

THE EL NIDO P-TA Founders' Day meeting under the chairmanship of Mrs. Paul Herring, met at her home, 18312 Roslin Avenue, Monday, January 25, to formulate plans for their Founders' Day meeting which will have a "Surprise Feature," along with the introduction of Mrs. C. H. Turner, Inc.

18344 REGINA STREET has just seen the arrival of 6½-pound Michael Lee who is joining his young sister Kathy Lynn to add happiness to the W. Collins household.

THE TALENTS of Troop 867, Girl Scouts of North Torrance, were prominently displayed when their representative took part in the Juliette Lowe In-gathering ceremonies at the Torrance High School, Saturday, January 16.

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INSURANCE COURSE TO START

A new course in insurance procedures will be opened at the Torrance high school on the evening of February 16 under the sponsorship of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board. It was announced by Board President Perry Connett.

Part of the Adult Education program at the school, the new course will cover fire, casualty, legal, inland marine, automobile, general liability, theft, burglary, fidelity and surety, and insurance office procedures. Instructors for the 10-week course will include fire underwriters, special agents, and association casualty specialists. The instructors are being drawn from such firms as Aetna, Hartford, Travelers, and New Zealand. Attorney John Bolton of Los Angeles will cover legal aspects of the course.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rutledge announce the birth of a daughter, Charleen, born on January 20, weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces.

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Tribute to 'The Chief'

EDITORIAL

With the official retirement this month of Police Chief John Stroth, Torrance can be grateful for the honest and conscientious leadership with which he provided this city's police force during the course of its infancy. The ground-work laid by Chief Stroth will benefit Torrance for many years to come.

The Chief served on the Torrance police force close to 30 years and was its chief for the last 17 years. He saw the local force grow from three members to 45 members and saw Torrance expand from a town of 2100 to a city of 45,000 people.

The most memorable event with which the police had to cope during this time was the earthquake of 1941, the Chief recalls. Thousands and thousands came to view the destruction which left local stores cracked or demolished.

Chief Stroth came to Torrance directly from Loveland, Colorado when he heard of the local oil boom. He and his wife will retire to their new home on two acres of land in Yucaipa, California (near Redlands).

The gratitude of Torrance goes with the Chief for his many years of devoted public service. The qualities of leadership and character which Chief Stroth exemplified will be carried on by those who will succeed him and those who will continue to serve on this city's police force.

Car Club Gets Under Way Again

Twelve car enthusiasts who like to spend their leisure time "remodeling" their cars and sporting their creations on the road and in drag races are reorganizing the Plugs Car Club of the South Bay area.

Club officers are: Don Mescheder, president, 1417 Hickory, Don Lancaster, vice president, 1532 Berendo, John Allen, secretary, 1617 West 203rd street, and Dale Whisler, treasurer, 804 Beech avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Outler, 402 W. Cedar St., Compton, announce the birth of a son, Eric Philip Outler. He was born Jan. 7, 1954, weighed 7 pounds 5½ ounces. The infant's father is employed at Pacific Pumps, Huntington Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. McDonald announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara Ellen McDonald. Born Jan. 4 weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces.

Retired City Employees To Be Honored

A dinner will be held on Thursday, February 25, at 7 p.m. in the civic auditorium, to honor all city of Torrance employees who have retired under the city's retirement system.

The public, as well as fellow employees and their families, have been invited to participate in this affair which will honor the people who have served Torrance residents through the years. A fine dinner and entertainment will be featured on the program. It was stated. Reservations must be made with the city hall by Monday, February 22.

The following employees will be honored at this time (years worked for the city are given in parentheses):

John S. Tolson, watchman (3 years, 4 months); John H. Foss, laborer (11 years, 8 months); John W. Smith (deceased), laborer (13 years, 1 month); Ollie I. Dodson (deceased), park maintenance man (13 years, 10 months); William E. Laven, laborer (14 years, 4 months); John H. Winters, fire captain (25 years, 9 months); William H. Stanger, water superintendent (14 years, 8 months); Arthur B. Cameron, auto equipment mechanic (8 years, 10 months); Leon Webb, senior water service man (17 years, 4 months); Ralph Z. Hoerr, park maintenance man (18 years, 2 months); Samuel F. Webb, power equipment operator II (18 years, 1 month); Walter C. Silance, fire inspector (17 years, 2 months); Sanford C. Shepherd, city painter (10 years, 9 months); Frank D. Duglas, janitor (16 years, 2 months); John H. Stroth, chief of police (30 years, 1 month).

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Chief Stroth Honored By Police Force

Choking up with emotion, Police Chief John Stroth took leave of the members of the Torrance Police Department at a dinner held Monday in his honor at Alan Richard Hall.

"I don't mean to be sentimental," the chief said as he regained his composure when called upon to speak, "it's just the realization that my work here is ending and I am getting closer to God. I'll be thinking of my fellow officers often in my retirement."

Chief Stroth was presented with a scroll of appreciation and a Delta shop (combination table saw and jointer-planer) by the members of the police force on which he served close to 30 years.

Among the noted guests who bade the chief farewell were Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, an old-time friend; Joe Goss, Councilman Nick Drake, and City Manager George Stevens.

Sgt. Bill Evans, one of the old-timers on the force, who has served with the chief, acted as master of ceremonies.

Griffin Girl Fights On

Diane Griffin's stubborn fight for life continues at Harbor General Hospital today. Critically burned in a fire at the family home at 193rd and Western avenue, Diane was saved from death by the heroic effort of her paralyzed brother, Reginald, on January 19. The tiny girl suffered 40-50 per cent burns and at press time today her condition is still listed as dangerously critical.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack W. St. Clair announce the birth of a son, Donald Mack, born on January 7, weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces.

Installation Street Lite Under Way

Construction plans have begun on the installation of street lights in the major portion of the Torrance Plaza area, according to a spokesman for the Southern California Edison Company. Light standards will be of the ornamental steel type, for which funds were obtained in collections of \$30 per home on a voluntary basis.

"The required total has not as yet been collected on the following streets north of Torrance boulevard: Maple, Felbar, Fonthill, Kornblum, Teri, Cranbrook, Hickory, Patronella, Fay-smith, Elm, Maricopa and Les-serman; unqualified streets south of Torrance boulevard are: Hickory, Teri, Opal, Flor-wood and Cordary.

Retarded Kids' Group To Meet

The Mid-Cities Association for Retarded Children is a newly organized group of persons interested in all phases of promoting opportunities for the welfare of all retarded children in this area. The Mid-Cities Association includes the communities of Compton, Lynwood, Bellflower, Gardena, Torrance, Paramount, South Gate and portions of North Long Beach and Lakewood.

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Emerson Elementary School Auditorium, located at Caldwell and Mayo streets, Compton, at 8 p.m. For additional information write: The Mid-Cities Association for Retarded Children, Box 24, Compton, California, or phone W. J. Brodsky, FAir-fax 8-6229. The next meeting date is February 17.

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