

Herald Weekender

Containing Stories from Sunday's Herald

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Board Rushing Alternate Plan

If South High is unable to open on schedule this September, the second floor of Torrance Elementary School will be used temporarily for high school classes and Torrance High School will be on a staggered schedule.

That was the word Friday from School Superintendent J. H. Hull, commenting on the schools' plan if the present strike of plumbers, hod carriers, and sheet metal workers lasts much longer. Continuation of the strike would block the opening of South High on schedule and would leave some 900 students without classrooms.

Theft Try Reported

A 15-year-old boy who was helping him do some work tried to make off with \$78 worth of his equipment. Richard Tolle Kunath, 2263 W. 255th St., told sheriff's deputies Friday.

Rezoning Stirs Area

There were pre-July 4 fireworks as the Torrance Planning Commission held a first hearing on the proposed rezoning of Don-Ja-Ran property originally slated as a resort hotel.

At the request of the City Council, the Planners are holding hearings to rezone the land from R-4 (hotel use) to R-1 (single-family residence).

Don-Ja-Ran representatives and nearby residents exchanged claims on whether the residents had been shown pictures of the resort hotel before they signed letters stating that they had no objections to the proposed hotel. Present Don-Ja-Ran plans are to place an 80-unit motel on the 20-acre site located at the southern end of Paseo de la Playa.

Demos Slate Dinner

"Salute to Our Solons" is the theme of the 17th Congressional District Democratic annual fund-raising dinner to be held on Saturday evening, July 20, at the Torrance Civic Auditorium, 1349 El Prado, announced Dr. Frank Sullivan, chairman of the 17th Congressional District Democratic Council.

Police Show Slated

Tickets will go on sale tomorrow for the annual Torrance Police Officers Association benefit show and dance.

The event will be held Nov. 9 at the Long Beach Municipal auditorium and a name dance band and a professional variety show will be on hand to entertain.

Chlorine Perils 15

Fifteen July 4 swimmers in the pool at Chadwick School's swimming pool were treated for the effects of chlorine poisoning after a safety valve failed to function.

Nine Blazes Reported

Firecrackers were believed to have been responsible for some of the nine grass fires which occurred in Torrance on July 4, but firemen reported that they had not been able to find the celebrators who set them off.

North Griddler Picked

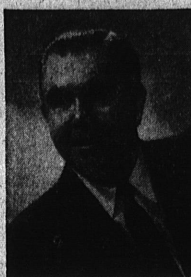
Ray Grieshaber, fullback from North High, was one of 25 gridiron stars who reported for uniforms in preparation for the Optimist All-Star football game July 20 at El Camino.

Sheriff at Games

Sheriff Eugene Biscalluz of Los Angeles will be grand marshal at the Optimist all-star high school football pre-game activities at El Camino Stadium, July 20.

Rainmaker to End

Hampton Players' current production, "The Rainmaker," will be concluded on Friday and Saturday night this weekend at the group's little theater, 129 S. Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach.



LIONS PRESIDENT . . . Edward G. Barry of Little Rock, Ark., has been elected international president of Lions International at the association's 40th annual convention in San Francisco. Lions International has 564,300 members in 82 countries of regions of the world.

PILGRIMAGE PLAY WILL OPEN SOON

The Pilgrimage Play, famous dramatization of the life of Christ, will open on July 29 and continue through Aug. 24, according to John Arnold Ford, producer of the religious spectacle.

Marking the 27th year of the production, the play will again be seen in the outdoor Pilgrimage Play Theater located in the Hollywood Hills.

The annual drama, according to Ford, is intended to supplement the invaluable work done by the churches to bring closer to our daily lives the profound and inspired teachings of Christ.

It is estimated that over 1,000,000 persons have witnessed the sacred drama since its premiere performance on June 27, 1920.

Robert Wilson, again appearing in the role of Jesus of Nazareth, will head a cast of over 100.

Performances of the Pilgrimage Play will be at 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays. The theater will be dark on Mondays except opening night.

Tickets will be on sale at all Mutual Ticket Agencies.

