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ONE CENTURY . . . Phoebe Sykes, who celebrated her 100th birthday May 25, receives a garland of long-stem roses from Mayor Albert Isen (right) on behalf of the Torrance City Council. The centenarian attended the council meeting in person to accept the birthday honors with her son, Bill Sykes (left). Mrs. Sykes, who has lived in the same house in Torrance for the past 50 years, told Mayor Isen, "I knew you when you were a little boy and I liked you very much!" (Press-Herald Photo)

Surgeons Remove Slug; RFK Condition Critical

Seniors Explode At Cal

By DOUG HUFF
Press-Herald Staff Writer
Cal. State College, Dominguez Hills, may not be large enough to have its own orchestra perform at the commencement exercises but it will show the largest percentage increase in graduating seniors over any other state college in California next week—500 per cent!

Twenty seniors, including three from Wilmington and Carson will receive bachelor of arts degrees from college president Dr. Leo F. Cain in ceremonies to be held in the Campus Quad next Thursday commencing at 8 p.m.

Twenty-one students will be in the line-up but the 21st—a Carson student—will officially receive his degree following completing of the summer session.

AMONG the graduates are: Diane Loretta Furman, 24915 Broad St., Carson. She will receive her BA in Psychology and 20th Century Thought and Expression.

James W. Waigant, 1642 Marine Ave., Wilmington. He will receive his BA in History and American Studies.

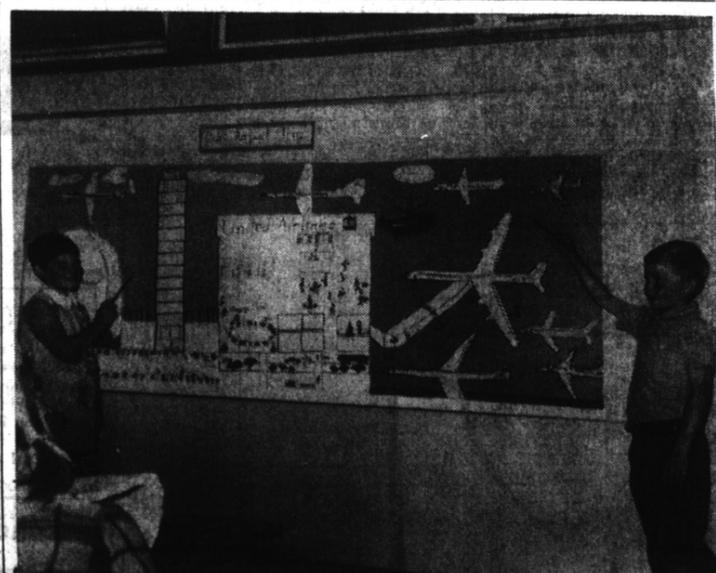
Robert H. White, 1520 W. Carson St., Torrance. His, too, will be in History and American Studies.

Going through the proceedings, although not getting a degree at this time, will be Marshall F. Johnson of 430 1/2 E. 231st St., Carson, majoring in History and American Studies also.

OTHER candidates for BA degrees are as follows:

Gerald Ray Adams, Paramount, History and 20th Century Thought and Expression; Amalia Blanco Scoggins, Los Angeles, History and American Studies; Lillian N. Booth San Pedro, Psychology and American Studies.

Ruth M. Bragg, Gardena, History and American Studies; Cheryl Ann Choban, (See CALSTATE, Page A-2)



FOR AIRPORT . . . A mural painted by second-grade students at Jefferson Elementary School will be placed in the Los Angeles International Airport this summer. Students painted the mural following a study trip to the airport. Putting finishing touches on the mural are Michelle Nance and James Davidson, students in Miss Mary Schmitz's class.

Two Friends Hurt In Holiday Crash

A 23-year-old Torrance man, passenger in an auto returning from the holiday weekend in Mexico, was killed Monday when he was thrown from the car after it hit a divider fence on the Garden Grove Freeway, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The victim, Wayne Simoulis, of 2916 Winlock Drive, was struck by a second car and was dead-on-arrival at Orange County Medical Center following the 12:30 a.m. accident.

