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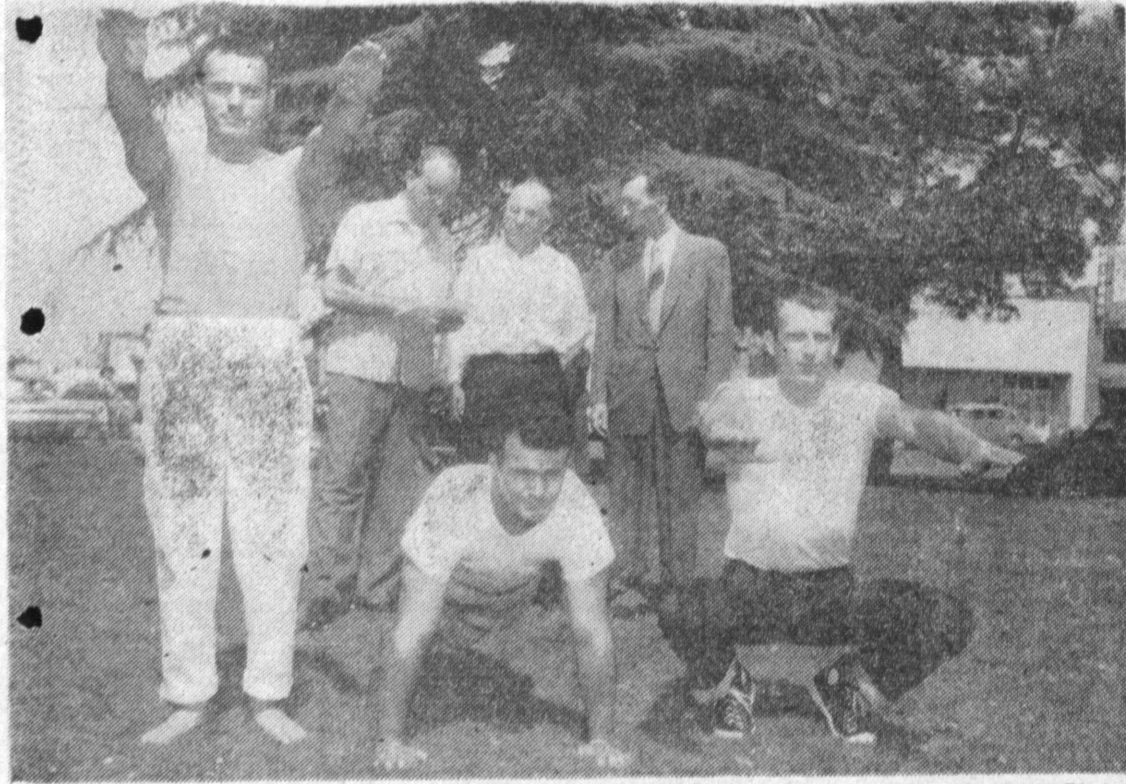
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THE WORKS . . . 55 men took both written and physical exams for positions on the Torrance Police force Saturday. Going through the paces here are (l-r) Dick Champion, 24, of 26029 Calhoun dr., Roger Champion, 22, of

23309 Shady Croft, and Jim Doyle, 23, of 2419 239th st. Looking on are Robert L. Gold of Kroeger and Associates, official tester, Police Chief Willard Haslam, and Gordon Mother- sell, chairman, Civil Service Commission.

'Good Samaritan' Sought Who Saved Youth from Death

A Torrance youth, who lost consciousness when his head was pulled under water by a swift current, was sucked into one end of a half-mile, water-filled pipe. Emerging at the other end, he was spotted by a nurse who revived him and then vanished mysteriously in the excitement before her identity was established.

A \$100 reward awaits the "good Samaritan" and another reward awaits the individual who has information leading to her identity.

Central figure in this miraculous and stark struggle with death was Mike A. Elliott, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Elliott of 1818 Calmar ave.

Despite his close encounter with death, Elliott suffered no worse than a few annoying bumps and bruises, according to his mother.

Going Camping

He and three other Torrance youths, had left for a four-day camping trip. The others were Jerry Garver, of 1115 Eriel ave., his



MIKE A. ELLIOTT . . . close call

younger brother, Dickie, 11, and Pete Azharian, 16, of 2841 Onrado.

The Elliott boy and the other youths said they were swimming on the upstream side of the flood control dam when Elliott and Garver swam unwittingly into the concrete structure housing the intake of the spillway pipe.

Elliott was swept underwater into the mouth of the pipe by the swift current. Garver managed to reach a ladder and hold on to one of Elliott's arms while screaming for help.

Loses Grip

James Frizzell, a part-time Los Angeles County lifeguard, was on the dam and dove after Elliott. Frizzell and Garver held on to him but Elliott kept slipping more and more into the pipe. As he lost consciousness, his grip loosened and he slipped away.