Moose Plan Dinner Dance For Saturday

The Torrance Moose lodge and chapter will celebrate the graduation from high school of forty-one Mooseheart boys and girls at a public dinner and dance to be held at the Moose Lodge, 1744 W. Carson St., Saturday, July 13th, starting at 6 p.m., Fred Lydy, governor, announced today.

A milestone in the lives of 23 girls and 18 boys, children of departed Moose members, was reached when they received their high school and vocational diplomas in recent ceremonies at the world-famous "Child City" at Mooseheart, Ill. The graduation ceremonies will be observed by the Torrance Moose during the Saturday evening festive affair.

A public breakfast will be held at the lodge hall on Sunday morning, July 14th, starting at 9 a.m., with the receipts collected to be donated to the proposed "Little Company of Mary Hospital."

Navymen Fatally Hurt

John Ivan Childress, 21, from the U. S. Navy carrier Wasp died Wednesday night at Harbor General Hospital as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident Tuesday morning.

Childress was thrown from his car after it collided with one driven by William C. Daniels, 28, of 19130 Flavian St.

Plans Shape Up for First Ranchero Days Festival



NEW BEAUTY ASPIRANTS . . . Three new entrants in the Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant which will be judged July 27 are (left to right) Vera Roberson, 20, of 1804 Arlington Ave.; Margie Thompson, 23, of 1321 1/2 Sartori Ave., and Sharon Staras, 18, of 216 Via Los Altos. The selection will be made during the city's Ranchero Days celebration.

Details on Huge Parade, Other Events Completed

Torrance's Civic Center will be bustling with activity from July 24 to 28, according to final plans now being made for the city's first annual Ranchero Days.

Thirty-four civic organizations are working on the project which will include the following events:

1. A two-day Western Rodeo, sanctioned by the Rodeo Cowboys of America as a world championship event.
2. A five-day midway of booths operated by local organizations featuring food and skill games, and 15 "thrill rides".
3. A giant tent featuring a complete industrial exhibit.
4. The finals of the "Miss Torrance" Contest.
5. A huge parade.
6. A giant aquacade.
7. Swimming races for youngsters.
8. Tours of the Civic Center.
9. Nightly entertainment.

Members of the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce promised a "really first class community event" for the city's 90,000 citizens.

The rodeo, sponsored by the Torrance Mounted Police and Torrance Lions Club, will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28. It will feature many champion cowboys from many parts of the country. It is sanctioned by the Rodeo Cowboys of America as a world championship event.

Booths Planned
All booth spaces are accounted for by local organizations according to Chamber of Commerce Manager, Dick Fitzgerald.

The booths which will be located on a giant midway behind the Civic Center, will be open starting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 24, 25, and 26. On both Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28, all activity will start at noon.

Many thrill rides will be in operation stated officials of the Junior Chamber who will operate the midway. Some 15 pieces of equipment will be located on the midway with rides offered for children of all ages.

Groups Take Part
Local organizations participating include the Torrance Mounted Police, Lions Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Women of the Moose, Kiwanis Club, Cub Scout Pack 201-C, National Association of Letter Carriers, Torrance Area Youth Band, Torrance Jayettes, Civilian Club, North Torrance Lions, Junior Womens Club, Firealdis, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Disabled American Vets, Torrance N. C. O. Club, Nativity Holy Name Mens Society,

North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., Key Club, Ladies of the Elks, Optimist Club, Reserve Police, Business and Professional Women, and Omicron-Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Industrial Exhibits
Many Torrance area industries have indicated their intention of participating in the huge Industrial Exhibit at the celebration according to Chairman Glenn Koger, of the sponsoring Industrial Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Latest industrial firms to join the rapidly growing list are Shell Chemical Corp., Braucht-Barnes, Azusa Rock and Sand, and Mayflower Trailer.

Previously announced firms are National Supply Co., American Standard, Southern California Edison Co., American Rock Wool Corp., Warren Southwest, Southern California Gas Co., Roma Cable Corp., Pacific Smelting, Pilot Manufacturing, Pittsburg Plate Glass, General Motors Corp., (Chevrolet Division), Pacific Telephone & Telegraph, Bethlehem Steel Corp., Columbia Geneva Division of U. S. Steel, Harvey Aluminum, General Petroleum Corp., Carbide and Carbon Corp., Great Lakes Carbon Corp., and North American Aviation.

