



SCIENCE PROJECT... Dr. Berk Larkin of Aerospace Corp. and Harry Hall of Garrett Aircraft Manufacturing Co., look over an entry by Anne Katata, 13, and Ron Sato, 11, during judging for the Arlington Elementary School Science Fair. Winning entries in each of three categories—and three age groups—will be featured in the Torrance Elementary Science Fair May 1, 2, and 3 at the Torrance Recreation Center. A total of 333 projects were entered in the Arlington school event. (Press-Herald Photo)

City Prosecution Services Contracted With County

There are now 47 cities in the county—including Lomita, Gardena, Lawndale and Palos Verdes Estates—contracting with the Board of Supervisors for city prosecution services of the district attorney's office, District Attorney Evelle J. Younger said today. The newest city to retain the district attorney is Carson, which incorporated in February.

Under the constitution of the state, the district attorney, explained Younger, is the public prosecutor who must initiate and prosecute in public courts all felony cases arising in his county.

(A felony is a crime of a serious nature, which, by law, is punishable by imprisonment in a state prison or by death.)

HOWEVER, both the county charter and government code contain sections providing legal authority for the county to furnish municipal services, such as city prosecution, added Younger.

As city prosecutor for 47 cities in the county, the district attorney's office prosecutes violations of local (municipal) ordinances, which are instituted by city councils. Cities contracting for the service are billed by the county on an hourly basis, rather than on retainer. For the services of a deputy district attorney, cities are charged \$15.18 per hour and for work performed by legal secretaries and legal statement reporters the charge is \$6.14 per hour.

AS PART of this contract service, the district attorney's office also provides cities with a specialist on zoning, building, and licensing. This post is currently held by Deputy District Attorney Joseph Barilla.

The impetus for contract services in the county, noted Younger, began with the incorporation of Lakewood in April, 1954, and has become known as the "Lakewood Plan" or the "Contract Services Plan."

The program, he remarked, allows cities to receive virtually all of its municipal services from various departments of county government and still maintain home rule through the medium of the city council.

THIS PLAN provides that the county shall retain full supervisory control over county employees engaged in providing contract municipal services, while the city council or city administration shall determine the level and type of services it desires.

The district attorney's branch office in this area is located in the County Building, 825 Maple Ave.

Votomatic System Wins Praise from Officials

An "overwhelming acceptance" of the County's new automatic voting system has been expressed by cities which used the devices in their municipal elections last week.

This announcement came today from Supervisor Burton W. Chace, following a poll of fourth district cities which used the IBM devices. These include Torrance, El Segundo and Hermosa Beach.

"Results were in as early as 9:30 p.m. following the closing of the polls at 7 p.m.," Chace said. "There was a savings of as much as 8 to 10 hours for some cities."

TWENTY-ONE cities contracted with the county for use of the Votomatic machines in the election. All indicated they were more than satisfied with the results.

The IBM Votomatic ge's first countywide test in the June 4 primary.

In the three South Bay cities using the automatic system, more than 20,500 ballots were counted.

"THE SYSTEM worked wonderfully well and saved us at least 8 or 10 hours of tedious hand-tallying," said Eunice Creason, city clerk of El Segundo. "We were able to process our more than 2,400 ballots by 9:30 p.m. — two years ago, we worked long into the night."

Torrance, with 16,000 voters casting ballots, had a final tally by 10:30 p.m.

"There were no major problems whatsoever," said Vernon Coil, Torrance city clerk. "We were able to reach a quick, accurate tally and received fine response from precinct workers and the public."

"We were more than gratified for the quick count, the public response, and the cooperation of the TRW Company which made its computer available for the final tally," said Mary Edgerton, city clerk of Hermosa Beach.

"NOT ONLY did the firm program the computer and run the ballots through for us, it assisted greatly in voter education and even helped stage a mock election at a local school," she said.

Countywide, more than 105,000 voters in 21 cities used the automatic vote-counting system. The average time elapsing between the close of the polls and the posting of the final results was two hours.

The first city which completed its tally was able to announce results in one hour and 53 minutes after the polls closed.

Most cities expressing a preference for the automatic system cited the fast results as the key benefit of the system.

The system differs from the old hand-marked paper ballot in that a punch card and stylus are used to indicate choices. The cards then are fed into a computer for tallying.

