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STUDY PARADE PLANS . . . Dick Fitzgerald (left), manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, goes over the parade route for the annual Christmas parade here with Lt. D. C. Cook of the Torrance Police Dept., parade coordinator. This year's parade will be held Friday evening, Dec. 7, beginning at 6 p.m.

Annual Christmas Parade To Be Held Here Dec. 7

Dental Health Group Asks for Fluoridation

Fluoridation of the domestic water supplies in Torrance as a strong measure in the battle against tooth decay is being recommended by the City Council by the board of directors of the Torrance Dental Health Assn., President Don Hitchcock revealed this week.

In a resolution adopted by the association at its meeting last week, fluoridation of city water supplies was described as past the experimental stage, and proven safe and effective in controlled tests throughout the United States.

"Reduction of dental decay among children is normally about 65 per cent in areas where the water they drink from birth is fluoridized," Hitchcock reported. The figures have been established in a large number of test areas in checks up to 10 years in length.

Copies of the resolution are being mailed to members of the City Council this week so they may inquire about the matter at the annual convention of the American Municipal Assn. in St. Louis later this month.

Fluoridation of municipal water supplies has been adopted in the national program of the Parent-Teacher Assn., local PTA officials report, and the stand of the Torrance Dental Health Assn. is expected to be endorsed by local PTA units, doctors, and dentists in this area.

Isen Seeks D.A. Post

Mayor Albert Isen's name appears on the list of applicants for the office of L.A. District Attorney published in metropolitan newspapers yesterday.

Members of the Board of Supervisors have indicated they will not appoint a successor to Ernest Roll, deceased, until after Dec. 4.

Plans for a repeat performance of last year's popular Christmas Parade here on Friday evening, Dec. 7, were announced yesterday by Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and Lt. D. C. Cook, head of the Police Department juvenile bureau and parade coordinator.

Buffalo Bill Jr. and Calamity Jane will be parade marshalls. The parade which will open the city's "Santa's Workshop" in El Prado Park will start at 6 p.m. at Carson St. and Cabrillo and will go north on Cabrillo to Sartori, up Sartori to Post, over to Cravens, and back to the starting point. Santa Claus will get off at "Santa Workshop" at the park and will be in business there until Christmas.

Sponsored by Merchants

The parade will be sponsored by the Retail Merchants Assn. of Torrance in cooperation with the Torrance Mounted Police, Fitzgerald and Cook said yesterday.

Entries are being accepted now and applications may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado.

Trophies Planned

Trophies for the first three entrants in 22 classifications

Teenagers Sought in Home Looting

Juvenile officers Wednesday were seeking two teen-aged boys seen in the vicinity of a vacationing Walterian's home about the time the dwelling was burglarized.

A neighbor woman reported seeing the couple at the back of the home of William Middlestead at 24463 Ward St. not long before it was found that the house had been entered through a rear window and ransacked.

The thieves escaped with about \$7. in change and a woman's purse.

Three-Day Art Exhibition Opens Tomorrow at Pool

"Can You Live With Contemporary Art?" will be the topic of a panel discussion which will open the Torrance Art Festival tomorrow from 8 to 10 p.m. at the municipal plunge, 3331 Torrance Blvd.

The discussion will carry out the theme of the three-day show, "Art to Live With." Assistant City Manager Don Mansfield, 3225 Antonio St., will act as moderator.

Speaking for the artists will be Ben Shaw, 3214 Crickwood St., and Enid Helvey, 4403 Newton St. Speaking for the public will be Mrs. Herma Tillim, 16914 Osage St., chairman of the Recreation Commission, and John K. Kesson, 2015 W. 182nd St., president of the North Torrance Civic Assn.

Many Exhibitions

A former sketch artist for Universal Studios, Shaw is a member of the California Water Color Society and has exhibited at the Orange County Fair, County Museum, Pasadena Museum, Palos Verdes Art Gallery, and DeYoung Museum, San Francisco.

Mrs. Helvey is a former teacher in Santa Barbara College, L.A. State College, South Bay Adult School, and in Arizona. She had a one-woman show at the Santa Barbara Art Museum and is a life member of Delta Phi Delta, art fraternity. She is a member and exhibiting artist with the South Bay Community Arts Assn. and former member of the board of directors.

Three Categories Planned

Three categories of art work—painting, sculpture, and crafts—will be displayed by South Bay artists. A small entry fee allows artists to enter three items in one or all three categories.

The exhibit will be open from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. From 4 to 6 p.m. on both days, four art films will be shown. These include "What is Modern Art?" a discussion of the pros and cons; "Grandma Moses," a pictorial view of the famed artist at work; "Rome, the Eternal City," presenting some of the art treasures of Rome and famous ruins, and "Art Survives the Times," a commentary of artistic life in France.

Demonstration Set

On Sunday, local artists will demonstrate art techniques. Putting on demonstrations will be Mrs. Roy Seidler, water color; Mrs. Al Baker, line drawing; Mrs. Milton Feldon, linoleum block, and David Baeza, use of the potter's wheel and other ceramic techniques.

Presentation of awards will be made by Rosemary DeCamp, TV and movie star and Hollywood Riviera resident. Dale Sexton, South Bay artist, and winner of the Women of the West painter's award, will judge the works submitted.

