

Sports

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'B' All-Stars Give Midland Tight Game

Scrum to Climax 1st Week of THS Football Drills

Dig up your rooster's caps and dust off your megaphones, folks, it's football time again.

At Torrance High School, Coach Cliff Graybehl will greet 58 varsity aspirants tomorrow morning at 9:30 in the first of five double session practices, climaxing in a control scrimmage on Saturday morning.

The boys will work on fundamentals during the first week and learn the basic single wing pattern plays. Coach Graybehl plans to have the team do a lot of running and passing to warm up cold legs and arms during the first few sessions, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 o'clock on in the afternoon. Toward the end of the week, he and assistant coaches Dick Leech and Vern Wolfe will begin to select offensive and defensive strings.

On Friday, Sept. 18, a major scrimmage will be held between strings, and the scores will be tallied. It will be a nonkickoff scrim, with teams taking the ball on the 40-yard line.

All of the candidates that were counted on to turn out showed up for physicals Tuesday except Don Forth, up from the "Bs," one of the best passers in school according to Graybehl.

Forth may show up during the week for practice, and will be a welcome addition on the Tartar firing line if he does so. Don Fraterline, one year letterman and a junior, didn't turn up Tuesday for a physical, but showed up Thursday and was checked into camp.

"B" Coach Don Porter will tutor 90 turnouts for the junior squad at the same time as varsity practice. More "Bs" are expected to sign up for practice when school starts on Sept. 14. Graybehl will suit up 50 or more players for home games.

Registration At El Camino Sept. 14-15

Registration for the fall semester at El Camino College will take place in the college gymnasium Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 14 and 15, with classes to begin on Sept. 16.

With over 1800 already enrolled in a new pre-registration plan, an additional 3500 are expected to enroll before registration classes Sept. 25, according to Forrest G. Murdock, president.

Starting in 1946 with 500 students scattered in three high schools, the college now accommodates over 6000. According to Murdock, the student body includes students attending courses paralleling those offered by universities as well as medical and vocational students preparing for jobs or for upgrading in their present jobs.

To meet community requests, courses are offered from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. and include more than 500 different classes.

Students registering for the first time this fall will find a new ultra-modern library serving their reading needs. Built to house 80,000 volumes, the most recently completed college building includes an outdoor reading patio, individual study rooms, open stacks for student use and conference rooms for library instruction.

Methodist Youth Hold Institute

The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Madsen and eight members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church returned yesterday from a one-week institute gathering at Camp Colby in Palmdale.

The eight MYF members were Diane Larson, Martha Wallace, Grace Maddy, Sharon Kirks, Bet-

Midland Rubber, City "A" softball league champs, got a real scare Friday night when a team made up of All-Star players from the "B" league almost edged them out in a warm-up game.

Midland scored a run in the seventh to break a 2-2 tie and won 3-2, but the "A" titlists are going to have to show a bit more power if they want to win the Southern California Minor Division championship tourney, which begins Tuesday night.

The All-Star game was a warm-up for the Midland boys, to keep them in shape for the tourney. Midland opens tourney play Tuesday night at 8:45 p.m. against the Brithoff Plumbers of Los Angeles. Games are played at Roosevelt Park in Los Angeles and scored on Hank Camou's single.

There are 30 teams entered in the tourney, which could run for two weeks, with teams playing every other night. One loss drops a team from the tournament.

In Friday's warm-up game, Dick Guy and Charlie Camou shared the mound duties and held the All-Stars to two hits, both by Gil Di Santo. Midland scored two runs in the fourth on four hits when Guy doubled, and scored on Hank Camou's single. Camou was thrown out at second and Earl Nelson then singled and scored on Phil Morehart's double.

The All-Stars went into the last frame trailing by a 2-1 score. Di Santo then singled, went to second and later scored on two errors to tie it up. Midland came back in their half of the seventh to break it up. Jerry Jackson and Victor Ordaz drew walks and Ron Rowlin singled in Jackson to put a period on the game.

