

LITTLE LEAGUERS TAKE CROWN

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EXCHANGE STUDENT HERE FOR SCHOOL



(Herald Photo)

GERMAN STUDENT ARRIVES . . . John Melville, who will be "father" to Arno Mehling for the next year, pours a bowl of corn flakes for the German youth, who arrived in Torrance last week. The youngster, who will study at Torrance High School, was intrigued by such foods as corn flakes, which he had never seen before.

German Student Arrives in City

Having to speak English for the first time outside of a classroom is a hard job. Arno Mehling, German exchange student, reported, but he succeeds better than most Americans would with German.

The 16-year-old Mehling arrived last week as one of three foreign exchange students who will go to school in Torrance this year. He will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. John Melville, of 1512 El Prado, and their three children. Mehling reported that he had taken three years of English in his home near Wuerzburg, Lower Franconia, in Bavaria, but had never had a chance to practice it with Americans before he got on the boat to come to America.

One of Three

He was quite thrilled on arriving in America as one of 157 foreign students who will study in this country for the coming year. Two other students, a Dutch boy and a Spanish girl, also will study here next year. Many things in America seem strange to Mehling, since they are not available in Germany. He was rather surprised to see French-fried potatoes, corn flakes, and some of the other variety of strange American dishes.

Devisation is available in Germany, but it falls in the luxury class and not many families own a set. Hollywood and especially Marilyn Monroe are quite famous in Germany, he said.

The girls here, he noted enthusiastically, are "very nice," and he would like to see more of them.

Autos Scarce

He was surprised to see the number of automobiles, since in the village where he lives, there are 500 people and only about 20 cars. Most people there ride bicycles, he said.

Mehling's ambition is to become a journalist. He has written a number of short stories in German competition and won first prize in a story contest sponsored by a savings bank.

The son of a printing fitter and adjuster, he lives with his parents and two sisters and brother in a small village, and is a nature lover. He likes to study animals and plants and likes to collect fossils, which he finds mainly in old German stone quarries and on geology field trips from his school in Wuerzburg.

Likes Sports

A sports enthusiast, he played soccer, hand ball, and football, a game similar to badminton, in Germany. He hopes to be able to go out for some sport at Torrance High school.

Medicine Is Aim Of 11-Year-Old

Most 11-year-olds have decided that they want to be firemen, policemen, cowboys, or pilots and have never heard of "Gray's Anatomy."

Not so with Billy Herrmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Herrmann, of 1404 Crenshaw Blvd. He wants to be a doctor, and already is making plans for his college career. And in his spare time, he reads "Gray's Anatomy," handbook of the medical world.

As long as he can remember, Billy has planned to be a doctor. What's more he has saved up some \$2000 toward paying for his medical school education, and in the seven years or so before he goes to college, he figures that he can make lots more.

Makes Money

This determined young man makes his money from doing chores around the house—sweeping, emptying the garbage, washing dishes—and gets a penny per task. When he gets a certain amount, his parents will match it.

Another money earning device Bill has contrived is saving 1944 dimes—the year of his birth. He has found plenty of relatives and friends to save them for him too, and his college fund gains considerably through this method.

He also has an eye toward the future and is taking piano and drum lessons, hoping that he may be able to help pay his way through college and medical school in a dance band or combo.

Billy's interest in things medical developed partly because he has had to spend considerable time in hospitals for the past six years—first as a victim of histoplasmosis, a rare chest disease, and later of polio.

Rare Disease Hits

Trouble with histoplasmosis, a disease which is most prevalent in the Ohio Valley, caused Billy's folks to move to Torrance four years ago from Louisville, Ky., California.

Tract Site Approved in Rolling Hills

The Federal Housing Administration has given its preliminary approval to the site for 350 homes to be built on Montemalaga Road just south of Palos Verdes Drive North in Rolling Hills. The homes will be constructed by the McCarthy Co.

Construction is scheduled to begin soon on the first unit of 115 ranch, rustic, and contemporary-rambler homes in the \$200,000 price bracket.

The McCarthy firm has nearly sold out the Miraleste Knolls development near San Pedro. One hundred and fifty-eight homes were built there.

weather seems to agree with him, since he has recovered.

