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JEAN AND JACK WREN  
He Succeeds in Spite of Handicap

## Blind Ex-G.I. Wins Graduation Honors

For a tale of courage the story of 30-year-old Jack Wren, blinded honor college student, is hard to beat.

Few of his friends, even his very close ones, knew that Wren was blind in his left eye since birth. He kept the secret pretty much to himself. Then on July 25 of last year, just seven weeks after he married Jean Lovelady, something happened that made it almost impossible to hide his handicap any longer.

On that day Wren, an Army veteran of the battles of Lebanon, was working at the Stadium Theater, earning money as manager of the theater to help finance his college training at the University of Southern California. He was known to almost every kid who has attended a Saturday matinee at the local theater for the past three years. Most of the time the kids were pretty good—a little noisy when the cartoon came on and perhaps a little restless during the love scenes, but most of the time they were pretty good kids. But on this day some trouble started brewing involving an 18-year-old kid. Wren asked the youth to leave. The boy took offense at the request and started to get rough. He threw a Sunday punch hitting the theater manager in the right eye. Wren was wearing glasses.

For four hours eye doctors probed the injured man's eye attempting to remove the bits of broken glass and trying vainly to salvage the sight of the eye. For a time after the operation it appeared that they might have been successful, but a cataract developed on the iris as a result of the injury and darkness closed in on the ex-G.I. student.

With the help of his wife, Jean, secretary to the Torrance Fire Chief, and his mother Mrs. Louise Wren, he continued his studies at the university. At nights, in the mornings, and on Sundays they would read to him from his text books. On Jean's days off she would go to class with him at the university. She took what notes she could. Many of Wren's professors were unaware of the young man's handicap. But he made the best of a bad deal and kept plugging along. Finally on June 13 he reached out and accepted his diploma declaring him to have earned the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education—Cum Laude. With honors. There was a mild round of applause from the audience. It might have been loud, if they had known. They didn't. Last Wednesday the former



HOMEWARD BOUND... Seeing that all the kids get back on the right bus is Recreation Director Frank Carpenter, who is putting in his last week on the job in Torrance. The chartered city bus will take the youngsters back to their playground. Each child is checked on the bus before leaving in the morning and again at the pool before starting for home.

## Cowboys, Hobos To Haunt Park Areas Tomorrow

All North Torrance hobos and cowboys are urged to attend McMaster Playground's outdoor picnic, which will commence tomorrow at 12:15 p.m.

According to Director Erma Carstens, movies, games, a poster contest, and a judging of the best dressed hobos and cowboys will round out the afternoon's activities. Children are asked to bring their own wieners and buns for the picnic and punch will be provided at the playground.

Last week's tournaments at the playground saw the following winners: ping-pong—Bob Griess, Brian Blair, LeRoy Van Valkenburg, Dale Grimes, Ricky Jacobs, and Dale Walters; jump rope—Marie D'Olesis, Toni Greene, Rita Garrity, Kathy Eggen, Carol Gauthier, Gary Henderson, Lois Duckworth, and Ima May Carstens. McMaster's Midgets dominated Perry, 22-11, and the playground's Pee Wees won over North Torrance, 17-13, in softball competition last week.

## Last Rites For Pioneer Harbor Resident Held

Funeral services were held yesterday in Stone and Myers Chapel for Charles William Stock, 65, a pioneer resident of the Harbor area, who worked for Pacific Electric Railway for 48 years prior to his retirement. Stock, who began working for PE when it was still the Huntington Railroad, was chief storekeeper for the railway in his last years of service. He died Sunday at his home, 1412 Manuel Ave.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Carl Crain of the First Christian Church, and interment followed at Pacific Crest Cemetery. Stock, a native of Missouri, had lived in Redondo Beach for 41 years and in Torrance for the past seven years. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Torrance.

## Boy Escapes Hurts in Cycle Crash

Ten-year-old Richard Ross, of 3223 W. 170th St., escaped possible serious injuries Saturday afternoon when struck by a car at 171st and Crenshaw as he was crossing the street with his bicycle. Young Ross was struck by an auto, driven by Edgar C. Plickler, 64, of 17485 Yukon Ave. Examination showed he apparently received no serious hurts. Plickler was cited by Torrance police for passing another vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.

