

# CITY PLUNGE DRAWS 108,891 SWIMMERS

Director Harry B. Van Bellehem of the Torrance Recreation department reported 108,891 paid admissions and a gross revenue of \$31,318.15 at the Victor E. Benstead Plunge after approximately five full months of operation since dedication of the pool in August, 1956.

Joe Rode, aquatic supervisor, emphasized the fact that far more important than the paid admissions was "the water proofing" service rendered to

the youth of Torrance through the specialized aquatic training classes under qualified Red Cross water safety instructors. Rode went on to enumerate the numerous programs conducted during the past summer:

- 2,224 youngsters availed themselves of the learn to swim program conducted every week day morning.
- 40 teen-agers underwent a daily comprehensive Red Cross life saving and water safety

aid training period totaling approximately 100 hours.

- 30 pool leaders were recruited from these classes. These teen-agers performed yeoman service as junior instructors, and program assistants for pool shows and aquatics.
- Approximately 1,000 swimmers and divers participated in such outstanding aquatic events as the Ranchoer Days Aquacade, City-Wide Swimming and Diving Championships, All-Playground Water Carnival Championships, Aqua Fiesta and Fun Carnival.
- Several hundred youngsters received specialized instruction in advanced skills such as competitive swimming and diving, water ballet routines, skin-diving, water polo, and junior frog men courses.
- 1,100 teen-agers participated in the cooperative swimming program of North Torrance and South High Schools, and the Torrance Recreation department.
- 2,623 Red Cross Beginners cards; 21 Junior ARC Life Saving cards; 32 Senior ARC Life Saving cards, and 21 ARC Water Safety Aide cards were issued.

In line with the Torrance Recreation department's stepped up teen-age programs, the Sea-

horses Canoe club was organized with a membership of 57. The teen-agers and adults which comprise this "get-up-and-go" organization were recruited from the pool leaders corps and life guard service. This club is holding regular meetings and the next one will be Sunday, at 1 p.m. at the Benstead Plunge when two reconitioned 16-foot Old Town canoes will be commissioned. Club advisors, Dot Allison, June Mitchell, Marilyn Jensen, Dick Fitzgerald, and Rode are assisting the club in formulating plans for canoe trips on nearby lakes and rivers.

At the same time 144 Boy Scouts, members of troops of the Harbor District are completing a three Saturday swimming campaign under the direct supervision of the pool teaching staff. Over 90 per cent of the scouts participating will be successful in attaining their First Class Swim and Merit Badges in swimming and in life saving.

**NEW ADULT GROUP**  
A new adult group, the Torrance Aquatic Recreation Service, to be known as the TARS, is being organized to assist the aquatics division. Rode indicated that the group was being formed not only to provide an opportunity for these adults to

meet on a mutual group interest basis but to help provide high calibre volunteer leadership to teach youngsters aquatic sports.

The program planned for the year round, although the expense is greater for such a program than in other cities where aquatics are conducted in the summer only, the staff of the Torrance Recreation department believes this to be a worthwhile expense. This new approach to aquatic programming is unique.

In order to give the broadest type of service possible to city youth, the Recreation department needs the help of every adult in Torrance who is an aquatic enthusiast, whether a canoeist, a skin diver, a competitive swimmer or diver, a surf board rider, a former life guard or synchronized swimmer.

**PREVENTION CHEAPER**  
To give a fair comparison of the value of this aquatic program Rode quotes Edwin J. Lucas, one time executive director of the Society for Prevention of Crime. Lucas said: "When a gun-toting youth kills, it costs the state \$175,000 to process him through the courts to the electric chair. And if he

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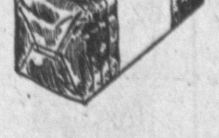
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### McMaster Jrs. Hold Touch Grid Lead

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In the Pee Wee Division, the Spitfires fought a 6-6 standstill with the Vikings. Jeff Bell and Donnie Reynolds figured in on the Spitfire score with a 12 yard pass play in the second quarter. The Vikings countered when Roland Phillips and Ronnie Stremel teamed for their tally in the last quarter. Steve Pophoff was a terror on defense with fine interceptions to his credit.

In the second game of the day, the Rams overwhelmed the 29ers 20-6. Joe Day, Terry Tierney were the big guns in this win and Sam Baker tallied for the losers.

In a wild free scoring game, the Bruins outfought the Panthers 31-12 as Frank Risica, Joe Erhardt, Richard Campbell and Raymond Sanders combined on touchdown plays. Risica threw two touchdown passes to Erhardt and Sanders threw one to Erhardt.

The Panthers scored in the second and fourth quarters when John Alexander and Steve Kysom teamed for their counters. Both touchdown scores were on beautiful pass plays.

**BANTAM LEAGUE**  
In the Bantam League at McMaster Park the Eagles beat the Hawks 35-13 under the leadership of Tom Foley, Terry Martin and Bill Kolb.

At El Retiro, the El Retiro Park Boys overwhelmed the Riviera Lads 47-6 when Lloyd Harline, Larry Stout, Ed Holiner, Ed Bryon, Dennis Estabrook and Larry Raphe synchronized their action. Harline was effective not only in leading the team, but as a passer as well. Wayne Kirtley ran 40 yards for the lone Riviera tally.

At Walteria Park, the Browns overcame a strong Giant attack when Bill Young and Jim Rice scored in the third and fourth frames. The Browns were behind 6-0 when You and Rice got together on two beautiful runs to lead the team to a 13 to 6 win. The Giants scored first on a pass play from S. Zack to Bill Anderson.

In the second game, the Bears beat out the Lions 19-6. Jim Rice pitched 3 touchdown passes, two to Finley and one to Bob

### League Play Begins Today

Ten Volleyball Teams League play November 14, in the boy's gym at Torrance High school, the Torrance Recreation department announced this week.

Teams entered and captains are: Beachcombers, Bob Monroe; Christian Men, Bob Vroman; Harbor Hospital Resident Physicians, John K. Cherry, M. D.; Torrance Kiwanis Club, Don J. Pepe; Harbor Hospital Internes, Nathan Green; North Torrance Lions Club, Clifford Tierney; Optimist Club, Cliff Graybehl; Torrance Rotary Club, George Post; Stunners, John McGovern; and the Torrance Teachers, Martin Beaudet.

Elmer "Red" Moon, Athletic Director for the department, acted as chairman for the group, at its meeting November 5 to draw up a rule book.

Assisting the organization with valuable technical advice was Al Fish, secretary-treasurer of the United States Volleyball Assn. and athletic supervisor for the Long Beach Central YMCA. Fish is also a member of the Olympic Volleyball committee, and is the first international volleyball official to be appointed from the Western Hemisphere.

Team captains decided to play a single round robin and two games per week per team, within a 50 minute time limit for such games.

The schedule for the opening night of play is: Harbor Hospital Resident Physicians vs. Torrance Teachers; 7:55, Torrance Kiwanis vs. Stunners; and Rotary Club vs. Christian Men. 8:50, Harbor Hospital Internes vs. Torrance Optimist Club, and North Torrance Lions Club vs. Beachcombers.

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