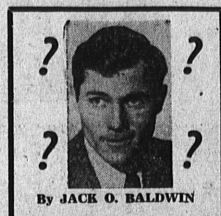


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Seventeen



By JACK O. BALDWIN

A column about oilwells, wives, Martinis, and other closely related subjects.

A reader calls to our attention that in the Torrance Business Directory under the heading "Carpet Layers" is to be found an advertisement for Green Hills Memorial Park.

Under the classification of I wish-I-had-written-that department would be a recent story in the South Bay Daily Breeze. The story concerned a lady just learning to drive and who drove off a cliff in Palos Verdes Hills. Said the story: "Mrs. John Jones, who is just learning to drive, took a turn for the worse yesterday."

Or this one written by George Barker, a former editor of the Torrance Herald, who wrote about an accident in Long Beach. Wrote he: "When Mrs. Jim Smith approached the intersection where Grand Ave. turns onto Fourth St., she didn't."

When two of our neighbors, Tommy and Ginnie Byrum returned from a visit to Washington, D. C., recently they found they had suddenly become quite famous. Our daughter who is six was touring the neighborhood showing off a picture postcard she had received from Tommy and Ginnie. "Here's the hotel where they are staying," she told everyone. The couple finally found the source of their short-lived fame. The picture postcard they had sent was a view of the White House.

News of their trip traveled fast as another offspring, young Donald, proudly boasted that Tommy and Ginnie had ridden to the top of the Washington Monument on an alligator.

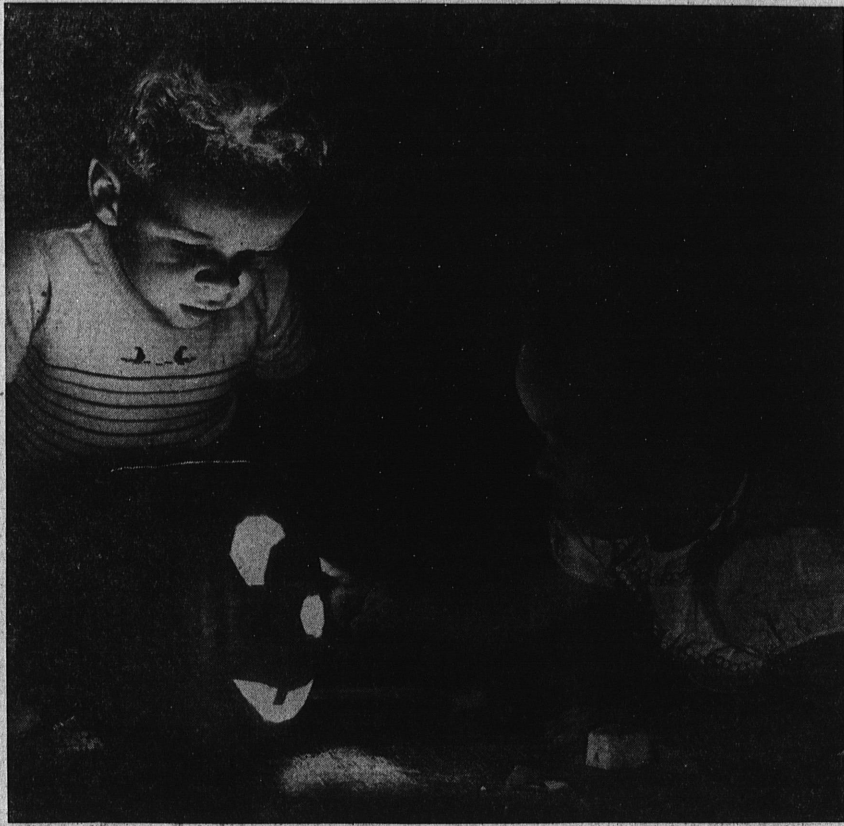
Don Sweeney, public relations tub-thumper for the General Petroleum Corp., says the Boy Scouts can keep their little maps and compasses and match stick sun dials for finding their way out of a jungle. He claims a hunter or trapper can be lost in a dense jungle—miles from anywhere—but the instant the trapper attempts to mix a Martini at least three guys will pop up and try to tell him how to mix it.

From the Kiwanis Bulletin we learn that Joe Doss, owner of "Food King Market, usually a mild-tempered, cooperative individual, lost some of his composure the other night. It had been a particularly rough day when along about midnight he received a phone call from a customer with a request that he be sure and save her a loaf of bread for the following day. Returning to bed, the indignity preyed on his mind so that at 3 a.m. he called the lady back and when she answered the phone, Joe asked, "White or whole wheat?"

From a recent news release of the National Supply Co., this: "The Apex rig includes a Type 160 modified three section drive group powered by three Superior Type PTDSQ-8 Dual Fuel Supercharged Engines, with 1 1/2 inch pitch quad compound chain and two dual speed pump drives to power two Ideal Type E-700 Slush Pumps. A standby Ideal Type C-250 Slush Pump is powered by an independent Superior PTDSQ-8 Dual Fuel Engine. The draw works is equipped with a Dynamic brake."

It's the truth, too!

