

'Y' Campaign Workers to Open Fund Drive

More than 600 Torrance Family YMCA campaign workers will gather tonight at 7 o'clock to officially begin the largest capital funds drive in the history of Torrance.

The group will meet at the Space Technology Laboratories cafeteria for the kickoff banquet in the \$570,000 drive to build the new YMCA facility on Sepulveda Boulevard. The new building will replace the outdated and inadequate "Y" building now located at 2080 Washington Ave.

Dr. John M. Fernald will deliver the keynote speech at the dinner, and guitarist Ken Myers will furnish the evening's entertainment. Skits by members of the YMCA, and a skit on "How to Campaign," will be presented. Toastmasters Scott Albright, Rollin Smith, William Burchfield, and Mrs. C. K. Norman will present the "How to Campaign" skit.

On view at the banquet will be a large scale model of the new "Y" complex. The walls of the room will be covered by an 88-foot report board, which will be ex-

plained by Rod Swartz, head of the drive for public support.

Reports on special gifts already received will be made by City Councilman Ted Olson and Dr. Wing Mar. George Post, general chairman, also will make a report to the campaign workers.

The meeting will follow an election theme, with the platform "Yes for Youth—Build a New YMCA."

Membership attendance at the YMCA topped 78,000 last year, and a total of 174 clubs and councils for Torrance youngsters are sponsored through the

"Y." Last year's camping program was the largest in Los Angeles County.

The new building will include space for small club meetings, several large meeting rooms, and crafts and recreation areas. The main feature of the structure is a campfire ring with a capacity of 1,000 persons. Roy Donley, AIA, was the architect for the project.

"We are hoping the people of Torrance will generously support this new facility which can do so much good for so many people," says Post.

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SCREAMS DRIVE OFF GUNMAN

A Penny for your Thoughts

This is Public Schools Week, so the Pennies photographer asked several members of the curriculum staff of the Torrance schools, "What one book would you recommend that every child read and why?"

Mrs. Gertrude Aldershoff:
"I would select Scott O'Dell's 'Island of the Blue Dolphins.' It is a true story of an early coastal island and exemplified some of the many moral and spiritual values which people must develop to get through life. If I had a second choice, I would want every boy to read 'My Side of the Mountain.'"



Mrs. Lynn Shidler:
"I think every one should read Robert Frost's 'You Come Too.' Beautiful language is often lost after Mother Goose, but Robert Frost speaks for all America through special poems which delight five and 85-year-olds. In spite of the seeming simplicity of the poems, they have a secondary meaning that does not occur to the reader at first."

Mrs. Mary Long:
"This is one of many, but it is really impossible to settle on one book. I would select 'Baboushka and the Three Kings' by Ruth Robbins with illustrations by Nicolas Sidjakov. The simplicity of the book is appealing. It presents a universal lesson which helps one to pick out the important things in life."

Mrs. Stella Olson:
"I would select the story of 'Johnny Tremain,' which gives a vivid account of our American heritage and the courage that has been passed down to us. The story has many character values which boys and girls can get from the story, and the steadfastness and dedication comes through to remind us of the courage and integrity which is ours."

Chamber to Hear World Famed Prof

Guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce monthly membership breakfast Tuesday will be Julius S. Miller, professor at El Camino College.

Known to millions of persons throughout the world through his numerous television shows and appearances as a lecturer and demonstrator, he will present a lecture-demonstration on physics.

Educated at Boston University in philosophy, mathematics and theoretical physics, Miller is specially known today for his work in electron configuration in the elements, analytical mechanics, history of science and physics in toys. He is also known internationally as an authority on demonstration experiments in physics and as an expert on the life of Albert Einstein.

Miller, recently featured in both U. S. and international editions of Life magazine, is also technical consultant and advisor to Walt Disney Productions.



FREEWAY BLAZE . . . Fire broke out in a load of lumber on a truck Tuesday afternoon as the vehicle was southbound on the San Diego Freeway. Here, firemen, who met the truck at the Western Avenue ramp onto the freeway, put water on the blaze. Although the truck had pulled onto

the freeway shoulder sight of firemen fighting the blaze slowed traffic. At one point smoke blowing across the freeway was so dense large trucks were blowing their horns as they went through the smoke.

(Herald Photo)

Wants Purse After Using Phone Ruse

Screams of a housewife frightened off a would-be bandit in a private home Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Cora Carpenter, 49, of 2481 W. 236th Pl., told police a man came to her door and asked if a Mr. Johnson lived there. When told that he didn't, the man asked to use the telephone and started towards it, saying it would be a toll call.

He then asked if there was a pay telephone nearby and was told there is one on the corner of Lomita and Crenshaw boulevards. As he started towards the door, he turned and displayed a pistol in his right hand, Mrs. Carpenter said.

"WHERE'S your purse? I want the money," the intruder said as he made a grab for her.

After a struggle he told his victim to go into the den and lie down. He forced Mrs. Carpenter to the floor and said "don't yell or I'll shoot." He struck her on the left side of the head with the pistol.

When his victim started screaming he jumped back and ran out a rear door.

TWO MASKED bandits held up a bar Tuesday night and made off with about \$76.

Manager Jean Duval told police two men wearing black hoods which covered their hair and ears entered the Time Out Bar at 915 Border Ave. about 9:20 p.m.

