

# Birth Announcement in German Heralds Arrival of White Heir

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It is the most wonderful feeling in the world to know you have been missed! I received more calls when there was no Southwood column, than when there was. As you well know by now, it takes vitamins, food or fertilizer to help things grow, and in the case of a newspaper columnist, it takes NEWS and lots of it! I was writing rapidly, and finally died trying. But never say "die!" say "did!" instead. So what do you say, let's give our column another try? We have heard that the best things in life are free—this may not be the best thing in life, but it runs a close second, when you can send a clipping back home to the relatives. You'd be amazed how proud they would be to see your name in our local paper.

My "Homestead Week" idea collapsed, as so many of my cakes have done, but somehow I always try another one. So let's try Wisconsin week next time. My mother will enjoy this week as it strikes home for me. I was born in Los Angeles, which in itself, makes me a "collector's item," but I spent 80 of my 100 years in Madison, Wis. Maybe we can have a Wisconsin get-together and serve milk for refreshments!

Over the fence and down three doors lives Joan Melton from Appleton, Wis. In fact, she has just returned from a thirty-day visit with her folks. At least that is what Ruth Emeick of 5219 Ruby St. told me the other day. Ruth also told me that they had a better idea—they had her husband's mom come out here instead, from Germantown, Ohio. She is also visiting another son, Dan, on Toucan St.

Do you remember when I told you that Susanne White of 5214 Ruby St. was expecting two things to happen—one, a baby, and also her folks arriving from Germany? Her folks arrived first. While they were waiting for the arrival of their first grandchild, Mari-

## El Nido Park Improvement Bid Date Set

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced today that the board of supervisors has approved plans and specifications for a development program at El Nido park designed to increase greatly the value of the park as a recreational center for the use of the people of a large area.

All planning for the park has concentrated on keeping the land west of the new recreation building as a primitive area for camping and similar activities, Supervisor Hahn said.

A new comfort station, located east and south of the recreation building, will be constructed to serve the entire park including the primitive area.

Other improvements contemplated, Supervisor Hahn said, includes landscaping, site grading, construction of a service building and yard, and relocation and enlargement of the existing ball field in order to provide a larger area for baseball and softball.

Bids for this work will be opened on Oct. 17, Supervisor Hahn said.

Located at 182nd and Kingsdale, El Nido park serves the people of Lawndale, El Nido, Hawthorne, Torrance, and El Segundo.

## Dinner Dance For Senator Richards Set

Dick Floyd, president of the Torrance Democrats, announced today that the Torrance Democrats will host a buffet dinner dance Saturday night, Sept. 29, honoring Senator Richard Richards at the Torrance National Guard Armory.

The dinner dance will culminate an entire day of affairs held throughout the 17th Congressional District to be designated as Richard Richards Day.

The affairs will be open to the public. For ticket information call FRontier 9-9736 or FRontier 4-2011.

lyn Jahnz, the next door neighbor, gave an American shower for Susanne. I said "American" because it was the first shower that Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ideler had ever experienced and to them it was the most! You see, baby showers are not the custom in Germany.

Susanne was completely overwhelmed and was so glad to see all her new neighbors, namely Ruth Emeick, Charlene Portnial, Fran Mayes, Jackie Holthausen, Georgia Ritchie

and Mary Ackerman and introduce them to her mother and sister, Esther Norris. They all enjoyed the games and especially Mama Ideler as she won first prize at her first shower—beginner's luck. I call it! Who said that men don't go for showers? Couldn't do without them, as Ronnie Holthausen baked a professional looking cake and Papa and Grandpa carried home the loot.

This story has a wonderful ending—IT WAS A BOY!

Sept. 17 at 7:24 a.m., and Michael James Lawrence White weighed in at 6 lbs., ¼ oz. The proud grandparents want to tell the whole world the good news so they are making the announcement in their native tongue.

Herr und Frau Martin Ideler aus Hamburg, Deutschland, moechten der ganzen Welt erzaehlen, dass sie die stolzen Grosseltern eines gesunden Enkelsohnes geworden sind. Der kleine Michael James Law-

rence White ist das erste Kind von Mr. und Mrs. James C. White, 5214 Ruby Street, Torrance, Californien. Er wurde am 17. September 1956 in San Pedro, Californien, geboren, und wog 6 lbs., ¼ oz.

I had another good reason for writing the column again—just had to get Robert and Jane Godfrey's name in the news. They went to Dallas, Texas, of all places, for their vacation. You should hear Jane tell about it—can't print all the words! She did say she would never complain about fog, smog, wind, weeds or heat

again as long as she lives. Welcome home, Godfreys!

A week ago Saturday, when most of our quiet neighborhood was snuggled nicely in our trundle beds, you could hear singing in its rarest form. It's amazing what you get when you mix whiskey tenors with the bear barrel! Found out later that the party had been planned by a few "bud-dies" of Bill Cox, at work. They called it a housewarming—it got hotter than that. In fact, about 30 of them almost burned the place down. A good time was had by all, but Pat still hasn't recovered. I am of the firm opinion that

Your roving reporter should be invited to some of these parties, because it is the "particulars" I'm after, although, I did enjoy the music.

We can turn our horse out to pasture again—we don't need the Pony Express—old Uncle Sam is delivering personally these days!

### POSTAL SAVINGS

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