Highway Deaths Increase

SACRAMENTO—The death toll from highway accidents during March jumped by more than 10 per cent over the same month of last year but the fatalities for the first three months of 1968 still are slightly below a year ago, the California Highway Patrol has reported.

The CHP said 422 persons died as the result of traffic accidents during March, compared to 381 killed in March, 1967. For the first three months of 1968, the total was 1,088, as compared to 1,101 by March 31, 1967.

The rate of arrests by the CHP continued to increase, both for March and the first quarter of the year. The patrol arrested 172,613 persons during March and a total of 498,585 so far this year, as compared with 162,035 in March of last year and 438,342 during the first three months.

Drunk driving arrests also climbed, with 3,931 in March and 11,106 during the January-March period. This compared with 3,281 last March and 8,789 during the first three months of 1967.

Refresher Class for Area Nurses Offered

Thirty-four Registered Nurses are presently enrolled in a refresher course for Nurses under the auspices of South Bay Union High School District Adult School. Clinical experience is provided by South Bay, Torrance Memorial, and Little Company of Mary hospitals.

Instructor Alice Holihan, RN, reports that since 1963 when the program was inaugurated, more than 300 nurses have completed the course, 70 per cent of whom are now employed in area hospitals and convalescent homes.

"Nursing education is continuous," Mrs. Holihan said. "Due to the progress being made in the medical field, the nurse is the right hand of the doctor. The older nurse returning to active participation in her chosen field has tremendous talent and experience to contribute to patients and medicine."

Students must be an RN before acceptance in the course. Among the trainees, there are three classifications of nurses who seek the continuous education offered by the program: those who have not been actively engaged in nursing for a period of time and need to gain experience in the many new techniques used in the modern hospital; nurses who are currently working but want to specialize in a specific area of work; and RNs from other countries who are preparing for the California State Board Exams.

The class meets on Mondays from 9 to 2:30 p.m. at the Hermosa Beach Center, Adult Education Building, Artesia and Prospect. Classes are coordinated with the district semester plan offering two complete courses each year.

VFW to Hold Loyalty Parade in Gardena

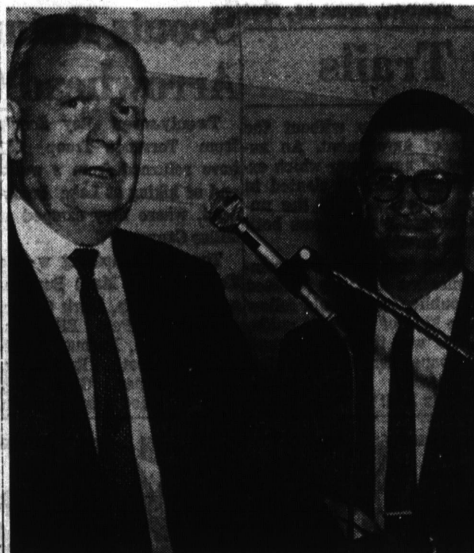
A Loyalty Day parade will be held Saturday in Gardena beginning at 2 p.m. The 13th annual event is sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts 1961 and 3261.

Rear Admiral Thomas R. Sargent, U.S. Coast Guard, will be Grand Marshal.

Loyalty Day is observed throughout the nation by Veterans of Foreign Wars on or around May 1.

FUTURE PLANS

Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman predicts that sometime in the future milk will be delivered to homes like water, through sanitized pipe lines to a kitchen faucet.



SPEAKER... John K. Lyman (left), vice president of Security Title Co., addressed members of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors on the present financial outlook in the real estate profession during the April membership luncheon. Lyman also discussed the present money market. At right is H. Harold Lippard, president of the local board.

Ronald M. Yost Receives Award

Ronald M. Yost of 23527 Kathryn Ave., is the recipient of the Company Winner Award from the Salesman's Award Committee, at the annual Sammy Awards banquet last week. He won the award for his "outstanding achievement in the profession of counts, Inc., received the selling."

