

**TO OPEN TOMORROW** . . . This new office of the Southwest Savings and Loan Assn. will open at 1439 Marcelina Ave. tomorrow. Eldon Bowen will manage the new office here, President Fred Edwards has announced.

## Southwest Savings & Loan Opens Offices Tomorrow

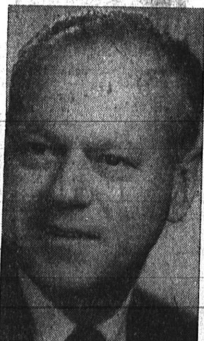
The announcement of Southwest Savings and Loan Association's new Torrance branch at 1439 Marcelina Ave. is another indication of this city's unprecedented growth.

Due to the ever-increasing number of Torrance people who have entrusted their savings accounts and home financing with the Inglewood office of Southwest, it was evident that such investors should be serviced in the heart of their own community.

The money Southwest is lending out in Torrance is almost all paid to local builders, real estate owners and others who stimulate local community business. Southwest Savings' expansion was guided by a genuine desire to enter into the civic spirit of the city of Torrance, to promote home ownership and thrift.

The association, at the present time covering approximately \$5,000,000 in home loans in the Torrance area, has always been active in the growth of this department of its business.

Under the guidance of its president and founder, Fred E. Edwards, Southwest Savings has



**FRED E. EDWARDS**  
President and Founder

grown since April, 1945, on an original capital and surplus of \$40,000 to a present capital, surplus and resources in excess of \$1,000,000 with a consistent growth of savings accounts and total assets which are now approximately \$20,000,000. Southwest operates under state charter and is a member of the Fed-

eral Home Loan Bank System and the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, the latter of which protects every account in Southwest Savings by insurance to \$10,000.

To better acquaint itself with its Torrance neighbors, Southwest Savings invites all residents to its Open House—Friday and Saturday. Light refreshments will be served and there are gifts for everyone.

Mr. Edwards has had 32 years background in the banking business and in real estate loans. He is a Mason, a member of Al Malakiah Shrine Temple, and of the Lions Club. Although raised in Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Edwards has been a Southern Californian since 1922.

Managing the Torrance Branch of Southwest Savings and a resident of Torrance himself, is Eldon J. Bowen. Mr. Bowen is assistant vice-president of the company, with several years experience in savings and loan. Originally from Fresno County, he was graduated from Reedley College at which time he was student body president and state president of California Junior College student government. During World War II, Mr. Bowen served the Air Force in France, Germany, and continental United States.

Another officer in the Torrance branch is Audrey Erickson, assistant secretary of Southwest Savings. Miss Erickson has been associated with Southwest for the past eight years and for the past ten years has been directing loan and escrow work. She is a native California daughter and a member of Lion's of Morningstar Park. Southwest Savings and Loan is a specialized thrift and home financing institution particularly noted for its generous earnings on invested savings. Throughout the years it has built a reputation for integrity on a strong foundation, liberal withdrawal privileges, no service charges,

### Carson Cracker Barrel

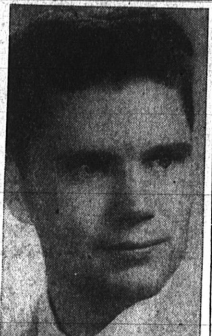
## Birthday, Bubbles Make Boy, 4, Happy

**By GWEN BARKAN**  
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At a party just his size, little Tommy Carter celebrated his fourth birthday the other day. Competing with the ice cream and cake for top honors was a "bubble hat"—a marvelous contraption that enables the blower to blow bubbles out of his head, or so it seems! Making merry with Tommy were: Ella Jean Luten, Bruce Nyhus and Cricket Russell.

Last weekend the Frank Stevens family, 22221 Moneta Ave., journeyed to San Juan Capistrano to watch the returning swallows and to permit Mr. Stevens to ride with the "Torrance Mounted Police" in the first annual "Return of the Swallows" parade. They were awarded top honors and given a beautiful "Swallow" trophy. This brings to three the number of prizes that was formed during 1953. The leader of the Mounted Police is Captain Andy Anderson, and their sergeant is D. C. Cook. They number 25 riders, and their colorful uniforms and royal blue and yellow blankets monogrammed "T. M. P." make a beautiful picture to behold. All members were presented with badges by the Torrance Police Dept., and carry regular identification of that department.

The busy "Brownie" mothers



**ELDON J. BOWEN**  
Manages New Office



**AUDREY ERICKSON**  
Assistant Secretary

were honored themselves last week with a luncheon called "A Tribute to Scout Leaders" at the Toberman Settlement in San Pedro. Attending from the local troops were Mmes. Lorraine Stevens, Agnes Voboril, Thelma Luten, Bonnie Tremblay, Thelma Lehman and Joy Green. These troops are sponsored by Carson St. P.T.A.

Novel invitations in the form of zebras with a accordion-pleated necks invited the little friends of Dana Gilbert to come and hunt for "hidden treasure" and help him to celebrate his sixth birthday this week. Carrying out the theme of the Easter hunt were the attractively decorated cup cakes, with their icings of green-tinted coconut, and Easter eggs. Contributing to the merriment were Danny and Linda Senter, Cindy Hilgren, Timmy Korneff, Kathy and Michael Hatter, Lloyd Rowe and big brother Randy Gilbert.

