Richard Knappenberger and Leo Meltveldt and Ted Lloyd.

Judges for the festival are Dr. James H. Butler, professor of drama, USC; Arthur Friedman, professor of theater arts, UCLA; Jack Gribs, screenwriter, Cecil B. DeMille Productions and Desmond P. Wadberg, high school drama instructor.

Trophies to the three winning playwrights will be awarded by Rosemary DeCamp, radio and motion picture actress.