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TEEN HEROISM WINS PRAISE

A Penny for your Thoughts

With graduation ceremonies set for tonight at the city's high schools, the Pennies photographer asked several prominent business and civic leaders in Torrance for some words of advice to the graduates.

J. Walker Owens, manager, Torrance Chamber of Commerce:

"It's extremely important for all high school graduates to continue the educational process in whatever way is available to them — in colleges, vocational, or technical training programs. It is becoming increasingly important in the business world for more and education."



Bruce Jones, manager, Torrance Bank of America:

"All of the graduates should learn a skill if they have not already acquired a skill in high school which they can bring with them when looking for a job. A high school education is no longer going to be a passport to job opportunity."



H. T. (Ted) Olson, city councilman and director of personnel for Union Carbide and Chemicals Co.:

"Don't stop now. If at all possible, continue your education. We are extremely fortunate living in this area where advanced degrees through junior colleges and state and private schools are available at nominal cost. With today's science and technology, the demand for greater skills and education increases daily."

Dr. Kurt Shery, President, Board of Education:

"I feel our graduates have reached the first stepping stone in their lives. They should be aware their education isn't finished. Even though many will go to jobs, it doesn't mean they stop learning. It is not important that everyone go to college, it's more important that we have trained people who know how to handle the machines we will use in the future."



NOW YOU DO THE WORK . . . George Post (left), retiring president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, seems to be telling his successor, Arthur L. (Art) Reeves, "You can do all the work now." The two met yesterday to make plans for the installation at the Chamber's annual banquet Saturday, June 27. Reeves, a Dominguez Water Co. executive, will assume his duties July 1. (Herald Photo)

Reeves Elected New President Of City Chamber

An executive for the Dominguez Water Co. has been elected to succeed George W. Post, manager of the United California Bank, as president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Vandals Raid School Rooms

Vandals broke into an eighth grade room at the Evelyn Carr School, 3404 W. 168th St., over the weekend.

Entry was gained by scraping putty from around a window and removing the window pane which was found on a desk. Damage included glue poured on desks, ink poured on floors, contents of desks spilled on floors, tacks and pins spread on the floor, pictures and maps taken off the walls, and various articles broken.

EC Newman Club Names Officers

The Newman Club of El Camino College has announced results of the election for fall semester officers.

To serve are: Claude Gregory, president; Barbara Gantner, vice president; Maureen Branigan, secretary; John King, treasurer; and Ellen Horn, historian.

High Schools To Graduate 1,500 Tonight

Nearly 1,500 students will end their high school careers tonight when diplomas are thrust into their eager hands by members of the Board of Education and the administrative staff of the Torrance schools.

Ceremonies of the four high schools will be held in the school stadiums, thus marking a first for the Torrance schools—all four high schools now have their own lighted athletic fields.

Activities begin at 7:45 at West High School. There, the newest of the Torrance high schools will award diplomas to 201 students, smallest of the four classes. James Ellis and Gloria Anderson will be student speakers for the second annual commencement exercises at the school.

The Rev. Leon Holm of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, and the Rev. David Beadles, pastor of WALTERIA

Complete lists of all graduates are included in today's editions of THE HERALD. Lists will be found as follows: North High, page 3; South High, page 20; Torrance High, page 2, and West High, page 12.

Methodist Church, will offer the invocation and benediction. Diplomas will be awarded by William Hanson, a member of the Board of Education, and Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent of schools for special services.

COMMENCEMENT exercises at the city's other three high schools will get under way with the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" at 8 p.m.

At South High School, the largest class in the city's history will receive diplomas from Albert Charles and Bert Lynn, members of the Board of Education, and assistant superintendent of schools, Dr. Albert Posner.

The Spartan Class of '64, which numbers 596, will hear valedictorian Sandra Salveter give her "Forecast of the Future." Senior class president Raul Matute will speak briefly on "Senior Remembrances." The Rev. O. W. Fish, WALTERIA

Assembly of God, and the Rev. Francis Rath of Seaside Community United Church of Christ will deliver the invocation and benediction.

NORTH HIGH will graduate a class of 438 members. Diplomas will be given to the graduates by Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, vice president of the Board of Education, and assistant superintendents S. E. Waldrip and Dr. Robert Morton.

Student speakers will include Maureen Bereskin, Judith Morgan, and Bruce Cole. All three students will address themselves to the topic, "Not Merely to Survive, But to Prevail."

The invocation and benediction will be given by the Rev. Clifford Tierney of the South Bay Church of God.

A CLASS of 254 students will end their high school years at Torrance High School. Dr. Kurt Shery, president of the Board of Education, and Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, will be on hand to give the graduates their diplomas.

Patricia Adams, Jeffrey Carpenter, and Diana Geruc will speak for the class. All three will discuss the theme of Torrance High's 48th annual commencement exercises—"Above All Nations Is Mankind." The Rev. Arthur Nagel, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Torrance, will deliver the invocation and benediction.

Following the graduation exercises, graduates will discard their caps and gowns for more casual clothes and a night of fun at PTA-sponsored all-night grad parties.

Carson Street Survey Voted

A highway survey and preparation of plans for proposed improvements of Carson Street between the San Diego Freeway and Wilmington Avenue have been authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace said the improvements will include new curbs and gutters and the conversion of Carson Street to a multi-lane highway in the area.

