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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1954

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Norteen Club Plans Talent Show, Dinner

A variety show and pot luck supper will be held by the Norteen teenage club...

Members of the teen club and their parents will bring hot dishes for the dinner...

At 8 p.m., a program will begin which features colored slides of Idyllwild Camp...

The three-day camp is scheduled for July 30, 31 and Aug. 1.

The Torrance Talent Troupe will present a program of entertainment at the dinner...

Street Dance in Plaza Tract Set

A gala street dance will be sponsored July 24 by the Torrance Gardens and Plaza Homeowners' Association...

The dance will be held on Felbar St. between Torrance Blvd. and Opal St.

Reigning over the affair will be lovely Janeene Colombo, 16, of 902 Felbar Ave.

Coming Events

Friday, July 16 - Pacific Hills Homeowners Association Queen contest...

Saturday, July 17 - Lions-Lioness Club installation dinner dance...

Friday, July 23 - Pacific Hills Homeowners Association queen's coronation ball.

Sunday, Aug. 1 - Allied Garden Picnic, El Retiro Park.

Wednesday, August 11 - First day of Torrance community fair, sponsored by Torrance Chambers of Commerce...

Friday, August 27 - Women's Society of Christian Service rummage sale.

Twelve Drivers from Area Lose Licenses for Traffic Offenses

Twelve of the approximately 720 drivers who lost their licenses for various traffic offenses in the county during the week ending July 2 were from the Torrance area.

Licenses were suspended following an accident in which the driver failed to meet the financial requirements for Paul Henry Ditzler, 20829 Jamison Ave.

Robert Neiswunder, 1821 Reynosa Dr.; Richard Garfield Talkington, 1643 W. 203rd St.

James Walter Whittington, 1215 Portola Ave., lost his license because of failure of proof of ability to respond in damages until proof is restored.



READY TO ROUGH IT... More than 250 people turned out Tuesday morning to see off the YMCA Round Meadows Campers...

In arts and crafts. They left in chartered buses and will live in 19 cabins, with six boys and a counselor to each cabin.

Elks to Meet For Big Rally

Plans for forming an Elks Lodge in Torrance rolled along this week with the announcement that a huge rally will be held Wednesday, July 21...

Letters have been sent to 400 Elks in the area asking them to attend the meeting, which begins at 8 p.m.

Frank Trial Up Tomorrow

Paul Robert Frank, 32, will face robbery and grand theft charges in Department 44 of Los Angeles Superior Court tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

Frank was recently returned from Portland, Ore., where he was found after a year-long search for him.

Two accomplices in the robbery have been sentenced to prison terms, but Frank eluded authorities at the time.

Salvation Army Needs Cash To Send Poor Kids to Camp

Contributions to the Salvation Army's fund to send youngsters from low income families to camp are thus far only half as large this year as in 1953.

They explained that any amount was welcomed, not necessarily the \$16.50 necessary to keep a youngster at camp for one week.

The Salvation Army is still processing applications for weekly sessions beginning July 27, Aug. 10, and Aug. 17.

During their two-week stay the children will require the help and guidance of over 50 specially trained staff members.

Paivika features concrete ramps for wheel chairs, an especially designed and heated swimming pool, a lodge with a huge fire place, a nature study building and a crafts building.



THAT'LL TEACH YA'... says "brave Tenpin, played by Marv Hall, as he stomps on Councilman Van Courland Jr., played by Don McDaniel.

Local Child At Crestline

Steven Gendre, 9, of 3423 W. 184th St., is one of 145 youngsters who left Monday for Camp Paivika, the Easter seal resident summer camp two miles from Crestline in the San Bernardino mountains.

The group is the first of more than 650 handicapped children to be sent to the specially designed camp this summer by the Crippled Children's Society of Los Angeles County.

During their two-week stay the children will require the help and guidance of over 50 specially trained staff members.

Contributions may be sent in any amount to the Salvation Army, 832 W. 9th St., Los Angeles 15.

RED CROSS MEET SET

A director's meeting of the Red Cross has been called for Monday, July 26, by City Chairman Al Isen.

3-YEAR-OLD HURT

Three-year-old Jeffrey Hatten was placed on the critical list at Harbor General Hospital yesterday as the result of possible head injuries received when he was struck by a car.

The boy apparently darted from behind parked cars in front of his home at 2804 W. 175th St., and was struck by a car driven by Howard Ellsworth Worthen, 38, 2603 W. 175th St.

