

Plan Drive For Nat'l Guard Armory

1600 WORKERS OFF JOB AT TORRANCE DOUGLAS PLANT



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LAND AHOY—Judging by tiny Lisa Lewis' expression it must be Treasure Island she sees in the distance. El Prado park will be Treasure Island for one day for the greatest search in the history of Torrance on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Local Dignitaries Witness

'Air Jeep' Demonstrated for Army Secretary Frank Pace

Secretary of the Army Frank Pace Jr. and Congressman Cecil R. King, headed by a large delegation of top-ranking Army, Air Force, and civilian officials who attended the premiere demonstration of a one-man jet helicopter developed by the American Helicopter Co. of Manhattan Beach, last Monday at Torrance Municipal Airport.

Mayor Mervin Schwab, Councilmen Nick Dralle and Willys Blount, City Manager George Stevens, and Police Chief John Stroth were among the many local dignitaries and residents who witnessed the public showing of the long "seer" airship.

Designated the XH-26, the ship is the smallest and lightest helicopter ever produced for the armed forces. It weighs less than 300 pounds and stands only six feet high.

It can be collapsed into a 5 by 14-foot container and can be re-assembled, ready for flight, in less than 20 minutes.

Company officials refer to the XH-26 as the "jeep of the air" and express the hope it will do as much to popularize civilian flying as the Ford Model A did for the automotive industry.

The helicopter is powered by two 16-pound, pulse-jet engines, one mounted on each end of its rotor blades. The jet engines have only one moving part, require no lubrication, are self-cooled and burn any type of fuel without modification.

Company officials say the engine will operate for 50 hours (Continued on Page 2)

El Nido Sewer

Plans and specifications were approved by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday and a resolution of intention adopted to install sanitary sewers in the El Nido area bounded by Hawthorne Blvd., Ingwood Ave., 182nd and 186th Streets, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

Work on New Highway Link Begins Soon

Construction of Crenshaw Blvd. between Pacific Coast Highway and Lomita Blvd. is due to begin within two weeks following award of a contract by the county board of supervisors Tuesday.

The job went to the J. A. Thompson Co. of Inglewood, whose bid of \$99,126 was low among five submitted.

The project, which calls for the creation of a 40-foot wide paved right-of-way, is due for completion next January.

The route follows the Torrance-Lomita boundary south of Lomita Blvd. to about 253rd St., where it angles off across the southeast corner of Torrance Municipal Airport to intersect with the highway east of Rolling Hills Road. There it will join with the roadway being extended across the Palos Verdes Hills by road camp crews. A route between Lomita and Sepulveda Bldvs. is due for a bid call later.

Meanwhile, the city of Torrance issued a bid call for improvement of Crenshaw between 203rd St. and Redondo Beach Blvd. Proposals to be received by the city council on Oct. 7 resurfacing the stretch, which deteriorated during heavy rains last winter.

Prizes Pour in for Huge Treasure Hunt

More than \$1,200 in merchandise and cash prizes have already been donated to the gigantic Treasure Hunt slated for National Kid's Day, Saturday, Sept. 27, and more, much more, is on the way, according to Parke Montague, chairman of the Kiwanis Club prize committee.

Three Events

Three gala events are scheduled to take place on Kid's Day. Beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, thousands of youngsters from Torrance and surrounding areas will make a mad scramble to find tiny capsules buried on Treasure Island (El Prado Park). Each capsule will contain a number for one of the many prizes to be awarded.

Meanwhile, parents will search store windows downtown to see if the number on their ticket matches those on any of the many merchandise gifts to be displayed by local merchants.

At 2 p.m., the annual Torrance Soap Box Derby, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, will be held on Pennsylvania Ave., between 240th and 237th Streets.

Grand Prize

Climaxing the event, there will be a grand drawing for a television set and for all unclaimed prizes. The drawing will be held on Treasure Island Saturday evening, it was reported.

Tickets to the affair are available now at most of the downtown stores. Children's tickets are priced at 25 cents, and adult tickets sell for \$1.

