

## Student-Life of Local Girl Appears in College "Who's Who in U. S."

Selected as the "most outstanding student" at Whittier College, Miss Joy Phail Fossum, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Fossum of 1621 Cota avenue, had the honor recently of having her biography published in this year's "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

This publication is an annual endeavor to give national recognition to exceptional students because of their record in extra-curricular activities, athletics and future possibilities. It is edited by H. Pettus Randall, the editor, whose headquarters is at University, Alabama.

Miss Fossum, who will be 21 next month, was chosen to represent her college in the book by an "unprejudiced committee" at Whittier. Her student-life story appears with those of other young men and women enrolled in more than 475 universities and colleges in the United States.

Intends to Teach  
This is the only national means of recognition which is devoid of all politics, initiation fees and dues. Editor Randall has written "The Herald" and does not cost any student anything for their biography to be listed in Who's Who Among Students. Your city should be proud to be the home of such an outstanding student.

Miss Fossum was born at Fossum, Minn., June 8, 1917, and is a graduate of Torrance high school. She is a member of the Palms Society, honorary Whittier College group, and has served as vice-president and secretary of that organization. Her college activities include the presidency of Bolte Hall, a dormitory; chairman of the Inter-Dorm Council, women's representative on the Student Body Executive Council and sponsor of 72 women students in charge of Freshman Week activities.

She has also been Queen of the Sorority of her Junior class. Her hobbies are music of all kinds and tennis. Her ambition is to teach in elementary schools.

### Whittier Winner



JOY PHAIL FOSSUM makes "Who's Who" book

### Fire Chief Urges Weed Clean-Up

Burn debris and dry weeds now.

This suggestion came today from Fire Chief A. B. Stevenson who pointed out that the summer grass fire hazard is increasing and soon it may be too late to build outdoor fires. He called attention to the fact that open fires must not be built in Torrance without first obtaining a permit. These can be obtained at the fire station. "Those who have weeds to cut will find that it is a lot easier cutting when they are green than when they are dry," he said.

### Renew Efforts for Improvement of City Streets

Another chapter in the attempt by city officials and interested property owners to effect the improvement of Cabrillo avenue and Torrance boulevard right-of-ways owned by the Pacific Electric railway will be written in the next few days as the city engineer and city attorney carry out instructions received from the city council Tuesday night.

They will interview P. E. officials regarding an improvement program which must be completed by June 1 if the city wants to expend \$16,586 in street improvements. That sum is due the municipality from the state gasoline tax funds.

Attorney John E. McCall and Engineer Leonard Young will contact the railway executives again to find out what the traction company is willing to do in regard to the improvement of the local right-of-ways. Councilman George V. Powell injected a different note into the usual discussion centering around the P. E.'s indifference to local demands by asking the attorney to "look into the matter of condemnation proceedings to get the Torrance boulevard right-of-way returned to the city because the line is not being maintained."

### TRIAL IS FRIDAY

J. R. Worth, 37, Los Angeles, who could give no account of his means of livelihood when arrested for driving while intoxicated on Cabrillo avenue late last week, was released on \$100 bail to appear Friday for trial.

### BOYS IN TROUBLE

Charged with stealing lumber at the site of the new high school assembly hall, now under construction, two high school boys were turned over to juvenile authorities last week for investigation.

The boys, she said, are first cleaned with water and then all which can be dipped in the disinfecting fluid are immersed and dried. Those that cannot be dipped have the fluid applied with a paint brush to every part of the toy.

If any parent would like to have Miss Cromwell demonstrate the disinfecting procedure, she will gladly accommodate them. The Toy Loan Library is now in its third year here and has a large number of young patrons who enjoy playing with safe toys of every description.

## Local Oil Field Racing to Top Activity Position

### Scores of New Wells Drilling

New oil derricks are springing up in the South Torrance field, particularly along Pennsylvania and intersecting streets, like lusty shafts of wheat grown to gargantuan proportions. The building activity is only matched by the work now in progress on more than a hundred drilling projects in that booming deep-sand area.

Oilmen who are familiar with both fields assert that the Torrance sector gives every promise of surpassing the leading Rio Bravo district within a short time. There is almost no activity east of Narbonne where water overabundance dampened the interest of operators more than a month ago. However, the belief persists that someone will go in at that area and successfully overcome the water hazard that killed off several promising wells.

