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ELKS DOPE WAR NOW STATEWIDE

137 Lodges in Battle on Dope

The anti-dope drive launched this summer by the 137 Elks lodges of Torrance, Redondo Beach and Gardena will go on a statewide basis, it was announced here this week.

A decision to ask all of the 137 California Elks lodges to push petitions asking for stiffer penalties for conviction of peddling narcotics was announced by State President John Rafeito following a meeting here with Narcotics Chairman Joe Yates of the Torrance Lodge and chairman for the Redondo Beach and Gardena Lodges.

THE PROGRAM also has received the endorsement of the Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks, Horace Wisely of Salinas.

"We now have 55 California lodges which have requested information on the program on a voluntary basis," Yates told the HERALD yesterday.

With the addition of the balance of California lodges, local Elks officials hope to collect three million signatures on petitions asking for a mandatory 30-year sentence for convicted dope peddlers. Locally, a downtown Torrance mall shop was credited yesterday by Chairman Yates with setting the pace for signatures.

HE REPORTED that a businessman (who asked not to be identified) had turned in petitions bearing more than 750 signatures.

Nearly 170,000 signatures to the petitions have been obtained by the three local lodges since the program was launched earlier this spring. Petitions from throughout the state will be submitted to the California Legislature when it convenes next January.

Water Board Established

Establishment of a five-man water commission for the city to oversee development of the Torrance Municipal Water District and to plan its future growth was voted by the city council Tuesday on the recommendation of George Bradford.

CADETS' FAST ACTION SAVES COSTLY REPAIR

Fast action by the part of several members of the city's Cadet Band may have saved a costly repair bill at the Civic Auditorium this week.

Arriving at the auditorium Saturday morning to pick up music and instruments before marching in the Hawthorne Youth Beach parade, Band Director Jim Davidson and several of the Cadets found a sizeable puddle of water working its way over the auditorium floor.

A quick check revealed that a pipe in one of the ballrooms had broken, and water was running into the rooms adjacent to the stage and down the steps onto the auditorium floor.

Cadet John Atter found a turn-off valve and stopped the water flow with Cadets Mike Hillman, Glen Hall, and Dave Wright mopped mops and brooms to clean up the mess.

Seeing the threatened disaster under control, the Cadets raced on to their appointment in Hawthorne where they marched in the parade as though they had spent a routine morning.

Al Turner Dies, Rites On Friday

Funeral services will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. tomorrow for A. C. "Pop" Turner, 61, of 1066 Acacia, a resident of Torrance for 35 years, and prominent in civic and business affairs of the city. Mr. Turner died here Tuesday morning following an illness of several months.

Former assistant manager of Mayfair Creamery at Torrance, Mr. Turner had spent much of his spare time in programs for youth of the city, and was active in the Torrance Optimist Club and in the Torrance YMCA. He was a life member of the Torrance Council PTA.

OFFICIALS AT the Torrance YMCA expressed shock in the loss of Mr. Turner, whose enthusiasm, sacrifice, and leadership has been credited with keeping the YMCA alive for six years.

City Records Third Death On Highways

A 64-year-old Wilmington man became the city's third traffic fatality Monday morning when he died in Harbor General Hospital following an accident at Western Ave. and 205th St.

Dead was Lloyd H. Moore, of 183 W. 234th Pl. Treated for multiple cuts and bruises at San Pedro Community Hospital was Mrs. Marie Moore, 42, wife of the fatally injured motorist. Driver of the other auto, Sgt. Robert Turner, a 19-year-old Marine of 1832 Torrance Blvd., and his passenger, Roberta Allen, 16, of 3774 W. 171st St., were treated at Harbor General Hospital for minor injuries. Both were released.



ON SCOUT TRIP . . . Local businessmen and community leaders toured Boy Scout camp areas near Lake Arrowhead yesterday as the Harbor area Boy Scout council hosted the group on a "Bus Buddies" tour of the facilities. Here Harbor Scout Executive John Walgren (in the center) passes out instructions to the group. (Herald Photo)

Torrance Businessmen, Civic Leaders Tour Boy Scout Camp

Fifteen local businessmen and school and city officials along with five local Scout executives joined other friends of Scouting from the Harbor area yesterday for a day-long tour of Scout facilities near Lake Arrowhead yesterday.

