

City's Crosswalks Peril Pedestrians



ANGELS WATCH—Heaven must keep a crossing guard for Torrance High School students at Arlington and El Prado, for no driver could see this crosswalk. Torrance has had no traffic deaths this year, despite condition of crossings.



FADING OUT—Lines at Date Ave. and Torrance Blvd. are fading into oblivion, as a life may do if they are not restored. Photos show but two of many crossings drivers can't see—especially when they're watching overhead signals.

Torrance Chamber Predicts Record for Annual Banquet

Reservations for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce annual banquet are moving fast, according to Chairman James Becker. The banquet will be held at the Statler-Hilton in Los Angeles Wednesday, March 30.

Becker said that for the first time in the Chamber's history, the banquet will be held outside Torrance. Razing the city auditorium robbed the booster group of facilities large enough for the event.

Becker said overflow crowds of close to 500 have attended the Banquet for three consecutive years.

Indications are that a new attendance record will be set, due to interest in the speech to be delivered by James Mussatti, general manager of the California Chamber of Commerce.

Mussatti, president of the American Chambers of Commerce Executives, is rated as one of the nation's top speakers.

Other highlights will be the preview showing of the Business-Industry-Education Day film produced by the chamber. The film, in color and sound, is being considered as a training film by the national chamber.

Torrance's Citizen of the Year for 1959 will be announced at the affair, according to Glenn Koger, 1958 recipient, chairman of the award committee. Koger said nominations have reached an all-time high.

Reservations are available at the chamber office.

Auto Club Names Gardena Area Manager

Lyle Fladland, former manager of the Automobile Club of Southern California's Gardena district, has assumed the management of the club's Redondo Beach district, it was announced today by J. W. Pope, director of field operations.



THE WINNER—Jim Becker, Southern California Gas Co. manager, makes sure he gets tickets to Chamber dinner ahead of Bill Greenwalt, Edison Co. manager. Betty Baker is ready to make the sale. Cheer up; light company will win next time.

CANDIDATE DEMANDS

Wipe Out City's Election Code

Fleetwood Says System Is Archaic

Declares Precincts Would Give Voters, Officials Advantage

The Torrance election code is an antique and should be abolished, and at least one City Council candidate would relinquish his seat to see that this is done.

So said Thirvin D. Fleetwood of North Torrance yesterday, declaring the election setup was created for a city of 8000.

He said councilman districts should be established to ensure that a majority would elect its representative. Under the present system, Fleetwood noted, it is possible for a candidate to win by a small minority.

Fifteen in the race could split the majority as many ways, he said, leaving the winner representing a scant percentage of the electorate.

Fleetwood wants primary elections and runoffs to give the people a more positive voice at the polls.

In addition, he is advocating rotation of candidates' placement on the ballot in various precincts. The present ballots give the incumbent all the advantage, he said.

"If the incumbent has served well, he should be reelected, and the people will know his name and his record," Fleetwood declared.

He wants six districts, based on population, with the mayor elected at large.



KICKOFF—Sam Martin, fire-department engineer, and Gary Sprankling, YMCA poster boy, start house-to-house canvass at home of Mrs. Stanley Sellers in six-day drive.

Funeral Rites Conducted for Pop Dalton

Funeral services were conducted in Palm Springs for Frank (Pop) Dalton, 67, industrialist, civic leader, and philanthropist.

Mr. Dalton, owner of the D & M Machine Co. at 2304 Abalone Ave., died Saturday at a Palm Springs hospital after a long illness.

He came here in 1924 from Vancouver, B. C. He was a life member in the San Pedro Elks Lodge and was devoted to the organization's work for cerebral-palsy victims. He devoted his spare time to construction devices to aid victims.

The funeral was conducted from the Weffeld Funeral Home.

He leaves his wife, Alice; a daughter, Bettie Kaymeyer of Compton; a son, Edward of Torrance; and eight grandchildren.

Cortum Joins 'Decency' Panel Tomorrow Night

Dr. Don Cortum, chairman of the Torrance Committee on Decency Literature, will join a panel on decency and censorship tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Alondra Park Methodist Church, 3153 W. Compton Blvd., Lawndale.

