

Area Groups to Honor Thomas For Service in Legislature

Twenty-one years of service in the California State Legislature will be honored by more than 600 residents of Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Wilmington and San Pedro on Sept. 30. A Slavonian dinner, prepared by Tony Perkovic and Nick Oreb of San Pedro, will be served, honoring Assemblyman Vincent Thomas. The affair will be held at the Mary Star of the Sea Catholic church auditorium, 800 W. Eighth St., San Pedro, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Members of two rival fishermen's unions will join with boat owners, members of the Fishermen's Co-operative Assn., canners, and other groups and friends to pay tribute to the work Assemblyman Thomas had done for his district, the 68th Assembly district, during the past 21 years.

AMONG THOSE working to make the event one of the

most successful of the fall season are Harmon Belcher and Thirvin Fleetwood of the South Torrance, Lomita and Harbor City Democratic group, Jim McDonald of Wilmington, Joseph Monti of the Independent Fishermen's Union, who is in charge of ticket sales; Mel Kolumbic of the ILWU fishermen's Local 33, who is in charge of a special souvenir program; John Royal of the ILWU Fishermen's Union who is labor co-ordinator and others.

State Attorney General Stanley Mosk, Richard Nevins of the State Board of Equalization, Supervisor Burton Chace and City Council John Gibson are expected to speak briefly.

Roving troubadours will add to the evening's entertainment. Kolumbic has announced that the souvenir program will close Sept. 15 and Monti reports that ticket sales will close

Sept. 25. They may be contacted at respective union headquarters. Don P. Loker of Star Kist Tuna will be master of ceremonies.

Doodles Weaver To Address Rotary Club

Doodles Weaver, the well known comedian with a long list of screen, stage, radio and TV credits will present a 30 minute comedy routine at the regular Rotary meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the Palms.

Doodles, an old timer in the entertainment field, is frequently seen on TV as supporting actor, such as Manhunt, Sugarfoot, Colt 45, etc., or a guest appearance on Steve Allen, Spike Jones, Colgate Comedy hour, as well as many appearances on stage and screen.

In much demand as announcer of sports events, Doodles recently has been the MC at the Midget auto races at Ascot Speedway.

Among many radio appearances, Doodles was the comedy star of the CBS network Coca Cola show some years ago.

W. T. Grant Opening New Store Here Today

The W. T. Grant Co. opens its newest store today in the north Torrance Shopping Center at 190th St. and Anza Ave. Ronald Lango, who has served with the department store chain for more than four years, is serving as manager of the new store which features 27 departments.

"Our main aim is to provide friendly, courteous service and to satisfy the customer at all times," Lango, a Manhattan Beach Mira Costa High School graduate, said.

THE NEW store also features

its own charge-a-plan and lay-away system. "Merchandise is out where customers can see and get to it easily," Lango added.

A total of 2200 feet of counter space is provided for the display of items such as toys and clothing. Quick service with a checkstand at the front of the store is a highlighted feature, Lango said.

TENTATIVE store hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

First day customers at the grand opening today are being given gifts in observance of the event. The store opened with a total of 40 employees.

This marks the 918th store for the W. T. Grant chain which is located throughout the nation.



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OPENS TODAY . . . This W. T. Grant store at Anza Ave. and 190th St. in north Torrance is observing its grand opening today. The store features 27 departments and quick service with a checkout stand located at the front of the new store. (Herald Photos)



NEW STORE . . . The new W. T. Grant Store offers a complete line of items including furniture. The new business establishment qualifies as a junior department store, according to its Manager, Ronald Lango. The store will be open until 9 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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Big Car Racing Back Saturday At Ascot Park

One of the Southland's top sports attractions — big car racing, featuring Indianapolis-type racers — again holds the spotlight Saturday night at Ascot Park, 183rd and Vermont in Gardena, in a spectacular 30-lap, eight-race speedfest.

The first race is scheduled for 8:30 p.m., with time trials getting underway at 7 p.m.

The West Coast's finest CRA pilots, topped by Anaheim's Billy Cantrell, Northridge's Allen Heath and Jack Brunner of Gardena, will wheel powerful Chevies, Buicks and Offies in the rip-snorting action, 18th meeting of the roaring sprint cars for the 1961 season.

THEN THERE are popular pilots such as Bob Hogle of Buena Park, Colby Scroggins of Eagle Rock, Louis and Bobby Unser of Montebello, Art Pratt of Escondido, Johnny Wood of Hollywood and the "Phoenix Phalanx" of Dee Jones, Gene Brown and Phil Bradley.

Cantrell and Heath have been virtually unbeatable of late at the half-mile, dirt track oval, the former winning three main events, including an impressive win over Indianapolis winner A. J. Foyt in a recent USAC midget race, while Heath is the only driver yet to win three mains in the big cars.

Hogle, Wood and Brunner

have won two mains, while entry, Bill Moore, have copped Scroggins and another Arizona a singl win.

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