



**MARKS CENTER . . . Mrs. Renee Hardin, 1443 Post St., plants a McCarthy flower in her front yard to open the first McCarthy Neighborhood Center in Torrance. Neighborhood centers are being opened throughout Torrance this week. The homes will provide McCarthy for President petitions and places for neighbors to gather to discuss election year issues.**

**Marked by Flowers**

**Neighborhood Centers Opened for McCarthy**

A McCarthy flower three feet high blossomed in the front yard of Mrs. Renee Hardin, 1443 Post St., Saturday as Mrs. Hardin opened the first McCarthy for President neighborhood center in Torrance.

The center, the first of many to be opened in the city, will provide McCarthy endorsement petitions, information, and a place for neighbors to gather to discuss current issues over coffee. The blue and white flowers which have become a McCarthy trademark in California will mark the homes as neighborhood centers throughout the state.

Mrs. Hardin, wife of Mark Hardin, has resided at the Post Street address for 30 years. Mrs. Hardin is a past member of the State Central Committee and a charter member of the Torrance Democrats. In 1952 she managed the Torrance headquarters of Stevenson for President campaign.

Part of the national effort to nominate McCarthy is a petition drive. The petitions will be presented to delegates at the Democratic convention.

Local chairman of the McCarthy for President headquarters, located at 2368 W. Torrance Blvd., is John Barton.

**Youngster Burns Eyes In Fireworks Mishap**

"Caution—This assortment contains items that may be hazardous if misused. Should be used only under adult supervision. IMPORTANT—Read cautions and instructions on each item."

One 11-year-old Torrance boy knows only too well that those few words come from a packaged assortment of fireworks.

Alan Burch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Burch of 21819 Archibald Ave., was enjoying a family fireworks show July 4. Mr. and Mrs. Burch make it a point each year to see that their children set off only the kind of fireworks that smoke and which they thought to be safest.

Unfortunately, something went wrong this year. As a result, Alan suffered burns to his face and eyes. Young Alan was sent to an eye specialist because of the severity of the eye burns. Although there still is some concern about the right eye, the specialist is "pretty sure" Alan will be able to read those instructions next year.

Tomorrow, Alan will visit the specialist again for a hopefully good final report.

**Area Bands To Perform In 'Battle'**

The first annual "Battle of the Bands" at Wilmington Recreation Center, 325 N. Neptune Ave., Wilmington, will be held Friday at 7 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department, is an area-wide activity involving all recreation centers in the Harbor district.

Teenage bands will vie until midnight for performance contracts of \$100, \$60, and \$40 with the Recreation and Parks Department.

Teenagers from 13 to 19 are welcome to attend the festivities, which will include door prizes and refreshments.

Tickets may be purchased at any municipal recreation center in the Harbor district prior to the event for 50 cents. Admission at the door is \$1.

**Former Members Of 11th Armored Division Sought**

A search for former members of the 11th Armored Division has been launched throughout Southern California.

Former members of the division who served in Europe or Pacific Pacific have asked to contact the California Chapter of the 11th Armored Division Association, 611 Uclan Drive, Burbank, Calif. 91504.

Plans currently are being made for a reunion of members of the division, to be held during August in Los Angeles.

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