Leaving here by bus early yesterday, the group was dubbed "Bus Buddies" by Harbor Scout executives. On the schedule for the day was skeet shooting, archery, swimming, a visit with an Indian medicine man, all lapped off with a real Boy Scout barbecue.

THE TRIP was the second annual Harbor "Bus Buddies" trip to the Lake Arrowhead Scout camps and included a complete tour of four camps in the area.

PARADE TELECAST

The Torrance Ranceros Days Parade will be telecast on KTTV (11) from 12 noon until 1 p.m. Sunday, August 10.

One-Way Streets Downtown Asked

Efforts to gain city approval of a plan of one-way streets for downtown Torrance were started this week by Chamber of Commerce President Fred W. Mill. At the same time, Mill reported the strong opposition of the Chamber of Commerce and its allied merchants' group to the dangerous "Chinese lantern" type overhead traffic signal.



"NATURALLY, WE cannot be certain the proposal will work perfectly," Mill wrote.

"However, we sincerely believe that any proposal that may possibly alleviate the transportation and parking problems in downtown Torrance should be given serious attention," he said.

A proposal for establishment of one-way streets throughout the downtown business area was advanced recently by Assistant Police Chief M. H. Posen, who predicted that it would solve many of the traffic problems of the area.

STILL NO LIMIT

New Cat Law Beaten, 4-3

Torrance's cat population returned to its free-and-easy mode of living yesterday after a move to limit the numbers drastically was beaten down by a 4-3 vote in the city council Tuesday night.

The proposed ordinance, which would have limited cats to three per dwelling and outlawed all monkeys, was defeated after protests of local pet store and Southland pet supply dealers.

Earlier attempts to modify the ordinance to eliminate reference to monkeys and keep the cat restriction also was defeated.

Difficulty in enforcing the ordinance was cited by councilmen who remarked that ownership of a cat is a nebulous thing.

Two Held In Theft Try Here

Two youths suspected of robbing a Torrance service station early yesterday were nabbed in the act of another robbery in Inglewood a few minutes later, according to police.

Arrested by Inglewood police were Arnold Fitzgerald, 18, and Joseph L. Dovelis, 18, both of Compton.

Bid Awarded For Special School Plant

A \$279,832 bid for construction of the new Columbia School at 186th and Hawthorne Ave. was accepted Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education.

The new school for handicapped children will be located on the west half of the El Niño site. Children now enrolled at El Niño will attend Magruder School, 186th and Dots, when it is completed later this year. Columbia is expected to open about March, 1959.

Costate Builders, Inc., Long Beach, presented the lowest of 11 bids for Columbia School.



CLOSED SUNDAYS . . . Marvin Schwab, vice president of the Religious Activities Committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and Rev. H. Milton Sippel, president of Torrance Ministerial Assn., playing window cards just released by the committee. The project urges everyone to attend the Church of their choice every Sunday.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Six businessmen in the North Torrance area were asked the question, "What is the secret of success in business?" The answers they gave the HERALD photographer are recorded below, along with their photos.

Z. Grand, 17310 Crenshaw, liquor store dealer.

"Success in my business depends on whether, or not, people in this district are working. Business is always good for the big operation, but the little man needs consideration when unemployment is high."

John R. Pheeler, 17503 S. Crenshaw, real estate salesman.

"We all have opportunity for success in business, but all are not qualified. Education and knowledge of a business is important, but hard work and the will to make sales, is also important."

Dennis Silveira, 16201 S. Crenshaw, service station manager.

"Friendliness and courtesy are necessary in this business for success. Make the customer feel he is wanted and no matter how you feel meet him with a smile. Most gasolines are the same, but it is service that makes business good."

Chuck Robbiss, 15920 S. Western, realtor.

"I consider myself a success. I have to get up off the floor when I am knocked down by a sale that I lose. I forget the unsuccessful deals and go after another one."

Richard D. Lee, 17314 S. Crenshaw, barber.

"Success in my business is due to being able to offer service at a rate as low, or lower, than my competitors. Of course, quality of work goes without saying."

Walter Warren, 17503 S. Crenshaw, real estate salesman.

"Expose yourself to new opportunities for success. Go out and get your own. Outline your plans for the future in the morning. Make your calls and then go back and make some more."

STANLEY ED. BILEY
The executive board of the Torrance Lions Club will meet at the home of George CoBurn at 8 p.m. Aug. 12.