## 9,208 Fill Schools; Carr Won't Be Ready By September

The overburdened schools in North Torrance will have to remain overburdened during the first part of next school year because there is little hope that the new Carr School will be ready by September. Emmett Ingram, assistant superintendent of schools and business manager, told the Teachers' Educational Advisory Committee Monday.

He said that no new plants would be opened in September, but added that the contractors might be able to open two or three wings of the Carr School in September to relieve the situation somewhat. Plans for additional school facilities to accommodate the ever-increasing enrollment here, especially in the high school division, were presented.

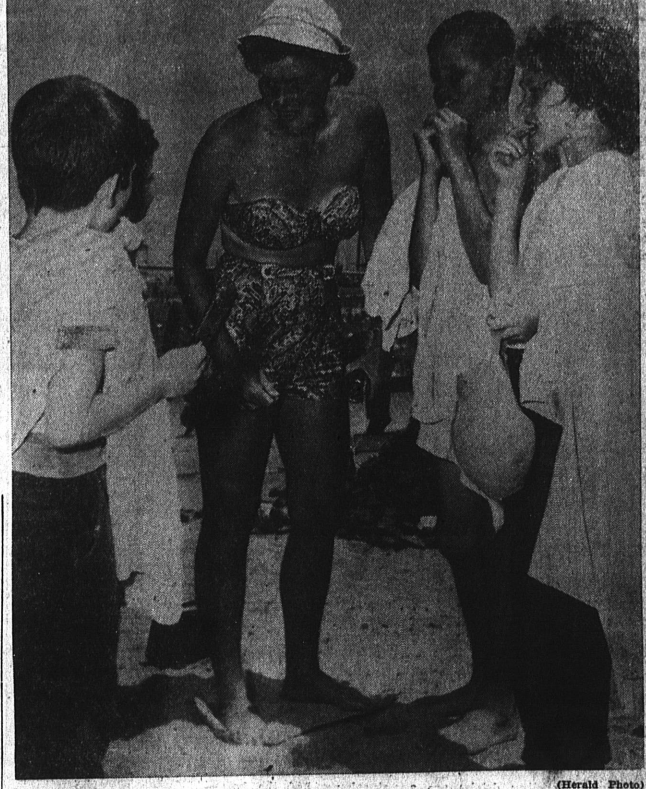
Diagrams of a new high school, to be located at Yukon Ave. and 182nd St., were presented and explained. Completed plans for the school are expected to be ready to be submitted to the State Division of Architecture on Sept. 15.

The new school, which will have an estimated enrollment of 1500, will be unique architecturally. Ingram said. Its administrative unit will be built in a central location and is designed to avoid the confusion prevalent in high school administrative units. The gym will contain locker and shower facilities for a maximum of 135 students per period. The main gym room will be separated into two parts by a folding door down the middle so that both boys and girls will be able to use it at the same time on rainy days.

Other school plans now on the drawing boards include the Hillside and Crenshaw schools, and additions to the Walteria and Riviera schools. The Hillside School, located near Crenshaw Blvd. and 101 Hwy., will include nine classrooms in four buildings. Plans are expected to be submitted to the State in about two months.

Another unique project now in the planning stage will be the addition of a luncheon-kitchen unit to the Madrona School. Uniquely constructed, this addition will have a semi-curved roof suspended on five I beams, paneled plywood and fiberglass walls, and louvers for ventilation. It will encompass 2000 square feet of floor space and will serve from 125 to 150 children at a time. Tables in the dining room will be easily movable so that it can be converted for meetings of the PTA, etc.

This building was described by Ingram as different from anything that has ever been developed, and he expressed the thought that it might draw as much attention to Torrance as tilt-up type schools did. Plans for this building were expected to be ready to be submitted to the State Division of Architecture for approval yesterday.



