



A MAN AND HIS DREAM . . . The man, Coach John Winfield, congratulates his dream of a champion football captain, LeRoy Schwenk, All-Marine League End of 1945 who has again been selected this year. Winfield, out for the first three games of the season due to illness, at which time Pete Zamperini took over the squad, watched his Tartar lose to San Pedro the first day he took the job over. That loss marked the last one for the local squad and from there the Torrance team went on to win the Marine League championship. Out of the eight games played, Torrance won six, lost one and tied one. The 1946 win was Schwenk's swan song to high school football. (Torrance Herald photo.) Story on Page 2-C.

Yule Schedule Of Herald For Next Week Given

In order to give employees of the Torrance Herald the full holiday on Christmas day and Christmas eve, and to better serve the advertisers, the Torrance Herald of next week, dated Dec. 26, will go to press on Monday evening for distribution on Tuesday, Dec. 24.

Classified advertising will close at 12 noon on Monday, and church, society and club notices at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21.

Carriers and street sales boys are asked to be at the regular distribution points in the Herald office at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24.

An identical schedule will be followed the following week, with classified advertising for the Herald closing on Monday noon, Dec. 30; church, society and club news on Saturday, Dec. 28.

Street sales boys and carriers will receive their papers on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 9 a.m.

SANTA CLAUS COMES TO CITY SATURDAY FOR BIG CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CIVIC AUDITORIUM

Torrance firemen today started packing 1,500 bags of candy, fruit and nuts to be given the youngsters of Torrance at the Lions Club Children's Christmas party in the Civic Auditorium Saturday afternoon starting at 2 o'clock.

Santa Claus will be there to hear the petitions of the kiddies of the city and to pass out his gifts made possible by public subscriptions spearheaded by the Lions following the denial by the City Council of any funds for a party this year. In years past, the Council has allowed from \$1,500 to \$2,500 for the annual Christmas party, sponsored in the past by the Moose lodge.

Los Angeles Buying Western Ave. Property

Los Angeles is proceeding full speed with its part of the program to open Western avenue through Torrance to 260th st. The city which has approved escrow proceedings for the purchase of two more parcels of land in the Harbor City area.

Recommended by the bureau of right of way and land, the transactions are for a 25-foot strip fronting property on the northwest corner of Western and 259th pl. belonging to James and Charlotte Gullick of 669 Twenty-sixth st., San Pedro, and for a 16-foot strip on the northeast corner of Western and 259th st. belonging to James and Winnie Champas of 1134 S. Leland ave., San Pedro.

Purchase price for the Gullick property was set at \$490, and \$693 for Champas's land.

"Although he declined to estimate how much of the land necessary for the improvement had been acquired by the city, J. Swearingen, of the bureau of right of way and land said that cooperation of interested property owners has accelerated the program.

While Torrance is contributing to the right-of-way purchase fund of Los Angeles, no other steps are being taken locally to open Western avenue from Torrance Blvd. to 249th st., where the interest of Torrance in the project ends.

Chest Results Show Gain Of 10 Percent

An advance of more than ten percent has been made in the Torrance Community Chest appeal during the last week, with Chairman Russell Lund now reporting a total of 1755 contributions amounting to \$12,335, 68 percent of the \$18,364 goal for the 152 veterans, health, welfare and youth agencies.

All units now are producing, according to Chairman Lund, and many volunteers have promised to stay on the job until their individual assignments have been covered. "If each volunteer who has accepted responsibility to help raise our share of the more than six million dollars will finish his or her share of the work, we will soon go over the top," Lund said.

Gardena has completed its Chest campaign with Honor Roll recognition, according to Chest reports, its quota of \$5,497 filled. San Pedro volunteers with a quota of \$52,080 has 89 percent of quota and expects to be on the Honor Roll by Christmas. Wilmington and Harbor City, quota \$19,122, with 86 percent in hand, also expects Honor Roll rating shortly.

"Put your Community Chest on your Christmas shopping list," volunteers here ask. "A few dollars transformed into clinic service may mean the health of a child."

Donations may be made at the District Welfare Center, supported by Chest contributions, 1339 Post avenue.

\$12,353,000 IN HOUSING FOR TORRANCE MAY RESULT FROM LIFTING OF CONTROLS

Torrance is expected to be one of the first Southern California communities to feel the favorable effect of lifting of controls on housing by the Federal government, and immediate action is contemplated on more than 1479 units in tracts as well as hundreds of individually built homes here, valued at \$12,353,000.

