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A Penny for your Thoughts

Do you think people should make New Year's resolutions? The Pennies photographer asked.

Mrs. R. C. Fecha, 817 Font Hill Ave.

"I don't think many people keep the resolutions they make. Everyone has good intentions though. I don't think I'll make any because I'm not able to keep them."

Mrs. L. E. White, 1441 W. 216th St.

"Yes, I think it's a good idea because it gives you something to try for. I think I will make some. It depends upon the resolution as to how long I usually keep them. I keep some as long as six months."

Mrs. Dan Moon, 21831 Meyer St.

"I think it's fun to break a few rules once in a while. We can always try for perfection even though we can't always reach the goals we set for ourselves."

Mrs. Robert Lasterjung, 108 Via La Solidad

"Yes, I think making resolutions is a good idea even if you don't keep them because it's a good idea to have a goal. I think it is wrong to make a long list of them but best to have only two or three."

Mrs. Robert Renter, 4807 Codrion St.

"Yes, I think they are a good idea if we have worthwhile resolutions. Chances are we won't keep them throughout the year but we should all have goals to work for."

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Firm to Cut 200 Locally

Work force of Douglas Aircraft Co.'s Torrance plant will be temporarily reduced by about 200 next month but is expected to rise again later in 1962 because of transfers and rehiring.

Reason for the reduction in work force at the Torrance facility is moving of assembly lines for the Navy's A4D Skyhawk attack plane. Relocation of assembly lines is the first step in a Navy approved plan to consolidate operations of the Aircraft Division at Torrance and Long Beach and ultimately to suspend operations at El Segundo.

ASSEMBLY work on the A4D will end Jan. 5 at Torrance and El Segundo and be resumed Jan. 23 at Long Beach. Effect of the moves will be to reduce the total force at El Segundo by some 400 production workers and by about 200 temporarily in Torrance.

Shifting of other Aircraft Division operations during 1962 will result in further layoffs of lesser increments at El Segundo.

To aid in securing new employment for those displaced the employment service will set up special branch offices at the Torrance and El Segundo plants. Interviews will be arranged between those seeking placement and industry representatives. Interviews will be scheduled from Dec. 28 through Jan. 5.

EMPLOYEES affected by the layoffs will be notified on Dec. 22 by individual memorandum of their impending layoff and of steps being taken to assist them in securing new employment. An employment service application form will be attached to the memorandum for completion and return to Douglas industrial relations.

To assist those who cannot be immediately employed at other Douglas California locations, the company has established a placement committee. It includes representatives of the company, the state employment service, the International Assn. of Machinists, and the U. S. Navy.

Police Chief Issues Three Holiday Tips

An appeal to shoppers not to leave their Christmas presents in plain view in an unlocked vehicle was issued yesterday by Torrance Police Chief Percy G. Bennett.

The chief also asked merchants to watch for "phony check artists" who take advantage of crowded stores and use the rush hours to pass bad checks.

Bad check passers may use checks that resemble checks issued by local firms as persons accepting them should examine the checks closely and also the identification shown by the presenter, Chief Bennett said. It is also good practice to verify through banks or the company that the check is drawn on.

In other holiday warnings, Chief Bennett reminded residents to leave a light burning in their homes when they are away. Criminals use darkness to take advantage but shy away from well lighted homes, he added.

Jaycees to Stage Third Home Decoration Contest

Competition in the third annual Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce outdoor Christmas home decorating contest will be divided into religious and novelty divisions, according to Chairman John Robinson.

Judging will be conducted by junior chamber members between Tuesday and Friday. Awards will be presented Friday evening. All entries must be in by Tuesday, according to chamber President Jerry Dunn.

Entry forms are available at the chamber of commerce office, 2204 Torrance Blvd. All Torrance residents are eligible to enter, Dunn said.

Woman Collapses at Wheel; Dies in Auto

An automobile driven by a San Pedro woman went out of control in Harbor City Wednesday night when the driver apparently suffered a heart attack. The car careened into two buildings on Pacific Coast Highway.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital was Mrs. Marjorie Slaco, 42. Her car hit a building at 1628

W. Pacific Coast Highway and then shot across the highway and ran into a plate glass window of an escrow office at 1676 W. Pacific Coast Highway.

Mrs. Slaco's husband said his wife had a heart condition. Three persons were treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital Friday after a car they were riding in was involved in a collision about 6 p.m. on Torrance Boulevard just west of Donora Street.

Drivers of the cars were Will Carl Steffe, 26, of 21023 Donora St., and Virginia Mae Fortune, 34, of 419 Towers St. The injured, both passengers in Mrs. Fortune's car were Norvin E. Fortune, 35, and Virginia Mae Fortune, 44, both of 419 Towers St. Norvin Fortune suffered head injuries and Virginia Mae Fortune a laceration on her chin.

Mrs. Fortune's foreign model station wagon collided with the rear of the Steffe vehicle.

Jean Canning Bushey, 21, of Long Beach went to a private physician after her car was involved in a collision about 6 p.m. Thursday with a car driven by Michael James Warden 18, of 2813 Danaha St. The accident occurred at Arteria Boulevard and Western Avenue.

Lions Club Official To Visit Locally

Edward L. Julins, district Lions governor, will visit the local club Tuesday at noon. He will advise the local club on administration and its service program. Julins is a UCLA graduate and holds a life membership in Alpha Kappa Psi. He is a member of the Bruin Bench.

House Ransacked

Mrs. Wilka Epply of 828 Sartori Ave. reported to police that someone entered her apartment Wednesday but nothing was found missing except some house keys. Entry was gained by entering through a window.