The housewife who wants to earn extra money at home might harken to this bit of advice from Jack Lincke of the Children's Bill of Rights, Inc.: "From the standpoint of financial returns, divorce is the most lucrative business a California woman can get into," states Jack Lincke, executive secretary of the organization, whose headquarters are at 9538 Brighton Way in Beverly Hills. "There isn't another business a woman can enter without training or investment, dissolve the partner-



PRIZE-WINNING PHOTO . . . Amateur Photographer Frank Kristufek, an employee of Columbia Steel, was notified this week that the above photo of his children, Billy, 2 1/2 years, and Carol, 18 months, has been selected as one of the prize winners of a General Electric photo contest. Kristufek was

awarded a General Electric kitchen clock. The photographer, who lives at 2104 Martin Ave., has also won a Westinghouse award and a \$100 bond from Popular Photography in other contests.

## El Toga Shrine Club to Install Saturday Night

Mickey Eissa will be installed as the new president of the El Toga Shrine Club by illustrious Potentate Arch Fields, of Al



MICKY EISSA  
... New Shrine Leader

Malakiah Temple, Saturday night at the Western Club Cafe in Gardena.

Eissa will succeed President Al Gianni, who will become the Potentate's Ambassador.

Other officers to be installed at the dinner meeting, which convenes at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, will be Dr. Les Stevens, vice-president; Lt. Col. David, second vice-president; Charles P. McCann, secretary; J. Hugh Sherley Jr., treasurer; and Walby Baker, chaplain.

The new president belongs to the Hermosa Lodge, F & AM No. 557.

ship at will and come out of it with as much money as she can get in a divorce court."

Now that Attorney John Wild has joined Attorney Boris Woolley in the practice of law, who can deny that it is not a Wild and Woolley law firm?

## Carpenter Named To Recreation Society Board

Frank Carpenter, reappointed director of Recreation for the City of Torrance Tuesday night,

was elected director of the Ninth District for the California Recreation Society, it was announced Tuesday at the Annual Conference of the Recreation Society in Long Beach.

His election to the high state office places him on the 14-man Board of Directors of the Society. As a Board member he will meet with other board members three times yearly to decide on

matters of policy affecting the state-wide organization.

One of the projects which Carpenter will work toward is the certification of recreation directors much on the same basis as are school teachers.

Along with Carpenter attending the four-day conference are Mrs. W. C. Boswell and Mrs. Phyrne Laughon, both members of the Torrance Recreation Commission.

Carpenter has been active in the society ever since he came to California 5 years ago. He came

to Torrance in April of 1950 from Burbank where he was assistant director of recreation.

One of Carpenter's first official duties will be to attend the board meeting of the new 14-member board at a breakfast meeting to be held 7:30 a.m. Friday at the Hotel Wilton.

Last year the local recreation director served as president of the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation and as such presided, over a luncheon meeting yesterday noon.



BLASTS INFERIOR PLASTERING JOBS . . . Plasterer Weaver Jones, (right) shows Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce (center) and Jerry Alter, president of Alter Realty and Insurance Co. and the Alter Building Co. some of the samples of plaster he claims is of inferior quality and which is being applied to walls of many new homes in adjacent area.

## Teachers Pay Hike

# Bakersfield Quake 'Felt' Here in More Ways Than One

The recent earthquake in Bakersfield was one of the factors considered by the Board of Education recently in granting

teachers in the Torrance Unified School district a pay increase. This and several other factors were explained to members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting held in the YWCA building Tuesday noon by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

## UCLA-SC Grad Joins Woolley In Law Practice

Attorney John Wild, a veteran of 3 years army service, has joined Attorney Boris Woolley in the practice of law, the latter attorney announced this week.

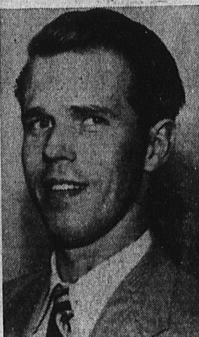
Wild, after serving a year and a half in the Pacific with the Amphibious Engineers, returned to the States and en-

Reason for the recent pay hike which amounted to approximately \$300 for the starting wage was to bring Torrance into a more favorable competitive position for good teachers. The Los Angeles School District recently increased starting salaries to \$3650 yearly. Many teachers, the Board found, were joining the L. A. System simply because of the higher salary, Dr. Hull stated.

Starting wage for teachers in the Torrance system is now \$3600.

According to Dr. Hull several factors made it possible for Torrance to raise salaries during mid-year. Proposition Two, recently passed by the state voters, will increase the amount of state aid for the local educational system approximately \$23 to \$25 per pupil. Also, Public Law 847 made it possible for Torrance to qualify for additional federal aid.

The earthquake in Bakersfield was "felt" here in more than one way. The local Board had budgeted salaries for teachers, administrators, and classified per-



ATTORNEY JOHN WILD  
... Association Announced

At present the Wilds, including an 11-month old son, Charles, are living in a recently purchased home at 17216 Eastwood Ave. in North Torrance.

