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A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you consider to be the prime of life?" the Pennies photographer asked persons in the Lomita business district, Narbonne Avenue and Lomita Boulevard.

Mrs. Elmer Clawson, 1935 Nordman St., Lomita:

"I don't think it is now what people use to think it was. I think it is up through the time when people can retire and enjoy themselves so long as they are not sick."

Mrs. Fred Edwards, 1937 Callison St., Lomita:

"I don't think it is when you are young because there are so many problems at that time, nor is it when you are older because persons usually have physical problems, so it must be in between."

Mrs. Alfred C. Tuck, 24256 Walnut St.:

"Regardless of what age you are I think the prime of life is when you become mature and realize what is important and what is not important."

Mrs. Floyd Fletcher, 24219 Eshelman Ave.:

"I think the best time is in about the 40s because you have raised your family by then. The prime of life is probably between 40 and 50 years of age."

Mrs. Glenn Borland, 22522 Warmside Ave.:

"The prime of life is when you have good health and the necessities of life regardless of age. A person is in the prime of life so long as he has a happy homelife and can help others."



RICHARD WOODWARD
To West Point

Academy Gives Nod To Tartar

Richard Woodward, a Torrance High School senior, has been notified of his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point beginning with the fall term.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean D. Woodward of Torrance, Richard will report July 2 to begin a pre-school training program.

He was born in Provo, Utah, and has attended Torrance schools since the sixth grade. He is a life member of the California Scholarship Federation and was selected for participation in scholarship competition during his senior year.

He has been active in school sports and in student body government and currently serves as student court judge.

In addition to his West Point appointment, Richard won a scholarship to Brigham Young University.

An outstanding student, he will be listed in the next edition of "Who's Who of Student Leaders, High Schools of America," it was reported.

Bomb Talk Earns Fine For Chapel

Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel, convicted of falsely reporting explosives aboard an aircraft in Sacramento last March 15, was fined \$600 and sentenced to a two-month suspended jail term Tuesday. The fine was made a condition of six months' probation.

The sentence, announced by Superior Judge Raymond T. Coughlin in Sacramento, classifies the crime as a misdemeanor and thus will not affect Chapel's status as an Assemblyman nor his eligibility to seek re-election.

The Palos Verdes legislator, whose 46th District includes part of the southwest section of Torrance, is a candidate for re-election and will appear on the June 5 primary ballot. He has served in the Assembly since 1950.

The jury disagreed with Chapel's contention that his remarks were jokingly made to a seatmate and were not intended for the ears of the stewardess who sounded the alarm.

John K. Townsend, chairman of the GOP committee for the 46th District, said Wednesday that his group still backed Chapel's bid for re-election. Townsend said the court action could not erase Chapel's "12-year record in Sacramento."

Accidents Hurt Five In City

Three accidents Monday and one Tuesday have resulted in five persons suffering injuries.

Two persons suffered minor injuries and went to a private physician after the car in which they were riding turned over about 1 p.m. Monday on Crenshaw Boulevard south of 247th Street.

Injured was the driver, Mrs. Frances Kay Ramage, 20, of 3545 Newton St., and her passenger, Mary Jane Parker, 22, of 1521 W. 228th St. They were in a small foreign model sedan.

LEAH METZER, 53, of New Haven, Conn., suffered minor injuries about 4:45 p.m. Monday after the car in which she was riding was involved in a collision with a pickup truck driven by Zacarias Martinez Morales, 56, Gardena. The car was driven by Jack A. Metzger, 57, also of New Haven. The accident occurred on Crenshaw Boulevard south of 182nd Street.

