

Area Youth Council To Meet Wednesdays

Members of the Torrance Youth Council decided to hold regular meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month when they met recently for the first time this school year.

Lenny Schapira is serving as chairman of the Youth Council this year, assisted by Vice Chairman Mike Salisbury and Secretary Kathy Long.

Members from Bishop Montgomery High are Bill Merrill, Mike Salisbury, Mike Sequiera, and Katie Watkins.

South High's delegates are Bill Portney, Lenny Schapira, Bob Saunders, and Lauri Sochat.

From Torrance High are Sandie Allen, John Hull, Jonell Grim, and Ron Ogle.

Representatives from West High are Robert Dobson, Susie Griffith, Kathy Long, and Heide Tolin.

Alternates from Bishop Montgomery High are Kathy Burns and Tom Reynolds, and from West High, David Magnusson, and Rocky Westlake.

Torrance Man Serves as Air Force 'Wagon Master'

"Space Age Wagon Master" is a title which could well apply to a Torrance man. He is Tom A. S. Murray, chief of the Plans and Management Office for the Air Force Contract Management Division (AFCMD) in Inglewood.

AFCMD is the Air Force Systems Command organization which administers nationwide government-industry contracts. Its mission requires the presence of Air Force Plant Representative

Offices (AFPROs) in industries located throughout the United States.

A wagon master in the days of the old west was the boss over a train of covered wagons on its way to a new land. He was responsible for the needs of the people, including their food supply, transportation, comfort, and protection.

ALTHOUGH Murray does not lead his people to a new land or a new life, he does provide for their every need when Major General D. E. Riley, AFCMD commander, and various members of his staff visit the AFPROs around the country every year.

The only difference between Murray and his counterpart of olden days is that the covered wagon of today has props to make it faster and more comfortable.

Maybe he hasn't had the excitement of fighting Indians, but this space age traveler has had some adventures on staff trips.

ON ONE VISIT to Edwards AFB in two-engine plane, one of the engines gave out only 10 minutes after take-off. To make matters worse, the second engine started missing on the final approach into Los Angeles. "That's when your arms get tired of flapping," exclaimed Murray.

One other item: there was a shortage of accommodations, and half of the group was billeted in a good motel. The other half was in a rather run-down one. "I had a few complaints that night!" he said.

The trips this year covered 26 AFPROs and 5 detachments at Air Force System Command test sites. Beginning with the AFPRO, Hughes Aircraft Co. in Culver City in April and ending with a tour of the Ogdan AFPRO and the Minuteman Missile Site at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., the group logged more than 13,000 miles and spent approximately 60 hours in the air on its trips.

AFPRO visits allow the staff to receive updated briefings from the people in the field," said Murray. "We receive a current view of AFPRO and contractors' efforts on numerous Air Force, Army, Navy, and NASA contracts administered by AFCMD."

Throughout his 24 years with the Air Force (most of which was spent with civil service), Murray has accumulated certificates from some of the major airlines honoring him with such titles as "The Flying Colonel" and "Admiral of the Flagship Fleet." He has been with AFCMD practically since its inception in 1960.

Anderson Kicks Off Campaign

Supporters of Glenn Anderson, Democratic candidate in the 17th Congressional District gathered last week to kick off his campaign with an old-fashioned

picnic in Compton. About 1,500 persons took part in the traditional sack races, egg rolling contests, and baseball games.

Among the guests were Larry Townsend, seeking reelection as assemblyman from the 68th District, and senatorial candidate Alan Cranston.

Anderson, one-time mayor of Hawthorne, was first elected to the California Assembly in 1942. The candidate later served two terms as lieutenant governor of California.

Anderson's campaign

To San Diego

Burton Belzer will represent the Torrance Board of Education at a conference of the California School Board of Education Counties Section to be held in San Diego Friday and Saturday.

Increase In Prizes Planned

Von's Grocery Co. has announced plans to increase the number of first prizes to be awarded in the firm's "The President As a Leader" essay contest.

The contest is open to students in the fifth through eighth grades in any public or parochial school in the area served by Von's Markets.

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