By the time the two raced to the top of the dam, Elliott had shot out on the other (Turn to Page 21)

Teamwork On Checks Routs Gal

Teamwork among the detective bureau of the Torrance Police Department, Chamber of Commerce, and Torrance merchants resulted in the arrest of a woman while attempting to pass her fourth bum check Tuesday, 2 1/2 hours after passing her first one here.

Booked on suspicion of passing four bad checks was Mrs. Carol Ann McGlynn, 21, of 1126 Monterey, Hermosa Beach, who claims she is the mother of three children and that she is separated from her husband.

Mrs. McGlynn allegedly passed the first check at Fischer Hardware at 3 p.m. Detectives were notified at 3:35 p.m. and they in turn notified the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber immediately mimeographed a description of the person and the check, distributing copies of the report to all merchants. At 5:40 p.m. the woman was arrested in Guys and Dolls children's shop allegedly in the act of passing another check.

Mrs. McGlynn is described as having bleached blond, short hair, brown eyes, about 5 foot 7 inches, 120 pounds, tan complexion, slender build, wearing black pedal pushers and a white sleeveless blouse.

The stolen payroll checks carried the name of the Frantz Venetian Blind company and were drawn on the Security First National bank of Los Angeles, made payable to John Moreno.

The woman used the fictitious name of Mrs. John Moreno.

The speed of the Chamber of Commerce in getting out the check warning and the alertness of merchants were responsible in apprehending the woman, detectives said.

Traffic Signals At 2 Locations

Traffic signals will be installed at Post and Cravens avenue and at 171st street and Crenshaw boulevard, according to action taken by the City Council Tuesday night.

Woman Burned Critically, Pilot Hurt in Plane Crash

Two Torrance residents, a man and a woman, suffered burns and injuries when the plane in which they were flying hit a flagpole atop a fire station in Rolling Hills, crashed and burst into flame Saturday.

Suffering second and third degree burns of the entire body was Lt. Myrtle Jan Kirby, 35, of 5420 Linda drive.

Civil Air Patrol Major Davis O. Cochran, 37, of 268 Calle De Andalucia, who piloted the plane, received multiple cuts and burns on his legs.

Following the crash, the two victims were taken to Harbor hospital. Request for assistance started a series of mercy moves in the services.

Mercy Moves

Request for help was made by Lt. Col. Frank Schwikert, commanding officer of the 42nd Air Rescue Squadron at March Air Force Base.

An Air Force plane then picked up Army burn specialists and a special iron lung type tank used for transporting burn victims at Kelley Field late Sunday.

Upon arrival in Long Beach, the tank was taken to the hospital by truck. Lt. Kirby was

placed in the tank and flown to Brooks Medical Center, where she is being treated.

Maj. Chorran was flown from the hospital to March Air Force Base.

It Needed Loving Care And Got It

It was a very small ad among hundreds of other ads but at least 78 individuals read it avidly and were anxious to find out all about the house which was for sale with a view to buying it.

That's what Dick Miller, salesman for Alter Realty and Insurance, stated this week. "The house was sold by noon the following day after the ad appeared," Miller said, greatly satisfied with the excellent results.

The ad which brought such good results was the following: HELP-LOVING CARE NEEDED!

I'm only a one bedroom house, but I have much to offer. My lot is 53x115 zoned R-2 and I set right on the corner. Have a good bearing fig tree and my peach tree is trying very hard, but no one has given them any water for so long that I'm beginning to worry. Frankly I'm not sure the lawn can be saved. I'll be ashamed for you to look at me because I look a mess—My paint is in terrible shape. I've heard the real estate man say people could buy me for only \$350 down and pay \$53 per month (\$5500 full price). I've a huge double garage and plenty of room for garden. Please look at me today.

You too can get terrific results . . . simply pick up your phone and call FA. 8-2345.

Torrance Loses to San Diego

Torrance Little Leaguers went all the way up to the Region 8 tournament but were stopped by a powerful San Diego team 11-2 Friday night.

The local team entered the semi-final round by winning a 6-1 victory over Kirkland Thursday.

In a tilt to determine who would enter the play-offs for third place in the tourney, the Vancouver team won in an 8-7 game.

Parents Ask Help In Finding Dog

Latest appeal for help in locating a dog which bit a child comes from Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey H. Stuart, 18417 Glenburn avenue whose son Kenneth, 7, was bitten by a dog at 185th street and Falda avenue Monday afternoon.

The Stuarts are anxious to locate the curly-haired black cocker to determine if it was rabid or not. If the dog cannot be located, the boy will have to take a series of 14-21 painful Pasteur treatments.

Anyone having information regarding the dog is asked to call the Stuarts at DA 9-7155. The boy was bitten on the calf of his left leg.

Responsibility For Enforcing Laws Fixed

Two ordinances, especially for the protection of children and animals, were passed by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night.

One deals with the oil field hazards, the other with the dangers from abandoned ice boxes and similar death traps.

Responsible for the enforcement of the new laws, which has always been a vague and nebulous element in the past, has been definitely placed with George Powell, land use coordinator, City Manager George Stevens stated Wednesday morning.

