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WELL PUMP CRUSHES BOY'S FOOT

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Is higher education more important to a man or woman college student?" This is the question the HERALD photographer asked six El Camino College freshmen students this week. The answers, along with their pictures, appear below.

Jim Hensbers:
"Higher education means more to a man than to a woman because a man has to enter the business world while women usually make marriage their career. Still, education is important to a woman, too."

Margery Matthews:
"I think it is important for both men and women to have higher education but if a decision had to be made between the two, then I would say the men as they need a higher education for better positions."

Kent MacGillivray:
"I think a woman's place is in the home. As the males predominate the working field it is important that they have sufficient education to enable them to earn a good living."

Judy Fater:
"I think men should have as much education as they can get. A woman should have a comparable education or social obligations may arise. To me education is priceless."

Bill Trumble:
"Higher education means more to the men as he is the breadwinner. A girl also needs higher education and more of both men and women should have higher education."

Linda Dalstrom:
"Definitely the men should have more education, but the wife when they are married, should have at least two years of college. This way they will be on equal terms."

ROAD WORK SET

Supervisor Barton W. Chace announced Tuesday that the Los Angeles County Road Department is scheduled to start construction operations on a 1.5-mile stretch of Orange St. to 220th St. This through the district program which through the district program, the work will consist of reconstructing existing, new, and widening recently constructed curbs and gutters.

City Kills Plan for Tax Study

Suggestions offered last week that the city consider establishing its own tax collection agency to operate independently of the county tax assessor were voted down Tuesday by the council.

Offered by Councilman Nick Drake last week as a means of solving the problems of Torrance homeowners whose property values had risen 300 per cent this year, the plan would still have left 94 per cent of the tax dollar in the hands of bodies besides the city council, Mayor Albert Isen said.

J. A. Beasley termed Drake's suggestion a "crackpot idea" and suggested that the city drop the idea of doing its own assessing and collecting.

CITY MANAGER George Stevens reported that Long Beach, which has its own tax agency, has an annual budget of \$225,000 for that purpose. They employ 28 persons in the assessors office to assess and collect taxes for a population of 315,000 with an assessed valuation of \$535 million.

Pasadena, he reported, the only other comparable city with its own tax agency, has an annual tax budget of \$148,000. Their assessments run about 50 per cent above the county rate, he said.

TORRANCE LAST year paid less than \$500 to collect more than \$1 million in taxes by using the county system, Stevens said.

"I resent the implication that one knight on a white charger is riding out to aid the people with tax problems," Beasley said.

He said he was not certain that Torrance could do the job better than the county is doing, and stressed that the city would still have to collect a certain amount of taxes to provide the services the people expect.

"NO ONE has shown me yet how we can provide services without raising money through taxes," Beasley said.

Drake defended his suggestion, saying all he asked was that a survey be made to "find out what the deal was."

The council majority decided to discard further inquiry into the matter.

In other action, the council voted to include the airport commission in a proposed procedure chart for negotiating leases on the city's airport.

THE VOTE to add the commission to the procedure came 11-5.

Students Attending New Class in Salesmanship

High school students in Torrance are getting salesmanship training this week to help prepare for Christmas vacation jobs.

Students who are interested are attending after-school sessions at Torrance's three high schools. The course is required for students who are trying for Christmas jobs under the district's work experience program.

The Torrance school board Tuesday night approved late tickets, wrapping packages, and early to work in local businesses during the Christmas season. Only students with satisfactory work experience program qualifications will get jobs.

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SCENE OF ACCIDENT . . . Mrs. John Douglas points out area where her son, Michael, was injured Sunday evening when he got his left foot caught in the moving machinery.

The oil well is near the Douglas home, and Michael and a friend were playing around it when the accident occurred. Michael's left foot was mangled. (Herald Photo)

Small Friend Goes for Help

A 10-year-old in Torrance Memorial Hospital today with a mangled left foot, caught Sunday afternoon in a well, was being treated by doctors.

Michael Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas, of 23025 Petroleum Ave., was injured Sunday evening when he and a friend, Darrel Blankenship, were playing on a well located in a field south of Sepulveda Blvd. between Normandie and Vermont Aves.

Blankenship ran for help after Michael got his foot caught in the pumping gear of the operating well.

FEARING THAT his friend was not returning, Michael climbed off the rig and nobbed to a rise in the field where his uncle spotted him. He was rushed to the hospital where attendants said his foot was badly crushed.