It was a snowy weekend for Mr. and Mrs. R. Carter and family of 2132 Carondele, and Mrs. J. Campbell and children when they motored to Mt. Pinos for some fun. There were 14 inches of the lovely white stuff, and they all had a fine time sliding and making snowmen.

"Father's Night" and the annual elections brought a fine crowd to the last regular meeting of the Carson St. P.T.A. last Thursday. The men teachers, who are really wonderful about making up a good program, sang their version of a "Bicycle Built for Two" on a safety theme, and the two Simms girls and their instructor played a nd sang. Elected to carry on for the coming year were Mrs. Roy Carter, president; Mrs. C. W. Wittenburg, first vice president; M. Q. Wallace, second vice-president; Carlton Johnston, third vice-president; Mrs. Charles Linn, treasurer; Mrs. Lloyd Rowe, secretary; Mrs. E. Hatter, auditor; Mrs. Ethel Williamson, historian; and Mrs. James Luten, parliamentary.

There will be a meeting of the "Keystone Civic Retirement League" Monday, April 4 at 7:30 at Carson St. School, Bung. 11, for installation of officers and a report of the zoning committee.

### Walteria News Notes

## WSCS Groups Hold Circle Meetings

**By BETTY MITCHELL**  
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This was circle meeting time for the Walteria WSCS as all three circles got in the swim for this year's activities. Circle No. 1 held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Jean Cramer, Las Cadona Ave. Hostesses helping Jean were Bonnie Beck and Wanda Cornell. Seventeen members were present at the meeting which was a combination social and business get-together. Get acquainted games were played after the short business meeting, followed by delicious pineapple-ut whip and coffee. The group selected a nominating committee to suggest names for this year's officers. The ladies on the committee are Mmes. Mary Pearson, Betty Chaudano, and Beulah Shioli.

Circle No. 2 held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Bea Monaghan, on Danaha St. This was the night the ladies held their election of officers, followed by a social meeting over apple pie and coffee. Fifteen ladies attended the activity and elected the following officers: Mrs. Gloria Masonic Lodge, one block west

DeCaro, chairman; Mrs. Vera Cunningham, treasurer; Mrs. Hazel Cogan, recording secretary. Co-hostesses for the evening were Joyce Beers, Bea Monaghan and Betty Mitchell.

Circle No. 3, a brand new circle holding its meetings in the afternoon, met at the home of Mrs. Henriella Tenney, Neece Ave. at 12:30 o'clock. Eleven members attended the gathering and they also elected new officers for the coming year. Elected to office were Leora Johnston, chairman; Mrs. Adelaide Kirk, co-chairman; Mrs. Virgie Marsh, secretary; and Mrs. Helen Karhu, treasurer. Cake and coffee were served by co-hostesses Fern Tranthan, Hank Tenney and Adelaide Kirk.

Easter time is almost here again, and here's a word for those of you who are planning to go to Easter Sunrise service and want some place to go for a good Easter breakfast afterward. The Lomita DeMolay boys are planning to hold an Easter breakfast in their newly built Masonic Lodge, one block west

of Western Ave. on Highway 101, from 8 a.m. to noon. Serving will be carried out continually during that period of time. Several of our Walteria youths belong to this organization and are very anxious to make this, their first venture since they were formed two weeks ago, a great success.

Tony Merrill of Danaha St. celebrated his fifth birthday in real style last week. The celebration began on Friday when he visited Bill Stulla's Parlor Party and sat in the "Birthday Bleachers." On Sunday afternoon he finished the celebration by having in a group of friends for a bang-up birthday party. Enjoying themselves were Diane Munn, Pamela Freels, Jimmy Hull, Susie and Julie Wyatt, Francine Aguilar, Billy Mitchell and Hanky Merrill. Little Ergie and Donny Dahl enjoyed treats from the party in their own home since illness kept them from the celebration. Each guest had fun with paper hats, poppers, horns, and "pin the tail on the donkey." Afterward they had refreshments of ice-cream cups and cupcakes, each with a candle in it.

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## Train Models Win Ribbons For Hobbyists

Larry Grabert and Dory Scudder, president and vice-president of the Harbor Model Railroad Assn., entered five exhibits in the Pacific Coast Regional contest of the National Model Railroad Assn. and walked off with five ribbons. It was announced here yesterday.

The contest, held in conjunction with the Hobby Show at the Shrine Convention Hall, attracted exhibitors for all over the Far West and served as a preliminary for the NMRA finals to be held in Los Angeles at the end of April. Grabert brought home three ribbons from the show and Scudder took down the other two. Winning a first-place ribbon for Grabert was his narrow gauge cattle car. He won two second-place ribbons for two HO standard work cars which he entered.

An HO standard work train caboose won a first-place ribbon for Scudder and an HO narrow gauge locomotive was awarded a third-place ribbon.

The Harbor Model Railroad Assn. meets each Wednesday and Friday evening in back of Dory's Model Supply, 1307 Post Ave., where a model railroad is being set up.

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