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WATER SHORTAGE PERILS AREA

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think the Christmas season should start in November? Why?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquisitive photographer asked several persons shopping in downtown Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

Mrs. Davida Dalton, 1811 Gramercy Ave., housewife

"Preparation, yes. But it can't be overdone. At Thanksgiving I thrill inside to realize it's about here. I have six children, so I have to get an early start."

Miss Genevieve, North Redondo carpenter

"Definitely not! It's ridiculous. I feel people feel their holidays ruined. I don't think it should ever start in November; it should wait until December."

Ray Grouss, Redondo Beach auto service manager

"It's a little early, but consider the circumstances we can hardly help ourselves. I'm from Illinois and it's hard to make it Christmas without snow on the ground."

Mrs. Barbara Seale, 1824 Gramercy Ave., homemaker

"It's a little too commercialized for my taste. It starts too early and people seem to forget what Christmas actually is for. I shop for my seven children all year long."

John Henegan, Wilmington real estate salesman

"It should start early so that people do not put off shopping until the last minute. I take advantage of the sales all year long instead of waiting. I started the habit during the war."

Arthur Snydman, Hermosa Beach aircraft artist

"I would say yes. I enjoy shopping in November when the stores aren't so crowded. Besides, I think there's a better selection of merchandise in November than later in December."

Cite Heavy Fog In Fatal Crash

Heavy fog which "socked in" the Torrance, South Bay areas early Monday was cited in the traffic death of a 21-year-old Torrance motorist at Main St. and Artesia.

Dead on arrival at Bon Aire Hospital was John R. Malone, of 1667 W. 208th St. Investigating officers said Malone was driving at a high rate of speed and ran into a dump truck pulling a gravel trailer after he passed another truck on the three-lane road.

Young Malone had been employed at Firestone Tire Co. for the past three years, and was a member of several local auto racing clubs. Funeral

City Tops Area in Chest \$ \$

Torrance has collected 99.988 of its goal of \$27,040 in the annual Community Chest campaign. It was reported at Saturday night's report dinner for the Harbor Area drive.

The \$29,588 puts Torrance at the head of the list in dollars collected, although it trails other community drives with smaller quotas who have hit a higher percentage. Red Feather leaders said.

Torrance was leading in the commerce and industry divisions among Harbor Area cities with 73-plus per cent of its goal collected. The residential campaign moved into contention for top honors when it passed the 90 per cent level, tying with San Pedro and Gardena for the top spot.

Area wide nearly 75 per cent of the Harbor's \$167,106 goal has been pledged. Area Chairman Glenn Koger reported.

Koger congratulated the residential volunteer workers when it was reported that the two-week drive had secured more than 80 per cent of the area's residential goal.

Standings of Harbor Area cities:

City	Residential Total	%
Gardena	90%	78%
San Pedro	94	77
Palms Verdes	72	76
TORRANCE	90	78
Wilmington	67	69
Rolling Hills	66	68
Lomita, H.C.	44	54

Tartar Band To March in Long Beach

Scheduled to march in the All-Western Band Parade in Long Beach Saturday as one of 60 outstanding high school bands will be the Torrance High marching band, under the direction of James W. Nichols.

The Saturday parade will begin at 1 p.m. on Ocean Blvd. in addition to Torrance bands from Mira Costa, Leuzinger and Santa Monica will be in the parade.

The Torrance marching band was judged by Southern California Band Assn. officials during the football season for the Corona Invitational Band Championship Contest and was rated seventh, local school officials announced this week.

Torrance and Santa Monica bands were the only two from the Crescent, Pioneer and Boy Leagues rated in the top ten.

Darel Kelley is drum major. Gary Tiernan is band captain, and Mrs. J. Marshall is pep squad advisor to the band.

REPRESENT LODGE

James McCune and Mrs. George Clay represented members of the Torrance Moose Lodge and Women of the Moose at the monthly South Central District meeting of the California Moose Assn. at Santa Ana Sunday.



