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HICKETY PICKETY . . . Roy Hollomon, of 1625 Crenshaw Blvd., doesn't have a black hen who lays eggs for railroad men, but he has a red one, Cindy, who came up with a lollipop egg last week—an 8-inch egg. Above Hollomon and Cindy look at the egg, below, Hollomon puts the tape to it. Another normal egg, complete with shell, was found inside the whopper.

CO-ED DROWNS IN BATH

Four Nominated Good Neighbors

Four persons have been nominated for the "good neighbor" award to be given to a deserving person at the annual YMCA "Good Neighbor" Breakfast to be held Saturday at the Civic Auditorium from 7 to 11 a.m.

The winner will be picked by a YMCA committee and announced at the breakfast meeting, and will receive a "good neighbor" plaque. Nominees are Mrs. Ila Mae Ambach, Mrs. Verda Hansen Dr. Kurt Shery, and Mrs. Gordon Hamilton.

"Motherly Angel"
"She is a motherly angel sent to our street to help young mothers like me," Mrs. Phyllis Oswell wrote.

Other letters were sent by Mrs. Irene J. Albright, Mrs. Elizabeth Sherman, Mrs. Winifred D. Hanson, Mrs. Lois G. Bayer, Mrs. Jacqueline R. Blakely, Mrs. Joseph M. Ruben, and Mrs. R. J. Pruitt.

Mrs. Hanson, a crossing guard at Arlington and Del Amo, was nominated by Bill Evans for her devotion to her duties. A retired traffic sergeant with the Torrance Police Department, Evans formerly supervised her work. He pointed out that she walks a mile from her home at 2063 Carson St. to her post, where she

escorts children across the street.

Job Done Well

"Her reward is not the meager pay she gets from her employer, but rather the satisfaction and happiness earned from the knowledge of a job well done, and the expressions of gratitude and affection, either expressed or implied, from her many charges," Evans said.

Dr. Shery, of 1194 Sartori Ave., was nominated by Mrs. King McFadden for taking time out from his many duties as a doctor to appear before the City Council and other bodies to back the rabies immunization ordinance and to urge purchase of adequate playground equipment for children.

Evans Picked

Bill Evans will serve as master of ceremonies at the breakfast, assisted by Bernard Lee and Gil Derouin. Music will be furnished by the Torrance Area Youth Bands under the direction of James Van Dyck and by the local Harborship Quartet. Local ministers will give an invocation each hour on the hour.

Supervision of the breakfast is being handled by Ralph Morris, chairman of the YMCA board of directors, and Dr. Rollin Smith, breakfast chairman. Chief cooks will be Howard Schooley and Emile Rostker, providing a menu of pastries, sausages, coffee, orange juice, and milk.

Local Man Turns Gun on Wife, Then Kills Self

Clifford W. Shaffer, 42, of 1592 W. 237th St., shot his estranged wife, Pearl, 42, in the head Sunday, then calmly turned his gun on himself and took his own life in a bizarre display of violence at a hospital for mentally retarded persons in Spadra.

The violent ending to the couple's six-month-old Mexican marriage came while Mrs. Shaffer was visiting a son by a former marriage, who is a patient at the hospital.

Recently Separated
They had been separated for about three weeks, a relative said following the incident. During that time, Mrs. Shaffer was staying in Los Angeles and Shaffer was residing at the local address.

According to Los Angeles Sheriff's officials, Mrs. Shaffer and her son by a previous marriage, Dan, 7, were en route to the mental hospital Sunday when they stopped at a service station. Shaffer had been following the two and caught up with them when they stopped.

After a short discussion, they drove on to the hospital and visited with Mrs. Shaffer's other son, Barry, 12.

Gives Wife Note
Following lunch, Shaffer gave his wife a note which ordered her to stay near him until the two reached some sort of decision on their marital problems. She then broke away to run and Shaffer fired one shot that hit her behind the ear. When she fell, her son, Dan, dropped to her side and stayed with her.

Shaffer then seated himself on the ground and sent a bullet from a .38 caliber revolver through his heart.

According to authorities, Mrs. Shaffer staggered to a hospital ward after the shooting. She was transferred to the Pomona Valley Hospital where she was reportedly recuperating.

Boy, 4, Takes Rabies Shots

Four-year-old Greg Long was bitten in the mouth Tuesday afternoon by a black-coated, medium sized dog in front of Clark's Market, Hawthorne Ave. and Pacific Coast Highway and started taking the 14 Pasteur treatment shots to combat rabies yesterday.

Mrs. Linda Long, Greg's mother, said the boy and his father went to the market to shop and while Long was inside, the boy was bitten.

Anyone knowing where the dog in question can be found is asked to call Mrs. Long at FR 7-2443. The family lives at 27311 Eastvale Rd.

Discussion of Yule Plans Set at Chamber Breakfast

Discussion of plans and programs for the Christmas season for Torrance will be the subject for the October Chamber Breakfast meeting next Tuesday morning, according to President Paul D. Loranger.

Chamber Director J. H. Paget, a member of the Retail Merchants' Christmas promotion committee, will be in charge of the meeting. He will be assisted as co-chairman by Chamber Director Milton A. Hunter.

Paget said that members of the Christmas committee of the Merchants headed by Tim Moore as chairman will give full information about the program. The most elaborate street decorating program in Torrance has been assured by



CONCERT TICKETS . . . Chic Yolanda Goldsmith, Miss Torrance for 1955, displays series tickets for the Community Concerts to be given here this winter and next spring. Deadline for advance sales of series tickets is this week end. A series of four concerts by top artists cost \$5.

Flashing Signal OK'd for 230th

Meadow Park School's battling mothers won a partial victory this week, as the State Highway Department informed them that a flashing yellow signal could be placed at the school crossing at 230th and Hawthorne Ave.