Booming Year Ahead?

City Construction Tops \$8.6 Million During May

New construction valued at more than \$8.6 million was started in Torrance during May, according to the city's building department. A total of 387 permits were issued by the department.

Total value of all new construction begun since Jan. 1 now stands at \$30,447,142, or more than half of the total construction during 1963.

May permits provided 152 new single family homes in the city, while 368 new apartment units were begun during the month. Figures for the five-month period which started Jan. 1 show 782 new single family homes and 1,153 new apartment units are now under

construction in the city. Permits issued in May also provided for eight new commercial buildings, valued at nearly \$450,000 and three new industrial structures with a value of more than \$155,000.

Largest of the permits issued in May was given to ADCO Development Co. The permit, valued at \$2,665,000 was for the construction of 109 new homes with garages, Verco Construction Co., Inc., was given 25 permits valued at \$557,110. All permits were for single family homes.

Other permits included: Sepulveda Investment Co., \$100,545 for an office building at 22330 Hawthorne Ave.; Union Carbide Co., \$80,640 for an anti-freeze storage building at 3651 Del Amo Blvd.; and Development No. 2 Co., \$114,950 for retail stores at 17508 through 17532 Hawthorne Ave. Kilkenny Homes Corp. at quired two permits with a total value of more than \$2 million for 183 apartment units. Several other permits for apartment construction topped the \$100,000 figures.

Building got off to a slow start during the first quarter of this year, but a record \$12.1 million in April turned the trend upward. Totals for April and May exceed the first quarter total of \$9.7 million by more than 55 per cent.



AIRPORT GREETER . . . Lynda Knox, left, Miss Torrance, will be on hand to greet visitors Sunday at the sixth annual Torrance airport open house. Giving Lynda an advance airplane ride is Mrs. Margie James, chairman of the two-penny-a-pound ride offer. The airport will be open to visitors from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. On display will be antique and experimental aircraft, helicopters, antique automobiles, and assorted military ground displays. (Herald Photo)

Cityhood Issue Divides Lomita Into Two Camps

Proponents and opponents of a bid for incorporation in Lomita entered the final round this week, as next Tuesday's election, which will decide the fate of the issue, draws closer.

Forest L. Jacobs, a member of the Committee for Incorporation and one of 16 candidates for the five city council positions, said his group would stage a parade through the area Saturday morning.

Members of the Lomita Civic League, an organization which has opposed the present—and all past—efforts for incorporation, countered with a new mailing warning of "the disastrous consequences of incorporation."

The Lomita Civic League has predicted a substantial increase in taxes for local property owners if the cityhood bid is successful. The organization also warned of possible

damage suits, and other "pitfalls" of incorporation.

THROUGHOUT the campaign, members of the Committee for Incorporation and the 16 council candidates have talked of adopting the county zoning plan now in effect in the area and reducing costs below that of the county. Jacobs told THE HERALD Tuesday his "contacts show about 9 to 1 in favor of incorporation." Opponents have predicted an equally big margin of defeat.

One thing is certain—Lomita will elect a five-man city council next Tuesday. Whether the city council will be a shadow or an official body will not be known until the votes are counted.

Flaming Auto on Freeway

Three Long Beach teenagers were hailed as heroes this week after braving a flaming auto on the Harbor Freeway to pull a Torrance woman and her passenger from the vehicle.

The trio, students at Long Beach Polytechnic High, were credited with saving the lives of Mrs. Mary L. Marriott, 55, of 1731 Andreo Ave., and her passenger, Mrs. Loretta Mitran, 63, of 2106 Makay Lane, Redondo Beach.

The youths, ignoring the danger of the flaming auto, pried open a door with a tire iron to free the two women.

"Nobody else stopped," Danny Ables, 18, explained. Ables, along with companions Jerry Plunkett, 17, and Phil Snoden, 18, came on the flaming auto on the Harbor Freeway near Century Boulevard. The car being driven by Mrs. Marriott had been struck by another car and exploded into flames.

The boys helped the women out of the car, checked the driver of the other car, and had put out flames by the time traffic officers arrived on the scene.

The boys were treated as celebrities when they returned to classes in Long Beach after word of the rescue had been passed along.

Youth Hurt When Vehicle Strikes Pole

An 18-year-old Inglewood youth was injured early Tuesday morning when his foreign compact car struck a steel pole in the center divider on Pacific Coast Highway near Crenshaw Boulevard.

Roger M. Kayner was taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital after the 3:25 a.m. accident. He was thrown from the car on impact with the pole.

In another accident, Mrs. Elaine Wong, 27, of 2045 W. 181st St., was taken to a private physician by her husband Monday morning after her car collided with a pickup truck owned by the Torrance Unified School District. The accident occurred on Van Ness just south of 179th Street.

DREW BRADFORD WINS MAY CARRIER HONORS

Drew Bradford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bradford of 2914 W. 166th St., has been named "Carrier of the Month" for May by HERALD Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott.

In announcing the selection of young Bradford for top carrier honors, Westcott said, "Drew has proven himself to be a courteous, ambitious junior dealer interested in the needs and wants of his HERALD readers."

Young Bradford is an accomplished musician and plays the guitar, bass fiddle, and trombone. He is a trombone player in his school band. He finds electronics an exciting pastime and has built several useful devices which are in use throughout the Bradford home.



DREW BRADFORD

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