"Miss Torrance" Judging
The 1957 "Miss Torrance" will be chosen from a number of local beauties at judging to be held during the festivities.

Entries continue to pile-up for the big parade scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 27, according to Parade Coordinator, Lt. D. C. Cook. The parade a highlight of the five day program will feature all types of entertainment, Cook added.

In addition to entries in the mounted classifications such as silver matched silver parade horse, charro, Indian, Spanish, and many others, there will be an abundance of color and music.

Entries Told
Floats from Douglas Aircraft, Lucky Lager Brewing Co., and the U. S. Army are already entered. Music will be furnished by the 1955 Lions National Champion Bellflower Ranger Band, the Long Beach Youth Band, Hawthorne Area Youth Band, Sepulveda Youth Band, Torrance Area Youth Band and the State Champion Chung Wah Chinese Drum & Bugle Corps. The famed Florida American Legion Port 305 will enter its color guard and five majorette groups have filed entries.

The parade will start at Torrance Blvd., and Sartori and proceed to the Torrance Civic Center.

The Torrance Recreation Department will put on its first aquacade at the Municipal Plunge, with youthful local swimmers taking part in the colorful spectacle. Swimming contests also are scheduled for local children.

City Manager George Stevens announced that arrangements are being made to allow Torrance residents and guests to tour the new Civic Center as a feature of the celebration. Stevens said that buildings will be open on Friday, July 26, from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. and on Saturday, July 27, from 12 noon until 4 p.m.

Plan Displays
There will be displays and exhibits presented by each of the city departments.

Stevens added that many of the more than 90,000 citizens of the "All America City" have not had the opportunity of viewing the modern center.

Special entertainment features, to be presented nightly, will be announced later.

A huge 48 foot replica of an Essex-Class Aircraft Carrier will be on display on the Civic Center grounds for two days. The "U.S.S. Recruiter" is a 1/20th size replica of the famed carrier-class and was built at Naval Air Station, San Diego and was launched on Navy Day, Oct. 27, 1947.

Aircraft Carrier
She is complete in all details having her own generators and compressors and is completely self-propelled. The compressed-air catapult will actually launch flight models from the flight deck.

Mounted on a five-ton chassis, the "U.S.S. Recruiter" weighs 15,000 pounds and is 13 feet, eight inches high and 10 feet, six inches wide. Because of the heavy demands for scheduling of the ship, she will only be on display on the fairgrounds on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, July 24 and 25.

Guardsmen Get Stripes

Eleven Torrance men received promotions with Company E, 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion, California National Guard, according to Public Information Officer Nap Bledau.

Effective July 1, Salvador Gonzales was promoted to sergeant and private first class stripes were given to Angel Arellano Jr., Tony O. Gasset, Michael J. Gonta, Lee A. Melien, Gerald W. Morris, Joaquin L. Pedrosa, Leo L. Pedrosa, Keith D. Pierson, Allen P. Smith, and Robert H. Robinson.

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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1957

Seventeen

Merchants Plan Participation in City Festivities

Plans for Christmas decorations for the coming holiday season, parking, Ranchero Days celebrations in the downtown area, and the distribution of Ranchero Days "Sheriff" badges were discussed by members of the Retail Merchants Assn. meeting here this week.

A representative of the Jones Decorating Service of Hollywood met with the downtown merchants Tuesday to work out details of this year's street decorations. They will probably be similar to those installed last year and will be lighted the day before Thanksgiving, it was decided.

Parking matters were referred to a meeting Tuesday night with members of the City Council.

Plans for three downtown promotions during the Ranchero Days celebration later this month were worked out at the meeting. Merchandise and other prizes will be awarded on three evenings—Thursday July 25, Friday July 26, and Saturday July 27—in the downtown area. The awards will be made on each of the three evenings at 7:30. The Thursday event will be held in front of the Safeway Stores parking lot on El Prado; Friday at Sartori and Cabrillo; and Saturday night in front of the Bank of America at Sartori near Post.

"Deputy Sheriff" Badges by the thousands will be pinned on celebrants during the Ranchero Days fete, the merchants announced. It is all designed to get everybody into the spirit of the occasion, they reported.