Minor injuries were suffered Monday by Noel Edwin Fairleigh, 64, Redondo Beach after a collision about 6:15 a.m. at Hawthorne Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

DRIVER OF the other vehicle involved, a dump truck, was Edmund Elbie Robinson, 42, Redondo Beach. Fairleigh was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Cecil Berry Knight, 17, Redondo Beach, suffered injuries about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday on Western Avenue south of 190th Street after he was ejected from his northbound motor scooter. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

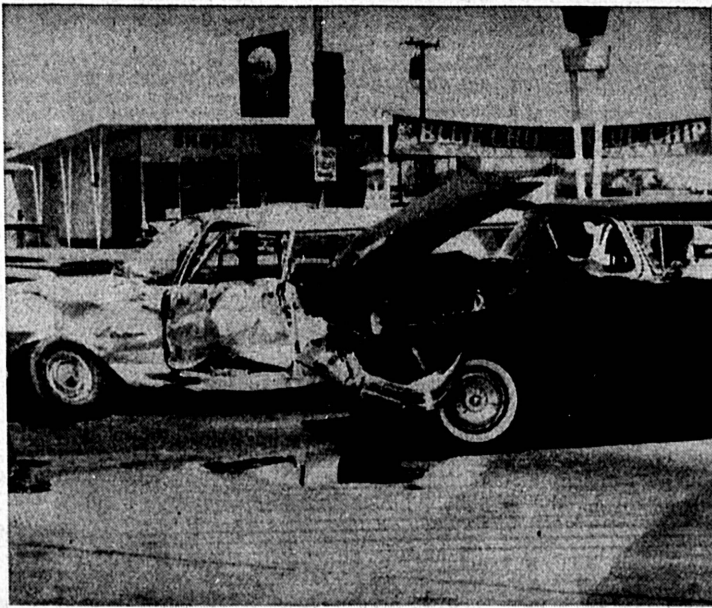
338,000 on Petitions to Alter Senate

Supervisor Frank G. Bonelli reported to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday that a statewide total of 338,407 signatures on his initiative petition has been received as of Monday night at Senate Reapportionment Committee headquarters in Los Angeles.

He said this included 85,000 signatures from outside Los Angeles County. Other counties in which the constitutional amendment petitions are being circulated include San Diego, Orange, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Alameda, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Riverside, Fresno and Kern.

Bonelli was optimistic at this indication of the possibility of obtaining the necessary total of 420,462 valid signatures of voters by the June 4th deadline for the first filing with Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hite.

Earlier dates have been set for filing in other counties, he said, but the drive will intensify this week in Los Angeles County to obtain as many signatures as possible by May 30, when all petitions must be turned in to the Senate Reapportionment Committee for precincting before the filing date.



ESCAPE INJURIES... A three-car collision about 2 p.m. Monday, caused major damages to the vehicles but persons in them apparently escaped injury. The accident occurred at Crenshaw and Redondo Beach Boulevards just outside the Torrance city limits and next to the El Camino College campus. (Herald Photo)

Winners in Armed Forces Day Parade Get Trophies

A high school band, the Little League and five military units are recipients of trophies for having the best units in Torrance's third annual Armed Forces Day parade.

The day's festivities Saturday, which also included a military equipment display, was concluded with a luncheon at the Naval Base on Terminal Island where the awards were presented.

Luncheon speaker was Under Secretary of the Navy Paul B. Fay Jr., who also served as parade grand marshal. He told of his eye witness account of recent Naval maneuvers off the east coast. The exercise was a tribute to the military and the job they do, Fay said.

Two Women Named for Nixon Drive

Atty. Boris S. Woolley, chairman of the Nixon for Governor campaign in the Republican primary in Torrance, announced yesterday that Mrs. Jean Clawson and Mrs. Polly Watts, prominent Torrance businesswomen, will head up the women's activities planned for the closing two weeks of the campaign.

Mrs. Clawson made a strong bid for election to the Torrance city council in April and is associated with her husband in the Southwest Printing Co. Mrs. Watts also is associated with her husband's internationally famous sail-making industry. She is a long time resident of the city and has been active in many civic organizations.

nounced until the luncheon, representatives of the Redondo High band and Little League were not present.

THE CHAMBER of commerce trophy went to the U.S. Ballistic Missiles and Satellite exhibit by the U.S. Air Force Aerospace System.

Brig. Gen. Bernard J. Kitt, state deputy adjutant general, presented the governor's perpetual bronze trophy for National Guard participation and best motorized unit to the Third Reconnaissance Squadron, 185th Armored, 40th Division of the California National Guard. Col. Tom Lawson accepted the trophy on behalf of the Inglewood unit.

Officer of Year Selection Slated

"Police Officer of the Year" will be named tonight by the South Bay Bar Assn.

The award will be presented by District Attorney William B. McKesson. Honored guests will include police chiefs from Torrance, Gardena, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes, Hermosa Beach, El Segundo, and Redondo Beach.

Each chief will accompany his nominee for the coveted award. The event will be held at the Seafood Grotto on the Esplanade in Redondo Beach.

Representatives for the California Highway Patrol and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's office also will be present.

Several political hopefuls will attend the meeting. They include attorney Harold Thomason, a candidate for Superior Court, and Pat Gibson a candidate for Assembly. McKesson, the guest of honor, is a candidate for lieutenant governor.

Other Major Projects Get Board Okay

Approval of a recommendation to purchase an 11-acre site at 236th Street and Ocean Avenue for the proposed Grace Wright Elementary School was voted by the Torrance Board of Education Monday night as part of a school expansion program estimated to cost \$1,277,590.

Cost of the new site was placed at \$30,617 an acre and school administrators placed cost of preparing the site at \$48,000.

Purchase of the site had been delayed in recent months because of uncertainty about the future needs in the area. Board members agreed Monday, however, that the district should tie up the land now in the face of rising land costs throughout the area.

CONSTRUCTION projects authorized include a rehabilitation of Torrance Elementary School to prepare it for high school use at a cost of \$511,476; addition of classrooms for homemaking at West High to cost \$89,215; and remodeling of the boys' gymnasium and construction of a girls' gymnasium at Torrance High School to cost \$676,899.

In another move to expand the Torrance High School campus, the Board accepted the recommendation of the administration that the school's athletic field be torn up at the end of the fall athletic season. A new field is scheduled to be located at the former Navy site acquired by the school district.

ON ANOTHER front, school officials were charged with "union busting" by the executive secretary of a teachers' union.

Ralph Schloning, representing the California Teachers

Federation, affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, said the district's policy requiring employee organizations to file a membership list before the district will recognize them, was "an unfair labor practice, coercive, and violation of freedom of individual rights."

He said such a requirement would force the CTF to "violate the confidence of its members."

SCHOOL OFFICIALS said the requirement was laid down so the district could determine which groups actually represented school employees.

Board member Bert Lynn suggested that a list of Torrance school employees belonging to CTF be submitted to a disinterested party who could report the amount of representation to the board, but Schloning would not agree.

The union executive said his group would seek to change state legislation on the subject next year by introducing bills in the legislature outlawing the requirement for employee lists.

IN OTHER action, the Board approved the appointment of Carmolito Rous as assistant principal at Torrance High School and the assignment of Leonard Lifton, from Torrance High, to the post as assistant principal at North High. Gretchen M. Smith was appointed second assistant principal in charge of pupil personnel at West High.

Extra Cash Due Workers At Douglas

Douglas Aircraft Division employees at the firm's Torrance plant Friday will receive vacation, sick leave benefits, and regular paychecks totaling \$1,592,220.

Friday marks the date Douglas paychecks are increased by the annual vacation and sick leave benefits to hourly employees. Amount of the yearly vacation and sick leave checks ranges from one to four weeks additional pay for the company's hourly paid workers, depending on length of employment.

Payment is made even if employees do not take a vacation or are absent from work because of illness.

Fire Phones Jammed With 'Boom' Calls

An appeal to Torrance residents not to call the fire department after a sonic boom was issued yesterday by Deputy Chief Robert Lucas.

Fire department emergency lines were tied up from 10 to 12 minutes after sonic booms which rocked the area Monday evening, he said. During the period the emergency lines were tied up by persons asking question about the sonic boom, a car, house, or even a life might have been lost because the fire department couldn't be reached, Lucas said.

In The Herald Today Councilmanic Districts?

Should Torrance be divided into districts for the purpose of selecting representation on the City Council? The HERALD says NO! See editorial on the subject on Page 52.

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