

WE SPELL OUR

NAME 'TORRENTS'



19 Billion Gallons Fall On Torrance in Storm

More than 19.5 billion gallons of water fell on Torrance in the torrential rains that struck the city last weekend.

Streets were flooded (see pictures, Pages A2, A3, A5, and A12), homes and yards were damaged, and men of the Torrance Street Depart-

ment worked around the clock manning pumps to hold down the rising water levels.

Early this morning, a light rain began to fall and was continuing at press time.

Telephone calls deluged the office of The Press on Sunday. They told of people being marooned in trailer parks, in homes, of rowboats being used to get in and out, of cars being stalled in drive-

ways. Typical was that of Mrs. L. W. Baker, of 1047 W. 226th St., in Los Angeles County.

"The water was waist high, she said. It was up to her driveway, and it was rising. Rowboats were being used to get in and out.

"We have a big problem, and we don't know where to go," she said.

A woman on W. 238th St., west of western, reported she had lived there for six years and, "this is the worst yet."

It seemed that our name should be spelled "Torrents."

Little League 'Rain-Outs'

The boys of the Torrance Little League who were rained out will be given another opportunity to register Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Torrance Little League Park, 5417 Hallison St., Torrance.

Signup time will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Boys must be eight years old by July 31, 1963, and not over 12 years old by July 31, 1963.

Boys must be accompanied by parents and bring proof of age, a birth certificate or baptismal papers.

All boys must register to play, including those who played last year.

An Editorial

We have exactly 21 days from today to convince the Board of Trustees of California State Colleges to place the new South Coast four-year college in Torrance.

The Trustees have exactly \$5 million which was appropriated by the state legislature to buy land for the new college.

It seems that to successfully win the college a plan must be devised so that the Board of Trustees can buy a college site in Torrance for that \$5 million.

The Santa Fe Railroad says it wants \$4.2 million just for the relocation of its oil wells on the property that is being considered for the college.

R. D. Shelton, vice president of the Santa Fe, in a letter to Mayor Albert Isen following a January 8 meeting here between Santa Fe and Torrance city officials, stated that the Santa Fe had planned to develop that property for industry.

"We strongly feel that such (industrial) development would be more BENEFICIAL (than a college) TO BOTH SANTA FE AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE," Shelton added, and then went on to state that if the Santa Fe got its \$4.2 million, plus the cost of the land, and if certain other conditions were met, the Santa Fe would not object to the college being located in Torrance.

Santa Fe has made it clear that it prefers industry on that property to a college.

Torrance has made it clear that the city prefers a college.

The Santa Fe says it will cost \$4.2 million alone just to relocate the oil wells on the property being considered as a site for the college.

The City of Torrance argues that all of the wells would not have to be relocated, and that the cost would range from \$1,232,000 to \$1,613,000.

Rev. David O. Beadles, chairman of the citizens advisory committee to bring the college to Torrance, says the \$4.2 million asked by Santa Fe is the "main stumbling block" to the selection of the Torrance site.

How can the City of Torrance devise a plan in 21 days to enable the Board of Trustees to buy land for \$5 million when the Santa Fe wants \$4.2 million just for the relocation of its oil wells?

If the Santa Fe Railroad maintains its present attitude, it surely will deprive Torrance of its new college.

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A Story of Success . .

Walter Welch believes that a man should constantly improve himself through study and apply what he learns through hard work so that he can grow in ability and use to the fullest degree the talents which God has given him.

Welch also believes in lending a hand to help others to improve themselves so that they can contribute more to society as a whole.

The manner in which Walter Welch, of 1640 W. 205th St., Torrance, puts those beliefs into practice is shown by his rise to vice presidential stature after less than two years with Marina Federal Savings and Loan Assn., and his sponsoring of Jean Beaudoin, a young Canadian from Grand Mere, Quebec.

In reaching that vice presidential stature, Welch has come a long way since the day in 1939 that he stood in a Marine Corps recruiting office.

"Hitler started marching 30 days later," Welch recalls.

And on that fateful day in December, 1941, that the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor, Welch was there, too, on board the heavy cruiser U.S.S. San Francisco.

"When we saw the planes," Welch says today, "one of the fellows said, 'golly, the Army is up early this morning.'"

The Americans didn't realize the planes were Japanese until they came out of the sun into the formation of attack.

"In five minutes, the battleship Oklahoma was overturned," says Welch, "lying there like a huge cigar in the water."