Officers said Simoulis was riding in the car being driven by Robert James Zack, 23, of 24243 Neece Ave., when it went out of control and smashed through the fence into the opposite traffic lanes near Euclid Ave.

As he lay on the roadway,

Simoulis was hit by an auto being driven by Nancy Carol Ray, 31, of Norco. Mrs. Ray suffered a fractured knee and facial cuts when her auto hit Zack's car. She was reported

in satisfactory condition at the medical center. Zack and a second passenger, Pete Pepe, 23, of 2517 Grand Summit Road, were treated for minor hurts.

Report 36-Hour Crisis

A team of surgeons ended a three-hour operation at Good Samaritan Hospital at 6:25 a.m. today and reported that fragments of a .22-caliber slug had been removed from the middle brain of New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, shot at the hour of victory in Los Angeles.

The next 12 to 36 hours will be "extremely critical," newsmen were told at the hospital this morning after the delicate surgery.

Spokesmen for the Democratic Senator said the blood supply to the central brain may have been impaired by the bullet, and could affect control of the victim's eyes. Other brain damage was surprisingly avoided, early reports indicated.

SENATOR KENNEDY was shot as he entered the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel just a few moments after he had completed what was taken as a victory speech to a cheering crowd of supporters.

A suspect was arrested minutes after the shooting and was later arraigned on charges which included attempted murder. Bail was set at \$250,000. His identity was not reported at press time today.

Tight security was established by Los Angeles police around Good Samaritan Hospital and at the Police Administration (See KENNEDY, Page A-2)

Rafferty Leading in Contest With Kuchel

A major upset in the Tuesday balloting was emerging this morning as State School Superintendent Max Rafferty forged ahead of incumbent U.S. Senator Thomas Kuchel in the hot contest for the GOP nomination.

With 80 per cent of the ballots tallied at 8 a.m. today, Rafferty held a substantial lead over incumbent Kuchel who was seeking re-election to an office he has held for 16 years.

Rafferty challenged Kuchel's record as a Republican, charging that he was too liberal to wear the GOP banner. Kuchel, minority whip in the U.S. Senate, appeared on his way to his first political defeat.

In the Democrat race for U. S. Senator, former State Controller Alan Cranston was an easy winner over Beverly Hills Assemblyman Anthony Bellenson.

IN OTHER state contests,

New York Senator Robert Kennedy appears to be on his way to a narrow victory in his bid to win the California delegation to the Democratic Convention. He had just given what had been taken as a victory speech when an assailant shot him down.

Wide interest in the national aspects of the balloting, complicated by the excitement of the shooting at the Kennedy rally, eclipsed ballot contests with local interest.

In the 17th Congressional District, fragmentary returns reported early today indicated that Democrat Glenn Andersen was winning over a large field of candidates, but a three-way race was developing among R. D. Howard, Joe Blatchford, and Torrance Councilman Ross A. Scharrotta for the GOP spot.

REALTOR Fred Fredericks was running nearly 2 to 1 ahead of Tom Tomlin for the

Republican nomination in the 67th Assembly District with about 10 per cent of the ballots tallied. The winner will meet incumbent Larry Townsend in November.

Incumbent Robert Beverly was winning easily over challenger Stan Boggess for the GOP nomination in the 46th Assembly District. J. C. Roberts appeared to be winning the Democratic nomination in the 46th over Warren Sherich.

ASSEMBLYMAN Vincent Thomas was winning handily in his bid for the Democratic nomination, and will be opposed by Republican Paul Lookinland, who ran unopposed, at the general balloting in November.

Supervisors Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn were re-elected, and Municipal Judge George Perkovich appears to be an easy winner at the polls on the basis of incomplete returns.

New Promotion for Torrance Launched

A distinctive, segmented national promotion and public relations program for the Torrance area has been implemented by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, according to J. Walker Owens, executive vice president.

The campaign, which is entitled "Try Torrance First," has one principal objective: Build a desirable image for the community and stimulate interest and awareness among those who influence industrial plant, service or office expansion, Owens said.

"This will be an 'umbrella' campaign directed specifically towards the creation of an awareness and a favorable image of Torrance," he said. The initial phase of the program involves identifying the image of Torrance now has among eastern, western and midwestern industrial lead-

ers. Upon completion of an analysis of a carefully planned and conducted survey of these business leaders, the chamber will direct its efforts toward establishment of the most desirable image possible for Torrance, Owens added.

A major segment of "Try Torrance First" is a national publicity program. Several monthly magazines, with readership of more than 10 million, have been sent the first of a series of articles "mirroring" the good things about Torrance.

Already one mailing has gone out to over 10,000 industrial, service and commercial firms directing their attention to Torrance as "Headquarters City for Industry, Business, Finance" in the South Bay. This mailing piece contained a return reply card which has resulted in numerous inquiries

of the Torrance Area Chamber for additional information.

Each mailing is designed to create an exciting, progressive image of the community and area. Future mailings also will include a coupon inviting interested executives to send for free information on the opportunities Torrance offers new industries and new commercial enterprises.

Another program of the "Try Torrance First" campaign is one intended to stimulate favorable national publicity for Torrance. This program will be a cooperative effort by the city of Torrance, the Chamber's Industrial-Commercial Development Committee and the chamber staff.

"We will seek out ideas for feature articles, news items and other stories that we

think merit national attention and present our ideas or stories to national consumer publications, newspapers and network broadcasters to stimulate their interest in specific happenings in Torrance and in the dynamic, dramatic growth of the area," Owens said.

Owens said the public relations program of the campaign will be "consistent, continuous and well-planned." "We are aware that there are ample brains and sufficient intellect in our community to make this campaign a significant success," he added. He pointed out that many business and professional people in the area have offered their skills and knowledge to the chamber in connection with the nationwide campaign and the chamber proposes to take advantage of them.

Third Graders in Idaho, Torrance Become Pen Pals

When third-grade teacher, Mrs. Cheryl Kemper, a petite brunette, stepped into her classroom at Wright Elementary School last September she confessed to her pupils that this was the first time she was filling the shoes of a teacher.

In introducing herself, she mentioned that she came from a long line of Idaho teachers and that her mother, Mrs. La Nita Blessinger, was also a third-grade teacher—

at Weippe Elementary School, Weippe, Idaho.

Weippe, she explained was a small farming and lumbering community of 500 persons.

FROM THE MOMENT that they heard about the "other third-grade class," the Wright third-graders wanted to know more about them. One of the students suggested that the class might write to her mother's students in Idaho.

Thus, began a correspondence between the California and Idaho third-graders that has flourished all semester.

Letters between individual students have described home life in both communities, the new grass that finally started to bloom this Spring, and activities in the small farming town.

ALL OF WHICH, according to Mrs. Kemper, tied right in with the third-grade curriculum on comparative communities.

Capping off the correspondence last week was a small package addressed to the Torrance third grade class. The package contained a tape recording of the Idaho students reading stories and singing.

How did the Torrance class respond?—You guessed it. A

tape of Torrance third-graders reading creative stories they had written in class this year is currently on its way to the little schoolhouse in Weippe, Idaho.

And what will happen when the semester is over? According to Mrs. Kemper, some of the youngsters will continue writing to their Idaho pen-pals. As for her, she will repeat the project with next year's crop of third-graders.

Two Jailed On Charges Of Burglary

A dishwasher and an unemployed laborer was arrested for burglary late Monday night after a neighbor observed the two men entering a building under construction across the street from her home, 3925 W. 188th St.

Booked were Robert N. Till, 18, of 16815 Delia Ave., and Theodore E. Irvine, 18, of 18429 Glenburn Ave. Torrance police making the arrest at 11 p.m. found four panels from doors and a variety of tools in Till's car.

Till was also charged with possession of a switchblade knife.

Rites Pend For Marine War Victim

Funeral arrangements for Pfc. Gary W. Purcell, former Torrance High student who was killed in Vietnam on May 24, are pending here this week at Stone and Myers Mortuary.

The 19-year-old Marine died as the results of fragmentation wounds suffered in combat in the Quang Nam province, it was reported here.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Purcell, 3017 Antonio St., and attended Madrona Elementary School and Torrance High School. He had been in Vietnam only 42 days when killed, his parents reported.