At the door of the plunge a panel will be erected with material on "How to Look at a Painting" to help the uninitiated, according to Mrs. Feldon, who is president of the Torrance Art Group.

Hospital Work To Begin Soon, Chace Declares

An early start for the construction of the new Harbor General Hospital, for which funds were voted in the recent election, was seen Tuesday when the Board of Supervisors appointed architects for the project.

The hospital, which will be built with the funds from the \$15,000,000 bond issue overwhelmingly approved by the voters in last Tuesday's election, will be designed by four of the Southland's leading architects working as a special group of associates, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

A Special Group

The architects named by the Board of Supervisors are Paul Williams, Adrian Wilson, Wellington Beckett and Associates, all of Los Angeles, and Francis Heusel of Long Beach.

Chace declared that the architectural group will begin immediate studies with County Hospital authorities to determine the need for the structure, which the supervisor said "should be one of the finest of its type to be found anywhere in the nation."

Barracks To Go

The new hospital will replace the present Harbor General Hospital which has been declared by hospital authorities to be completely inadequate, and in many instances, unfit for hospital purposes.

The present Harbor General Hospital, Chace pointed out, was obtained by the county from the federal government, who had built it as a temporary structure to serve wartime needs in the harbor.



END OF THE SEARCH . . . Postmaster Clara Conner returns a wallet lost two months ago by Faith Bryslan, of 18303 St. Andrews Place, and dropped in a mailbox by the finder. The search for the owner led to Baldwin Park, Santa Barbara, and Wisconsin before the wallet could be returned.

Sharp Sleuthing Leads to Owner of Long-Lost Wallet

These are the facts.

On, or about, the first of September a wallet was lost somewhere in Torrance.

The finder, as yet unknown, dropped the wallet in a local mail pickup box.

In due time the lost article arrived on the desk of the Postmaster of the Torrance Post Office, Mrs. Clara A. Conner.

As Postmaster, it became Mrs. Conner's duty to locate the missing owner of the now found wallet.

The only clues the female sleuth had to go on were several snapshots inside the wallet. Several of the photos were of young girls, of school age, and a Catholic nun. There was no other form of identification, no names, addresses or phone numbers.

With this slim lead, Mrs. Conner, alias Sherlock Holmes, went into action.

Contacted Priest

Her first contact was to a local priest, to check if either the nun or school girls were residents of the Torrance area. They weren't. However, she was told that she could get further information concerning Catholic orders by contacting St. John's Convent in Baldwin Park, Calif.

Upon checking at Baldwin Park the postal sleuth was informed that the nun pictured was a member of Order of St. Francis. Next stop was the order's west coast headquarters in Santa Barbara.

On to Wisconsin

Information from the Channel City was of a semi-negative nature; it was determined that the nun was not a mem-

Residents Told Sump to Remain

A delegation of residents living near the huge drainage sump in Southwood Homes was told by the City Council Tuesday night that the city had requested builders of the development to put a guard on the area at all times when the gates to the sump were open.

Presenting a petition containing 143 signatures, neighbors of the Jay R. Williams family, 5033 Scott St., who lost their 3-year-old son in the sump a week ago today, asked the city to take steps to see that the tragedy could not be repeated.

Councilman Willys Blount, sitting as mayor during the absence of Albert Isen, told the residents of the area that all members of the City Council were saddened by the drowning of little John James Williams, but "there is nothing we can do now to undo the tragedy which has befallen us."

Guard Requested

City Manager George Stevens reported that he had requested Kaufman-Wilson Co., developers of the tract, to put a guard at the gate at all times that it was open, but that he had not received a reply from the firm.

The City Manager also spiked reports that the area was to be converted into a park in the near future.

"It will remain a sump for a long time," Stevens said. He pointed out that the city had not accepted title to the area yet, and that the developers were still working on the huge drainage area.

Health Menace Cited

Appearing before the Council, Mrs. Earl Hooten, of 5111 Scott St., spoke of the danger and health menace, saying the

unguarded, open gate is an invitation to youngsters to enter the sump site.

"Surely it shouldn't take more than one life to emphasize the need for action," Mrs. Hooten said.

Mrs. John Knox, of 21205 Palos Verdes Blvd., said she had taken several youngsters out of the sump area recently, and had pulled an 8-year-old and a 10-year-old out of there the Sunday before the tragic drowning of the Williams boy.

Statements Repeated

Mrs. Knox repeated statements given to THE HERALD last Saturday that she had checked with the City Hall before buying the property and was told the "sump would be out in a year by some lady in the planning department."

The Council agreed to investigate possibilities of spreading the water over a larger area so the depth during summer months would be lessened. Suggestions that it be pumped out were discarded when officials explained there was no place to pump it.

The water is treated with diesel oil occasionally as a mosquito control measure, and mosquito-eating fish are planted in the sumps at intervals, City Manager Stevens said in reply to statements that residents had heard the water was poisoned.

"We don't put poison in these sumps," he declared.



WAITS FOR HELP . . . Mrs. Joan Evans of El Monte waits for help after she received severe facial cuts in a head-on collision at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Newton St. Sunday. She was taken to Harbor General Hospital by Wright's Ambulance.

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