Psychiatrist To Address Rotary Club

Robert Dollard, district psychologist for the Torrance Unified School District, will speak to members of the Torrance Rotary Club tonight on the topic of "Education for the Physically Handicapped."

"Modern education, as eminently personified by our own Torrance Unified School District, recognizes that all our children should have the opportunity for self-development," according to Donald W. Mansfield, program coordinator for the club.

The speaker will be introduced by Al Posner, program chairman and an assistant superintendent of the school district.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at the Torrance Women's Club, 1422 Encinara.



HE FLIES THROUGH THE AIR . . . Scenes like this will be seen at the rodeo to be held in connection with Torrance Ranchero Days. The rodeos will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28, at the Civic Center, starting at 2 p.m. each day. It is sponsored by the Torrance Mounted Police and Torrance Lions Club.

Schneider New President of Southland KCs

George W. Schneider, 686 Calle Miramar, former member of the city's airport commission, has been elected president of the Southern California Chapter, Knights of Columbus, it was announced here yesterday.

In his new post, Schneider will direct the activities of the chapter which includes 60 councils with a membership of more than 15,000. The new president is a member of the Los Crusados Council, and is the first member of that group to be elected to the top Southland KC office.

Schneider served the chapter during the past year as its vice president. He has held some office in the chapter during the past six years, and has been active in the Los Crusados council and its predecessor, the Redondo Beach Council, for many years.

Other officers named to serve with the new president includes Emile Jacobs, San Fernando, vice president; Rudy Wittal, Downey, secretary; William B. O'Conner, Highland Park, treasurer; and Dave Haugh, North Hollywood, marshal.

Schneider plans to call a meeting of top area officers in the near future to discuss committee assignment for the coming year, he said.

'Light Up the Sky' to Start Run Tonight

Gala opening night festivities are scheduled tonight as Accent Theater starts its run of "Light Up the Sky" at its Torrance Playhouse, Cabrillo and El Prado, starting at 8:30.

The theater will be decorated in party colors, complete with balloons, crepe paper,



DR. MALCOLM SAGENKAHN . . . In Accent Show

and other festive decor. A barrage of balloons will be loosed over the area at 1 p.m. today advertising the affair, and some of the balloons will have free tickets attached. The show will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday for four week ends.

Trading in his executive gavel for a Roman candle to "Light Up the Sky" will be Dr. Malcolm Sagenkahn, former president of the local thespians. He plays Sidney Black, a jet-propelled producer in the show and has appeared in many past Accent shows, including the recent "Stalag 17."

A firm advocate of the best community theater available, Dr. Sagenkahn said he has tried to bring the ablest and brightest minds of the community together with the aim of providing the best entertainment possible for the area. Quoting his part, Sidney Black, he said, "We do the best we can in the toughest business in the world. We may not always look like heroes, but we're in there trying."

Tickets may be obtained at Ray's Music Center.

Jayhawkers to Meet

Kansas State Society of Long Beach will have its mid-summer picnic at Bixby Park in Long Beach Sunday, July 28. Registrars will be on hand for all 105 counties.

Cities to Consider East-West Arteries

Members of the Inter-City Highway Committee will discuss the need for east-west highways in the Torrance-South Bay area tonight during their July meeting at Club Alondra.

Chairman Wilburn E. Baker of El Segundo said the need to supplement Imperial and Artesia—the only east-west streets serving nearly 1,000,000 residents—has been never more pressing than now with the thousands of additional workers being brought into the area annually.

The Inter-City Highway Committee, which has been putting its major efforts behind a program to get the San Diego and Harbor Freeways

constructed in the area, is composed of representatives of cities in the southwest section of the county.

Each city from Inglewood to Torrance has five members on the committee, including a city councilman, city engineer, planning commission member, and two lay members.

Torrance representatives include Councilman Nick Draie, City Engineer Ronald Bishop, Attorney John Barton, and Reid Bundy.

Other matters on tonight's agenda include reports of committees studying the widening of Rosecrans and Compton Blvds., and reports on Ardmore and Valley Sts. in the Redondo-Hermosa area.