Later, he was stricken with polio, which affected his back muscles. He is still taking weekly therapy treatments, but seems to be almost completely recovered, with no ill effects.

His many contacts with doctors have stimulated his curiosity, and he has managed to wheedle a stethoscope and some other medical equipment from his doctor friends. He eagerly listens to the heartbeats of his parents, friends, the family cat, and anything else he can with his stethoscope.

Eyes UCLA

A sixth grader at Fern-Greenwood School, he hopes to attend UCLA. Boning up for his college work, he likes to scan the material in "Gray's Anatomy," handbook for doctors. When his mother broke her leg, he had a field day trying to diagnose the extent of her injuries.

Medicine doesn't absorb all of his time, however, as he is also an eager sports enthusiast and likes to play ball with his dad, who at one time tried out for professional baseball. Other than his passion for medicine, his interests are pretty much the same as any other 11-year-old.

4 ESCAPE IN SUDDEN AUTO FIRE

A Torrance woman and three youngsters barely escaped from a smoking car before the interior was completely enveloped in flame Friday morning.

Mrs. Marguerite V. Subiran, of 313 W. Carson St., and her children, Forrest and Michael, and Ben Gibson, were driving along Western Ave. near Torrance Blvd. when smoke started pouring from the radio. She ordered the children into the back seat and stepped into the car just as flames spread into the interior of the car.

"I grabbed my purse and yelled to a passing motorist to call the fire department," she told firemen.

By the time firemen arrived the interior of the car was burning brightly and the inside was completely charred. Several articles in the trunk, including three cameras, also were damaged.

Officials said that the blaze may have been caused by a short. The motor was not as badly damaged and may be salvageable.

Five years ago, Mrs. Subiran's home was completely destroyed by fire.



(Herald Photo)

DOCTOR AT WORK . . . Billy Herrmann checks his father's heart with a stethoscope a doctor friend gave him. The boy is planning to become a doctor and has saved some \$2000 toward his medical career, although college is probably seven years away for him.

3 Tracts Get OK Of Commission

Three tracts, containing 66 lots, were recommended for approval by the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday, while a special meeting was scheduled to act on another proposed 316-home tract.

A special meeting was set for this Wednesday to

consider a tract presented by the Don Wilson-Milton Kauffmann Construction Co., south of Torrance Blvd., between Hawthorne Blvd. and Anza Ave.

The developers indicated that they had come to an agreement with the Torrance School Board on a school site, to be located near extensions of Anza Ave. and Carson St.

Approval Recommended

Tract 22022, containing 12 lots presented by Lynn Gardens was recommended for approval, provided a slope in the land is properly terraced and drained. It is located in Seaside Heights.

The R. A. Watt Construction Co. proposal for 32 lots in tract 22023, northeast of Arlington Ave. and the Dominguez Channel was recommended for approval, subject to drainage, fencing, and driveway requirements. Also recommended was donation of 10 feet for the widening of Arlington Ave.

Twenty-two lots in tract 17794, between Prairie Ave. and Cordary Ave., south of Edison Co. right-of-way, were recommended for approval, provided

a gravity flow in both directions is put in on 187th St. and certain pieces of the property are dedicated to the city. It was presented by Forrest S. Paxton.

Held over for two more weeks was the Grand Construction Co. proposal for seven lots southwest of Ardath Ave. and the Dominguez Channel.

Mrs. Meada Hogaboam Rites Held Saturday

Saturday services were held for Mrs. Meada Hogaboam, 36, of 3811 W. 187th St., in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Andrew MacCormick officiating. She died Thursday in a Los Angeles hospital.

A native of Scotland, she had lived in Torrance for about two years. She was a member of the Lomita Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Green Hills.

She is survived by her husband, Norman; three sons, Thomas, Gary, and Robert, all of Torrance; two sisters; and seven brothers.

Planners Nix Expansion of Malt Shop

The Torrance Planning Commission turned thumbs down on proposed addition to a malt shop, temporarily extended a variance on a vacuum truck repair business, and studied two new commercial developments in action at its Wednesday night meeting.

Edwin Longacre's request for expansion of his present malt shop at 2121 W. Carson St., was recommended for denial, after hearing a number of protests from neighbors.

