

Ground Broken for \$10 Million Home Development

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Airport Commercial Development Assured, Senate Approves Lease



STILL MISSING . . . Pretty, Flora Bell Kidwell, 23, daughter of Mrs. Wilfred H. Spoden of 1714 W. 234th St., was still missing today along with two other girls and a pilot who were reported probable plane crash victims last week. Their yellow stagger-wing Beechcraft was reported missing after they had taken off for Calexico. The Civil Air Patrol temporarily suspended the search Monday to concentrate on the quest for a jet pilot who has been reported crashed near Santa Barbara, and to let snow melt which has fallen in the search area. The search for the four had been concentrated in the San Diego vicinity.



LEE, CHRIS, AND WHATSZIT . . . Thanks to Pilot Light

CHRIS, GAS OVEN PUT LIFE INTO WHATSZIT

When eight-year-old Chris Felts, son of Mrs. Shirley Felts of 1517 Marcelina Ave., came in with an odd looking egg last week and suggested he be allowed to hatch it in the oven, he started something that has had some startling developments, it was learned yesterday.

Chris brought the egg home about a week ago, saying he found it in an alley between Cravens and Carson St. near the Stadium Theater.

His mother was set against letting him try to hatch the small egg in the oven, envisioning a situation later that would call for careful handling of a most delicate situation—namely getting rid of a foul smelling egg.

The boy's pleading won, however, and the climax came Sunday evening when "something" was hatched from the egg.

Guesses range from a pigeon to a freak sea gull (no webbed feet), but no one had identified the young bird yet. Chris and his brother, Lee, have been busy feeding pabulum to the small bird with a medicine dropper, and the bird is growing stronger daily.

Whatever it might turn out to be, the little creature can always thank the pilot light of a gas oven and eight-year-old Chris for its existence.

Ground Broken In \$10,000,000 Riviera Tract

Mayor Mervin M. Schwab turned the first shovelful of dirt Monday afternoon for the first unit of what will be a \$10,000,000 tract of homes in Hollywood Riviera, developed by the Don Ja Ran Construction Co., and to be built by Peerless Building Corp.

The ground-breaking ceremony feted the beginning of the first unit of 176 homes in the tract and marked the end of long years of dispute over the area.

A group of 10 model homes will be built as a starter, with employment for the work to be mostly local, according to builders. The homes will be in the \$17,000 and \$18,000 price range and the tract contains 350 lots in all.

Land Makes News
Originally owned by Louis B. Mayer, formerly of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, the section of land made headlines in '33 when the Torrance Planning Commission and City Council approved a plan that called for laying out the streets in the tract to conform with existing streets in Hollywood Riviera.

The decision followed an attempt to lay the streets out in checkerboard pattern, not following the contours of the hilly section.

The Hollywood Riviera Art Jury argued that this would turn the tract into a "coal town" and forbade the checkerboard arrangement.

Plans Approved
The plans for the new tract have been approved by the jury and the local Planning Commission.

Taking part in the opening ceremony were W. A. Garabrandt, past president of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Association; Comdr. William A. Mason, secretary of the Homeowners and Planning Commission member; J. George Wright, president of Don Ja Ran Co.; and Melvin Hirsch, president of Peerless Corp.



TRIO WARMS UP . . . A trumpet trio which will be featured at the District Elementary Orchestra concert tomorrow evening warms up for their performance. Left to right are Gary Tierman, 12, seventh grade; Darel Kelley, 11, sixth grade; and David Fiorelli, 11, sixth grade. All three attend Fern-Greenwood.

District Orchestra Plans Concert Tomorrow Night

A public concert by the 150-piece student orchestra of the Torrance Unified School District will be presented tomorrow evening beginning at 8 o'clock in the Torrance High School auditorium.

The orchestra, whose members are students of the school system's four instrumental teachers, will play an hour concert of such melodies as Schumann's "Happy Farmer," the "Skaters Waltz," by Waldteufel; and Paul Woodrow's "Holiday Waltz."

The string ensemble will play Lemerc's "Andantino," and the and Melvin Hirsch, president of Peerless Corp.

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Rally Stated Wednesday

A rally sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club slated as a "Meet Herma Tillim" will be held at the lunch patio of Madrona Elementary School next Wednesday evening, April 7, beginning at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Tillim is a candidate for the Torrance City Council.

The council is made up of all Democratic clubs in 68th Assembly District.

A special meeting has been called for April 5 at the Don Hotel in Wilmington. Final plans for the rally are to be discussed at that time, according to President Eachus.

Teachers who have put the orchestra together include Mrs. Merlyn Wilde, Mrs. Doris Crozier, Lloyd Reist, and Gordon Petrie.

Tomorrow's program is free.

City Attorney Flying to Sacramento to Meet Knight

City Attorney James Hall will return to Sacramento, this morning on a hurried trip to enter a final plea in behalf of Assembly Bill 19 which would grant the city power to extend leases for 90 years.

The bill, introduced by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas at the city's request, was unanimously passed by the Assembly, and was approved Tuesday by the Senate. It is now on Governor Knight's desk for signature.

Hall said he and Thomas had been granted an appointment with the Governor to urge his approval of the measure.

Approval of this bill would be the green light for a \$15,000,000 commercial development being planned for the airport corner

Rest Ordered for City Manager's Secretary

At home behind a "No Visitors" sign this week is Mrs. LaDepe Chamberlain, secretary to City Manager George Stevens.

Mrs. Chamberlain took a temporary break from her heavy City Hall duties when ordered by her physician to take a rest. She has not been told when she might return to her desk, she told the Herald yesterday.

Man Killed By Shock While Washing Car

A Torrance man was killed by electric shock Saturday night when he plugged in an extension cord in his garage while his body was dripping wet.

Ralph R. Duarte, 31, of 2602 W. 178th St., had just finished washing his car in his garage and was plugging a vacuum cleaner into an extension cord when the current coursed into his body through his fingers.

He fell to the floor in front of his mother, Mrs. Juan Duarte, who had just plugged the other end of the extension cord into a wall outlet.

Duarte, who was clad only in shorts, was dripping wet, officers said. The water on his body and on the floor intensified the effect of the current.

Services held
Funeral services were held yesterday at St. Anthony's Church

Letter Station To Replace Walteria Office

Construction is due to start immediately on a new Post Office carrier station to replace the Walteria Post Office, it was announced here this week by Postmaster Clara B. Copner.

Word that the Post Office Department had approved specifications for a new station near the Fish Shanty on Pacific Coast Hwy. in Walteria was received by Mrs. Conner from Washington, she said.

G. A. Bauman, who operated the Palos Verdes Begonia Farm and other interests in the area, will build the station.

When completed, the station will replace the present Post Office there now, under the supervision of Postmaster Robert Sieath.



EAGLES GET WINGS . . . Allen "Pop" O'Haver, of Gardena Explorer Post 253-X, congratulates three new Eagle Scouts at ceremonies conducted at the First Baptist Church last week. New Eagles, left to right, are Richard Bentwood, of Unit 2178, Sea Scouts, sponsored by the Optimist Club; and Don L. Kelley and Denis Brown, of Troop 271, sponsored by the church.