New Protest On Mail Service In North Torrance

Voicing complaints of lack of service, slow delivery, inconvenience and costly delay in the mails, residents of North Torrance are undertaking a "do or die" campaign to obtain a branch or contract post office and to have all mail delivery for Torrance routed through the Torrance post office.

Mrs. L. A. Menn, whose complaint to the City Council Dec. 10 about mail and telephone service, brought a sympathetic reply and promise of cooperation, is spearheading the campaign. Complaints lodged include:

1. Routing of mail through the rural routes of Gardena and Redondo Beach post offices causes delay of delivery of mail from one section of Torrance to another of from two days to three weeks.

2. Torrance firms and individuals, naturally assuming that persons living in North Torrance have "Torrance" addresses have suffered serious financial loss and inconvenience through delay of mail due to failure to designate "Redondo Beach" or "Gardena" on the letters. For instance, it is pointed out, one section of 182nd st. must be (Continued on Page 7-A)

AIRPORT BARRACKS USE FOR VETS HOUSING AVAILABLE TO TORRANCE, CALDWELL SAYS

Torrance can provide housing for veterans and families totaling 500 persons, and have state aid amounting to 90 percent of the cost by converting the barracks buildings at Zamperini field to temporary homes, according to J. G. Caldwell, director of the Torrance Area Veterans center.

All that has to be done, Caldwell declared, is for the City of Torrance to decide to go into the rental business for the benefit of the homeless veterans of the community, ask the Federal Public Housing Administration for the use of the barracks buildings, win the approval of the War Assets Administration, ask for the 90 percent state aid in converting the barracks to housing use. Both the FPWA and the WAA are favorable to use of the barracks for veterans, he declared.

Oganesoff Found Guilty On Two Counts Of Rape

Ernest Oganesoff, 39-year-old truck driver who lives in the 2200 block on W. 182nd st., was found guilty Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior court on two counts of rape with sentence withheld, pending a decision on his plea for probation.

Oganesoff was at first believed to be a link in the kidnaping of 6-year-old Rochelle Gluskoter last Feb. 15, but investigation revealed that he was not connected with the child's disappearance.

He was convicted on charges brought by two women who identified him as the man who lured them from out-of-town cafes and drove them to his shack at the 182nd st. address, where they were attacked. Both women testified that they finally managed to escape, with one revealing she had made no complaint to police until she heard of the incident concerning the other woman.

Firemen's Yule Tree Attracts Much Comment

If a garden club in Torrance were to conduct a Christmas tree contest this season, probably one of the first to catch the eye of the judges would be the one atop the Torrance Fire Department's central station.

Illuminated at night, the tree gives forth the spirit of the season of the "smoke eaters" of the Torrance department, who themselves find many ways to play "Santa Claus" to youngsters of Torrance. It fits in well with the decorations on the streets of the central business section, which have caused much favorable comment.

The firemen are sharing with the Lions club the task of presenting the annual Children's Christmas party in the Civic Auditorium on Saturday afternoon.

Green Held To Answer Charges Of Attack

Scott B. Green, 65, 1631 W. 256th st., has been ordered to appear Dec. 27 in Superior court for arraignment on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

He was held to answer by Judge Irvin Taplin for the crowd-batter attack on Alfred Germain, 57, also a tenant of the above address, during an eviction row last Nov. 4. Green posted \$1,000 bond.

Meanwhile in Los Angeles Superior court Tuesday Mrs. Lotie McClair, landlady of the 256th st. property who figured in the row, was found guilty of battery on the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Germain during the so-called "eviction" argument. A hearing on her petition for probation will be held Jan. 8.

Torrance 20-30 Club On Final Drive To Raise Fund For Tournament Float

Torrance 20-30 club is winding up its fund raising drive aimed at placing in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade on Jan. 1 a float lavishly decorated with flowers and five Torrance misses.

As the Torrance Herald went to press last night, the service club group needed \$41.85 to meet the cost estimated at \$2,500, and local groups, firms and individuals were responding to the last-minute appeal sparked by the enthusiasm of the newly organized club of young business men from Torrance and Lomita.

They have resorted to every sort of appeal to make the grade, including "jam sessions" at local cocktail bars, offerings of prizes and direct solicitations. At Vurp's on Dec. 8 and last Sunday at the Sports club, hundreds of jazz enthusiasts turned out to stamp their feet and slap their hands to the music of Harry Wham, Jeff Metrintich, Ed Culver and Bob White.

These boys alone had the walls rocking, but when the local musicians moved in they couldn't keep the ice cubes from melting.

Wham, currently working at Universal studios, spoke in behalf of the musicians wishing the people of Torrance the best of luck with their float, and topped the afternoon off by refusing any compensation whatsoever.

And so it went. Elderly women who came in expecting to learn a new technique in putting up jam, were introduced to a new type of entertainment and their eyes lit up every time Bob White hit the bass drum.

The young businessmen will top the money raising drive off with a dance in the Civic Auditorium on Saturday Dec. 21, for which the Lions club will provide Christmas trees in addition to their donations of \$25 to the fund.

WALTERIA KIDDIES TO PARTICIPATE IN YULE PARTY

Children of Walteria families will participate in a Christmas program of the Torrance Lions club in the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Saturday afternoon.

Walteria usually holds its own party, but decided not to conduct a community affair this year, it was said.

Schools Closed For Two Weeks Beginning Today

Torrance, Lomita, Walteria and Harbor City schools will be closed from Thursday Dec. 19 to the morning of Jan. 2.

Reports indicate that Orange st. school playground will be the only center open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 to 5 p.m., except on Christmas and New Year's day.

Although the Teachers Institute meetings will be discontinued during the holidays, the school and administrative offices will carry on as usual, except on Christmas and New Year's day.



TARTAR CHAMP STUMBLES TO A TOUCHDOWN . . . Tom Faren, a boy that knows how to zig to a title, is pictured above stumbling to the winning touchdown of the Pirate-Tartar championship grid clash. With but two seconds left in the game, Ralph George tossed the ball from near the 42-yard line and Faren raced between three Pirate players to snag the pigskin and carry it over. Tartar Captain LeRoy Schwenk (3) is seen at left of picture racing to the scene. Joe Aguila (57), Pirate back, also hot-footed his big frame toward the play. Torrance won, 20-13, before a crowd of 4,000 screaming fans. (Homer Morgan photo.)

Krasnesky Silent As Conciliator Paves Way For Reopening Markets

Whether or not the butcher shops closed by the recent controversy between employers and Frank Krasnesky, president of Butchers Union Local No. 551 over Monday holidays would be reopened to handle the lush Christmas trade yesterday, was waiting upon Krasnesky's response to government conciliation.

Most Torrance and Lomita shops were among those closed when butchers failed to show up for Monday work, Dec. 9, and operators refused to reopen the following day.

The union was reported to have agreed to permit butchers to work on Monday, but demanded time and one half for the shift, a \$70 weekly guarantee and three weeks' vacation after five years. Employers refused to allow time and half for Monday, but agreed to pay time and half after a 40-hour, five day week, \$66 a week and two weeks' vacation after three years.

At present, butchers get one week vacation after one year and two weeks after three years. Krasnesky was reported to have suggested conciliation by the U.S. Department of Labor, and when the move was accepted by the employers and Conciliator Lyman Sisley was named to handle the case, Krasnesky is reported to have said that he would have to discuss

the matter with his executive committee. When his office in San Pedro was pressed for a statement, the office secretary said: "My orders for the day are that there will be no statements at all."

Meanwhile, market operator at a meeting in Long Beach yesterday agreed to offer to arbitrate remaining issues involved in the strike of the butcher shops in the Harbor-Long Beach and Orange County areas.

Philip R. Melnick, of the Meat Dealers Association of Southern California, Inc., and O. G. Lawton, of the Food Industries Employers Labor Relations Council, Inc., acting as employers' spokesmen, explained that "the employers have made what we consider to be a fair offer. We are willing to submit to arbitration. If the union will accept arbitration, the markets can reopen immediately and the final decision on the terms of the Contract will be left to an impartial arbitrator."

Work On New Pottery Here To Start Soon

Construction of the new \$2,530,000 pottery plant by the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation at Crenshaw Blvd. and 205rd st. will begin after January 1, 1947, E. J. Duke, manager of the Los Angeles branch office, announced today.

Vitreous china plumbing fixtures will be produced by a staff of about 600 persons, the company official disclosed.

The American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation, largest plumbing and heating concern, with subsidiaries throughout the world, has its headquarters in Pittsburgh.

Besides new plants contemplated, reconstruction of headquarters in Germany is moving ahead at full speed, a company spokesman said. The company buildings were destroyed during the war.

Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau

TEMPERATURE		
Dec.	Maximum	Minimum
11	72	40
12	72	40
13	62	48
14	57	44
15	54	46
16	57	45
17	59	50

PRECIPITATION
Total (Season) 6.19