"Don't move and you won't get hurt," one of the suspects told her as he pointed a revolver at her back and placed his left hand on her neck.

His partner went to the cash register and took the \$76. The manager was warned not to move for 15 minutes as they left through the front door.

One of the holdup men had two three-inch scars on the right side of his face.

Parker Heads City Mounted Police Unit

Paul Parker has been elected Captain of the Torrance Mounted Police to succeed Capt. Art Moore who died in March.

Other officers elected to serve with Parker are Ignacio Cano, lieutenant; Virgil Hancock, drill sergeant; and Jose Martinez and Dudley Manier as sergeants.

Carmel Cook was elected advisor to the group.

The Torrance Mounted Police recently participated in the Circus Day Parade in Palm Springs. Their next appearance will be in the May 9 Armed Forces Day parade in San Pedro.

The unit will present the colors in the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade May 16.

Lawndale Man Held In Crash

A 24-year-old Lawndale man was booked as a drunk Wednesday after his car smashed into a utility pole. He left the scene and was found later by deputy sheriffs.

Booked by Torrance police was Henry Ortega. His sedan was found smashed into the utility pole on 186th Street just west of Roslin. The pole was broken in half about five feet above the ground.

Deputies later saw Ortega standing on the curb at Redondo Beach Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue and Torrance police picked Ortega up at that location and took him to Little Company where he refused treatment for a cut on his eye.

HE WAS then taken to the police station for booking and at that time decided to have the cut treated. Ortega was taken to Harbor General Hospital. It was not until Ortega was at the police station that police learned that he was the driver involved in the accident at 186th Street, police said.

One person was taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital Tuesday night after a three-car accident at Van Ness and Artesia.

Treated for minor injuries at the hospital was Robert Henry Day, 50, of 1731 W. 166th St., driver of one of the cars involved. Drivers of the other two cars were Marty Daco, 17, Gardena, and Don Carlos Gaede, 35, also of Gardena. Both said they would see a private physician for treatment of minor injuries.

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Principals Ask Board For 12-Month Contract

Elementary school principals in Torrance asked the Board of Education for a 12-month contract this week, but made only slight progress toward their goal.

Board members tabled the request pending a study of the budget for 1964-65. The preliminary budget will be submitted to the board at its May 4 meeting.

Dr. Richard Welte, president of the Torrance Elementary School Principals Assn., told the board the elementary principals need more time to

do their job. Welte said the 12-month contract would give the principals a full-time job and provide paid vacations, which principals do not have under the present 10-month contract. "To be realistic," said Welte, "we need more time." He added most people think the principal has a vacation when classes are not in session. "Most principals report to their buildings during these periods to do work which needs to be done."

A recommendation from Dr. (Continued on Page 6)

Patchwork Program

Trustee Attacks CTA School Finance Plan

An initiative measure sponsored by the California Teachers Assn. (CTA) to force the state legislature to provide an additional \$200 million in public school support over the next two years has drawn quick and heavy fire from a member of the Torrance Board of Education.

Board president Bert M. Lynn, who proposed an initiative measure to return the ratio between state and local school support back to its 1955 level, has called the initiative "a patchwork program at best." Lynn said he was shocked and dismayed to learn of the CTA proposal.

The initiative measure was endorsed by the State Council of Education, policy-making body of the 135,000-member CTA. A campaign expenditure of \$600,000 to secure the necessary 468,000 signatures was approved.

IN HIS LETTER, Lynn reiterated his stand that an initiative should force the state legislature to provide 50 per cent of the operating costs of education and to provide funds for all mandatory programs which it adopts. He has argued for several months that finding ways of raising the money is not the concern of educators, teachers, or boards of education.

The letter, read to members of the Board of Education Monday evening, provoked an hour-long discussion on the merits and reasons behind the CTA proposal. Lynn charged

the 50-50 school support level between state and local districts "is a fairly well accepted principle designed to insure quality educational programs." He called again for the initiative measure to take the 50-50 approach.

Jack Knapp, a Torrance teacher who attended the convention which endorsed the initiative, told the board the CTA has first worked on the 50-50 idea, but legal counsel told the organization "there was no legal precedent."

"THERE IS a crisis—a financial crisis—in California," Knapp said, "and we can't put our faith in the Legislature. We will have to push. The 50-50 proposal was tried and it just won't go, so the only way left is on a dollar basis."

Knapp also told Lynn, "I hate for you to think this decision was made on the spur of the moment." Lynn replied he was "not about to rubber-stamp the CTA."

During the discussion, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, asked the board to consider if the 50-50 proposition would go—"50 per cent of what?" asked Dr. Hull. Knapp, Dr. Hull, and Garth Belknap, president of the Torrance Education Assn., defended the CTA approach on the ground that it was the only alternative. "This is a desperation move on our (CTA) part," said Belknap.

KNAPP TOLD LYNN if the 50-50 approach is legal, "then we'll (CTA) rush in." Then he added, "we just lost a debate." (Continued on Page 6)



SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES . . . Three members of the City Council elected at the April 14 municipal balloting, here take their oaths of office from City Clerk Vernon W. Coll (right) during Tuesday night's meeting of the group. From left are George Vico, who was elected to serve his second four-year term, and David K. Lyman and H. Ted Olson, named to serve their first four-year terms. (Herald Photo)

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