With three strong pitchers—Camou, Guy, and Sam Sunseri—plus a tight infield and fleet outfield, Midland has a good chance of taking the tournament trophy. The winning team will receive trophies, and each team member gets a jacket.

and carry a traveling squad of 40. The first game will be away from home. The Tartars will travel to San Bernardino to meet San Bernardino High School on Sept. 25.

1100 Students Expected at Halldale School

Halldale Elementary School will open Sept. 14 with about 1100 children from kindergarten to the sixth grade, according to Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, principal of the Shooting Star School.

The first day's classes will be cut to the minimum, Mrs. Bonwell said. She is asking fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes to be at school at 8 a.m. and the first, second and third grade classes at 8:30.

There will be room for 165 kindergarten children this year she said. When the class is filled, applicants will be put on waiting list and admitted to class on the basis of age with the oldest being allowed to enter first.

During the first day of school, coffee and donuts will be served to parents accompanying tykes to school. Serving will be the Halldale PTA under the direction of its president, Mrs. E. E. Saleido.

Homeowners Schedule Big Dance

Members of the Torrance Gardens and Plaza Homeowners Association will sponsor a dance to be held in the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club on Sept. 26 at 9 p.m., according to dance chairman Mrs. Donna Truesdell.

Admission to the affair will be \$1.50 per couple, states Norris Carstenson, publicity chairman.

Freddie Gray and his orchestra will furnish the dancing rhythms. Door prizes have been donated by Parish Stationers, Mart Lynn Dress Shop, Greater Torrance Market, Net's Tots 'N Peens, Fischer Hardware Co., Baker's Furniture, and the Star Furniture Co.

Hope, Claudia King, Edward Hutchinson, and J. Gene Walker, Sharon Kirks, Bet-

A Comedienne is Born--Local Miss Hits in 'Bloomer Girl'

When Sig Herzog and Fred Saldy created the part of Daisy, the lead comedienne in the Broadway hit musical "Bloomer Girl," they must have had someone just like pert and pretty Joan George in mind.

Although Joan, who lives at 2454 Torrance Blvd., had specialized in light opera and grand operatic singing prior to the South Bay City Light Opera's production of "Bloomer Girl," she stepped into the part of the saucy and vivacious Daisy as though she had been playing it all her life.

The show is now in rehearsals for production at the Redondo High School Auditorium on Oct. 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17.

As Daisy, Joan plays the part of the lively and slightly rebellious maid in the household of Horatio Applegate, a hoopskirt manufacturer in the pre-civil war period of American history. Daisy joins with the forces of Dolley Bloomer, inventor of bloomers for women and a forceful advocate of equality for women.

The Bloomer Girls revolt against the confinements of hoopskirts and all the accompanying restrictions placed on the women of the period, and finally win out—in two hilarious acts.

Although this will be her first fling at a musical comedy lead, Joan has appeared in two previous musical comedies—"Hit the Deck" at El Camino College, and "Mademoiselle Modiste," with the South Bay group.

Joan attended El Camino for one year and from there went to Chapman College on a music scholarship. While at Chapman, she toured California, Arizona, and New Mexico as a soprano in the Chapman College scholarship trio.

When the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera Group brought the musical "Song of Norway" to town, Joan tried out with 400 other girls for the female co-ed lead, and was chosen among the top ten at the auditions.

With a husband and a baby to care for, however, a girl hasn't much time to devote to professional stage work, so Joan has decided not to pursue a professional musical career.

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Torrance Day at Pomona Fair Set For September 22

Torrance Day at the 1953 Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona has been set for Sept. 22.

This announcement is contained in a special invitation received by local officials as part of a definite program to increase interest in community-wide participation in the world's largest city fair.

This program is being continued in testimony to its success the past few years. Tevis Paine, public relations director for the fair, continues as coordinator of the special days calendar.

Through his efforts the program attained Southeast acceptance almost overnight and has enjoyed steady growth in community participation ever since.

Here's how Torrance will benefit from a special day at the fair. Sections can be reserved in the shaded parking area for special caravans of private cars or buses. There are opportunities for group luncheons, programs and other individual activities in the attractive picnic hill park.

A special stage is available for band concerts and other entertainment brought by the community. Arrangements can be made to reserve sections of the grandstand for the afternoon races or evening entertainment. Parades, stunts, folk dances, etc., can be used to attract attention.

