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Continued from Page C-1) not to accept a pastorate in the southern states because he felt the stigma of being a "yankee" minister would prevent him from speaking out on the race situation.

Mercer University in Macon, Ga., was the spot he selected to earn his bachelor's degree in history of sociology. He continued his study of history on the graduate level at Vanderbilt College, Nashville, Tenn., where he received his master's degree.

The one-time high school drop-out still hadn't tired of education, going to Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, for his bachelor of divinity degree.

It was while studying in Georgia that the Rev. Sippel met his late wife Naomi at a religious conference. Indirectly, he says, she provided him with the perfect topic for his master's thesis in American history.

A friend informed him that his wife-to-be was a "Salzburger," to which he replied, "A what?" A Salzburger, he discovered, was a member of a certain colonial settlement and Mrs. Sippel was a descendant of this hardy group of American pioneers. Their acquaintance led to an original research paper entitled, "The Economic Contribution of the Salzburgers to Colonial Georgia."

With school behind him, the Rev. Sippel took his young wife to his first church assignment in Adel, Iowa. During their 14 years of service in the mid-western hamlet, their three children were born.

Now grown, the Sippel offspring include Mrs. Leon (Martha) Mason of Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Jerry (Mary) Wood of Lomita; and Lt. Harry Sippel Jr., U.S.A., stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Mary and Harry are both graduates of Torrance High and Chapman College.

Things were fairly peaceful for the Sippel family until the little town of Adel earned itself a place on the map one day in 1934.

News got out that Bonnie and Clyde Barrow, whose life story is now a popular movie, were holed up with their gang at Dexfield State Park, just a few miles from Adel. With scores of police and state troopers converging on the area, the citizens of Adel prepared for a shoot-up of the century.

When the smoke had cleared, Clyde's brother Buck Barrow was dead and Buck's wife Blanche badly injured from flying glass. The Rev. Sippel was present when the local doctor was patching up Blanche's ribboned eye, being a close friend of both the physician and the deputy sheriff who captured her.

Bonnie and Clyde managed to escape but were killed in another shoot-up a short time later. The movie "Bonnie and Clyde," of course, is first on the list of must-see pictures for the Rev. Sippel.

After leaving his post at Adel, the Rev. Sippel was pastor of the First Christian Church of Lawrence, Kas., for eight years before coming to Torrance.

There's a touch of the convert's zeal behind those fatherly, graying eyes. During his 13 years in the local pastorate, the Rev. Sippel has not only built up his own congregation from 200 to 900, but he's found time to rack up an impressive record of civic service.

However, the community leader is quick to point out his belief that ministers should not carry denominational views outside the church, remembering that public meetings welcome those of all faiths.

Foremost among his civic contributions is his work in the field of recreation. While the Rev. Sippel was chairman of the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission, the present city recreation building was erected. He also spearheaded the effort to purchase the property now known as Victor Park.

The Rev. Sippel's work in the field of recreation netted him an award from the National Recreation Association last year.

"We make the very best use of what little we have to work with in the way of money and land," Rev. Sippel commented about the recreational program here in Torrance.

An honorary life member of PTA, the grandfather of five is also a past president of the Torrance Ministerial Association and a past moderator of the Educational Council of Torrance.

The Rev. Sippel is a trustee of the California Christian Home for the Aged in Rosemead and holds membership in the Torrance Lion's Club. Who's Who in the West carries a listing of his name.

Rev. Sippel's knack for getting things organized has proved to be a guiding light for his own congregation as well as the community.

To thank him for his leadership, church members held a recognition dinner for the 66-year-old pastor on his birthday, Jan. 9. Rev. Sippel was presented with a "love offering" from friends, to be used toward a trip to the Holy Land in 1969 or 1970.

A man with a schedule as demanding as the Rev. Sippel's ordinarily doesn't find time for hobbies—but then the Rev. Sippel is far from ordinary. He manages to juggle his activities around the needs of an exquisite garden of roses—an ironic pursuit, perhaps, for one who has led such a kinetic life.

Fitness Classes Under Way

Have you been wanting to lose those extra pounds?

Adult physical fitness sessions for men 21 years and older are now under way at the Joslyn Center, 3335 Torrance Blvd.

Openings are still available for two Monday and Wednesday sessions at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Each class meets for 90 minutes. These beginning classes in physical fitness will meet at the city plunge, 3331 Torrance Blvd.

Sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, this program includes calisthenics, weight training, running, isometrics, and swimming—all designed to build muscle tone, improve health, and give the participants a sense of well being.

Classes will run 10 weeks. A registration fee of \$5 is required.

Gross farm income in the U. S. for next year will be at a record high of \$50 billion, but the billion dollar increase will be absorbed by higher production costs, says U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Feb. 1 Deadline Set for Drama Festival Entries

Los Angeles County's approximately 100 community theaters have been invited to participate in the second annual Adult Drama Festival.

Deadline for entering the competition is Feb. 1. Applicants may enter by writing the County Department of Parks and Recreation, Drama Festival, 155 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 90015.

The Adult Drama Festival preliminaries get under way in March. During the month, judges will visit the community theaters which have entered the competition to see a specially prepared 40-minute scene, or an act of a play which is being presented to a regular audience.

JUDGES WHO have viewed the scenes during the month of March will select four winners by March 31. The finalists will present their full-length productions at the Assistance League Playhouse in Los Angeles during the first two weeks of May.

Last year, when the first annual Drama Festival was held at the Pasadena Playhouse, the Kentwood Players of Westchester swept most of the first-place honors in the finals.

The first group to apply for the competition this year is the Bryzin Playhouse of Venice. The performers will present the British comedy, "Alfie."

Art Show Opens In Dominguez

Paintings and drawings by Donald Borthwick currently are on public display at the California State College, Dominguez Hills. The exhibition was loaned to the college by the Gallery de Silva in Santa Barbara.

Borthwick has had numerous one-man shows at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and the La Jolla Museum of Art.

WARRIOR TRAILS

By Robin Newcomer

Well, they are sneaking up again. It seems like we just finished with finals (sorry, but I had to write it) and now here we go again. Oh well, can you think of anything else to do in the middle of foggy January days?

Finals aren't usually as bad as expected, though; unless you happen to have two or three in one day. The administration has attempted to make it so the poor, unsuspecting student doesn't get swamped with finals in all his solid subjects on the same day, but the teacher that follows the final schedule is rare indeed.

Even if all teachers did give finals according to the schedule, some students still would have more than that one "big" test on a day. If a person wants to be logical about finals, why not have a schedule where students only come to the class where they are taking a final. Students

not having a final in a certain class could spend their time doing more useful things; such as some needed studying, perhaps?

ARE YOU aware of the fact that \$30 for each athletic game is paid by the student body to make sure Warriors don't vandalize or destroy their own school? At each activity three teachers are paid \$10 each and when this figure is multiplied by the number of activities we have, it comes to quite a sum.

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What is so intriguing about tearing a door off its hinges in the restroom, anyway? Or pulling a soap dispenser out of the wall and emptying the contents in the sink? Why not use the extra energy to build up our school instead of knocking it down? Come on, Warriors, we're in high school now and its time we decide to use good judgment ourselves, instead of having someone tell us what is good and bad!

The plastering of posters all over the school, handing out "vote for me" stickers, and the roar in student activities will all come to an end

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