Wild is a son of Dr. J. A. Wild, of San Pedro, Health officer for the harbor area.

sonnel who were expected to staff two new schools. However, when the earthquake hit hard at the schools in Bakersfield the State Division of School House Planning delayed approval on the plans for the two Torrance schools pending an investigation of the damage done to the quake-struck schools. As a result the Torrance Board was not called upon to spend the salaries to man the two schools as they had budgeted.

Still another factor affecting point of view of the Board itself, Dr. Hull claims that by hiring highly skilled specialists for a short time only to help solve problems arising in the Torrance district and then leaning upon principals and permanent personnel to work out the solution a saving is effected which in turn may be used to increase salaries of the teachers.

## Schedule Drama

Try-outs for parts in the Hampton Players' summer production, "The Two Mrs. Carralls," will be held Monday night, Feb. 16, at 8 o'clock at El Retiro Park Clubhouse, Vista del Parque, Hollywood Riviera.

Already in production for May is "Papa Is All."

The readings are open to the public, said Mrs. Claude Ferrel, president, and the play, according to director Bob Farnsworth, offers a real challenge to both players and production crew. A story of attempted murder in a smart, polite world full of charming people and witty talk, "The Two Mrs. Carralls" will be staged by the Players in August. With this production, the group will carry out its purpose of giving working experience and diversion to those interested in amateur theatricals, and to further the cultural and educational activities of the community.

# Plasterer Blasts Quality Of Walls of New Home Tracts

Use of inferior plastering materials and sloppy workmanship on new homes in the area was blasted this week by Weaver H. Jones, candidate for Congress at the last election and a local plasterer.

Jones claims he has inspected interior plastering jobs on several new home projects and found them to be "the rottenest job of first coat so-called hard-wall plaster I ever inspected." The plaster was soft enough to crumble beneath his thumbnail, he said.

Jones charges that "an inferior brand of plaster and the use of weak mixtures plus hasty application by plasterers working for contractors who demand high yardage production, are responsible for the poor plastering jobs he says he discovered in the area."

Even plasterers are confused, claims Jones, by several sets of specifications on bags of sand substitutes.

He claims that contractors working on a narrow margin of profit demand such high yardage production from their workers that the plasterer is unable to pay much attention to the quality of work he performs.

The one-time candidate for public office claims that since plasterers are forbidden to mix plaster, they are improperly skilled in their trade. He says that only common laborers are permitted to mix plaster whether or not they are familiar with proper mixtures or methods.

Jones stated that the homes he inspected were not within the City of Torrance and therefore did not come under the jurisdiction of local inspectors. He said the tracts were located near here, however.

## GAIN SEEN

Less than six million pounds of organic chemicals were obtained from petroleum in 1945. By 1950 the total was about 14.5 billion pounds.

## Tartar Teen Talk

# New Officers Given Dish Washing Chore

By JUDI REID  
No school today at T.H.S. due to Abraham Lincoln's birthday. All the Tartars wish you'd have birthdays more often, Mr. Lincoln. How about it?

The Scholarship Society had its annual banquet last Wednesday. They served a very fine ham dinner that went well with the Southern theme. The new officers were announced and then given the pleasure of doing the night's dishes. Those seen today with dishwater hands are President Richard Gatley, Vice-President Nancy LaDuke, Secretary Jan Hurley, Treasurer Carolyn Edmonds, and Historian Carolyn Harline.

An Inter-Class basketball tournament is scheduled for Friday, the 13th at the Tartar gym. The Freshmen will be battling the Juniors, with the Sophomores doing their best to defeat the Seniors. Donations will be taken at the door to build up the "Special Award Fund."

Sincere congratulations are sent from the Tartars to Mrs. Louis E. Ward, the former Miss Cell Samplere, well liked art teacher at Torrance High. Mrs. Ward plans to continue teaching throughout this year.

A spook show sponsored by the Junior Class will be held Feb. 20. "Frankenstein Meets the Wolfman" and "The Wolfman" will be the movies, so be sure to attend.

Never say goodbye to bad luck until you're sure it's gone. Harry Fraile, a senior at Torrance certainly found this to be true. Harry, who had been

walking on crutches since September with a broken leg was able to discard them last week. Then Friday after school he went to the beach and guess what happened, that's right. Harry's back on crutches. He re-broke his leg. Many Tartars have stated that they only wish it would have been someone else, even themselves, rather than Harry again.

Judy Wright was wished a happy birthday by many friends at her home last Monday night. A very delicious hamburger dinner was served and a good time was had by all.

The Tartar Knights and Ladies had a joint meeting of their clubs last Tuesday at Janet Williamson's house. Plans for the T.K.T.L. ball were discussed and refreshments were served.

The Senior Class installation was held last Tuesday. The new all-girl cabinet, President Arline Smart, Vice-President Betsy Shaw, Secretary Francis Frame and Treasurer Ellen Koehn, will have a big job ahead of them planning the seniors' graduation. A guest speaker, Mr. Minnie Minor, told of his experiences behind the Iron Curtain. In all it was a very fine program reported by the attendees.

Several Tartars were reported seen at Gary Hakanson's party last Friday night. All reported having had a wonderful time.

The basketball game this Friday night is to be held at Redondo Union High. The team really needs and wants your support, so everyone get out and go to the game.