Mrs. Alfred Knoop, PTA safety chairman, received a letter from G. T. McCoy, state highway engineer, stating that while the state did not feel a regular traffic signal or yellow flash would be justified, it would issue a permit for a portable, flashing signal at the intersection.

Mothers Patrol

Mothers have been patrolling the intersection at school crossing hours for the past month, escorting their youngsters across the four-lane highway. They have a 55-mile speed limit. They have written numerous letters, carried signs, passed out handbills, and stopped traffic in their efforts to get action taken for added protection at the intersection.

McCoy's letter told Mrs. Knoop that the state felt that if the signal were installed, and the present crossing guard's services maintained, the crossing situation could be satisfactory.

Who Would Pay?

Who would pay for the cost of the flashing signal—the city or the school district—is a question which has not yet been determined. There reportedly are no similar signs in

Services Today For Helen Reid, Drown Victim

A requiem High Mass will be sung today at 9 a.m. at Nativity Catholic Church for Helen Jean Reid, 16, of 1636 Fern Ave., who drowned in the bath tub at her home early Monday morning while preparing for school.

The girl, a sophomore at Torrance High School, apparently fainted while bathing, shortly after 7 a.m. Monday. She was discovered by Shirley Bullock, of 1323 Teri Ave., a friend, who stopped by the Reid residence to walk to school with Miss Reid.

Resuscitator Falls
When she received no answer at the door, Miss Bullock climbed through a window and discovered Miss Reid's body in the bath tub. She called the operator and asked to have police and fire department units hurry to the scene of the mishap.

A fire department resuscitator crew worked for approximately 40 minutes before Miss Reid was pronounced dead. The dead girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reid, had left for work just before the tragedy.

Relatives said that Miss Reid had suffered fainting spells before but she had not received medical treatment.

She was a member of the Girls Athletic Association and the Hi-Toppers at Torrance High.

Native of Ohio
A native of Ohio, she had lived in Torrance for the past six years. She is survived by her parents, a sister, Mrs. Marie Erbetta, and brothers, Leonard Jr., and Franklin, all of Torrance, and two brothers, Richard and Ross, both of whom reside in Ohio.

Rosary was recited for the dead girl last night at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary, Chapel.

Rev. Patrick McGuinness will officiate at today's final services. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.



HELEN REID . . . Drowning Victim

Recreation for Double Sessions Receives Study

The Recreation Department has experimented with various types of spare-time activities to see what would suit local youngsters' best. Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem told the 100 persons attending the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting Monday noon.

In providing recreation for children on double sessions, Van Bellehem said that morning activities were not as successful as those in the afternoons or on Saturdays. No program is organized at schools while classes are in session, he said, to avoid confusion.

Recreation programs have been most successful at El Retiro, McMaster, and Walteria Parks, he declared.

Recreation Expensive
"There's no use kidding you," he said. "The more recreation program you want, the more expensive it will be."

Explaining the district's double session policy, Walter Rehweid, director of instruction, said that surveys had indicated that the present plan is the best for learning processes. Now, classes are placed on double sessions in the following grade order—3, 2, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

The older group of primary children are less affected by double sessions than first graders, the survey indicated, Rehweid said. In primary grades double sessions have no appreciable difference in learning he said, but in fourth and eighth grades, there might be a loss of up to one-half year, he declared, depending on the maturity of the youngsters.

Where Children Are
Affirming that a fourth Torrance high school might be necessary to handle the growing population, Assistant Superintendent Sherman E. Waldrip told the group that a west central site is being considered because "we want to locate schools where the children are."

In eight years, he said, there will be 8000 high school students, even if no more children come into the city. High school double sessions will be avoided if at all possible, Waldrip said.

Building schools is a slow process, he explained, and requires much advance planning. Site purchase often requires much time in the city. High school layouts and construction of a school, he said.

Four cafeteriums are now being planned at Perry, Wood, Carr, and Hillside Schools, Waldrip explained, because the school Board has found that it is cheaper to build them with other permanent buildings than separately.

\$18,500 Goal Set for Chest

Phillip Lisman, city chairman for the 1955-56 Community Chest campaign in Torrance, announced yesterday that the city's goal will be \$18,510 in the Red Feather appeal. This amount is part of the harbor area goal of \$85,070 and the goal for Los Angeles Community Chest of \$9,500,000, the largest amount ever sought for local health and welfare services, according to Lisman.

Actually, the amount necessary to meet the most critical needs of the 168 agencies united in one time and money saving campaign is greater than the goal set, according to Allen Harper, chairman of the volunteer Chest budget committee.

"The Chest goal is trying to catch up with the continually expanding area. We are very much aware that more people mean more problems, and pressures for services are such that many of our agencies

have long waiting lists," he said.

The importance of the preventative services of Chest agencies was stressed by Allen.

"We spend millions for treatment of all kinds of social ills . . . delinquency, disease, dependency . . . and pennies for prevention. Prevention is constantly limited by lack of sufficient community support."

In endorsing these statements, Lisman pointed out that there are 18 Chest agencies located in the harbor area, as well as many others throughout Los Angeles which extend health and welfare service to harbor area residents.

JAMES BELL HAS STROKE

A veteran leader of the Salvation Army in this area, Col. James Bell, was reported resting comfortably this week after being felled by a stroke at his home Sunday morning. He lives in Redondo Beach.

His doctor said Bell, who will celebrate his 73rd birthday on Dec. 25, had suffered only a moderate attack, but will be unable to have any visitors for a while.

Col. and Mrs. Bell came to this area in 1926, and were instrumental in building a summer camp for underprivileged children and their parents in Redondo Beach. Although officially retired, he has helped out from time to time with Salvation Army campaigns.

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