Sponsored annually by the Kiwanis Club, Kid's Day programs are designed to raise funds to finance the annual "Learn to Swim" program and other events for Torrance children.

Bargain Sale

In conjunction with the Treasure Hunt, local merchants are staging a Treasure Hunt Bargain Sale, that promises to top all sales this year.

Kiwanis officials this week lauded merchants and business people for their generosity and cooperation. The response to the Kiwanis request for prize donations has been overwhelming, according to Joe Doss, general chairman of the event.

List Prizes

Merchants who have contributed so far are: Parrish Stationers, an (Continued on Page 7)

ARMORY SOUGHT FOR CITY

Whether or not the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion of the 40th Division of the California National Guard will have a home in Torrance looms as a big question this week, as officials of the National Guard Adjutant General's real estate division prepare to meet with top Guardsmen in Los Angeles.

Previous to Sept. 1, 1950, the 578th unit was housed in buildings at the Torrance Municipal Airport. Realizing that these facilities would not always be available, the Torrance Press campaigned to have the City deed a piece of land to the Guard for the construction of an armory.

A two-acre plot on Cabrillo Ave. was given to the unit, but the Korean conflict halted funds for the erection of the building.

Deed to End

The time limit on the deed expires in March of 1953, and the land reverts to City ownership.

Because the civic demand is so great, the Torrance Press is once again urging that action be taken to obtain an armory here.

City officials and civic-minded citizens are urged to support this drive, and write to the National Guard headquarters in Los Angeles demanding action. Appeals should be directed to the attention of Lt. Col. William B. Henderson, 40th Div. Nat'l Guard, 3440 S. Hope St., Los Angeles 7, Calif.

Meet Elsewhere

Currently the 578th Engineers are meeting in San Pedro and Manhattan Beach. Torrance would serve as a much better place in view of its central location, according to Guard officials.

In addition, the armory would be a community building when completed, with all civic groups having access thereto, it was reported.

Columbia Steel To Be Televised

Another Torrance industry will be spotlighted on Richardson Oil's "Success Story" on station KTTV, channel 11, it was revealed this week by KTTV officials.

The vast and intricate operations of Columbia Steel plant will be the subject of third local showing of a Torrance industry on "Success Story."

According to Ed Roden, director of the show, the telecast will be staged during the latter part of October, probably the 17th.

More Calls, More Cash

"I got more than I expected in two ways when I advertised a child's bed and a curtain stretcher for sale in the Torrance Press Classifieds," says Mrs. Nora Siedoth, of 2173 - 237th St.

"More calls and more money than ever I hoped for, all from one small ad that I ran in Press Classifieds," she stated.

This satisfied classified advertiser got \$18 for the two items she had advertised in the small, inexpensive classified ad printed below.

Child's bed and curtain stretcher. Reas. Lomita 200-W.

For the same quick, profitable results, sell furniture, clothing and miscellaneous items you no longer need through Press Classifieds. Simply call Torrance 1185.

Smith Attends Eastern Meet

W. H. Smith, 1836 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, district manager for Modern Woodmen of America, recently attended a three-day gathering of that society's top-ranking state and district managers in Rock Island, Ill., it was reported.

Torrance Press PRESIDENTIAL STRAW VOTE

November and election day are right around the corner. And as that momentous date approaches, interest in the political trend in Torrance and the nation mounts rapidly.

The Torrance Press is conducting a Presidential Straw Vote to keep an editorial finger on the political pulse of this community.

Clip this ballot, mark your choice, and deposit it in one of four Torrance Press Ballot Boxes located at McCown Drug Store, 1327 El Prado Ave.; Sam Levy's Department Store, 1311 Sartori Ave.; Torrance National Bank, corner Sartori and Marcelina Aves., or the Torrance Press office, 1406 Cravens Ave.

Results of the poll will be published in next week's issue of the Press.



