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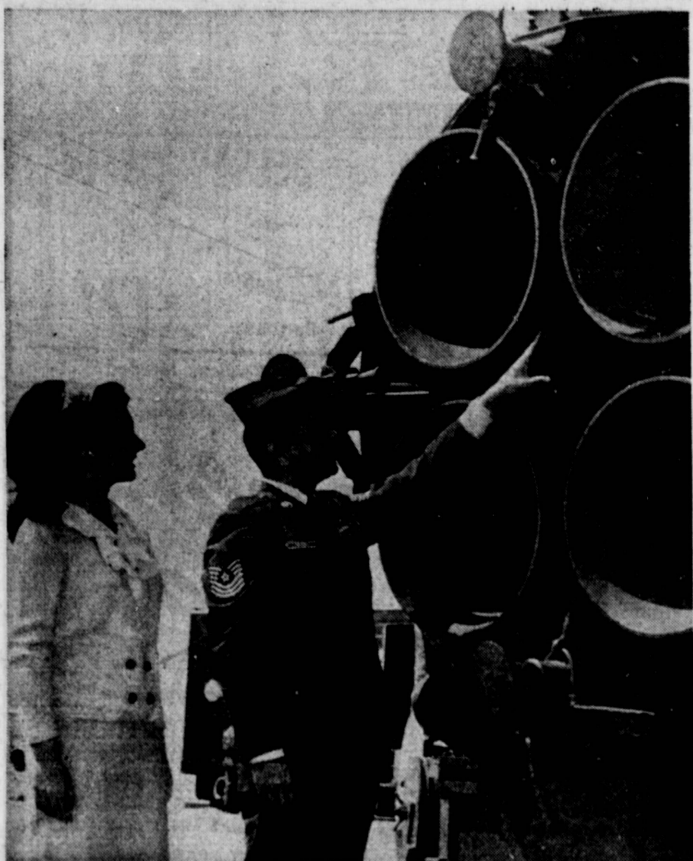
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FIRST DUTY . . . Miss Susan Hawk, newly crowned Miss Torrance, inspects a Minuteman Missile in company with M/Sgt. Richard G. Marketr as her first official assignment in her new role. Miss Hawk toured Norton AFB and inspected the base's entry in the 1969 Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade, scheduled Saturday, May 17. The nation's largest Armed Forces Day salute will feature static displays and a fireworks show.

New Miss Torrance Previews Air Base

Susan Hawk and Minuteman at least have two things in common. Both are new to Torrance and both will be in the 10th annual Armed Forces Day Parade here.

Twenty-year-old Miss Hawk is the new Miss Torrance, selected just last week during the Jaycees' annual Miss Torrance Pageant.

Torrance Night Set At Stadium

Members of the Torrance Area Youth Band will be featured performers at Torrance Night at Dodger Stadium Monday. Tickets are still available for the event.

The 120-member marching band will present a 15-minute pre-game concert concluding with the National Anthem. The band will also play between innings.

A unique feature of the Dodger Stadium appearance will be the use of individual amplifiers. Each musician will be wearing one of the complete sound systems which require no external power source. The recently developed devices offer sound projection in every direction.

THE PRIZE-winning band, directed by James Davidson and Norman Bailey, appeared last July at the opening of the California Exposition in Sacramento.

Those desiring to see the Dodgers play the Giants may purchase tickets at \$3.75 at the Torrance Recreation Office. The ticket price includes bus transportation to the game from Torrance City Hall. The bus leaves at 6:30 p.m.

The family event is sponsored by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

Minuteman is an Inter-continental Ballistic Missile developed by the Air Force and operated by the Strategic Air Command. The three-stage missile is sheathed in underground silos for maximum protection.

A GRADUATE of Carson High School, Miss Hawk presently is employed as a secretary in the flight operations office of Los Angeles Airways. As part of her first official duty after being named Miss Torrance, she visited Norton Air Force Base to preview Air Force entries in the Torrance Armed Forces Day celebration — including a look at a Minuteman ICBM.

Miss Hawk discovered that Minuteman is a solid-fueled missile, slightly under 60 feet high, and with a launch weight of more than 60,000 pounds. Its range is more than 7,000 miles.

About 1,000 Minuteman ICBMs are operational —

stored throughout the United States in hardened underground silos virtually immune from enemy attack.

OTHER AIR Force entries will include a marching force of 120 men from the Los Angeles Air Station and the Los Angeles Air Force Band from March AFB, Riverside. Edwards AFB will be represented by its crack drill team and the Los Angeles and San Bernardino Air Stations Junior Officers' Councils will enter floats depicting communications satellites and WAF's modeling new and old uniforms.

Air Force ROTC units from UCLA and Occidental College will be represented by drill teams and a quarter-scale Titan III-C missile and a T-37

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Two Killed In Vietnam War Action

Two area servicemen have been killed in Vietnam, the Department of Defense reported yesterday.

Army Spec. 4 Stephen M. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Lewis of 3239 W. 166th St., was one of 73 men named on the Defense Department's latest list of war casualties.

Raymond M. Winfrey, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Winfrey of 402 N. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach, also was reported killed.

Winfrey, a South High School graduate, was reported killed April 9 during a helicopter crash in South Vietnam.

For Scholarship Fund Teachers Will Stage Musical

Bells will ring for scholarships next month when teachers throughout the Torrance school district join forces to present benefit performances of the Broadway musical comedy "Bells Are Ringing."

Proceeds of the musical, made famous several years ago by actress Judy Holiday, will be used to finance four five-year college scholarships for needy Torrance students planning to prepare for teaching careers.

Performances are scheduled for May 8, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. and May 11 at 2:30 p.m. at Torrance High School Auditorium, 2200 W. Carson St.

THE BENEFIT will mark the first time the Torrance Education Association has embarked on a musical venture, according to Mrs. Virginia Hushke, producer. Book and lyrics are by Betty

Comden and Adolph Green and music by Jule Styne. Songs made famous by the musical include "The Party's Over," "Just in Time," and "Perfect Relationship."

DIRECTING the local production will be Chuck Slater, head of the Torrance High School drama department. Choral director will be Donald Fenn, vocal music teacher at West High School. Ronald Large, instrumental teacher at West High School, will be orchestral director.

Miss Jessica Romeo, dance teacher at Torrance High School, will serve as choreographer. Accompanist will be Mrs. Meredith Anderson, vocal music instructor at Sepulveda Elementary School. Miss Sue French, Torrance High School student, will be stage manager.

County Approves Funds For Crenshaw Project

County supervisors yesterday approved the appropriation of \$150,000 sought by the city of Torrance for improvements along a major section of Crenshaw Boulevard.

The funds were voted from the county's Aid-to-Cities highway funds and involve construction projects between 182nd Street and Carson Street.

Work has been under way along Crenshaw Boulevard for some time, with sections be-

tween 182nd and 190th streets now completed. Work also is in progress on the section between Del Amo Boulevard and Sierra Street.

Some \$185,000 in city funds already has been earmarked for the construction work, which eventually will provide for a four-lane, divided highway throughout the city.

Work is expected to begin next month on the section between 190th Street and Del Amo Boulevard.

Building permits valued at slightly more than \$3 million were issued by the city during March, bringing to nearly \$9 million the value of permits issued here during the first quarter of 1969.

John J. McKinnon, superintendent of building and safety, reported 190 building permits and 45 mechanical permits were issued during

March. Actual value was placed at \$3,031,060.

More than half the March total represents single-family homes being built under seven permits. A total of 67 new homes are under construction with a combined value of \$1.7 million.

FOUR permits, calling for the construction of 11 new apartment units, were issued during the month. Their value was put at \$202,280.

Commercial construction was valued at \$307,000 and a single new industrial building was started with a value of \$353,000.

