



North Torrance Waleria Church Sets Ceremony Civic Week Begins Oct. 5

Culminating a year of work and planning by the building and committee of Waleria Community Methodist Church will be groundbreaking ceremonies for the new educational unit of the church at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Honored guest will be Dr. Stanley McKee, Long Beach district superintendent, who will speak at the 11 a.m. service.

Sunday school teachers and volunteer workers will be honored at a reception following the services. Tribute will be paid them during the religious worship.

Planning the groundbreaking ceremonies is a committee comprised of Rev. Wendell Hook, Stewart Rose, building committee chairman, Mrs. Robert Cramer, educational commission chairman, and Nate Gordon, trustee chairman.

North Torrance Civic Week will be proclaimed by Mayor Isen the week of Oct. 5 to Oct. 11 in honor of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. which enters its 10th year of service this month under the leadership of Mrs. Philip Clark of 5211 W. 166th St., the organization's first woman president.

Climaxing a week of celebration, an inaugural dinner-dance will be held at the Western Club Cafe, Gardena, Saturday evening, Oct. 11. City, county and state officials have been invited, as well as officers of civic and fraternal organizations in Torrance.

Reservations for the dinner-dance are being taken by Bert Herzog.

Among those present will be officers for the 10-year period during which the Civic Improvement Association kept pace with Torrance's mushrooming population growth. At the present time the group serves more than 20,000 residents in its immediate area.

Past presidents who will be honored at the dinner include Frank H. Lush, Bert Johnson, Jack White, Clinton Beedon, Muri Fries, John Kesson and John G. L. Crain.

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The Art Corner

By VICKI FELDON

People looking at exhibitions of contemporary art are just as interesting as the exhibitions themselves. Many of these viewers walk from painting to painting, and around the sculpture, peering hopefully at these things with the most bewildered expressions on their faces.

Comprehension of what the contemporary artist is trying to do is lost in the puzzling assortment of styles and schools currently being shown in galleries and museums. There is a great gap between the artist and the community at present.

THIS COLUMN can help bridge this gap by focusing attention on what the artists of the Torrance-South Bay area are doing. There is a great deal of art activity in our rapidly growing communities that most people living here are not aware exists.

A community's growth should not only be measured by its rate of population increase, number of building permits issued, amount of tax collections, but also by its support of existing community arts activities such as little theater groups, art association exhibits, local art galleries, and community concert series.

THE SEPARATION between the artist and the public is not as wide on a community level. The local galleries are usually small, making browsing easy, perhaps local landscapes can be recognized. At art association exhibits one of the artists may be a neighbor who lives up the street. There is an informal, intimate quality about seeing art at this level that is not as awe-inspiring as visiting one of the great galleries of a large museum.

Local gallery and exhibit visiting will bring familiarity with art, and with that perhaps, will come understanding.

LOCAL ART events of interest for the month of October. Art Rental Exhibition, Sept. 26, Municipal Courts Building, 123 Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach. Sponsored by American Assn. of University of Women and South Bay Community Art Assn. 2 to 5 p.m.

County Museum Art Film Series, Oct. 17, Old City Hall, Torrance, corner Craven and

and paintings.

3 from 30, October, Exodus Gallery, 235 W. 6 St., San Pedro. Coffee-house; hours, Monday-Thursday, 12 to 12; week ends till 4 a.m.

Group Show, King's Art Shop, 837 N. Sepulveda, El Segundo.

Rembrandt Crew, October, Security First National Bank, 22 Malaga Cove, Plaza, Palos Verdes Estates.

Einar Hansen, October, Palos Verdes Library, Plaza, Palos Verdes Estates.

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