Adlai E. Stevenson

Democrat



Dwight D. Eisenhower

Republican



Seek Injunction as Pickets Mass

Sixteen hundred workers at the Torrance Douglas Aircraft plant failed to report for work Monday morning after union members at their parent plant, Douglas El Segundo, voted to reject the company's latest offer.

Only 800 of the 1,600 who didn't report on Monday are striking. The other 800 have not yet crossed the picket lines thrown up by the union, Douglas officials report.

At the time that the Press closed its forms yesterday, the company was seeking a court injunction against mass picketing the Torrance plant, according to Chet Miller, of Douglas's public relations department.

Ten per cent of the staff of the local picket, which includes all clerical and administrative help, is still on the job, it was disclosed.

Cyrus Ching, Federal mediator, extended on "urgent" request that Douglas and union representatives meet with him to continue negotiations. Miller, however, stated that the company would not negotiate while the men are off the job.

The company offer of a 5c hourly increase plus other benefits was rejected. The union is asking 10c more per hour plus certain fringe benefits.

The men are represented by the International Association of Machinists, AF of L.

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WM. LEWIS GETS BOHN PROMOTION

Appointment of William E. Lewis, Jr., of Torrance, as west coast sales representative of Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corporation has been announced by Terry W. Kuhn, vice-president.

Prior to his association with Bohn, Lewis had been an industrial arts instructor in the Torrance school system. He will continue to make his home in Torrance.

Moose Names Committee

Joseph Bank, Donald Booker, Alvin Buick, Ray Coons, Stanley Helman, Gordon Jones, C.L. Jones, Lewis Jenkins, Broyles Pendleton, George Souder, Alex Such, John Taviera, Jim Wiseman and Henry West have been named to the Torrance Moose Lodge "Activities Committee" for 1951-52, according to an announcement by Governor Arthur McArthur.

Ten Ballot Boxes Set For Vote

Residents of the Carson, Keystone and Dominguez area will file to the polls Tuesday to decide whether or not they will become annexed to the West Basin Water District and the Metropolitan Water District.

A special tax of 9 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, sufficient to raise \$31,412, will be levied against the communities if the voters favor annexation.

Carl Fossette, secretary of the water district, said the total figure represents the cost that would have been paid to the district by the communities if they were members of the district when it was formed in 1948.

The special tax is in addition to the \$3,834,000 in back taxes the (Continued on Page 7)

McMahan's Stage Gala Anniversary Celebration Today

Thirty-three years of business in Southern California will be celebrated this week by McMahan's Furniture Stores.

Charles Markland, manager of the Torrance store at Sartori Ave. and El Prado, announced that the occasion would be marked locally by a gigantic birthday sale, beginning today.

Highlighting the celebration today will be a huge birthday cake which all McMahan's customers will be invited to share. With pieces of the ceremonial cake, customers will be given a cup of Hills Bros. coffee made in the new Sunbeam automatic coffee-maker. Ann Jessup, demonstrator for Sunbeam, will keep the pot bubbling merrily all day Thursday, it was disclosed.



33RD ANNIVERSARY—McMahan's Furniture store in Torrance marks the 33rd anniversary of the famous Southern California furniture company with an elaborate cake and all the trimmings. Above, Ann Jessup, Sunbeam appliance demonstrator, pours coffee from new Sunbeam coffee-maker, for Charles Markland, manager of the local store. Chet Hovey, local factory representative for Sunbeam, smiles his approval.

Feature Artists Appear at Jim Dandy Anniversary Celebration This Saturday



CONLEY GRAVES
Pianist

A gala celebration will mark the 17th anniversary of the Jim Dandy Markets this Saturday, Sept. 20.

On hand to help celebrate the occasion in the Torrance store, at Torrance and Crenshaw Bldvs., will be two prominent entertainers, Conley Graves, pianist, and Ralph Sigwald, "Caruso of the South."

These performers will present a program of entertainment from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the store, it was announced.

Both artists are with the Horace Heidt organization. Graves has been studying piano since he was a child. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.



RALPH SIGWALD
Baritone