### Meacham Still Flowing

During the past week these activities were noted in the South Torrance field. One of the first to deepen has re-drilled its No. 1 on 29th under Russ Coffman's direction and is now getting 250 barrels or better, cutting very little of 26 gravity from a well that was only pumping 18 or 20 barrels at 4,700. The well was deepened about 250 feet, he reported.

Patton Gil's Meacham at the end of 29th is still flowing and workers have not been able as yet to get it on the pump. Texaco is rigged up beside the Meacham for a grass-roots venture and Standard is preparing to go in the same area. Kelly is rigging up on 23rd and the Wilton Oil is preparing to drill a new well at 23rd and Pennsylvania. M. E. Alverson is working over the old Getty No. 10 at 22nd and Pennsylvania and the Star Petroleum is making good progress in deepening its G. & A. No. 1 near the Wilton location.

### Pulling Pipe

The C. C. M. O. is reported having trouble with its No. 23 on Sepulveda. A hole in the

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### Gasoline Thief Given 'Floater'

Observed by Louis Quandt in the act of stealing gasoline from the Quandt ranch in South Torrance off Sepulveda boulevard, Charles Greathouse, 38, formerly of 20619 Oak street, was nabbed by the dairymen and brought to police headquarters here last Friday.

Greathouse, a steel worker, plead guilty to the theft charge before City Judge Robert Lessing. He told the court he was suffering from an injury, the result of being gored by a bull when he was a cow-puncher, and wanted to enter a veteran's hospital at Denver, Colo.

On condition that he would leave Torrance and stay out of the city for two years, Greathouse was given a 90-day suspended sentence. He is understood to have left for Colorado and medical aid.

### Ford Names 14 to Pick Election Boards in District

Appointment of 14 residents of the Fourth supervisory district to decide who shall serve on the election boards in this district at the coming primary and general elections was made this week by Supervisor Leland M. Ford.

Most of them are within the territory of the 16th Congressional district, where Ford plans to make the race for representative this summer. Five are from the Santa Monica-West Los Angeles area. Ingelwood has three, Los Angeles four and West Long Beach two.

### Iowan Is Night School Instructor

William D. Price, a graduate of Simpson (Iowa) College, who studied law in the office of the late Sen. Weeks in that state, is the instructor for the classes in Commercial and Business Law and Public Speaking which are now open without charge at Torrance Evening high school.

### JAMES O'TOOLE IN RACE FOR DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLYMAN

James O'Toole, Torrance dairymen, this week announced his candidacy on the Democratic ticket as State Assemblyman in the 68th district which embraces Torrance and the Harbor district. Reflecting his widespread popularity, already more than 1,000 voters in the district have signed his petition and it is estimated by his friends that his petition will contain over 3,000 signatures before the first date for filing, June 1. Only 20 signatures are required by law.

### Slough Canal Cost Estimate Said Too High

A canal adequate to drain the Nigger Slough area would cost \$150,000 to construct and Flood Control Engineer C. H. Howell's estimate that it would cost \$4,000,000 is "utterly absurd," according to a report by engineers of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce on file this week with the board of supervisors.

The report, presented by Irving P. Austin, president of the harbor group, proposes a canal 36 feet wide and 10 feet deep with a maximum capacity of 2,005 second-feet of water. The maximum during the last March flood was 927 second feet, the report said.

The harbor group report has been studied and approved by William L. Berry, of the state engineering department, Austin declared. The board is asked to file an early application with the WPA for funds to construct the canal.

Fred C. Finkle and S. C. Sault are listed as the engineers who prepared the report for the harbor chambers.

### CANAL ALLOCATION FROM STATE SOUGHT

Allotment of \$200,000 from the state's \$5,000,000 emergency-flood appropriation for the digging of a four-mile canal from Nigger Slough to the sea will be sought by Flood Control Engineer C. H. Howell under an order voted Tuesday by the board of supervisors.

The canal to eliminate flood conditions in the Nigger Slough area would be 36 feet wide and 10 feet deep. It was proposed by Fred C. Finkle and S. C. Sault, engineers retained by the harbor district chambers of commerce, and by Irving P. Austin, president of the harbor organization.

The two engineers declared the canal would be adequate to carry off the waters from floods as serious as that of last March and should be sufficient drainage for years to come.

