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# G-P TO HAVE NAME CHANGE SOON

### A Penny for your Thoughts

Your Pennies photographer wanted to know if the sharks that are currently in the Southern California waters had had any effect on the swimming habits of Torrance beach-goers — well, curiosity nearly killed the cat—so to avoid a disaster out to Torrance Beach he went to the query: Has the presence of sharks in Southern California waters caused any change in your swimming habits?

John Cervini, 112 Paseo de Suevos, Torrance:

"No, I don't think so. The sharks are there, they have been here every year. Just because cars are in the street doesn't mean that you can't cross the street."

Francis Simons, 634 Calle de Arboles, Torrance:

"Not really. I'm a little scared of them and when somebody yells shark or when I see a fin, I get out of the water in a hurry, but there just aren't that many sharks."

Tim Boyer, 236 Calle Miramar, Torrance:

"Well, when somebody yells shark, I get out of the water. Really, though, there are not so many sharks in the water and I don't worry about them."

Eddie Ferrante, 4134 Via Pickaposte, Palos Verdes:

"It hasn't changed any of my habits. They have always been there. I don't think it has scared anyone on our beach. Maybe a few of the girls are scared of them."

Larry Hammond, 1621 West 59th Pl., Torrance:

"No, the odds of someone being caught by a shark here are too little to worry about. It hasn't changed any of my swimming habits."

(Editor's note: Either we have a very brave bunch of swimmers on our beaches or they won't admit that they really are scared. Which is it, kids?)

### Ask Water Change

Board members of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce approved a resolution favoring annexation of an area served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 by Los Angeles County Waterworks District 13 at a meeting held last week. The Narbonne company serves 1100 homes in a 236-acre area including Lomita and part of Torrance.

### New School Post Given Dr. Kaplan

Meeting Tuesday evening, the Torrance Board of Education authorized a third assistant superintendent for the growing Torrance Unified School District.

The post, assistant superintendent in charge of special services and research, will go to Dr. Louis Kaplan, currently director of education, aviation safety division of the University of Southern California and a veteran California educator.

THE 44-YEAR-OLD Kaplan formerly was director of teacher education, head of the department of education and psychology, director of training schools, at the Oregon College of Education.

He was information and education officer in the Army and Air Force, and a teacher in Detroit, Michigan, public schools. He also is a registered pharmacist.

A graduate of Wayne State University, Detroit, he holds a Master's from Columbia University and a doctorate from USC. He also has taken short courses at the University of Wisconsin and Oxford University, England.

KAPLAN IS the author of three books dealing with education and related subjects, as well as many magazine articles.

He has taught a number of college courses in both Oregon and California and has made radio and TV presentations.

He was chairman of the Elementary School Broadcast Series, Oregon PTA; president of the Department of Higher Education, Oregon Education Association, and consultant to school boards and administrators on various educational problems. Several years ago he conducted a survey for the Torrance Board of Education.

He organized and administered an adult program for the aircraft industry through USC. He organized and administered the Child Guidance Center at Oregon College of Education.

A Los Angeles resident, he and his wife have two sons.

### Stolen Wallet

Dorothy O'Neill, 26, reported to Torrance police the theft of a wallet containing \$130 Wednesday. The theft took place at a local gym, 321 1/2 Sartori, and the report stated the wallet had been left behind the counter of a juice bar.

### 'Keep Active, Eat Springly'

## Former Torrance Woman Has 100th Anniversary

When Mary Todd came to call and Ulysses S. Grant was a dinner guest in her home—these incidents of her girlhood on a West Virginia plantation were vividly recalled by Mrs. Elizabeth Freeland Lockhart Thursday afternoon when she celebrated her 100th birthday. Mrs. Lockhart, a former Torrance resident, was honored at an open house at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Yewell in Pico.

The centenarian is the mother of Howard Freeland Lockhart of Wilmington and grandmother of Mrs. Don Hyde of Torrance and Mrs. Carl Hood of Garden Grove, formerly of Torrance. Mrs. Lockhart was born Aug.

### An Editorial

## A Self-Supporting Chamber of Commerce

Chambers of Commerce throughout California are re-examining their respective fiscal positions since the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce broke precedent by deciding to meet the budget without the aid of public tax money.

Presently, there is thinking along this line in Torrance where the local Chamber has for years received a quite liberal appropriation each year from the city. There have been occasions over the years when the appropriation simply helped make up the recurring deficits in the general fund although there has always been tacit understanding that the city appropriation was to be used specifically for promoting the business and industrial expansion of the city.

A chamber of commerce should represent all the best interests of the city and we think the Torrance organization does this very well. However, conflict of interests constantly occur when the basic philosophy of the free enterprise system demands complete independence of action for the elected and appointed officers and directors of any vigorous, effective chamber of commerce.

The HERALD believes the time is at hand for serious consideration of a program that would lead to complete independence of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. To accomplish this worthwhile goal will mean that business and industrial interests will have to increase their support financially and take a more active part in the chamber's activities.

The present management of the organization has done a splendid job of building up an impressive roster of membership and the present city administration has been most cooperative in helping to make the Chamber's recent years some of the most active in the history of the community.

Generally speaking, membership in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has not been realistically costly. There are few really large contributors, other than the city of Torrance. Raising the dues has been an uphill battle and there has been commendable progress, but, not enough to warrant the type of independent program called for by the rapid growth of the city.

A newspaper of the HERALD'S stature, for instance, should expect to pay \$1000 a year for its membership and would do so if this program of independence was undertaken. There are many others, we believe, who feel the same way.

