

Double Sessions to Be Cut Back by New Schools



A major step in the drive against double sessions in Torrance schools will be taken early next year with the scheduled opening of three new north Torrance elementary schools.

Opening of Magruder, Yukon, and Hamilton Elementary Schools will reduce the number of north Torrance children on double sessions from 2800 to about 1150.

All three new schools will contain 14 classrooms, two kindergarten rooms, administration unit, and multi-purpose (cafeteria-auditorium) units. Magruder and Hamilton will have shop and homemaking units, while Yukon and Hamilton will have music buildings.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT . . . In lieu of exchanging presents this Christmas afternoon the Torrance Newberry's store gave 125 packages to hospitalized children. Mrs. L. B. White, head of sales at the local store, presents gifts to Nina White, president of the Volunteers for Children group, while other contributors look on. (Herald Photo)

MAGRUDER SCHOOL, 4100 W. 168th St., will serve all of the area now served by El Nido School and part of the present Edison School area. With the opening of Magruder, the district will close El Nido School. El Nido is housed in temporary wooden buildings at the present time.

Opening of Yukon School, 17015 Yukon Ave., will relieve double session problems at Perry, Adams, Carr and Crenshaw Schools.

Hamilton School, 2805 W. 182nd St., will take in part of the present Arlington and Crenshaw School areas.

Another drop in double sessions is expected later in 1959 with the expected opening of Lincoln School, 2415 W. 180th St. This will take some of the load from crowded Casimir.



APPEAR IN PAGEANT . . . Following Joseph and Mary in the Nativity scene from "A Christmas Legend," holiday pageant to be presented at the Civic Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. today and tomorrow under sponsorship of the Torrance Recreation Dept., are Brian Schwartz and Carol Thomas. Mrs. Pat Bennett, teacher at Perry School, will direct the pageant, which will be shown to the public free of charge.



HELD BY POLICE . . . Mrs. Virginia Lee Gordon, 25, of 4918 Paseo de Pavia, is being held by police after she assertedly tried to kill her two children with herbicides. Detective Miles Hamilton is shown here with her.

SCREAM SCARES WOULD-BE BANDIT

A woman's scream worried Mrs. J. B. Klink and banished off an attempted grocery store burglary here Sunday. Screeching and shrieking. The scream frightened the young burglar who quickly bolted out of the door.

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Obituaries

TOMASITA REYES
Mrs. Tomasita Reyes, 55, of 2023 Cabrillo died Sunday at Harbor General Hospital. Born in Mexico, she lived here for 32 years.

A rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. tomorrow, and a 9 o'clock mass will be celebrated at the Church of Nativity Saturday morning by Rev. Joseph McArdie. Interment will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Jesus; six sons, Louis, Silvano, Basilio, Florentino, Gabriel, and Jesus, all of 2023 Cabrillo; and five daughters, Tomasita and Lupe Reyes of 2023 Cabrillo; Catalina Lopez of Wilmington; and Victoriana Lopez and Felicitas Reyes of Mexico.

ADA GEE
Mrs. Ada Gee, 80, of 21828 Street, a native of Torrance, died Sunday at Harbor General Hospital. Private cremation services were held.

Her sole survivor is a sister, Mrs. Karger of El Cajon.

GEORGE AUSTIN RAY
Funeral services for George Austin Ray, 78, of 1738 W. 280th St., Lomita, were conducted yesterday at 2 p.m. at Stone & Myers Chapel by the Rev. Hugh Percy. Mr. Ray died Monday at Harbor General Hospital.

The body was interred in Roosevelt Cemetery.

A native of Texas, Mr. Ray had lived in this area for the past 22 years. He is survived by his widow, Cordelia; four daughters, Jatta Kelly of Torrance, Alice Elaine of Los Angeles, Betty Moore of Big Lake, and Jaina Weaver who resides in Oklahoma; five sons, Robert Ray of Lomita, Andrew Ray of Los Angeles, and John, Max, and Jesse Ray of Antioch; three brothers, six sisters, 21 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

FRED JAMES MILLER
Rev. William J. Bolander will conduct funeral services at 2 p.m. today at Stone & Myers Chapel for Fred James Miller, 49, 711 Pine, who died at home last Saturday. Burial will take place at Pacific Crest Cemetery.

A resident of Torrance for the past three years, Mr. Miller was a native of North Dakota. Among his survivors are his widow, Lorraine; two daughters, Barbara Plageman and Nancy Miller of this city; three brothers, Walter, Stanley, and Earl Miller, all of North Dakota; three sisters, Alice Meyers, May Fontaine, and Margie Strandberg, all of North Dakota; and a granddaughter.

JOHN BENEDICT GOES
Final rites were conducted at 9:30 a.m. today at St. Catherine Labourer Church by Father Raymond Teye for John Benedict Goes of Hampton, Minn., who died in Minnesota last Friday. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery followed.

Mr. Goes was the father of Bernice Galbreath of 4139 W. 173rd Pl. and Helen Goes of Santa Monica.

North High GAA To Hold Drive

North High School's Girls' Athletic Association is sponsoring a week long can and toy drive on the school campus, December 15 through December 19.

Senior Sue Bleuchel, Chairman of the drive, will lead the G.A.A. in the collecting of toys, cans, wrapping paper, paper and string so less fortunate persons may also have a Merry Christmas. Boxes to hold the desired articles will be distributed in each homeroom. At the week's end they will be collected and all donations will be wrapped for delivery by the organizations members.

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