### TORRANCE, LOMITA READY FOR NAT'L. AIR MAIL WEEK

Bright and early Monday morning thousands of special cacheted envelopes will be distributed throughout Torrance and Lomita by postal carriers to launch the communities' observance of National Air Mail Week, May 15-21. With the cooperation of Chambers of Commerce this city and Lomita will be made air-mail conscious to a degree that should be most pleasing to the post office department. Joe Deimling, assistant postmaster here, and Miss Birda Paddock, Lomita postmaster, declared today.

The free envelopes bearing distinctive emblems will also be available at scores of business houses, schools, chamber offices and the postoffices in the two communities. All residents are urged to use them during the week which is the 20th anniversary of the inauguration of air mail services.

When air mail week began on May 15, 1918, the schedules called for a total of 436 miles daily. Now the air lines of the nation regularly fly more than a quarter-million miles every 24 hours. In the first year of operation 713,000 pieces of mail were transported. During the last five-year period, ending June 30, 1937, between 150,000,000 and 200,000,000 pieces of mail were flown by air.

All business firms in Torrance and Lomita are being asked to send at least one letter per day during Air Mail Week and individuals are urged to patronize the service which saves time and money in many ways. A special stamp will be used to identify air mail transported during the week.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. TOLSON, Mayor.

### Toe Shine Boy



A smart young businessman who is not bothered by the current business recession is little Keoki Kapoo, shown above on Honolulu's Waikiki Beach, where he has built up a thriving business shining and mending the painted toenails of women bathers.

### State Job Office Here Is Active

As part of California's march toward rejuvenated business conditions, the State Department of Employment office in Torrance took on new importance today as the center of exchange for labor in this district. The department office here is now able to offer a triple service to residents of Torrance.

First and most important, it has jobs in hundreds of instances for unemployed workers. Second, it can furnish pre-selected workers in specialized fields to employers. And third, it offers economic security to eligible unemployed workers in the form of compensation insurance until such workers have exhausted their benefits or have been placed in gainful employment.

In one week alone, according to reports submitted to Carl L. Hyde, director of the department, a total of 1,313 persons passed through the Torrance office seeking other workers, jobs, or unemployment compensation.

### Has 2,258 Claims

Department of Employment interviewees had on file during the same week, ending April 23, a total of 2,258 workers, whose occupations are clearly delineated on their application cards, and who are ready at a moment's notice to report to the employer who desires their services.

And as an interesting note to business interests of Torrance the Department has distributed \$44,000 in the form of unemployment compensation to unemployed workers, who in turn, live the trade marts of the city through spending the funds for necessities on behalf of themselves and their families.

On the basis of cold statistics, the Torrance office has a total of 2,258 claims for unemployment compensation on file at the present time, indicating that some \$141,000 will be sent from Sacramento to this community's unemployed workers, on the basis of claims filed at present time. The approximate total is computed on the average claim payment to the individual.

### Hay Fire May Have Been Incendiary

Firemen who rushed out West-end avenue at 10 o'clock Tuesday night to extinguish a blazing haystack about 30 feet off the roadway at about 208th street believe that the fire was of incendiary origin. The hay had been newly-cut and was piled in a small stack. The loss was slight.

## MOVE STARTS FOR CITY PLUNGE AND TENNIS COURTS

On recommendation of Councilman John V. Murray, who championed the project as one of his recent election platform planks, a move which may result in the construction of a municipal plunge, additional tennis courts and a modern recreation building was started at Tuesday night's city council meeting. The city engineer was asked to make a thorough survey of the three-fold project and bring in a report at the earliest possible date.

### Trouble Brews Over Ownership of Bull-Fiddle

The city wants its bull-fiddle back. But George N. Merston, who has it, says the big bass-viol is not city property, as claimed by the city council, and he won't give it up. An executive order passed by the council Tuesday night demanded return of the gram-box which Mayor Tolson said cost the city "about \$500."

Merston, conductor of the Torrance symphony, admitted he had the bass-viol but said that it was purchased by the Symphony association out of a \$100 grant given by the council two or three years ago for free concerts. These were presented and thus the obligation to the city was cancelled, he said. Merston denied the instrument cost \$500, claimed it was a \$175 addition to the orchestra.

An attempt was made some time ago to effect return of the bull-fiddle but was unsuccessful. Developments in the latest repossession move will be duly chronicled in The Herald.

### Robber-Trio Face Many Charges

A long string of robberies and thefts, including the hold-up of a theatre boxoffice, have been charged to three young men who were first arrested late last week for two robberies in Hollywood Riviera and Palo Verde.

They gave the names of Julius Schultz, 23, an ex-fighter of Hawthorne; Therman, 19, and Edward Henderson, 23, of Inglewood, when picked up by the sheriff's and Hawthorne police officers. Their trials are to be held shortly.

### Letter From Run-Away Boys Relieves Parents

A letter received yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hornbach, 703 Amapola, from their two run-away sons, Roger, 17, and Doyle, 15, greatly relieved the anxiety experienced by the parents since last Monday when the boys left home with Charles Hammond, also of this city. The letter was from Bryn Mar, near San Bernardino, and stated that the youths were well on their way to Kansas. The Hornbachs believe they are heading for the home of Mrs. Hornbach's sister in that state.

Perhaps by the time this edition goes to press, Torrance will have set a new all-time record for construction. Only \$6,028 remains to be accumulated on the building department records of structural permits before the record of 1927 is surpassed by construction in less than five months of the current year.

The building total for the year to noon today is \$2,113,895, as compared with 1927's peak of \$2,119,922. Construction during this month has amounted to \$34,070 so far.

During the past week permits were issued for the erection of five new wooden oil derricks, \$25,000, and the repair and extension of another for \$1,500. A permit was also granted I. M. Woodburn of Santa Monica for the re-roofing of his store building at 1521 Madrid, the work to cost \$120.

### HOLD GARDENA BOY

Accused of stealing gasoline on Beech avenue late last week, a Gardena boy was arrested by local police and turned over to juvenile authorities.

### Young People's Church Group Rally to Attract 500 Here Monday Night

For the second time in as many years, a district rally of Christ's Ambassadors, young people's organization of the Assembly of God church, will be held in the Civic Auditorium next Monday night, May 16. At least 500 young men and women from all parts of the Bay district are expected to participate in the devotional program. The principal speaker will be Evangelist Fleming May of Toronto, Canada, who is now on a nation-wide U. S. speaking tour. Read Sterman of Willowbrook, district superintendent of Christ's Ambassadors, will preside. Host churches for the rally will be the Assembly of God of this city, Mrs. Winifred Clouch, pastor, and the Walter Full Gospel, Oscar R. Butterfield, pastor. The Sectional band of the young people's group will play and the public is cordially invited to attend. Delegations of Ambassadors from Santa Ana and Santa Monica to as far north as Graham in West Los Angeles will be present for the rally, which will begin at 7:15 o'clock.

### DRUNKEN PAIR CRASH POWER POLES IN CAR

The deadly combination of liquor, gasoline and high speed narrowly missed exacting their usual toll of death or permanent injury here early Saturday morning. A young woman, Torrance Memorial hospital for treatment and thence to police headquarters.

Driving while intoxicated—that's what the police charge—Miss Annie Fowler, 22, Long Beach, failed to make time in speeding south on Western and crashed a Chevrolet coupe into a couple of power poles and the Kiwanis sign at the East Road curve. With her was Jerome Brown, 30, Los Angeles, registered owner of the car.

Miss Fowler was extricated from the wreckage of the machine and with Brown was rushed to the hospital. She was treated for a broken left arm and many cuts and bruises. Brown escaped with lacerations and minor bruises. The young woman was released from custody several hours later on her own recognition to appear May 17 for trial. Brown was booked for being drunk in an auto. He was released on \$100 bail and will appear before City Judge Robert Lessing on the same date.

### Delayed Harbor Fete Is May 21

Recently postponed because of rain, the harbor celebration at San Pedro will be held Saturday, May 21. The event includes air bombing demonstrations and defense from Fort MacArthur anti-aircraft divisions a pageant at Cabrillo Beach, inspection of all ships at dock and terminals including those of the fleet, and other features.

### Toy Loan Library's Stock is Kept Free from Disease by Disinfecting

Parents who have been a bit dubious about allowing their children to patronize the Toy Loan Library in the Girl Scouts' clubhouse in the 1500 block on El Prado were assured this week that all toys there are as clean and free from possible contagion as when they were first constructed.

Miss June Cromwell, the "toy-traitor" pointed out that each toy is completely and thoroughly disinfected when returned to the branch library. A solution approved by the county board of health is used.