

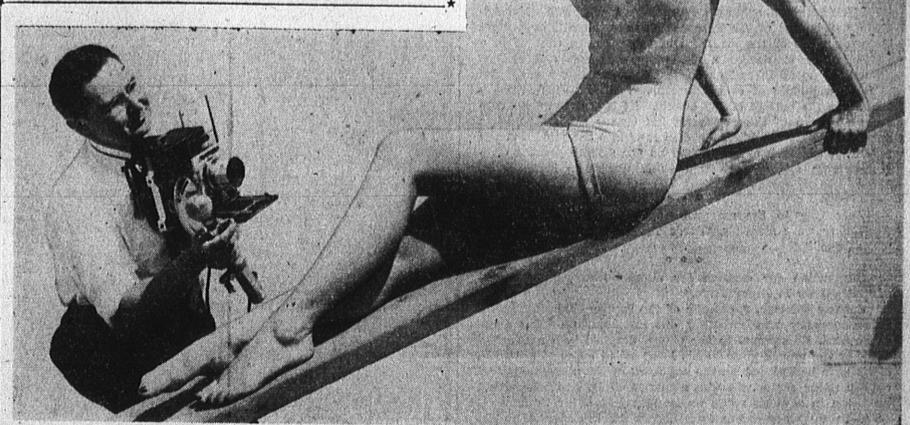
STRYCHNINE, GLASS KILLS 10 DOGS AS POLICE HUNT POISONER



A LITTLE BREEZY . . . March's windy ending, which threatened to go out like a lion last Monday, played havoc with the dresses and stresses of these two Torrance High School girls. For Agnes Ruth (right) the weather was a little strange. Not so for the other girl. Her name—Stormy Coleman.—Herald Photo.



SAFE AND ALIVE . . . Four-year-old Beebe Blom chats with several puppies at the South Bay Humane Society, who escaped the possibility of being poisoned with strychnine of eating hamburger, laden with ground glass. Action of an unknown poisoner have resulted in the death of 10 dogs within the last week, humane officials reported.—Herald Photo.



COVER GIRL . . . Curvaceous Dorothy Abbott, 24-year-old model will grace the cover of the Chamber of Commerce's photo-brochure attracting non-Torrancites attention to the advantage of living in a "Balanced City." Lee Weinstein, local photog has been assigned the duty of preparing the art work for the pamphlet.—Herald Photo.

HALF LION, HALF LAMB THAT'S MARCH WEATHER

For awhile Monday it appeared that March would hold to tradition and go out like a lion—but by yesterday the weather did a turn-about and March went out like it came in—like a lamb.

Monday's winds, up to 35 miles per hour, did minor damage throughout the city. Two trees were reported blown down as well as several signs. One of the trees, located on Torrance boulevard between Madrona avenue and Hawthorne boulevard, fell across the highway and presented a traffic hazard until removed, by the street department.

Rains which fell last Thursday, measuring .46 of an inch, brought the season's total to 7.81 inches—well ahead of 1948's dry year of 3.40 inches.

Temperature recordings for the week were:

March	Max.	Min.
23	59	45
24	59	44
25	65	39
26	65	44
27	65	43
28	62	49

Paint Factory Construction To Start Soon

Construction of the \$11,102,920 Pittsburg Plate Glass Company's Paint division factory here came a step closer this week as bids on the four phases of the construction were presented to the board of directors by Albert C. Martin & Associates, architects and engineers for the project.

Construction on the plant, which will be located west of Crenshaw boulevard at Dominguez street, south of the General Petroleum plant, is generally expected to begin within 30 days.

Although the bids which were received March 25, have not yet been awarded, Albert C. Martin Jr., a partner in the firm of Martin & Associates, this week announced that the names of the low bidders in the four phases of the construction were being withheld pending the board's consideration.

Poisonings Cover Widespread Area

Humane officers, police, and sheriff's deputies continued their search this week for a poisoner who has caused the death of ten dogs in this area within the last week.

Mrs. Bernice Blom, investigator for the South Bay Humane Society, reported that the animals had been fed strychnine and in some cases hamburger containing ground glass.

Dog owners in the vicinity of Anapola avenue and Torrance boulevard were warned especially to guard their pets as three dogs in that area have been poisoned within the last seven days, according to Detective Captain Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police Department.

Mrs. Blom reported however that the poisonings have not been limited to a small area. One dog in Lomita as well as several in North Redondo have died in convulsions indicating strychnine poisoning, she claims.

Others she claims, have died of painful internal bleeding caused from eating hamburger containing ground glass.

In one case a dog died in its owner's back yard where it had been confined for several months, the Humane officer claims. The animal died of poisoning it was found.

Dr. Rollin Smith, of the Harbor Animal Hospital, has treated

three dogs. Two received medical attention too long after consuming the poison to be saved. Another is still on the critical list.