The injured boy's mother told the HERALD yesterday that she had been unable to determine if testing fees assessed in the county, she quoted a deputy sheriff as saying that the fencing at the well was adequate, which she disputed.



MICHAEL DOUGLAS injured — Well

Fund Drive Slated for Rose Float

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce said today that its float chairman, George A. Bradford, will start a "grass roots" house-to-house collection drive this week to raise funds for Torrance's entry in the Tournament of Roses on New Year's Day.

Bradford said civic-minded leaders from the North Torrance Fuchsia and the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. will handle the drive with help from a number of interested individuals.

The float this year will be decorated by a committee headed by last year's prize-winning chairman, Mrs. Victor E. Bonstead. It will be designed by the famous Mrs. Isabella Coleman who also designed the Torrance third-place winner in last year's classic.

Bradford added that the entry will cost approximately \$5000 of which almost \$3000 needs to be raised. The chairman said slightly over \$2000 was derived as proceeds of the Torrance Ranchero Days held in July but that local firms and individuals are being asked to support the entry as it is believed by his group that it is unfair to ask that city funds, tax derived, should pay for the entry.

Anyone desiring to assist the drive may send his donation to the Chamber office, 1245 El Prado, Bradford added.



PROVING POINT . . . Charges that the well was not adequately fenced is supported by Mrs. Douglas as she enters the area through a gap in the fence. She said she was told that the well was adequately fenced. The well is located north of Sepulveda Blvd. between Normandie Ave. and Vermont. (Herald Photo)

Red Cross to Fete Local 'Heart' Pair

Two youngsters from Torrance and one adult from Harbor City will be among more than 50 persons with "reconditioned" hearts to be honored as special guests at a Red Cross party planned for Thanksgiving Eve.

Ranging from 2-year-olds to teen-agers — plus a few adults — they have all undergone "open-heart" surgery to correct some congenital defect that was threatening their lives — a hole or two in a heart wall or an obstruction in the heart passage.

INVITED FROM this area are 5-year-old Donald Ford, 2130 S. Martin St.; 11-year-old Irene Scheu, 21424 Arvinhold Ave.; both of Torrance; and Mrs. Verne May Sheworth of 25004 Senator Ave., Harbor City.

Describing it as an "outlet of the heart," William T. Benson, 77, Los Angeles Red Cross chairman, 12902 Fourth Street, Avenue, Los Angeles, will be "a tune of rejoicing and

Toastmaster Clubs Plan Dinner Meet

Members of eight Toastmaster Clubs comprising Area 3 of District 51 will hold their annual dinner and humorous speech contest Thursday evening, Nov. 23, at 7 in the Knights of Columbus Building, 1601 N. Street and Burocillo, Gardena.

According to Lynn Frazier, Area Governor, 125 Toastmasters and their wives will be present for the event to give enthusiastic support to the contestants representing their respective clubs.

The eight participating clubs are: Gardena Morning Club, Gardena Evening Club, 1811 Junction, 50114 H. 104, 757, San Pedro, Pines Verdes Club and the Peninsula Toastmasters Club of Palos Verdes.

LOMITA JAYCEES TO HOLD AUCTION

Members of the Lomita Jaycees Chamber of Commerce will hold an auction sale Saturday and Sunday at Lomita Blvd. It was announced here yesterday by Chairman Dewey Blair.

Sales of new and used furniture and appliances will highlight the two-day event. The sale will open at noon and run until 6 p.m. each of the two days.



TALENTED YOUNGSTER . . . Raymond Legert is pictured touching up murals he painted on his bedroom wall. The 13-year-old Berry student, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Legert, 18423 Ardalk, plans to be an artist in animation and hopes to someday work for the Walt Disney Studios. (Herald Photo)

Louis Zamperini to Speak Here Tuesday

Louis Zamperini, former Olympic track champion and World War II hero, will return to his Torrance stomping grounds Tuesday when he delivers a talk on physical fitness to fathers and sons at the Evelyn Carr School PTA meeting in the school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Officially declared dead while interned in a Japanese prison camp during World War II, the former track star has a record for 28 Olympic track championships and the NCAA mile for 5 years. He is the author of the recent best-seller "Devil at My Heels."

After undergoing post-war rehabilitation, Zamperini returned to Japan, where he has suffered wartime atrocities, is on menial work among his former captors.

Also on the program is a working on the rehabilitation of delinquent boys in the San Joaquin Hills named in his honor. He is known as one of the 10 men who suffered most during the war.

A former carrier boy for school board members at the Torrance HERALD, Zamperini held the world's inter-club night meeting.