Narcotics Lectures Scheduled

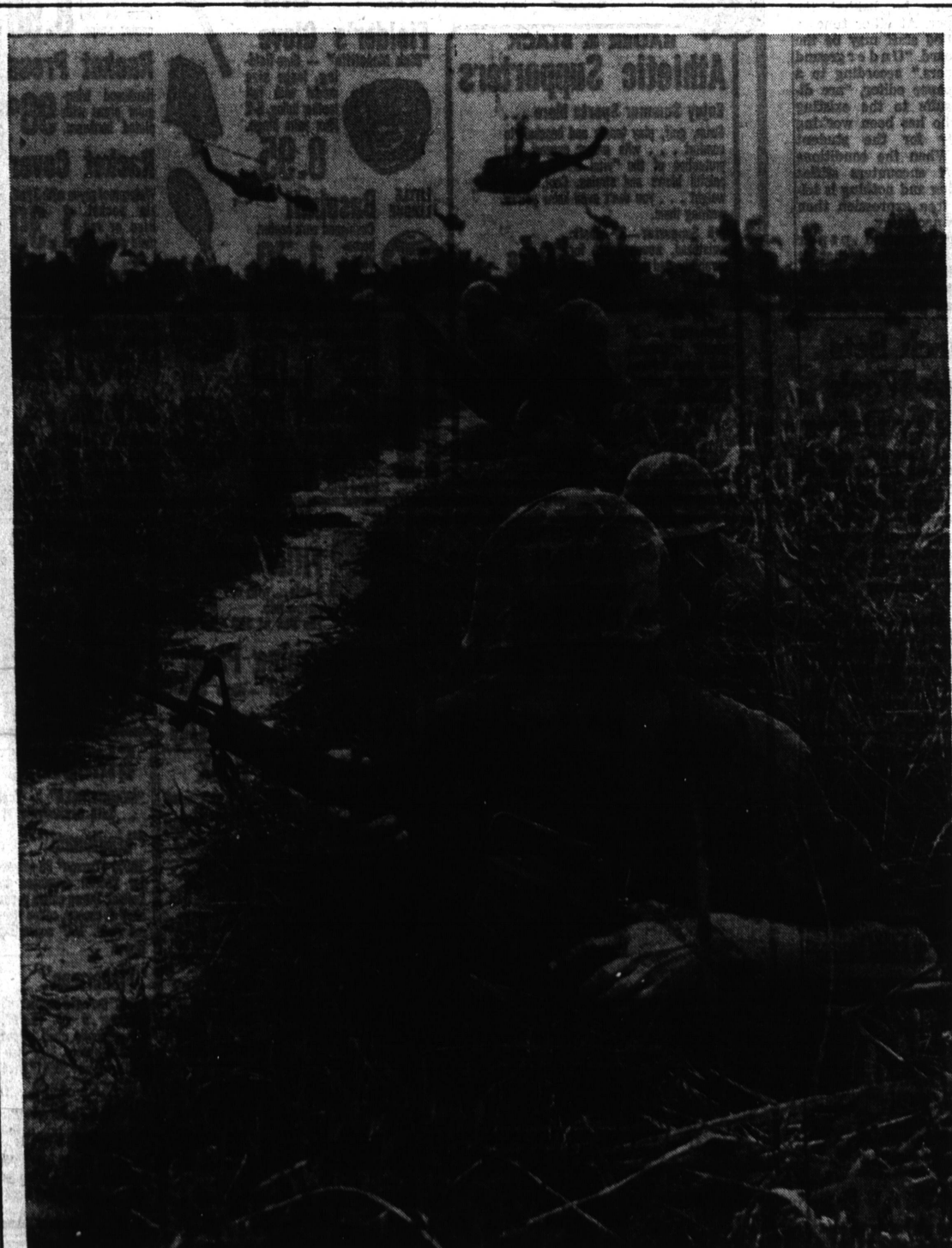
A series of four lectures on "Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs" will be presented for the public in the Torrance High School auditorium, 2200 Carson St., Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., beginning May 7.

Co-sponsors are Torrance Evening Adult School and Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers.

General chairman for the series is Robert Ellsworth of the Torrance Unified School District.

Lecturers will include: Sergeant Rick Berman, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Investigation Division; Lieutenant Lee Ashman, Torrance Narcotics and Vice Investigation Department; and Dr. Walter Maksimczyk, chief psychiatrist, Los Angeles County Juvenile Division.

Lecture topics are scheduled as follows: May 7, "The National, State, and County Problems in the Use of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs;" May 14, "The Local Picture;" May 21, "What's Happening to Our Families and Schools?" and May 28, "How to Meet the Challenge and Prevent the Spread of the Use of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs."



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