RADIO DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS LOCALITES... Program Director Dr. Arthur Barron left, of the Edward R. Murrow "Hidden Revolution" Series, interviews Mrs. Joel Canby, Torrance YMCA secretary, and Joe Wilcox, YMCA secretary, on site of leisure time for a Dec. 17 taped broadcast of "The 20 Hour Week."

Local Workers Queried On Leisure Time Problems

Selected as a test city by CBS commentator Edward R. Murrow to gather opinion on the question "What will people do with their leisure time if a 20-hour work week went into effect?" Torrance residents have been queried by Dr. Arthur Barron, program director of the "Hidden Revolution" series during the past 19 days.

Dr. Barron, a sociologist, has interviewed city officials, public and private recreation heads, employers and employees of industry, police officers, and Mr. and Mrs. Torrance and their children. His questions were slanted to get their reactions as to what they would do with extra leisure time on their hands. A condensed tape recording of his interviews here will be broadcast by Murrow on his Dec. 17 program.

Fire-Fighters Install Slate

Richard De Armit, fireman, was installed as president of the Torrance Fire-Fighters, Local 1158, IAFF, at a dinner held at Caprine's restaurant Saturday. Installing officer was Leif Brandin, vice-president of the Federated Fire-Fighters of California.

De Armit has been in the fire department for the past four years. A graduate of Washington High School and of Camino College he was employed for three years at Longgreen Aircraft before joining the department.



REALTOR LEADERS... New leaders of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors confer on plans for the coming year. From the left are Ken Miller, president; Del Vaughn, vice president; and Ross Craig, secretary. The new officers will be installed at a dinner dance at the Plaza Horse Dec. 4. (Herald Photo)

Realtors Elect Ken Miller as President, Plan Installation

Ken Miller, owner of Ken Miller Realty, of 1985 Pacific Coast Hwy., has been elected president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors. He succeeds Harry Barker of Barker Realty, Soling Hills.

Installation of Miller and his officers will take place Thursday evening Dec. 4 at a dinner-dance at the Plaza Horse. The new officers will be installed at a dinner dance at the Plaza Horse Dec. 4.

Director who will serve in addition to the officers in office, DA 29817.

Building Ban Study Ordered

A study into the possibility of banning all new construction in the South Torrance oil fields because of the inadequate water system serving the area was ordered by the city council here Tuesday night.

Brought to the council's attention by a request from a building contractor for permission to have three new homes given final inspection although the water pressure was only 11.5 pounds per square inch instead of the 15 pounds required by the law, the matter was called serious by several members of the council.

Longren, Aeronca To Merge

John A. Lawler, president of Aeronca Mfg. Corp., Middletown, Ohio, and Hampton Westworth, president of Longren Aircraft Co., Inc., of Torrance, jointly announced this week that a merger of the two companies has been negotiated.

Terms of the merger call for shareholders to receive 1.00 share of Aeronca common stock and 2.00 shares of a share of Aeronca 5 1/2% preferred stock in exchange for each share of Longren common stock.

Aeronca produces large sub-assemblies for military aircraft at its Middletown plant. It also maintains a division in Baltimore, Md., which manufactures digital computers and computers, and has facilities in Los Angeles, operated through Aeronca-California Corp., its wholly-owned subsidiary.

The Aeronca spokesman indicated that the Longren Co. would be operated as a division of the new parent company with no changes made in its management or employees.

Ford Dealer 'Very Good' After Crash

The condition of Vel Mitchell, Torrance Ford dealer, who was injured last Friday in a traffic accident on La Cienega Blvd., was described yesterday by officials of Torrance Memorial Hospital as "very good." He is expected to be released this week end.

At the time of the crash Mitchell was heading toward Beverly Hills where he was to attend a dentists' meeting with Oscar Maples, former Torrance Ford dealer, who also received injuries in the accident.

Mitchell, who bought the local Ford dealership in May, last February, received cuts and bruises on his face, body, and legs as well as sprains when his car was hit. Maples, who also suffered cuts and bruises, is at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, Inglewood. He now operates that city's Ford agency.

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