The advertising and promotional value of the participation is emphasized in the invitation. The special days will receive wide publicity in the thousands of daily fair programs, in the newspapers and over radio and television. Last fall the exposition drew 1,085,476 visitors.

Plans are being made to accommodate a million and a quarter this year. Fair dates are Sept. 18 through Oct. 4.



JOAN GEORGE ... Mustcomedienne

PE Veteran Retires Here After 33 Years

William Peet, a resident of Torrance for the past 29 years, this week announced his retirement from Pacific Electric's Torrance shops where he had been employed as a painter since May, 1920.

A resident of 1008 Portola Ave., Peet has been painting Pacific Electric's rail cars, locomotives and motor coaches almost from the time the Torrance shops were built. He was made foreman in 1935.

A former house painter, Peet said he will go right on painting, since his hobby is refinishing furniture in his home workshop.

Retirement of the long-time employee was noted at a party at which fellow employees honored him with a check and a scroll bearing their good wishes.

Fall Blood Drive Set for Oct. 12

The fall blood recruitment program will shift into high gear on Monday, Oct. 12, when volunteers of Torrance branch of the American National Red Cross will be stationed at the Torrance Civic Auditorium from 3 to 7:30 p.m. to assist in receiving life-giving blood.

All Torrance residents are invited to place their appointment now by telephoning FAirfax 8-0810, according to Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood recruitment chairman. The branch office located at 1754 Torrance Blvd., is open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 4 p.m. through Friday to accept these calls.

Mrs. Jones says: "The blood recruitment program is a three-fold program, and everybody collects blood for the Armed Forces, builds up blood reserve for civilian defense and, most vital of all, our own community is benefitted. Let's get in high gear—let's do that job. Donate your pint on Oct. 12."

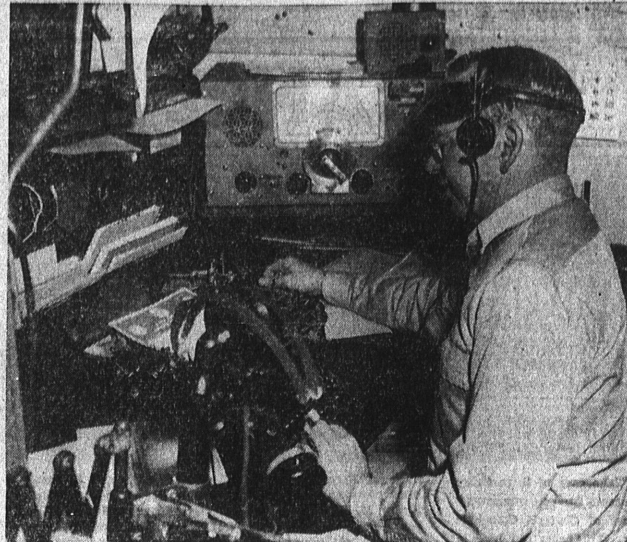
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APPARATUS . . . David Stevenson, radio operator, sits amid a jumble of intricate radio sending and receiving apparatus at Torrance Radio, which is located in a small brick building between two high radio towers in a desolate, empty field at the end of 230th St. Torrance Radio—Call letters KSE—is a branch of the Radio Marine Corporation, which is a subsidiary of RCA. RMC specializes in receiving ship-to-shore messages, cablegrams, and distress signals, and Torrance Radio handles the Pacific Area.

Mystery of Strange Brick House Solved

The mystery of the small brick building out at the end of 230th St. was solved this week.

An intrepid reporter from this newspaper drove out Hawthorne Blvd. to 230th St. and followed the bumpy dirt road to its end; walked, body past the "Absolutely No Admittance" sign, knocked timidly on the door of the brick building—which is located between two large radio towers in a desolate field—and solved the enigma which had long puzzled many of the more inquisitive of Torrance residents.

The solitary building in the lonely field houses nothing more mysterious than Torrance Radio, a ship to shore wireless communications station which is a branch of the Radio Marine Corporation.

