

Norma Quine Chosen 'Miss Torrance of 1955'

NORTH TORRANCE CIRCUS HAILED GREAT SUCCESS

The children of the North Torrance School playground held a circus recently, and the playground thronged with over 300 children in a carnival mood. Popcorn, pink lemonade, and candy booths were busy as the children loaded up with the goodies.

All the games and concessions were run by the youngsters and included basketball shooting, baseball throw, ring toss and others.

"The boys and girls who put on the program were: fortune teller, Jo Ann Hoffmeier; train ride, Raymond Edmondson and Dickie Hodgson; bingo, Julia Pace, Kayleen Sanger and Kay Schider; ring toss, Donald Rocha and Ronald Carter; baseball throw, Dave Couey and Lynn Johnson; popcorn booth, Carol Holland and Barbara Faultner; drink aid, Doris Hazlett and Marilyn Herby; basketball shoot, Cecelia Dougherty and Pat Sayan.

From 6:30 to 7:30, inside the big top: ringmaster, Dave Couey. Acts: 1. Plying Finnie Twines, Dick Hodgson and Mike Henderson. 2. Wet Stone (Jim Azaro) and his Robot (Bud Rogers). 3. Fooling the Smartest Horse in a whirl, Al Lazaro and Mike Henderson; Horse Trainer, Donald Baker. 4. Strong Man, Ronald Carter. 5. Clowns, Mike Henderson, Cecelia Dougherty, Pat Sayan, and Al Lazaro.

Ethel Ann Dicky won door prize of large beach ball.

The train ride by Engineer Raymond Edmondson and Conductor Dickie Hodgson was most popular feature for the children under seven. Ray borrowed his dad's lawnmower and attached several wagons on the

back, and the train was assembled. The show in the big top had the children in the throes of laughter all afternoon as elephants, clowns, a robot from Mars, and "Cholly," the smartest horse in the world, performed for the audience.

The McMaster Park and the North Torrance Circuses were so popular that the Recreation Department has planned a big top show, using all the acts from McMaster and North Torrance for Walteria Park the afternoon and evening of Thursday, August 19th. There will be a small charge for tickets to the Circus to help defray the cost of the popcorn, lemonade, candies, and prizes. Feature of the Walteria Circus will be "Heidi the High Diver," who will do a high dive from 30 feet in the air into a bucket of water.

Hearing Set On Walteria Lake Site

A public hearing on the proposed banning of construction of new homes in the Walteria Lake area will be held at 8 p.m., August 10 before the City council.

The matter was referred to the Council by the Torrance



HER HOUR OF GLORY . . . Norma Quine, 17, sits surrounded by her court of honor upon being named "Miss Torrance of 1955." Paying tribute to the blond beauty are (left to right): Jackie Gaida, 16, 5th place; Barbara Whitley,

17, 4th place; entertainer Anita Aros, violinist; Sandra Lea Constance, "Miss Torrance of 1954" who crowned Queen Norma; Darleen Craig, 21, 3rd place; and Shirlee Garner, 18, 2nd place.

—Press Photo

City Planning Commission without recommendation.

The city had suggested delaying construction in the low area for about a year until a new drain could be completed.

At present the low land in the vicinity of Lomita Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue floods when run-off water from heavy rains converge at the area.

Carol West Home From Camp

Carol West, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Stanley West of 1610 Acacia avenue, Torrance, returned home this week after attending a 10-day Junior Camp operated by the Seventh-day Adventist church at Cedar Falls in the San Bernardino mountains.

Scott Park

Plans for the annual Scott Park summer carnival will be discussed at a meeting of the park council on August 12 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen, it was reported.

John Henry Hudson has been assigned as teacher in the Torrance Unified School District for the coming school year.

CORONATION BALL SET FOR FRIDAY

Norma Quine, 17-year-old blonde beauty, was crowned "Miss Torrance of 1955." She was chosen over 11 other contestants last Friday night in the Civic Auditorium, scene of the annual Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant.

Norma, who lives at 1806 Esplanade, presents a pleasing eye-full, measuring 36-25-36. She was sponsored by the local Oscar Maples Ford agency.

Runners-Up

The radiantly happy queen was surrounded by her court of four, who were the runners-up in the contest. These include: Shirlee Garner 18, Torrance Mounted Police, second place; Darleen Craig, 21, Torrance Flower shop, third place; Barbara Whitley, 17, Stadium theater, fourth place, and Jackie Gaida, 18, Lewellen Press, fifth place.

"I thought I was dreaming and didn't want anyone to wake me up," Queen Norma explained when she was asked how she felt about being elected.

Coronation Ball

A coronation ball will be held Friday night from 9 p.m. until midnight at the Western Club cafe, 15516 South Western avenue. The event will be open to the public and tickets may be purchased at the door. The semi-formal dance is being underwritten by the Oscar Maples Ford agency.

The queen was crowned by last year's queen, Sandra Lee Constance, who was also named "Miss California of 1953" recently. Mayor Nick Drale officially pronounced Miss Quine "Miss Torrance of 1955."

A 1954 graduate of Torrance High School, Norma plans to enter UCLA in the fall to study law.

The new queen and her chaperone will receive a free trip to Las Vegas, merchandise prizes, and a 16-week charm course at Barbara Blakeley's School of Charm in Long Beach.

Artists

Among the highlights of the evening were violin solos played by Anita Aros, famed violinist from the Spade Cooley TV show, and a number of selections sung by Bettie Bailey, lyric soprano from the South Bay Civic Light Opera association.

The contest was sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands. Judges included Barbara Blakeley, beauty consultant of the "Miss Universe" contest; Joe Graydon, TV singer and Impresario of the Wilton Hotel Sky Room show in Long Beach; Bebe Carpenter, operator of a

Financial Report

Final Financial report of the Carson Chamber of Commerce Carnival was submitted showing a profit of \$249.21. Of this amount 25% will be to Scott Park.

studio of theatrical arts in Los Angeles, and Miss Constance.

Absent

Missing from the group of judges originally slated to appear were Oscar Meinhardt, executive producer of the "Universe" fete, who was ill and could not attend, and "Miss Universe of 1955," Miriam Stevenson, who was given a vacation from commitments at Universal-International Studios and went home to South Carolina.

The queen candidates had been trained by Miss Helene Heigh, New York and Hollywood actress, and Mrs. Katherine Coleman of the Coleman Charm and Modeling School.

Bum Check Information Available

Local merchants are now being tipped off instantly about bum checks being passed in this area. This is being accomplished through a bulletin issued through the cooperation of Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett of the Torrance Police Department and the Chamber of Commerce.

The bulletin describes the checks in detail and includes a personal description of the individuals passing the checks.

Myrtle Suverkrubbe has been assigned as teacher in the Torrance Unified School District for the coming school year.

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