Postmen Say

People Do The Darndest Things

A socially prominent lady sent her Sunday School boxes of arsenic-filled candy, making 21 people ill.

A matrimonial swindler posing as a rich Texan, collected over \$50,000 from well-to-do women whom he married through lonely hearts correspondence...

A thwarted Romeo mailed a homemade bomb to his ex-sweetheart. The package misfired and she escaped with only slight injuries.

A thief stole electric bills from mailboxes, and then confronted housewives, threatening to turn off their electricity because the bills were overdue.

A lawyer who promised investors a return of 20 per cent collected \$500,000 in six months and absconded.

These were some of the more unusual cases handled by the Post Office's 200 criminal inspectors during 1953, according to a report released by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield.

During 1953, the most frequent of these were burglaries of post offices, holdups of mail custodians, and theft of mail.

Most Convicted About 99 per cent of the 5977 persons arrested during the year were convicted, Summerfield said.

Only 112 of the more than half million postal employees, who handle a gross money turnover of over \$21 billion dollars, were arrested for embezzlement.

Postal inspectors caught 3851 persons for stealing mail in 1953. Other arrests included burglary, 441; damage to mail receptacles, 469; possession of stolen goods, 186; fraud and lottery, 227; mailing of obscene scurrilous or defamatory material, 166; holdup, 19, theft of government property, 52; extortion, 19; and impersonating postal personnel, 7.

Of 52 billion pieces of mail handled in 1953, only 500,000 were lost or stolen, a loss percentage of less than one per cent.

Summerfield emphasized that one of the ways that the public can protect itself against fraud is constant vigilance.

Drill Holes in Door About 20 holes were drilled in the rear door of Knolls Drug Store, 23437 S. Western Ave., in an apparent attempt to burglarize the store, Al Greenberg, owner, reported to Torrance police.

Thieves apparently tried to saw between the holes, but were not successful.

Torrance Little Affected By Water Agreement

The interim agreement proposed by the West Basin Water Association would have little effect on Torrance water supplies if it were approved, according to Water Superintendent Angus McVicar.

Under the interim agreement, he said, Torrance would be allowed to pump 2519 acre feet of water each year. This figure is only slightly less than the amount now taken from the ground by the city's three pumps, he said.

About two-thirds to three-quarters of the city's water supply is obtained from the Metropolitan Water District at the present time, he said, with the remainder coming from city wells.

City Pumps Water The city pumps water from the West Basin underground water supply underlying an area from Long Beach to Inglewood.

The interim agreement is a voluntary agreement among cities tapping this water supply as to the amount of water each may withdraw from it each year.

At the present time, McVicar said, water is being withdrawn from the basin at the rate of 100,000 acre feet per year, with a replacement of only 30,000 acre feet per year.

Officials fear that the water table in the area will drop so far that sea water will seep in and render all water unfit for use.

Costs More to Buy The water from the West Basin costs the city \$8 to \$11 less per acre foot than does water from the Metropolitan Water District, which is brought in from the Colorado River.

In the fiscal year just ended, the city used 336,158,630 cubic feet or 7729 acre feet of water. In 1953, the totals were 312,798,880 cubic feet or 7188 acre feet.

All water from the Metropolitan Water District is obtained from the Palos Verdes feeder line, with outlets into Torrance at 190th St. and Western Ave., 247th St. and Walnut Ave., and 250th St. at Walnut Ave.

A second Metropolitan line is expected to be ready to serve this area by October thus reducing some of the load on the present system.

Create Shortage If the interim agreement is approved before October, McVicar explained, there may be some difficulty with member cities which have been using more water than they would be allowed under the agreement.

A decrease in the amount of water pumped would create a shortage of facilities to handle the increased load from the Metropolitan Water District. After October, the second Metropolitan line could handle this load.

To clear up confusion, McVicar explained that the city is a member of the West Basin Water Association, which is a group of cities interested in the underground water supply. It is not a member of the West Basin Water District, which is a group of cities which do not obtain their water individually, but collectively.

Hub Caps Taken William W. Hitch, Manhattan Beach, told Torrance police that the hub caps, valued at \$36, had been stolen from his car while it was parked at El Retiro Park Tuesday.

State Spanish Population Told 'Maneje con Cuidado' Spanish speaking residents of California may soon be hearing the phrase "Maneje con cuidado," more frequently.

Their English speaking neighbors are well acquainted with frequent admonitions to "drive carefully."