The Radio Marine Corporation, a subsidiary of RCA, specializes in receiving cablegrams, distress messages, etc. from ships at sea. Torrance Radio's 10,000 watt transmitter gives it the power to send messages to its far north as Alaska; as far south as Panama; as far west as Japan; and as far east as the Atlantic Ocean. Its call letters are KSE.

Although the station is licensed to receive ships anywhere, it specializes in the Pacific area. The brick building was constructed in 1928 when the old station was replaced from its old base on Catalina Island.

The main Pacific Coast office of the Radio Marine Corp. is in San Francisco. There are also stations in Texas, Florida, New Jersey, New York, and the main Atlantic overseas station is located in Massachusetts.

Three first-class operators—David A. Stevenson, Bill Evert and Bert Hagen—keep Torrance Radio operating from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight daily. Evert, the main operator, has been working at Torrance Radio for 25 years—ever since it was first built—and is an operator of the old school.

The last major distress call handled by Torrance Radio was taken when the ship "Fairhope" went aground off the coast of Mexico. Torrance Radio handled the traffic between the company and the ship for that disaster.

When the operator receives a distress call from a ship, he notifies the ship's owner who then acts on the call by dispatching a tug to the ship. Stevenson says that one of the more humorous distress messages he has received was an SOS from a freighter in Long Beach Harbor. Seamen on the boat had gotten in a drunk on brawl and the radio operator got excited and sent the SOS.

"I could have practically thrown a rock from here and hit the boat," Stevenson recalled, with a chuckle. He said that by the time he had discovered what the distress call was all about, Long Beach police had invaded the ship, arrested the ring leaders, and broken up the brawl.

Besides cablegrams and distress messages, the station is also called upon to handle "deadhead" messages from ships with sick persons on board. On most tankers or freighters, doctors are not part of the ship's crew, therefore, in the case of an illness, a connection is made with the shore station which relays all the symptoms plus pulse count, respiration, etc. to the nearest Public Health office. The Public Health Doctors send back instructions.

When an illness is a serious one, such as an attack of appendicitis in which the appendix must be removed, the Coast Guard sends a plane to the ship to remove the victim.

The local Coast Guardsmen stationed at Pt. Vicente, also handle most distress calls themselves. In a case where Torrance Radio picks up the message instead of the Coast Guard station, the information is relayed to Pt. Vicente. The Coast Guard only is authorized to release information on any distress call and the penalty for a civilian radio operator who divulges any message—no matter what it is—is a \$5000 fine or five years in prison—or both.

Narbonne Jr.-Sr. High Enrollment Jumps 60 Pupils

When Narbonne Junior-Senior High School opens on Monday Sept. 14, approximately 60 more pupils will be enrolled than were registered at the close of school in the summer. Principal Earl Barnett said yesterday.

The increase is considerably below that anticipated at Torrance High School, where local school officials are preparing for a 350-student increase in enrollment. Narbonne High School will hold classes for 1943 pupils in what Torrance's total student population is expected to be considerably less, or approximately 1550 students.

New Narbonne Students Asked To Register Now

All pupils who have moved into Narbonne Junior-Senior High School District during the summer should report to the school for pre-registration next week, according to the registrar's office.

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 10 and 11, have been set aside by the school authorities for registration between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. It is important that all new pupils, aside from those who are coming from the regular contributing elementary schools, report to the counselor's office, either one of the aforementioned days, school authorities said.

New additions and improvements in present facilities have been made during the summer to take care of the expected enrollment increase.

Eight new bungalow classrooms completed by the Los Angeles City Board of Education will be ready for occupancy during the first week of school. The boys gym dressing room has been remodeled, and new lockers have been installed. Also ready to use are new outdoor courts and hard-top basketball courts on each end of the athletic field.

Among other new installations to greet pupils and teachers are several metal baseball backstops on both boys and girls athletic fields.

In the home economics department, a new combination of foods and clothing room entitled the "All Purpose Room" has been completed. Featured are four modern kitchens, complete with stoves, refrigerator, Youngstown cupboards, laundry unit, deep freeze, tables and chairs, and several sewing machines.