Commissioner J. A. Beasley, chairman of an investigating committee, said that Longacre was reluctant to remove a filling station from adjacent property, and the committee felt that there was not enough parking space.

Appearing in opposition to Longacre's plan to add an 18 by 20 foot addition to his shop were Mrs. Fran Wright, 1532 El Prado; B. C. Buxton, 1500 El Prado; Mrs. W. I. Laughon, Wood School, that they were noisy, that surrounding prop-

Leaguers Beat Compton 6 to 1

By JIM CRUMPACKER

With the stout pitching of righthander John Mewborn and the heavy hitting of Curt Probst and Cliff Roy, the American Little League All-Stars won the Los Angeles sectional little league title Saturday at Glendale by thrashing Compton, 6-1.

Mewborn went the full six innings and gave up seven hits. He was in trouble only in the first and last frames when the losers got five of their hits.

The locals are scheduled to meet the sectional winner of the Washington-Oregon area Thursday at 4:30 at Santa Monica Little League Park. The game will be televised on Channel 9. It will be the first tilt of the Region 8 playoffs for Torrance. They need three straight wins to nab the championship and qualify for the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

Roy and Probst each hit doubles in the first inning when the locals counted four times. Rick Gomez and Mewborn also singled in the first frame to aid the rally.

Torrance picked up its final two runs in the sixth inning when Mike Challis singled, Tom Richardson hit a two-base knock, and Probst singled.

Each Torrance player, their manager, Bo Palica, and coach, Leonard Gomez, was presented with a trophy symbolizing their District 3 championship following the game.

The Santa Monica Little League Park, the site of Thursday's elimination game, is located at Olympic and 16th St., of that city.

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City Awaits Dates for New Census

Bureau of Census officials in Washington, D. C., last week acknowledged receipt of the city's check for a special census to be held here this fall and indicated that the city could expect to hear from Harry Nolder, district supervisor, in the near future.

City Manager George Stevens said Friday that he had heard nothing since Nolder's office set a tentative census date of late October or early November.

The special census has been requested to take advantage of the city's extra 20,000 persons which have moved here since the last special census. The city's population at that time was set at 44,000.

Taking the census late this year is ideal, the City Manager indicated. It will be late enough to include all possible newcomers and still be in time to qualify the census for consideration in the distribution of "in lieu" taxes from the state.

City officials predict that a special census this fall will turn up at least 65,000 persons.

Beach Cape Jails Man

In County Jail today on charges that he molested swimmers at Torrance beach is Raymond Santos Valenzuela, 26, of Los Angeles. He was arrested by officers Robert Daly and Richard Thompson after swimmers at the beach complained that he was bothering youngsters in the surf.

Valenzuela was held in jail in lieu of \$1500 bail when he was arraigned in South Bay Municipal Court last week. He will appear at 9:30 a.m. today, for preliminary hearing.

Board Studies Chest X-Rays for Teachers

Chest x-rays for all teachers in the Torrance Unified School District will be compulsory if a resolution being considered by the Board of Education is passed next Tuesday.

Under the plan, all teachers would be required to take chest x-rays once a year. School officials said that an effort would be made to make a free x-ray service available to the educators.

Weber to Face Hearing Today

Released on \$1500 bail pending preliminary hearing at 9:30 a.m. today is Howard Weber, 36, of 2074 Middlebrook Road, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on his wife.

Weber was arrested last week after police were called to his home by a neighbor. Police found his wife, Geneva, 24, on the lawn bleeding profusely from cuts about the head and upper arms. Officers Wally Nitz and Russ Clawson reported the family feud apparently started when Weber objected to his wife's attempts to fix dinner.

Weber was charged with hitting his wife over the head with a wine bottle, breaking it, then attacking her with the broken end.

He will appear in South Bay Municipal Court today.



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CAR DESTROYED . . . Forrest Subiran and Ben Gibson survey the damage to the interior of the car in which they were riding Friday, shortly after firemen extinguished the blaze. Mrs. Marguerite V. Subiran, of 313 W. Carson St., told firemen that she was driving along Western Ave., near Torrance Blvd., when the fire started.