Welch served throughout World War II in the Pacific, then returned to the Marine Corps to serve during the Korean War.

Upon his return to civilian life, Welch showed the same perseverance in being in the thick of things that he did in the service.

He joined an aircraft company as a cost analyst and, after nine years, it struck him that—to be honest—at



WALTER WELCH at home with his family (left to right) his mother, Mrs. Mary Welch; wife, Antonio; sister, Mrs. Lillian Gorski, who's visiting

from New Hampshire for a couple of weeks; and Jean Beaudoin, the Canadian he's sponsoring —PRESS photo

the rate things were going that he would have to recommend his own layoff.

At that time, he was going to school nights at Loyola College in his belief that a man should constantly improve himself through study.

That study occupied his evenings for five years.

Looking over his situation at the aircraft company, Welch went to Russell C. Chase, president of Marina Federal Savings and Loan to ask for a job.

He got it, as part of Welch's training he soon was back to school studying, this time at Woodbury College.

Only a year and 10 months after he joined Marina Federal Savings and Loan Welch became an officer of the company and loan manager for Marina's four offices, including the one at 22200 Hawthorne Blvd., in Torrance.

Sharing Welch's home and his belief in hard work and study, is Jean, the Canadian boy, who couldn't speak English when he arrived two years ago.

Jean, too, went to night school to learn a new language and kept in constant contact with English-speaking boys his own age so that he could learn faster.

"School four nights a week was too slow," says Jean. "I went out and listened and learned."

Now, Jean speaks good English, is a certified welder, and a very knowledgeable

man about cars. "I didn't know anything about cars when I came here," says Jean.

Since, he has built his own car.

The Navy drafted one of Jean's friends, Jean bought his car for \$150. Soon after, he added a \$75 engine.

Now, for a total cash investment of \$500, Jean's car has:

A body which is a fiberglass replica of a 1923 Dodge.

A 1957 Thunderbird engine.

A 1939 Ford transmission.

A 1940 Ford rear end, with a four to 11 gear ratio.

A home-made frame.

A beer keg for a gas tank.

As you can see, Jean isn't content with the way things are, he constantly seeks to improve them.

Walter Welch is the same way.

Up early, he spends the morning hours from four until seven in study to develop new methods and to seek new ideas to improve his business.

He has worked out a study which he is confident will increase the volume of loan business for which he is responsible.

When you talk to Walter Welch and Jean Beaudoin, the boy he is sponsoring, you are aware that hard work and constant study can work wonders—at least for them.

Defense Chief Plans Visit To Torrance

Lieut. Gen. William W. Dick, Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Defense Command, will visit the Torrance Nike guided missile battery on Feb. 20.

The visit is part of Gen. Dick's first visit to the Los Angeles defense sector since becoming air defense commander, May 21, 1962.

Other points to be visited include Douglas Aircraft; Systems Development, Santa Monica; Malibu, Chatsworth, Palmdale, and Hughes Aircraft.

The Torrance Nike site is part of the 47th Artillery Brigade.

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Olympians Upset Gulls To Win for Torrance

The Olympians, playing hockey for the first time under the banner of Torrance, Sunday night invaded the home ice of the league-leading Long Beach Gulls to score a stinging upset victory.

Trailing 4 to 0 at the three-quarter mark of the second period, the Olympians smashed back to a 6 to 5 win before a crowd of 2500.

At 15:30 of the 20-minute second period, Player-Coach Ken Watson, of Torrance, knifed through the tight Gull defense to rifle in his first of three goals.

By the time the second stanza was through, Bob

Knowles and Buddy McDonald each scored and the Torrance pucksters trailed by only one, 4 to 3.

Long Beach scored in the third period but before seven minutes had ticked away, Watson fired home his second tally of the evening, followed by Virgil Sterns at 9:35 to tie the game, 5 to 5.

At 10:09 of the third, and last, period, Watson burned in his third, and what proved to be, winning goal.

By scoring three in one game, Watson accomplished what hockey fans call the "hat trick," and dramatically made good on his promise to "do our best" for the many Torrance hockey fans.



IT DIDN'T RAIN HERE in my house, although it's awfully wet here in the bathtub. It rained in lots of other places here in Torrance, and you can see some of them in pictures on Pages A2, A3, A5, and A12. My name is Lisa Roberts. I am two and live at 5123 Lorette St. Gordon Akers took my picture for The Press.

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