All equipment is the latest equipment produced by manufacturers, Barnett said, and a very valuable addition to the facilities of the school.

The first day of school will be a short session, the principal announced, with classes beginning at 8 a.m. and dismissed at 12:30 a.m. No lunch will be served.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 15, classes will start at the regular time, 8:35 a.m., with lunch coming at 12:35 p.m. and dismissal at 3:15 p.m.

Kansas Picnic Slated  
Residents of Winfield, Kansas, will gather at Bixby Park in Long Beach on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 11 a.m. for an annual picnic. Coffee, cream and sugar will be supplied, but picnickers should bring their own basket lunch and table service.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY  
PLANE TALK—Story making the rounds last week was one reported by a member of the AFL Airline Pilots Assn. about a note received from a Japanese who had become separated from his baggage during a recent flight. Said the note: "Mr. Baggageman, United States of Lax, Gentlemen, Dear Sir: I am seldom where suitcase are, She no fly. You no more fit to baggage master than for crying out loud. That all I hope. What the matter you?"

BOMBS AWAY—A respected British medical publication last week said experiments have shown that mice can survive radiation if they are fortified with a dose of alcohol, leading to the conclusion by the author that a protective dose of alcohol may be just the thing in case of an atomic attack. This should ease the worries of a bunch of guys we know—they're ready!

DIAL TONE—Just checked the little black book in case you want to go to London to look into the alcohol experiment on mice. You can get a cab when there by calling "Terminus 8800."

ABOUT FACE—Residents of Palmdale can now look you straight in the eye for the first time when you ask them about palms. Ten palm trees—the city's first—were planted there by Los Angeles County a few last week.

MAIL CALL—Tomorrow is the first day "Help Your Letter Carrier Week," and we've decided to note the occasion by letting the mailman take the day off.

VET VENDOR—The cigarette vending machine in the Torrance police station is probably the oldest, coin-operated mechanism in town. It's so old, in fact, that stamped into the face of the machine under the step-by-step operating instructions is item No. 1—"Insert three nickels or one dime and one nickel." How long has it been since you bought a pack of smokes out of a machine for 15 cents?

WORRY NOTE—If you don't happen to have anything to worry about right now, you might want to consider that there are only 91 more shopping days until Christmas.

MILK RUN—Russ Hammergren editor of company publications at Hughes Aircraft Co. and a man who once tried to pound a little newspaper hole into our noggin at SC, wrote the other day that a nearby dairy found itself in a real pickle recently when a power failure turned up the fact that none of the dairymen around the place knew how to milk a cow.

QUIZ SHOW—We were sitting in a barber shop the other day watching some hair being cut when we got to wondering how Kinsey got all of those women to give him their correct ages.

ALL BLACK—If you're the figuring kind, you probably know this already, but for the rest of us, it has been calculated by mathematicians that the chances of getting 13 spades in bridge are 635,013,559,999 to 1.

GROUND RULES—Atty Albert Ison was discussing divorce with a prospective client here the other day and had determined that she had lived in California long enough to be a bona fide resident, that she formerly lived in Texas, had one grown daughter, . . . etc. When asked for grounds for divorce action, she told the attorney that her husband had left her. "And when was this?" Ison asked. "Twenty-eight years ago," she said. It nearly broke up the interview, we hear.

FAIR RETURN—We noticed that our taxes are going up again and were reminded that we liked the short item credited to Charles F. Kettering, the Detroit engineering genius, recently. Kettering said one of the things we have to be thankful for is that we do not get as much government as we pay for.

Army Man Sent to Korea With Infantry Division  
Pvt. Gerald A. Covey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Covey, 1826 E. St. Andrews Pl., is serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea.

The 45th Division has been in Korea since December, 1951. An Oklahoma National Guard unit called to active duty in 1950, it was the first national guard division to enter combat after World War II.

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WHAT A PIG! . . . This little piggy isn't going to market. He is being polished by pretty Carol Sneddon for competition in the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona Sept. 18 through Oct. 4. Torrance Day at the fair is Sept. 22. Visitors from here will see the little pig as well as 7000 other head of large and small stock which have been entered in the fair this year.