



NEW STYLING . . . Dramatic new styling and new chassis and suspension engineering mark 1954 Cadillac improvements. The longer, lower Cadillac may be seen at Ronald E. Moran's in Hermosa.

New Cadillacs Now on Display

Lower and longer than ever before, the new 1954 Cadillac is now on display at Ronald E. Moran, Oldsmobile-Cadillac, 25 Pacific Coast Hwy., Hermosa Beach.

The eight automobiles making up Cadillac's line for 1954 are transformed by a modern, new styling and new chassis and suspension design producing extraordinary riding and handling quality.

Body styles are lower as is hood height, and the car is derived from the styling of the 1953 Cadillac Le Mans experimental show car.

The new Cads feature gull wing bumpers, protective headlight visors, panoramic windshield, 230 horsepower, a new suspension system, wider front tread and suspension design, and many colors—both interior and exterior.

Comedy, Suspense By THS Players On Center Menu

A mixture of suspense and comedy will be served at the Torrance Adult Center, 1318 Cravens Ave., Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. when the Torrance High School Players present the play "Minor Miracle," and scenes from the senior play "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Directed by Suzie Snyder, "Minor Miracle" stars Joe Laferty as Jordan, Walt Parker as Hale, Bob Hopkins as McClane and Ralph Clifford as LaSlo. "Arsenic and Old Lace," which will be presented as the senior play at the school auditorium on Feb. 6, stars Suzie Snyder and Joan Leech as Aunt Abby, Bobbie Heger and Norma Quine as Aunt Martha, Lynn Lorenz and Doralee Chaffin as Elaine, Hopkins as Mortimer, Laferty as Jonathan, Larry Radtke as Dr. Einstein, and Clifford as Teddy Brewster.

The Tartar players took a first place award last year at the statewide Pasadena Playhouse One Act Play Festival and "Minor Miracle" is being considered for entry into the festival this year, which will be held on March 22.

The entertainment was arranged for the Adult Center by Leonard Berekian, drama teacher at the school. Adults are asked to arrive early because there are only a limited number of seats available, according to Harry Van Bellehem, city recreation director.

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NEW THS COUNCIL . . . The new Torrance High School Student Body Council meets with President Greg Jenkins to start plans for the new school year. Seated around the table, left to right, are Esherwood Torman, Sally Sprout, Cynthia Easley, Claire Bentwood, Ronnie Busch, Dee Gibson, Jeildns, Jim Donat, Peggy Wood, Doris Popovich, Ann Steinbaugh, Norma Quine, and Pat Rozan. Not pictured are Ralph Clifford, Ollie Lessin, and Judy Reid.

NEW MOOSE INITIATED

Seven Torrance men, two Hawthorne applicants and one Lawndale candidate were initiated into the Torrance Moose Lodge recently, James Baudin, membership committee chairman, has announced.

Albert Isen, Torrance attorney, headed the January class of new Moose brothers. Also initiated were Joe Rodulovich, Robert F. Zeles, Leo E. Morris, M. L. Harris, Harlan Pouiter and H. L. Allison of Torrance, Leo A. Wilhelm Sr. and Clifton Buchan of Hawthorne, and Leo A. Wilhelm Jr. of Lawndale completed the class.

The Ladies of the Women's Society will conduct the 9 and 11 a.m. services of the First Methodist Church today as part of the observation of national "Thank Offering Day" of the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service.

Those who will conduct the services are Mrs. Mervin Schwab, wife of the Mayor of Torrance; Mrs. C. P. Olsen, Mrs. W. Kobes and Mrs. J. S. McMullen.

Mrs. John Taylor, wife of the church pastor, will speak on the theme "Thank Offerings" at the 9 a.m. service. The 11 a.m. service will be delivered by Mrs. Robert E. Young, wife of the former church pastor, and her subject will be "The Price of Freedom."

The Rev. and Mrs. Young are now serving at the Santa Barbara Methodist Church of Los Angeles.

New Treatment For Arthritis And Muscle Pain

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'Kiss Me Kate' Rates Good; Audience Bad

By AGNES BOLTER. "Kiss Me Kate," which opened at Redondo Union High School last Friday night was a good show — no thanks to the audience.

