

COTTON PRICE SUPPORTS

Cotton farmers in twenty states turned out 500,000 strong and voted 16-to-1 in favor of limiting production of the 1954 cotton crop.

Torrance Church Calendar

- CENTRAL CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN... FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH... TORRANCE ASSEMBLY OF GOD... SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD... ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MAKE 1954 CALIFORNIA'S SAFEST YEAR

A Proclamation

As we begin a new year, we in California have reason for very serious concern at the terrible cost of accidents during the past twelve months.

In view of these terrible losses and the vastly greater number of potential fatalities, causing untold suffering and tragedy in our State, I, Goodwin J. Knight, Governor of California, do hereby urge that all Californians cooperate with the National Safety Council and other safety organizations in a concerted effort to make the year 1954 CALIFORNIA'S SAFEST YEAR.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 10th day of December, A.D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

Goodwin J. Knight Governor of California

ATTEST: Secretary of State

Knight Opens Year With Safety Drive

Governor Goodwin J. Knight today issued 1954's first official Proclamation aimed at making the New Year the safest in California's history.

Drivers Start New Year with Blistering Pace

Starting the New Year at a blistering pace, seven local drivers had their licenses revoked or suspended by the Department of Motor Vehicles during the period Dec. 7-12.

'Woman at Well' Sermon Topic at South Bay Church

"The Woman at the Well" will be the topic of the sermon to be delivered by the Rev. George F. Cain at the 11 a.m. service of the South Bay Baptist Church this morning.



THEVESIAN TRIO... Enacting leading roles in the El Camino College dramatic production "Heaven Can Wait" left to right, Wayne Johnson of Inglewood, Miss Luaine Wickwire of Torrance High School auditorium, Jan. 15 and 16.

THS Grads Take Roles in Play At El Camino

Janet Williamson and Carl Larsen, Torrance High School graduates, will assume roles in the El Camino College fall play production of "Heaven Can Wait" to be presented at the Torrance High auditorium, Jan. 15 and 16.



WASHINGTON. — President Dwight D. Eisenhower has already launched his public relations effort for 1954. Starting before Christmas he began inviting key Congressional leaders to the White House.

The irony of the expected Presidential recommendations for defense is that the strength of the Army may be cut even more than ten per cent. A ten per cent manpower cut proposal some time ago brought an angry and indignant reply from some Army brass, but Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, supported by Ike, stuck to his proposal.

The major automobile producers, now pushing their 1954 lines, in most cases have just experienced the toughest selling period they have weathered in years. But the producers kept their prices high and made their retail dealers take a licking in many cases when sales weren't going as good as producers had planned.

As a result, some retailers had to scramble to sell cars at cost to get their money untied. Others got disgusted with the process and gave up dealerships. This was rare, admittedly, but in some lines it was done.

The producers know they can't continue to feed dealers to get cars in October, November and December. After all, most dealers had enjoyed fine profits and ideal selling conditions for years.

Considering the stakes, Ike is doing the only thing he can do—attempting to solidify support in the GOP for the Presidential recommendations. It may be the toughest political job he has ever undertaken.

In spite of howls from the military, especially the Army, the Administration has gone ahead with proposed cuts and the latest report indicates the 1955 budget (which covers the year beginning July 1) will include only about \$38,000,000 for defense.

This will be the recommended figure, and Congress may or may not accept it. It represents a cut of over five billions from the fiscal 1944 figures, however, and chances are excellent that Capitol Hill lawmakers will accept it.

Around the Garden 'n Plaza

New Babies Born To Two Families In Garden-Plaza

By HELEN AMOS FA 8-1986

There are two new babies to tell about this week. Mr. and Mrs. John Heller, 1115 Felbar Ave., are very proud of their first daughter, born Dec. 16 at the San Pedro Community Hospital.

It's another girl for Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nohr of 2818 El Dorado. The baby was born last Sunday evening, Dec. 27, at 11:34 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was born at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

These new boys joined Cub Scout Pack 201-C recently. They are Stevie Dabbs, Johnny Heller and Michael Burke, all of whom live in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gould of Gahna, are spending a few days with Mr. Gould's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William McDade, of 911 Felbar Ave.

Girl Scout Troop 1293 is taking a vacation this week after a wonderful job of caroling for Christmas. They will resume their meetings next week and they will start to work for their second class badges.

Please call FA 8-1986 to report any news items.

578th Engineers To Hold Reunion Dance in Lomita

Letters were sent this week to all former members of the 578th Engineers (C) Battalion inviting each to attend a reunion dance scheduled to be held on Saturday night, Jan. 16 at the VFW Hall, 2039 Lomita Blvd., in Lomita.

Proceeds from the dance will be sent to a church in Japan which the battalion chaplain, Chester Moulder, worked to rehabilitate and to which members of the battalion donated money while in Korea and Japan.

The 578th Engineers are sponsoring the church that they started, and hope to collect enough donations at the dance to provide a piano, seats and a stove, which the pastor of the church has said are needed.

Joe Sakai and his orchestra, featuring Jim Araki, "Mr. Jazz of Japan," at the piano, will provide the music for the dance. Sakai's orchestra was "Go for Broke" and "Tokyo Joe," according to Jim Bracken, member of the reunion committee.

Donations can be mailed to Bracken at 1105 W. 186th St., Gardena, Calif., if unable to attend the dance.

ENERGY RESERVES Government authorities estimate that coal and lignite comprise about 98 percent of the U.S. mineral fuel energy reserves, not including atomic power elements.

RAIL CENTER Chicago, world's largest railroad center, has about 7,800 miles of railroads trackage. There are 206 freight yards with a total capacity of nearly 280,000 freight cars.

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Coming Events

Monday, Jan. 4—School resumes at Torrance schools. Jan. 5, 6 — Adult Basketball League Opens... Torrance High School Boys Gym, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16—Reunion 578th Combat Engineer Battalion, VFW Hall, Lomita. Thursday, Jan. 28—Chamber of Commerce Installation dinner, Civic Auditorium, "Chuck Wagon" dinner.

Large Torrance Group to Attend Witness Meeting

The Torrance area will be represented by a delegation of 100 at the Circuit Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses to be held at the Hollywood Turf Club in Inglewood Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 8, 9 and 10. E. E. Johnson, presiding minister here announced yesterday.

All three days of the assembly will consist of Bible talks, discussions and illustrations, which are open to the public without charge. Highlighting the three-day meeting will be an address at 3 p.m. Sunday by L. E. Rensch of Brooklyn, N. Y., district minister of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. Officials anticipate a peak attendance of 4000 or more as Mr. Rensch speaks on the subject "What is Your Destiny?"

CHILDREN AREN'T FIREPROOF! Children need the protection of fire-resistant construction at home as well as in school. Remember — all it takes is a spark to turn a building of inflammable walls and ceilings into a raging inferno! Insist that the home you build or buy has walls and ceilings of genuine plaster troweled on lath — And insist on the same kind of construction for your public or private school buildings!

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Committeeman Named George Tanada, 21506 S. Perry St., has been appointed to the Air Pollution Committee of the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau—a volunteer organization of farmers—it was announced recently by Willard L. Cross, president.

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