INFORMATION CENTER... "When does the Walteria bus leave?"... "Does the green flag mean for us from Crenshaw to get out of the pool now?"... "Where is the Torrance Park group?" These questions and hundreds of others are shot by the hour by Torrance kids taking advantage of the Recreation Department, Kiwanis Club-sponsored swim program at Alondra Park. Supervisor Doris Avis is supposed to have all the answers.

## New Date Set for Chamber 'Turn-On' Carnival Here

An earlier date for the scheduled "Turn-On" celebration for the new flashing neon sign pointing to the city's business district was announced this week by Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Friday, Aug. 28, was decided on Monday as the day of the civic celebration. Details of the affair are being worked out by a committee of merchants and the Chamber of Commerce. Early plans called for civic organizations, service clubs, and others to man booths along one of the city's main business streets and to have at least two dance bands, probably a western band and a jazz band, put out music for street dancing during the evening.

Rites Planned An appropriate ceremony will be staged to signal the turning on of the new lighted sign which is slated to be ready by the Aug. 28 date.

Contracts for the new sign were signed Monday by the Chamber board. So far, several local service clubs including the Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, Women of the Moose, Civitan, and others have

## Alondra Jammed As 481 Torrance Kids Visit Pool

The annual Alondra Swim Program, sponsored jointly by the city's recreation department and the Torrance Kiwanis Club got off to a rollicking start here Tuesday with 481 youngsters from every corner of the city taking advantage of the free program.

And, according to Supervisor Doris Avis, everyone of them must have left at least one piece of gear at the man-made beach. Stacked up in the recreation office are towels, trousseurs, shoes, socks, knapsacks, belts, shorts, and a hundred other items which the supervisors gathered off the Alondra beach after the kids had cleared out.

"If any of the parents wondered what happened to Johnny's shoes, they might check at the recreation office at 1847 El Prado," Miss Avis said.

The chartered city buses, paid for by the Kiwanis Club, began picking up kids at various points throughout the city at 9 a.m. Tuesday and the last busload was returned late in the afternoon. The program will continue each Tuesday and Thursday through Aug. 14.

## 'Informed Press Means an Informed People' Slogan of Newspaper Week

"An Informed Press Means an Informed People" is the slogan for the 1953 observance of National Newspaper Week.

Announcement of the selection of the official slogan was made this week by Vern Sanford, general manager of the Texas Press Association and chairman of the National Newspaper Week Committee.

This is the 14th annual celebration, held each year from Oct. 1 to 8, inclusive. The event is sponsored by Newspaper Association Managers, Inc., the nationwide organization of state, regional, and national press association managers. Stanford Smith, Georgia Press Association, is manager. Other members of the committee named by Smith are John B. Long, general manager of the California Newspaper Publishers Association; and Ben Blackstock, Oklahoma Press Association. National Newspaper Week was first celebrated officially as such in 1940. Slogans used during the past 13 years follow the trend of national history—through the ups and downs of

## Arraignment Set For Dope Sellers

Arraignment of two young men accused of possessing and attempting to sell \$60,000 worth of marijuana was set for July 28 in Superior Court of Los Angeles, at a preliminary hearing held Tuesday at Inglewood Municipal Court. Pleading guilt or innocence at the arraignment will be Aristides D. Kardizas, 26, an El Camino College student who told police he planned to work his way through college selling marijuana, and Arthur Wilson, 28. They were arrested after making a sale of narcotics to a sheriff's deputy at Western Ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd. Last week.

## South Bay Courtrooms To Get New Carpeting

Carpeting to "dignify" the courtroom and judges' chambers in the South Bay Municipal Court were recommended Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors. The carpeting and wainscoting of panels behind the jury box will amount to \$3925.45, according to the county engineer. The Parr Construction Co. will make the alterations and additions to the civic center court, the board was informed.

## Beachgoer Tumbles Down Jagged Wall

Treated at a Redondo fire station for scratches and bruises Sunday after he tumbled down the jagged rocks protecting the beach city's waterfront was a man identified by Redondo police as Torrey Wilkins, 28033 Huber Ave., Torrance.

Bystanders told police that Wilkins disregarded warning against climbing down the tumbled rock and concrete seawall.