The small crew of theatergoers viewing the performance put a big barrier between themselves and the South Bay Civic Opera Company—a barrier difficult for the most talented star to surmount.

"I bought my ticket," most of the spectators seemed to say silently, "now you show me that I didn't waste my money."

No one in the audience wasted his money; he got it back a hundredfold in good entertainment.

The romantic leads, Orlene Backus of Hollywood Riviera and James Boyd brought a lusty vitality and fine sense of comedy, coupled with outstanding singing voices, to their roles as Lilli Vanessi (Kate) and Fred Graham (Petruccio).

Patsy Bangs, guest dancer, added much to the show with the sensuous "Were Thine That Special Face" and the fast-whirling "Tarantella." One talented miss appearing with her in the latter, Patricia McGrath, will bear watching.

Another dance number, "It's Too Darn Hot," added rollicking rhythm.

Winning the only mid-act encore with "Brush up Your Shakespeare" were Van Pinney and Harry Farley, who played a two droll summer. A fine sense of timing and booming baritone voices contributed to their success.

Voices of Rae Hindman, second feminine lead, and Don McDaniel, who played Ralph, however, could not be heard beyond the sixth row. This was partly the fault of the orchestra, for although each instrument sounded well, the final result of the whole component was too loud.

The show will be staged again next Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon. Tickets may be obtained by calling FRontier 2-8070.

Van Bellehem Spikes Rumor Of Monopoly

Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem this week spiked rumors that the Torrance Adult Center, 1318 Cravens Ave., is for the exclusive use of the Torrance Adult Club and said that the Center is open to all who want to use regardless of membership in the club.

The Adult Club uses the Center as its home base, Van Bellehem said, and provides many of the adult activities there, but the Center's facilities are available to everyone.

"The idea behind the club," Van Bellehem said, "is to organize a group of adults in Torrance who can plan and provide a broad program of activities for the local adults."

Van Bellehem said that the adults must be organized if they want to have a program with which to occupy their leisure time. "It is impracticable for the Recreation Department to furnish the leadership necessary to organize and conduct the many activities that these adults want," the Recreation Director stated.

Some of the activities of the club include picnics, boat rides, card parties, fishing trips, dance classes, hobby shows, pollock dinners, shuffleboard leagues and tournaments, and craft classes.

Senior citizens were warned that they should join the club before Feb. 6 if they want to become charter members. Adults may join by attending the Thursday evening meeting or by applying for membership any day at the center.

Coming Events

- Wednesday, Feb. 3—North Torrance Civic Improvement Association meeting, McMaster Hall, film on teen-age drug addiction.
- Saturday, Feb. 6—High School Senior play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," THS auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 8—Red Cross Blood Bank, Civic Auditorium, 3 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 18—Registration for primary election closes.
- Tuesday, March 9—School Bond Election, Torrance Unified School District.
- 11-12—Torrance Herald Cooking School, Civic Auditorium.
- Tuesday, April 18—Municipal and primary election.

Mayor Named

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merce and the newspapers to help.

Retiring President Plomert thanked everyone for making his two-year term a pleasant one, and asked them to "give Paul your willing support."

Honored guests at the dinner included State Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and wife, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, new representative of Torrance on the Board of Supervisors, Mrs. John Shidler (Rosemary DeCamp), whose husband, president of the local Board of Education, acted as master of ceremonies at the dinner; Mr. and Mrs. Otto E. Willett, Mrs. Paul Loranger, Mrs. Grover C. Whyte and Mrs. William Laughon, and the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wendle.

The evening was climaxed with the showing of "Torrance, the City of Industrial Opportunity," a color sound film made by Riviera Productions, giving a 24-minute tour of the entire city, from playgrounds to industries.