The event, sponsored by the South Bay chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and Alondra Park Committee on Christian Social Relations, will be moderated by the Rev. Sanford Sweet of Hollywood Methodist Church.

Speaking for freedom will be Samuel Rosenwein, attorney and expert on constitutional law, and Dr. Irving Goldstein, psychologist.

Information and clarification are objectives of the gathering.

Street Fund Granted

Redondo Beach will receive \$42,789 from the Board of Supervisors for the maintenance of its major streets.

Firemen on March for YMCA Tonight

Starting tonight, the first of 27,896 Torrance homes will receive an off-duty visit by Torrance fire fighters. More than 80 firemen are devoting their free evenings to the cause of youth.

These volunteers will be contacting each family in Torrance in hopes that all citizens will contribute to the Torrance YMCA.

Chairman Richard DeArmitt and Sam Martin reported the fire fighters have mapped out the entire community, and their goal is to give each family an opportunity to share in support for the local Y. Firemen will leave information and envelopes at homes where people are away.

DeArmitt said the YMCA was selected because it serves boys and girls in a wide age span, and because all money is used for Torrance youngsters. He said that in past years

the burden of support has been carried by less than 1000 firms and families.

As the population grows, the YMCA needs have grown, and it is no longer possible to operate the Y without broad community support. To keep YMCA camps, clubs, athletic leagues, leadership training and personnel counseling services going for 1960, \$32,000 is needed.

Martin said businessmen, parents, professional groups and industrial firms have raised \$20,000 so far. He said it is now up to average citizens to put the YMCA in business for 1960. He pointed out that \$25 will provide an entire year of YMCA fun and training for a boy.

All families are being asked to think about the work of the YMCA in behalf of more than 6000 youngsters and then receive their visiting fireman with a generous heart.

Parents Accept Multigrade Warily in Calle Mayor Parley

Another meeting on the multi-grade school system was held in Calle Mayor School Tuesday night. It fell short of last week's Newton School meeting in fury.

Myrl C. Ruppel, principal, who called the meeting, said he was not there to sell, debate, or defend the system.

He supported this by ruling the first question from the audience out of order. It turned out the question was posed by a teacher who has an MA degree and who has been a vice principal. He is a father and lives in the district.

The question was: "Since this is a voluntary program, a heterogeneous agglomeration of pupils would result in a given class. By the principal's figures and charts, this heterogeneity could result in a grade spread of from two to 10 years old in one room."

He got no further. He was told this was no place for hecklers.

The meeting brought out that the classes must have a minimum of 30 pupils, each at a different stage of development. The object is to cater to the needs of the individual.

"How can 35 children be presented material each at his own level?" another spectator inquired.

The principal softened. "It's rough on teachers. You're darn right. It's a big job. The teacher must have perception."

He told the audience Calle Mayor has the best of teachers. None of them spoke.

One mother mentioned that 12 teachers—not necessarily in this school's district—opposed multigrade and wanted to know why. She was told there are all kinds of teachers.

Another parent wanted to know if multigrade didn't take

31 Students on Honor Roll for Semester

Thirty-one Saxons made the all-school honor roll for the fall semester.

The seven senior A students are Rochelle Baumgarten, Sidney Bereskin, Patricia Chase, Valerie Dutton, Agnes Gavin, Judy Sheets and Larry Staat.

Jo Ainsworth, Patricia Bryden, Dora Kelly, Jimmie Louise Simmons, and Naomi Yokoyama are the juniors with A averages. Jonathan Beck, Arthur Felix, Gregory Jackson, Diana Liken, David Lippman, Cecelia Lopez, Patricia Moore, Sandra Peterson, Carol Robinson, Pamela Schumacher, Toni Sheets, Karon Struble and David Turcott achieved A averages in the sophomore class.

The freshmen had five students with A averages, Eliza Baumgarten, Barbara Berry, Linda Faulk, Dennis Gregg and Roberta Tiede.