The doctor warned owners not to attempt home remedies on animals suspected of being poisoned. Only immediate and technical attention can save animals who have been exposed to the deadly poison, he said.

Stiffening of the muscles, convulsions, labored breathing, and frothing at the mouth are some of the symptoms of the presence of strychnine, the doctor claims.

Postmaster Applicants

Acting postmaster Louis H. Deisinger revealed yesterday that approximately 10 applications for the position of Postmaster of Torrance had been requested from the local post office during the last week.

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Huge Outdoor Pool in Alondra Park Planned

Water Supply Plight to be Told Lions

Facts about Southern California's struggle to protect the Colorado River water supply for this area will be disclosed to members of the Torrance Lions Club at a meeting in the Woman's Club Tuesday.

Speaker at the luncheon meeting, beginning at 12:00 noon will be Harry Sloat, a representative of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

He will discuss the current legislative battle now raging in Congress and California's program to obtain Congressional authorization for a Supreme Court settlement of this vital problem.

COUNTY TO CONCRETE ALONDRA LAKE BOTTOM

Alondra Lake is caught in a squeeze play that is going to result in a gigantic outdoor concrete-lined swimming pool for the residents of the area.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby revealed last week that the lake would be pinched in the middle by the construction of a

coffer dam across the southern end of the kidney-shaped lake and the bottom would be covered with a layer of gunite—sprayed concrete. A retaining wall would separate the swimming area from boating and fishing area, he said.

The recent stocking of the lake with thousands of fish transported from Hollenbeck Park in Los Angeles, the construction of the huge outdoor swimming pool, and the start of construction last Thursday of an 18-hole golf course and driving range, being built at the Alondra Park site—Crenshaw and Redondo Beach boulevard—is all part of a concentrated effort by the county to build the 300-acre site into perhaps the finest park in the entire county, Supervisor Darby stated.

Including the cost of gunting the lake—\$30,000, the park site will one day boast of a 20,000 seat football stadium, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, a golf course and many minor recreational features, all will be provided for at a cost of approximately \$150,000, a phenomenally low per capita cost, Darby said.

The football stadium is being built and will be maintained by El Camino College for use of the thousands of park-goers in the vicinity as per the terms of agreement with the county. The college was given certain portions of the county owned property as a campus.

Decision to improve the swimming area of the lake was made by the Board of Supervisors when it came to attention of that body that thousands of people visited the lake last year. The lake enjoyed great popularity for a time last summer until the State Department of Health closed the lake to swimming because the pond did not possess a concrete bottom.

More sand will be imported to extend the present "beach" leading into the water, Darby contended.



ACCEPTS POST . . . Frank S. Selover, former newspaper editor, was this week named as executive secretary to the recently organized Harbor Area Employers' Council.

F. S. Selover Named Employers Executive Aid

Selection as executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council of Frank S. Selover, newspaper editor in the district for many years, was announced today by A. J. McCown, president of the organization recently incorporated for the purpose of handling labor negotiations.

McCown, president of McCown Drug Stores, Inc. said that temporary offices of the Council have been set up in Torrance. The new organization is made up of business men of Torrance, Lomita, San Pedro, Wilmington and Gardena.

Other officers are H. W. Smith, San Pedro, vice president; Harry M. Carr, San Pedro.

Dimes Drive Falls Short



FINAL BLOW TO POLIO . . . In a final city-wide wind-up of the March of Dimes Campaign, Mrs. Margaret L. Clark (left) accepts a check for \$3,638.12 from Mrs. C. Earl Conner, successor to her late husband as chairman of the March of Dimes. Death of the late chairman was believed responsible for the drive falling short of its goal by \$611.—Herald Photo.

The untimely death of C. Earl Conner in the middle of the March of Dimes Campaign was believed responsible for the City of Torrance falling short of its goal by \$611.88.

This compliment to the ability of the former Torrance politician and chairman of the local Infantile Paralysis Foundation drive for a number of years, was made by Mrs. Margaret L. Clark, field director for the foundation.

Mrs. Clark revealed the fact that for the first time since Mr. Conner assumed the chairmanship of the drive Torrance was short of its mark.

The fact came to light last Saturday morning when Mrs. Clark accepted a check from Mrs. C. Earl Conner, successor to her late husband as chairman of the local campaign, amounting to \$3,638.12.

Mrs. Clark pointed to the importance of continued support of the fight against polio when she stated that Los Angeles, of which the patients of Torrance were considered a part, accounted for 12.5 percent of all the known cases of polio reported throughout the entire United States during 1948.

Various sources which contributed to the campaign included: Columbia Steel, \$700.40; Firemen's Dance, \$111.55; Lions Club.

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