First Federal Plans Office For Lomita Soon

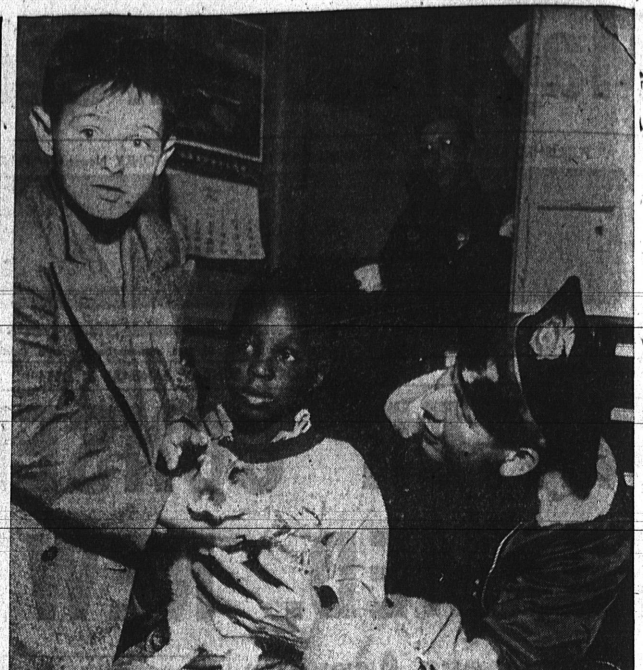
Establishment during the next few months of a Lomita branch office of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of San Pedro has been approved by Home Loan Bank Board Resolution No. 6778, just received by George G. Collins, executive vice-president and manager of the financial institution.

"As soon as suitable office space is located, the Lomita branch will be placed in full operation to serve the growing number of residents in the Lomita-Harbor City-Torrance area," Collins said. Currently, more than 500 savers and home owners in the branch district are customers at First Federal Savings' San Pedro office.

37,000 Phone Calls Made Here During December

Seem to be getting more busy signals lately when you spin the dial on your telephone?

If you are, it may be due to the fact that an average of 37,000 calls were placed daily through the Fairfax exchange during December as compared with 24,178 a year ago, according to Telephone Company Manager R. S. Fyle. Phones in Torrance's Fairfax exchange were increased by 2082 for a total of 8528 during 1953, Fyle said.



PAIR GRILLED . . . Police Sergeant John Maestri checks the stories of Robert Sanford, 9½, (left) and "Curley" King, 9, who were picked up here late Wednesday evening by Officers Myles Hamilton and Jim Thompson. The pair of Los Angeles boys had been away from home for nearly two days. "Oh, we slept in a trailer last night," one of them told police. Their parents were notified and picked up the boys later.



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Party to Fete New Members Of Church Set

A "Get-Acquainted" party to honor more than 50 new members who have joined the First Christian Church here during the past three months will be held Friday evening, Feb. 5, from 7:30 until 10:30 in the YWCA building.

Sponsored by the church, the party will honor those persons who have joined the church since the assignment of Rev. J. J. Walker as the pastor here early last winter.

An evening of fellowship, music and games in addition to other entertainment is being planned. Refreshments will be served.

NATIONAL SUPPLY MEN JOIN CHEST

C. J. Spitzer, of 1964 Middlebrook Rd., and E. R. Treloar, of 907 Acacia Ave., have been named to a citizen's budget committee to hear budgetary requests of the Community Chest-supported agencies such as the YWCA, Veterans Service Center, and Boy Scouts in Torrance.

Spitzer and Treloar, both employed at National Supply Co., will be members of a 240-man budget committee that helps safeguard Community Chest funds. Budgets for all agencies are approved only after several conferences to determine the needs of each of the 164 Chest agencies.

Funds to be allocated to the Red Feather services are those contributions given to the Chest last fall.



AT LACKLAND . . . Robert Luddy, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Luddy, of 710 Sartori Ave., is completing Air Force basic at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Tex.



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Dimes Dance Garners \$\$\$

The March of Dimes Square Dance and the Torrance Adult Club turned over a total of \$170.80 to the local drive fund, Recreation Department spokesman announced this week.

Over 250 people enjoyed the dances called by Gerald Reeser and many other local callers. The evenings festivities were climaxed by refreshments served by the ladies and men of the Torrance Adult Club.

An added attraction was a Square Dance demonstration by grade school students from the South Bay Area.

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