



NEW PHONE CENTER . . . Checking facilities of the new district offices for General Telephone Co. on Hawthorne Boulevard in Torrance are Councilman William Uerkwitz (left), President George M. Ebert of the Torrance area Chamber of Commerce (trying out new phone), and Bodie Fite, manager of the South Bay Division. Civic and city representatives were invited to inspect the new facilities when the project was completed late in May. (Press-Herald Photo)

City-County Center Proposed in Lomita

Supervisor Burton W. Chace has called for a feasibility study into the development of a city - county administrative center in Lomita.

On Chace's motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized the study Tuesday and asked for a recommendation in 60 days.

The request was referred to two county departments for recommendations. The sheriff's department was asked to make a recommendation on

the advisability of a substation in Lomita, while the chief administrative officer was instructed to consider the needs of various other county departments.

"THE STUDY was ordered at the request of the Lomita City Council," Chace said. "The council is anxious to enter into a joint agreement with the county for development of such an administrative center, with special emphasis on a sheriff's station."

Another portion of the study will consider the feasibility of financing for the joint venture if one is recommended, Chace said.

The city of Lomita has suggested two sites for the center, one of which already is owned by the county. "However, there is some concern in the sheriff's department that this site might not be suitable for a substation, so we are looking at an alternate site which could serve the sheriff, the city, and the various county departments," he said.

THERE HAVE been indications that space will be needed in the Lomita area for the county engineer, assessor, and library departments. These factors will be weighed in the county study.

"There is a definite need for sheriff's facilities in the Lomita-Palos Verdes Peninsula area," Chace said. "The decision on the exact location should come after a firm recommendation by Sheriff Peter Pitches."

"Lomita has made a concerted drive for location of the sheriff's station within its city limits, and I am anxious to cooperate if the concerned county departments concur with the site recommended," Chace said.

The county presently leases facilities for the county engineer and the assessor in the Lomita area.

Alumni Elect Eugene Clarke

Eugene C. Clarke, 350 Palos Verdes Drive, Redondo Beach, has been named one of four governors-at-large for USC's 22,000-member General Alumni Association. Clarke graduated in 1932 from the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences.

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Armed Forces

Four awards, the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and two Air Medals, have been received by Army Sgt. 1/C Calvin G. Schiese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schiese, 2531 Brian Ave.

The medals were presented in recent ceremonies at Ft. Bragg, N.C., where the sergeant is now stationed as a Special Forces recruiter at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Center for Special Warfare (Airborne).

S/Sgt. David C. McElhane, son of Mrs. Billie McElhane, 26345 Athena Ave., Harbor City, received the Army Commendation Medal while serving with the Fourth U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Ft. Hood, Tex.

Sergeant McElhane earned the award for meritorious service during his last assignment with the 21st Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Fredrick A. Neff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Neff, 1061 E. Joel St., was promoted to Army specialist four while assigned to the 51st Engineer Battalion at Ft. Campbell, Ky. The 20-year-old soldier attended Carson High.

Marine 2nd Lt. Ralph E. Henson, son of Mrs. Marcella M. Henson of 1816 W. 148th St., Gardena, was graduated from the Basic School during ceremonies at the Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Va.

Seaman Appr. Richard J. Parker, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Parker of 25363 Woodward, Lomita, returned to San Diego, Calif., aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Constellation. The carrier has just completed its fourth tour of combat duty off the coast of South Vietnam.

Army Pvt. Thomas A. Walker, 20, son of Mrs. Fannie L. Walker, 1127 W. 255th St., Harbor City, was assigned as a communications center specialist in the 459th Signal Battalion near Nha Trang, Vietnam.

Airman Appr. Leslie A. Georgi, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Georgi of 702 W. 135th St., returned to San Diego, Calif., aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Constellation. The carrier has just completed its fourth tour of combat duty off the coast of South Vietnam.

Army Pfc. James E. Clarke, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Clarke, 913 Linley, completed a camera repair course at the Army Signal School, Ft. Monmouth, N.J.

Marine Cpl. Michael J. Klotz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Klotz of 23802 Audrey Ave., is serving with Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 122 at the Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.

Airman Gary J. Carbone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Carbone, 13011 Van Ness, Gardena, has been graduated at Lowry AFB, Colo., from the training course for U.S. Air Force supply inventory specialists. He is a graduate of Junipero Serra High School.

Cadet Michael J. McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McCormick of 15508 St. Andrews Pl., Gardena, has been named to the Communications T/3C Larry D. Bowser, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Bowser of 2322 180th Place, has reported for duty at the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Kamiseya, Japan.

Skin Diving Class Offered in Redondo

Youngsters can become junior frogmen in a skin diving class to be offered this summer for the first time.

Students in the classes will be taught fundamental skin diving skills with mask, fins, and snorkel, as well as safety precautions.

Members of the class will practice in an indoor pool and the final day of class, they will test their skills in the ocean.

Two sessions will be offered in the five-week course. A Monday session begins June 30 while a Wednesday course starts June 25. Both classes

will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. The fee is \$8.50.

The class is open to all youngsters between 10 and 14 who are competent swimmers in both a pool and the ocean. Students are also required to provide their own mask, snorkel, and fins.

The program is co-sponsored by the Redondo Beach Recreation and Parks Department.

Registration may be made during office hours at the Recreation and Parks Department Office in City Hall, 415 Diamond St., Redondo Beach, through June 20.

'Snow White' Opens Friday

The perennial children's classic story of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" will be presented in the El Camino College Campus Theater Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, as the annual theater arts department's Theater for Children production.

"This is a delightful story, a play that offers something for the young at heart, whether they are 3 or 103," said Dr. Howard Banks, theater arts instructor and director of the play.

Six performances will be given during the three days with the first one set for Friday at 7:30 p.m. Three performances will be presented Saturday — 10 a.m., 1:30 and 4 p.m., followed by two Sunday afternoon at 1:30 and 4 p.m.

THE DWARFS will be portrayed by lightweight puppets, created by the make-up and costume design classes under the guidance of Bert Ayers. Students controlling the strings and projecting the voices of the marionettes will be Joe Savery, Alana Ziegenmeyer, Tom Potts, Alfred Ambrozak,

Linda Salisbury, Jim Anderson, and Bob Zinkow.

"Snow White" is Lorraine Hendricks, Ward Wins is the prince and Janis Jamison is the cruel queen.

MAIDS-IN-waiting will be Pat Formica and Elaine Melvoid. Danny Moreno is cast as the prince-in-the-mirror, and Lynda Tilley plays Snow White's sister.

The dwarf's housekeeper is portrayed by Karen Rivera.

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...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

The buying of original art is one of the most satisfying pleasures that some people can experience. Many people could not care less about owning something original — whether it is an original print or an original piece of Meissen porcelain. However, many individuals find that in their daily pursuit of the mechanics of living, something very important is missing.

What particular factor is missing, of course, varies with the individual. Stamp and coin collecting have been sideline pursuits for many years. Young girls naturally collect dolls and sometimes end up collecting children. Often times, if children are not possible — or satisfying enough, collecting material things is again in order. Collecting money has always been the most satisfying activity for certain people — psychologists have a few answers for this.

Even in the buying of original art, there are many and varied reasons why the chase after good pieces of art goes on. At this moment there is an obvious reason for appreciation in value — good art is selling — and the money-oriented person gets involved for this reason. Prestige and pride in ownership are often motivating factors in the purchase of original works of art. In my opinion, the most important consideration should be the anticipation that a particular print, oil painting, drawing, watercolor or sculpture will provide many moments of enjoyment and pleasure for the owner in the years to come.

THE OFTEN heard phrase, "I don't know anything about art but I know what I like," is almost certain to land the author of these words in trouble. He clearly admits that he knows nothing about art and indicates that somehow God has given him an ability to judge good or bad art. This attitude will surely lead him to purchase works that are both aesthetically and monetarily worthless.

One of the factors that can persuade the buyer to act — many times, foolishly — is an extraordinarily low price. Good works of art always seem to establish a strong pattern of market value — the price that people are willing to pay for it. When questionable works of art are available at a price far below the market price, the temptation to buy becomes very strong.

One of my friends who is a collector of prints and particularly enjoys Japanese woodblock prints of the 18th and 19th centuries fell prey to this temptation. A fast talking "con-man" doesn't help the situation either. In his case, an "original" Hokusai woodblock print was sold to him by a man who works for the same company that he does. His research has convinced him that the print is not original and apparently he has no recourse.

MANY COLLECTORS become their own worst enemies through the overwhelming desire to hunt for bargains. There are few, if any, to be had in today's art market and many a collector has regretted going after art solely for the reason of making money in a resale of the object.

Every once and a while the newspapers will carry a story about so-and-so who found a \$2 painting in an old second hand store and that it turned out to be worth something like \$100,000 or a similar fantastic amount. This news item is enough for many people to set out on a lifetime career of "poking around" in every second hand store they can find.

My advice is not to bother looking for bargains. In art the most expensive purchase you make is usually the cheapest thing you buy. Look in good reputable galleries and find someone you can trust and buy original and authentic works of art. You have a right to expect a "letter of authenticity" from the dealer — if he refuses, pick up your money quickly and head for the door.

Obituaries

Mrs. Schmidt

Funeral services for Bernadine Schmidt, 1554 W. 213th St., were conducted last Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Torrance. Burial was in Green Hills Memorial Park with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Born June 4, 1921, in Montana, Mrs. Schmidt died May 28. She had lived in the Torrance area for more than 40 years.

Surviving Mrs. Schmidt are her husband, John; three sons, John, Garlan, and Mark, all of Torrance; a sister, Virginia Scott; a brother, Craig W. Brown; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services for Josephine Rowe, who died here May 28 while visiting her son, were conducted Monday in Logansport, Ind.

Mrs. Rowe, born June 20, 1898, is survived by five sons, John, Wendell, Maurice, Francis, and Earl; three daughters, Letta Whitney, Carol Stewart, and Geraldine Walker; and 15 grandchildren.

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