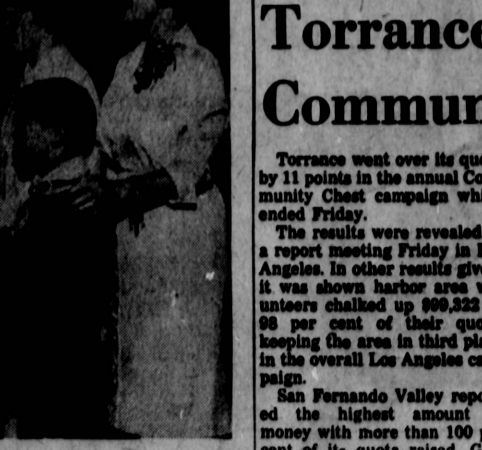
HEADS REALTORS... Jack Schmidt, new president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, checks maps of Torrance and the Southwest prior to his scheduled installation last evening. Schmidt, whose firm, Paradise Realty, is at 5500 Torrance Blvd., succeeds Delbert Vaughn at the head of the local organization. (Herald Photo)

Frentz to Head YMCA Drive

Chamber of Commerce President Harold Frentz has been named chairman of the YMCA fund raising campaign which will run Feb. 8 through 28.

Campaign goal has been set at \$40,000. Last year's goal was \$35,000 which was not enough to meet expenses. A series of luncheons and dinners will aid in carrying out the coming campaign, Frentz said.

Division chairmen will be George Heaton, Dr. Wing Mar, Rodney Swartz, Earl Brugman, Dr. Allen Fyatt, Charles Catterlin, William Forrest, and Marshall Stewart. Nearly 50 members have been enrolled in the Century Club, according to Chairman William Forrest. Membership in the club is comprised of those who have contributed \$100 or more to the YMCA's current campaign.



A SAFE CHRISTMAS... Fire Department Inspector Harold Boothe shows a fireproofed Christmas tree to Christine Bareik, 3rd Street Elementary School student body president; Gary Haraguchi, student body secretary, and Mrs. Marie Lorenz, principal. The fireproofed tree was provided at the school by the PTA. (Herald Photo)

City Remains Under Orders For 10 Days

The City Council will have to wait at least another 10 days to learn if it can consider its action of three weeks ago in granting a variance to permit construction of an apartment complex on agricultural land.

The hearing on a petition by the developer to force the Council to stand by its first decision was delayed Friday until Dec. 27 in the Southwest Superior Court in Inglewood.

THE CITY on Dec. 5 granted a variance to George Blozom of Palms Verdes Estates to permit construction of the multiple-family dwelling units on the land in the vicinity of 230th Street and Madison Street.

A week later, the Council agreed to reconsider its action when all members of the Council were present. Not all were present on Dec. 5 or again Dec. 12.

BEFORE THE Council could reconsider it last Tuesday, Blozom had obtained a temporary restraining order enjoining the city from reconsidering the variance, and at the same time, instructing city officials to process applications for building permits without unreasonable delay.

The council had ordered issuance of building permits suspended. The temporary order issued earlier by the Superior Court

North High Orators Win

North High School won the third place Sweepstake trophy in individual events at the recent speech tournament held at North.

Senior Claudia Wilkins took two medals for Dramatic Interpretation and Original Oratory.

Six others that walked away with medals were Senior Jerome Lemberger, impromptu; Juniors Elias Baumgarten and Peter Gregora for "A" debate; Sophomore Judith Morgan, extemporaneous; Sophomore Maureen Borek, original oratory, and Freshman Bronwen Crowell, oratorical interpretation.

Three seniors and one junior were awarded superiors. Dale Basinger, Peter Gregora, and Sandra Rayes received a superior award in extemporaneous, and Carol Robinson in impromptu.

Torrance Tops Quota in Community Chest Campaign

Torrance went over its quota by 11 points in the annual Community Chest campaign which ended Friday.

The results were revealed at a report meeting Friday in Los Angeles. In other results given, it was shown harbor area volunteers chalked up 909,322 or 98 per cent of their quota, keeping the area in third place in the overall Los Angeles campaign.

San Fernando Valley reported the highest amount of money with more than 100 per cent of its quota raised. Goal set for the harbor area was \$100,770.

BEST RESULTS in the harbor area campaign came

will remain in effect until the Dec. 27 hearing, city officials were told.

County To Study Bridges

Death of a Torrance child who fell last month from a bridge over a county flood control channel in the northern section of the city has prompted the county Board of Supervisors to ask for a study of bridge design safety, and for changes for new bridges under construction and for existing bridges.

The child fell to his death off a bridge crossing Dominguez Channel at Arlington Avenue and it is believed that the youngster climbed through the bars. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said.

"CERTAINLY, we want to take all precautions necessary to prevent such a tragedy ever happening again. The basic design of the fence used on the Torrance bridge is the same that is used on most of the bridges built in Los Angeles County unincorporated territory," he added.

Supervisors instructed the county road commissioner and the chief engineer of the County Flood Control District to study the problem of bridge safety design and submit recommended changes.

IN SECURING passage of the motion for the study, Hahn pointed out that certain bridges under the control of the County Road Department and the County Flood Control district are fenced with railings that are 40 inches high and with horizontal bars six inches apart between the railings.

"It has been considered that the distance between the railings was too small for a child to crawl through," Hahn said.

which reported some 140 per cent of its goal. Palms Verdes was second with 108.22.

Mrs. Robert Place, residential chairman, received the Residential Achievement Award for the residential campaign which reported more than 100 per cent of goal.

Results of other cities at the close of the campaign were: San Pedro, 90 per cent; Rolling Hills 89.36; Gardens, 85.68; Wilmington, 85.18.

Local residents missed during the general appeal can still give by mailing a contribution to Chest headquarters at 1427 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro.