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Building Activity Tops \$16 Million

Dinner To Fete Sharon

Sharon Terrill, newly crowned Miss California, will be guest of honor at a "welcome home" dinner Saturday night at the Latitude 20 Restaurant.

Miss Terrill represented Torrance in the recent beauty pageant at Santa Cruz, Calif., winning the Miss California title from a field of 36 contestants.

The dinner, sponsored by the Torrance Jaycees and Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, will begin at 8 p.m., following a social hour at 7 p.m. Cost for the invitational event is \$6.50 per person.

Miss Terrill will highlight the evening's festivities by relinquishing her local title to the new Miss Torrance, Darcy Barcroft, runner-up in the Miss Torrance Pageant.



CITED . . . Jack Christensen was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in recent ceremonies held in his honor. In addition to his scouting activities, he is a member of the Torrance competitive swim team and won a citywide poetry contest. He was also named first place winner in the science fair at Meadow Park School, where he is entering the eighth grade.

Permits Worth \$3.1 Million Issued in June

Building permits worth some \$3.1 million were issued by the city during June, bringing to nearly \$16.9 million the value of new construction begun here since the first of the year.

More than half the value of the permits is reflected in new dwelling units under construction, according to a report just issued by John J. McKinnon, superintendent of building and safety.

McKinnon said a total of 104 apartment units—valued at \$1,278,040—and 21 new single-family homes—valued at \$636,645—were started under permits issued during the month.

CONSTRUCTION during the past month is up considerably from June, 1967, when 306 permits worth slightly more than \$1.8 million were issued. The total value of all permits issued during the first half of 1967 was \$13.9 million.

Largest of the permits issued during June was one valued at \$616,330 for the construction of a 44-unit apartment building at 3708 Spenced St. Also issued was a \$66,000 permit for a 46-unit apartment building at 3710 Garnet St.

The largest permit for a commercial building was issued to General Telephone Co. of California, which is constructing a new facility at 22715 Hawthorne Blvd. The permit was valued at \$465,000.

ALSO ISSUED during June were 29 permits for the demolition of buildings in the city. The permits were granted to the city of Torrance for the demolition of 29 homes and one retail store in the Meadow Park Redevelopment Area.

Sunny Glen Construction Co. received the largest single permit for construction of single-family homes. The

permit, valued at \$360,635, is for construction of 13 homes in the 18600 block of Manhattan Place in North Torrance.

MUCH of the increased activity, McKinnon noted, is probably due to builders' desire to avoid sharply increased costs because of the repeal of the city's Uniform Housing Code. State code provisions must now be enacted. (See BUILDING, Page A-3)

Review Leave Policy

The question of administrative leave practices will come before the City Council at a pre-meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Councilmen will review the workloads of city department heads and attempt to hammer out a policy regarding time off or compensation for overtime.

In a background report on administrative leave, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro reminded councilmen that in August, 1964, the council formally verified the policy that overtime pay would not be applicable to department heads and that time off should be taken in lieu of pay.

Ferraro also noted that a departmental workload survey taken during the months of February, March, and April of this year showed that department heads averaged 27½ hours per month over a normal work week but averaged less than 5 hours of administrative time off per month.

LEAVING FOR THAILAND

Farewell Party Planned For Director of YMCA

"Sayonara Sunday," an open house farewell, has been planned July 28 as a testimonial to Joe Wilcox, who has served as executive director of the Torrance Family YMCA for the past 12 years.

Wilcox, his wife, Mary Lou, and their two children

will be leaving Aug. 20 for Bangkok, Thailand, where Wilcox will be fraternal secretary to the Thai YMCA for the next six years.

From 2 to 5 p.m. on Sayonara Sunday, civic groups and individual friends will gather at the Torrance Family YMCA to honor the Wil-

coxes for their years of service in building up the local organization.

Late that evening, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., YMCA officials and members of all ages will gather at the "Y" to express their gratitude.

Spokesmen for the Sayonara Sunday Committee have asked community friends not to bring gifts because the Wilcoxes are already faced with the problem of too much baggage.

However, those who wish to express themselves are asked to write a short letter, no more than one page, thanking the Wilcoxes for

their contribution to Torrance family life. These letters will be incorporated into a permanent notebook to be presented to the Wilcox family.

Letters should be sent to the YMCA Office, P.O. Box 3308, Torrance, Calif., before July 19.

Airport Meeting

Members of the city's Airport Commission will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. Chairman John Blaisdell said the meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the City Hall.

Rites Held for Nativity Priest

Father Robert Ross, 54, was interred Saturday at Good Shepherd Cemetery, Huntington Beach, following an 11 a.m. Requiem Mass in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Westminster, Calif.

A Memorial Mass was also held Friday at 7 p.m. in Nativity Catholic Church,

where Fr. Ross served as first assistant pastor for the past year.

The former missionary died Wednesday of an apparent heart attack, after resuscitation attempts failed.

ANOTHER assistant pastor, Father Rudolpho de la Cerna, told police he found Fr. Ross slumped in a chair in the church office, 1447 Engracia Ave. He said Fr. Ross was gasping for breath and unable to speak.

The priest was pronounced dead on arrival at Torrance Memorial Hospital about 4:45 p.m.

Fr. Ross was a member of the St. Columban Missionary Order, serving for seven years in Guatemala. He returned two years ago to accept a post at St. Catherine's Church in Avalon, Catalina Island, and subsequently transferred to the Torrance parish.

SETTLING in Orange County more than 25 years ago, Fr. Ross played a key role in the establishment of Blessed Sacrament parish and its ancillary parishes in Garden Grove and Stanton.

In 1959, Fr. Ross gave up his position as bursar of the St. Columban Seminary, Silver Creek, N.Y., to serve in Guatemala.

The priest's lone survivor is Sister Robert Vincent, a Baltimore science teacher.

Torrance Collects Gas Tax

SACRAMENTO—Two tax distributions to cities and counties of the state were announced today by Houton I. Flournoy, state controller.

The first was the June apportionment of highway users taxes. Of the \$51,495,567 distributed, Los Angeles county received \$3,786,389 and Torrance, \$90,818.

The funds were derived from gasoline and diesel fuel taxes, and by transfer from the motor vehicle fund, Flournoy said.

The second distribution of \$6,815,579 represented 30 per cent of the revenue deposited in the cigarette tax fund during May, 1968.

Of this sum, Los Angeles county received \$173,600 and Torrance, \$54,723.



CEMENTING FRIENDSHIP . . . City officials Thomas C. Rupert (right) and Councilman Ross Sciarotta (second from right) admire certificates of honorary Torrance citizenship presented to ten visiting dental students from San Carlos University in Guatemala City, one of Torrance's official sister cities. Three of the students shown above are (from left) Gustavo Azpuru, Gabriel Pena, and Fredy Barrios. The 10 student visitors are enjoying a 30-day tour of the United States under a government grant, spending two days last week in Torrance. Mayor Albert Isen welcomed the future dentists at Tuesday's City Council meeting, awarding the certificates through help of an interpreter. City Treasurer Rupert is chairman of the Sister City Committee, while Sciarotta serves as liaison between the City Council and Rupert's Committee. (Press-Herald Photo)

African To Visit Torrance

Saulo Mosoke, 47, director of prosecutions in the attorney general's chambers, Uganda, will be in Torrance Thursday to visit the local branch of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, 825 Maple Ave.

The office tour, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., will be guided by Moses E. Howard, deputy district attorney in charge.

The African prosecutor is in the United States for six months visiting various institutions and offices concerned with crime problems.

Mosoke holds degrees from the University of East Africa in Mampala, Uganda, and from the University of London and Lincoln's Inn, London. Formerly in private law practice in Uganda, Mosoke is interested in the organization and administration of prosecution offices.

Medical Leader To Speak

Dr. Malcolm C. Todd, president of the California Medical Association, will be the guest speaker at a joint meeting of the medical staffs of Torrance Memorial and Riviera Community hospitals.

Appointed last year by Gov. Ronald Reagan to the State Health Planning Council, Dr. Todd will make the topic of his address, "Today's Issues Affecting Practice of Medicine."

The 8 p.m. meeting will be held at the Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia Ave.

Dr. Todd completed his medical education at North- (See SPEAKER, Page A-3)

Torrance Soldier Killed . . .

A North Torrance soldier was listed Friday as killed in action in Vietnam. He is Spec. 4 Eugene L. Markwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman K. Markwell of 4030 W. 182nd St. No details about his death were given.

Office Machines Taken . . .

The Fourth of July proved to be a profitable day for burglars breaking into Pacific Builders, 3845 Pacific Coast Hwy. Company officials returned to work Friday morning to find \$1,503 worth of typewriters and other business machines missing from the office. Police said the burglar or burglars apparently used a crowbar to force their way in through a louvered window.

Hospital Ceremony Slated . . .

Formal groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Torrance Memorial Hospital, to be built at 3330 W. Lomita Blvd., are set for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the site. The new nine-story hospital, the result of a merger between Torrance Memorial and Riviera Community hospitals, will contain 250 beds. A \$6.4 million construction contract has been awarded to Kemp Brothers of Whittier. The public is invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremonies.