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group changed their title to Southwest Association For Retarded Children, because the name conflicted with the Columbia Elementary School in Torrance.

THE ASSOCIATION was incorporated last November after by-laws were drawn up, according to Mrs. Harold M. McBride, publicity chairman for the group, who added that the purpose of SARC is to promote the general welfare of retarded children and to establish programs and activities of recreation, instruction and guidance to the fullest extent of their mental and physical capabilities.

Through group associations, this organization is helping parents of these handicapped children adjust and educate themselves to normal lives with abnormal children. As all of the members are parents of mentally retarded children they meet on common ground with a common objective — their children's future.

SARC sponsors Boy Scout Troop 777, Cub Pack 777-C, hold a teen-age party once each month, and plans to build a youth recreation center in the future.

Officers of the association are Harold McBride, president; Harold Ritz, first vice president; William J. Smith, second vice president; Mrs. Paul Snyder recording secretary; Mrs. John Krappman, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Dean Thurman, treasurer.

The members of SARC hope that their work will inspire similar organizations throughout the country and through the efforts of these groups a national movement will be launched that will bring sunshine into the dark lives of mentally retarded children and their parents.

YMCA Issues Final Call For Campers


The Torrance YMCA issued a final call today to all youngsters for Easter vacation activities.

New among the many local YMCA programs this year is a four-day boat caravan to Catalina Island. Boys 12 and older will camp out on the beach at Emerald Bay. The "Y" group will travel to the island on the fishing boat "Offshore" starting Monday, April 11.

Girls eight years old and up are invited to spend a Fun Day with the YMCA on Saturday, April 16. The girls will visit Griffith Park, Forest Lawn, and one of the new "smell-ovision" movies in Hollywood.

Boys 14 and older are urged to "go on their own steam" with a rugged week-end backpack hike. They will travel from Idyllwild cross-country over the San Jacinto mountains to Palm Springs. April 9 and 10 are the dates for this excursion.

Dads with boys 9 to 12 are invited to bring along their sons for a northern coast expedition.



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Citizens Hold Future's Key, Rotarians Told

"Dedicated citizens, working at the community level, will bring about the new and greater tomorrow," Starry Gange told members of Torrance Rotary Club at its luncheon meeting yesterday.

Gange, prominent lecturer and special consultant to the Southern California Gas Co., was featured speaker at the regular weekly meeting at the Palms Restaurant. His talk was entitled "Tomorrow Will Be A Busy Day," and he was introduced by Don H. Hyde, chairman of program committee.

"We should be happy," said Gange, "that our problems are getting so big, they're challenging our best minds and our busiest people. When this happens, we soon get the right answers."

"The greatest challenge facing Americans today is: can we keep this free enterprise system working and improve it? If we can, then we're headed for our greatest years."

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Obituaries

CORNELIA L. HEADLEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Cornelia Lorenda Headley, 89, of 1429 W. 218th St., were held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Monday afternoon with the Rev. Ronald Flemming officiating. Mrs. Headley, a native of Minnesota, died Friday. She had lived here 36 years.

She is survived by four sons, Floyd of Fresno, Lawrence of Kelseyville, Miles of Lomita, and Orren of San Pedro; one daughter, Nora Folstad of Lomita; 13 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Roosevelt Cemetery.

SOFIA GRASSO

Funeral mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. today at the St. Philomena's Catholic Church for Mrs. Sofia Grasso, 68, of 21322 Moneta Ave., who died Tuesday at the home of a daughter in Brentwood. The Rev. Fr. Fred Callahan will celebrate the mass. Rosary was recited at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel last evening.

Mrs. Grasso, a native of Italy, had lived here 38 years. She is survived by a son, Carmen Grasso, with whom she made her home; three daughters, Connie De Luca of Brentwood, and Sophie Rory and Jean Toombs of Inglewood; a brother, Sebastian Falla of Torrance; eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

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