This is not a task to be thrust upon the current officers and board of directors. They probably are finding plenty to do trying to keep up with the developing pace of the community. They can, however, give this suggestion the kind of consideration that may one day be regarded as the greatest move ever made by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Torrance is growing up fast and with it comes greater responsibilities on the part of the business and industrial interests of the city. One of these new responsibilities, we think, is a chamber of commerce supported entirely by the interests it is expected to serve. And in serving these interests well it will automatically serve the best interests of all the people of Torrance without resort to a handout from the taxpayers.



CONVENTION BOUND... Duke Kahanamoku, former Olympic swimming champion and sheriff of Honolulu; Darrell Puckett, newly elected president of Western Shrine Association; and Willys Blount, Torrance Councilman chat on El Prado St. Saturday afternoon before returning to the Shrine Convention at the Beverly-Hilton Hotel. (Herald Photo)

### Check Ring Trials Set This Month

Date of the trial of three persons charged with operating a forgery ring involving the printing and passing of \$12,000 worth of counterfeit and fictitious checks in the Southland area has been set for Aug. 18 in Los Angeles Superior Court. Arraignment of a fourth member of the forgery ring was held Friday and a fifth person, who pleaded guilty, will be sentenced Monday, according to court reports.

Arrested July 1 were Inez Moore Graham, 39; Evelyn Beers, 47; Henry Ferrari, 32; Robert Ives, 43; and Richard V. Florence, 34, the operator of a local printing plant.

Police said the ring had passed an estimated \$12,000 worth of bad checks in the past six months.

Miss Graham, Mrs. Beers and Ferrari, Hermosa Beach, were ordered this week to appear for trial Aug. 18. Ives, San Pedro, was arraigned Friday.

Florence, a Torrance resident, pleaded guilty to his connection with the ring July 14 and will be sentenced Monday.

### Man Arrested After Beach Gang Fight

Torrance police picked up Thomas Britt, 22, for felony booking as a result of a gang fight on Torrance Beach Sunday at 12:15 p.m. The wanted man was arrested at 24660 Leesdale, officers reported yesterday.

A fight between six alleged former members of a gang who were said to have been fighting on the beach had continued to the grounds of the Parkway School, 220 Riviera. The gang, including Britt, scattered but Tony Pusich, 18, of 624 Harbor Hills; and Robert Parker, 22, 24839 Winlock Rd., both hurt in the melee, were picked up by officers answering the call. The men were charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Small children and big matches should not go out alone. Watch both and help KEEP CALIFORNIA GREEN.

### Ryan, Airline Pioneer, Again Operates Service

Thirty-four years after T. Claude Ryan inaugurated America's first regularly scheduled year-round airline — Ryan Airlines, Inc. — operating between San Diego and Los Angeles, another daily scheduled airline service was inaugurated this week over virtually the same route with Torrance Municipal airport as the local terminus.

So great has been the volume of travel of Ryan personnel between headquarters in San Diego and the new Torrance plant, that it was deemed practical and most economical to establish twice daily round trip airplane service between Montgomery and Torrance fields.

THE FLIGHTS are being made in a twin-engine, 11 passenger De Havilland Dove transport operated by Catalina Pacific Airline under exclusive contract to Ryan. It is flown by a regular airline uniformed crew of a captain and first officer.

The Monday through Friday round trips are scheduled as follows:

Leave Torrance 7:15 a.m., arrive San Diego 8 a.m., Leave San Diego 8:15 a.m., arrive Torrance 9 a.m., Leave Torrance 3:45 p.m.,

arrive San Diego 4:00 p.m., Leave San Diego 4:45 p.m., arrive Torrance 5:30 p.m. The new airline service will replace travel which formerly went by commercial airline, by train, and by company or personal car.

### STATION WAGON service

to Montgomery Field leaves from the main lobby of the San Diego plant one half hour before flight departure. Similar service will be available at Kearny Mesa and at Torrance. Additional company cars will be supplied at Torrance for use of employees with business appointments anywhere in the Los Angeles area.

Special trips to destinations other than Torrance may be made by groups. If more than 11 persons must travel to Torrance or elsewhere a DC-3 can be obtained on advance notice. Mail and parcel post packing. (Continued on Page 2)

### Joins 3 Others as Mobil Oil

"G-P"—an industrial nickname well and favorably known in Torrance for many years, changed yesterday to Mobil Oil Co., in a widespread reorganization move made by the parent company, Sacony Mobil Oil Co.

The announcement was made jointly by R. L. Minckler, General Petroleum president and Herbert Willetts, president of Mobil Oil Co. It is expected that the process of transfer in the General Petroleum area will not start for several months and that it will take considerable time for completion.

After the transfer, Minckler will become senior vice-president of Mobil Oil.

THE NAME change also is scheduled for two other Sacony Mobil affiliates in western states: Magnolia Petroleum Co. with headquarters in Dallas, Texas, and Mobil Producing company in Billings, Montana.

In the past, operations have been carried out partly by the parent company and partly by wholly owned affiliated companies. Under the reorganization plan all domestic operations will be combined in the single operation company.

GENERAL PETROLEUM operates one of the largest refineries on the west coast in Torrance. Employees of the company and officials have taken an active part in community life and are numbered among the communities leading citizens.

### World Fair in Dominguez Still a Hope

Determination to make Dominguez the site of a World's Fair in 1963 is still alive with the promoters active, J. A. Smith, Long Beach oil man told the Board of Supervisors this week.

The county board has named 10 members to a board to promote the fair and Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles has named five.

"Prospects of having a world exposition so near Torrance has motel and restaurant operators along the Pacific Coast Highway licking our chops," one restaurant proprietor admitted.



FAMILY ACT... This scene from the "Elves and the Shoemaker" shows the Kokes in action. Elves Steve and Nancy repair shoes while the shoemaker and his wife, Ray and Terry, peek up at them. This will be one of the six one-act plays put on by children from area parks at Torrance Park Bandshell at 1 p.m. today. (Herald Photo)