Provisions

Among major provisions, the new oil field ordinance calls for the following:

1) Enclosing all moving parts of an oil well and erecting of a chain link fence not less than six feet high;

2) Complete enclosing of all sumps with a six foot high fence;

3) Draining, filling, and leveling all sumps which have not been used for six consecutive months;

4) Derricks must be "structurally sound" and meet all inspection requirements;

5) Removal of all derricks which have not produced for two years or longer;

6) Erecting of steel derricks for all future drilling.

Enactment of the new ordinance stems from a number of serious accidents which have occurred in the Torrance oil fields.

Campaign

The Torrance Press has campaigned for stricter laws governing the oil fields for more than three years and recently called for speedy and effective action when a little girl was saved from death in an oil sump by her brother who pulled her out just in time.

The new oil law represents the combined efforts of the oilmen and the Torrance City Council.

A compromise was reached on the matter of wooden derricks when oilmen protested their immediate removal. Instead, only derricks which have been abandoned for two years, must be removed.

Another law passed Tuesday night, makes it unlawful to leave abandoned iceboxes, and (Turn to Page 21)

Rotary to Host Visiting Official

Torrance Rotary club, along with the San Pedro, Dominguez and Wilmington clubs, will be host to an inter-city meeting honoring C. D. A. Oberg, first vice-president of Rotary International.

The dinner affair, said to be the outstanding Rotary function of the year, will be held on Monday, at 7 p.m., at the Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro. More than 300 Rotarians and their wives are expected to attend.

In addition to being first vice-president of the International, Oberg, who is an Australian business tycoon, is chairman of the 1956 Pacific Regional Rotary Conference Committee and a member of the nominating committee for president in 1956-57. He is a past president of the Sydney (Australia) Rotary club. He has been a member of that organization since 1938, it was reported.

Oberg has traveled extensively throughout the world, and has represented the Australian government at numerous official conferences. He is a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and he holds the King George VI and the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medals. It was reported by officials of the Torrance club.

Following the dinner and speakers, there will be dancing in the Hacienda ballroom.

Parking Consideration Postponed

Consideration involving an off-street parking assessment district for downtown Torrance was referred to next Tuesday's pre-council meeting at 7 p.m.

Disagreement arose over lots which are to be condemned. The proposed district excluded one lot behind the fire station.

Two other residents asked to be excluded as a consequence. Councilmen asked that the district be drawn up on an impartial basis.

Local Tax Picture Looks . . . Well, Rosy

City Manager George Stevens had good news for Torrance taxpayers Tuesday night. Despite assuming the costs of the new bond issues, taxpayers will actually pay less taxes this coming year than they did this past year.

The decrease amounts to only six-tenths of one cent, but it is a decrease regardless. Last year the tax rate was \$1.19 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This coming year it will be \$1.184.

In order to carry this year's bond issue, Stevens said, it was necessary to impose a 5.7 cents tax. However, there was a saving of 5 cents on the general fund, .5 cent on retirement fund, and .8 cent on the previous bond issue, amounting to a net saving of .6 cent, Stevens explained.

In effect, he said, taxes were (Turn to Page 22)

NARBONNE BASEMENT FLOODED

In addition to worrying about double sessions, Narbonne high school had a new problem last week—the basement became filled with more than 100,000 gallons of water Friday . . . for the second time!

The first time this happened was Saturday, July 30.

County firemen pumped for about four hours to remove the water from the 20 by 70-foot basement Friday. Capt. S. J. Turner was in charge.

Cause of both floods was attributed to a defective valve.

Damage during the first flood was estimated at thousands of dollars. No estimates were available on Friday's flood.

While the School Board is having flood trouble with the old high school, it is having (Turn to Page 22)

State Health Dept. Considers Quarantine to Halt Rabies Threat

With the rabies problem considered alarming, the State Department of Public Health is presently contemplating a quarantine on all dogs in Los Angeles county unless Los Angeles and Los Angeles County begin a program to meet the threat within 30 days.

LATE BULLETIN: By unanimous vote, the Manhattan Beach City Council passed a law calling for the compulsory vaccination of dogs against rabies. Manhattan is the only city in the South Bay area which has done so. The measure was defeated in both Redondo and Torrance by a 3-2 vote.

If the State enacts a quarantine, dog owners would be subject to arrest if their dogs stray from their homes. Only dogs

that have been vaccinated against rabies would be permitted at large.

191 Rabid Animals

A total of 191 rabid animals have been reported in California this year. Of those, 100—all of them dogs—died of rabies in Los Angeles County.

Since January of this year, 13 rabid dogs have been picked up in the Torrance area, of which five were from Torrance. A total of 79 residents, 24 from Torrance were bitten or had saliva contacts with these dogs and had to undergo Pasteur treatment, the only protection against the possibility of rabies (Turn to Page 21)



NEW POLICY . . . Mayfair market, located in the Redondo Triangle, announced this week that its meat department will feature choice beef exclusively. Starting this week, Mayfair

market advertisements will appear regularly in the Torrance Press and can be found on Page 28 and 29 this week.