Since Jan. 1, the city has issued permits for some \$8,917,985 in new construction. Quarterly totals show that 123 single-family homes and 201 new apartment units were included in the permits.

During the first quarter of 1968, permits valued at \$8,336,805 were issued by the city, it was noted.

THE LARGEST single permit issued went to the R. A. Watt Co. Valued at \$1.6 million, it called for construction of 62 single-family homes.

C of C Offers Award

Nominations for the city's Distinguished Citizen Award are now being accepted by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the annual award, according to George M. Ebert, Chamber president.

Ebert said formal announcement of the award will be made at the Chamber's annual meeting and banquet in June.

Winner of the coveted trophy last year was Bob Vroman, president of the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association for the past several years.

NOMINEES for the Distinguished Citizen Award must be residents of the city of Torrance. The nominees will be judged on two points: Outstanding contributions made to the citizens of Torrance and contributions to the general welfare of the city.

Any person, organization, educational institution, industrial or labor group, or professional or business group,

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BERT M. LYNN



STANLEY DUNN



BURTON BELZER

\$3 Million in March

Quarterly Report Shows \$9 Million in Building

Voter Turnout Is Low

Two incumbents won easy re-election to the Torrance Board of Education yesterday in light voting.

The third vacant seat was filled by Stanley Dunn, a member of the city's Youth Welfare Commission and a former president of the Riviera Homeowners' Association.

With 35 of 37 precincts reporting, nearly complete results showed Bert M. Lynn leading the voting. Lynn had 3,589 votes, compared to 3,307 for incumbent Burton Belzer. Dunn tallied 2,923 votes.

FOURTH man in the balloting was John Kirby, an anti-narcotics educator who finished one place out of the money two years ago. Kirby had 2,331 votes with the 35 reporting precincts.

Others in the eight-man race were the Rev. Dr. John L. Nagel, 2,233; Edgar Stevers, 2,047; Leroy Hovey, 1,391; and Mrs. Marjorie Jones, 1,322.

Fewer than 10,000 of some 62,000 eligible voters bothered to make the trip to the polls, officials reported. Voter turnout was estimated at 12 per cent.

IN THE only other race, William Moss of Torrance, running unopposed, was re-elected to his seat on the El Camino College Board of Trustees.

Lynn, in winning yesterday, begins his third term on the local board. He was first elected in 1961 and re-elected in 1965. He has led the winners in all three races he had

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Boy Injured By Gunshot

A rifle discharged accidentally Monday, inflicting minor injuries on a 4-year-old Torrance boy.

Treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital for superficial wounds on his arm and stomach was George Kirchhoff, 3324 W. 187th Place.

A neighborhood boy had been cleaning the weapon in the bedroom of the Kirchhoff home when it discharged twice, police said.

Benefit to Aid Kidney Patient

"With Love for Sandy" is the theme of a benefit to be staged May 16 for Miss Sandy Van Steenburgen, a third grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School. Miss Van Steenburgen had both kidneys removed in January and is awaiting a transplant of one kidney from her mother.

A group of parents, known as "Friends of Sandy," is sponsoring the benefit show to help defray her mounting medical expenses. The event will be held at Torrance High School beginning at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Paul Williams, general chairman, has announced a long list of performers who have volunteered to appear at the benefit review. They include the Torrance Hometown Singers; The Hollyparkettes, a singing group from Gardena; students from Natalie for Dance Studio; Drew Bradford, North High singer-guitarist; and Mary Lou Long, age 11, 1968 hula hoop champion.

Other performers are Wendy Cluff, Olympic star from North High; The Southlanders, a Dix-



SANDY VAN STEENBURGEN

ieiland band; and vocalist Shelly Rawlings.

Tickets are \$1.50 for adults

and 75 cents for children. Other performers who wish to volunteer for the benefit may contact Mrs. Williams.

Friends of Sandy have also been selling canned cookies locally to boost the fund.