



City's 1949 Record Good, Thus Far

Good news, a warning, and a grim reminder! Each of these factors was given equal prominence in a statement issued this week by Police Sgt. G. S. Evans.

The head of the Traffic Division of the Torrance Police department announced that for the first 15 weeks of 1949 there were no deaths due to traffic accidents within the city. However, Evans warned the citizens of Torrance that unless they are careful this record may be spoiled. He reminded them that "approximately 75 per cent of pedestrian accidents in 1948 were the result of carelessness or willful disregard for the laws provided for their own safety."

- Evans asked that the citizens of Torrance help the city keep its excellent record of traffic safety in 1949. He listed five rules the careful pedestrian should follow:
- 1—Cross streets only at the crosswalks.
 - 2—Cross only on the proper signals.
 - 3—Watch for turning cars.
 - 4—Never enter the roadway between parked cars.
 - 5—Walk on the left side, facing traffic when there are no sidewalks.

Camino Student Television Hit

El Camino College's first appearance before the cameras of television resulted in such a success that a number of participants have been called upon for another appearance at later dates. Kenneth Whitson whose rendition of musical numbers while accompanying himself on the piano was so popular with the public that the college received inquiries from booking agents and agencies offering their services as managers for Kenny, as well as a call from the agent for "The Benny Goodman Show" who happened to see Kenny's performance and is considering him for appearances on some of his programs.

Many of the performers in this television show will be featured in major rolls in the college presentation of "Hit the Deck" which will be presented to the public May 20 and 21.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Open competitive examinations will be given in the near future for the following classifications:

DRAFTSMAN

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BUS GARAGE ATTENDANT

(Salary \$193.00 to \$231.00 per month)

ACCOUNT CLERK

(Salary \$184.00 to \$221.00 per month)

All candidates must be citizens of the United States and bona fide residents of the City of Torrance for at least one year immediately preceding the date of filing applications. Applications may be secured at the office of the Personnel Clerk, Room 2, City Hall, Torrance, Calif.

LAST DAY FOR FILING APPLICATIONS
Friday, April 29, 1949, at 5:00 p.m.

Want-Ads Accepted Via Telephone

Awaiting Assignment

S/Sgt. Donald Morris left recently to report to his Air Force base in Newfoundland for assignment to the Azores or Greenland after spending a 10-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Rose Morris, of 1104 Portola avenue.

The Sergeant's wife, Sally and their children, Sue and Linda, recently arrived from Susanville, and will remain in Torrance.

Easter Parade

PLASTERER PROTESTS PICKETS PICKETING

All decked out with a cross of liquor bottles, Weaver H. Jones, Torrance plasterer, staged his own Easter Parade last Sunday at a picket-bound Harbor City drive-in.

Arriving promptly at 3 p.m. in a stake truck, Jones spent the remaining hours of daylight trudging alongside women pickets and sermonizing from the truck in protest against an eight-month-old labor dispute at the 26925 Western avenue establishment.

A crowd of curious onlookers gathered to watch Jones with his bizarre cross read Biblical passages and loose a torrent of diatribe against the three A.F.L. unions picketing the place—the Bartenders' Union, the Culinary Alliance, and the Waitresses' Union.

While both police and labor union representatives stood by, the Torrance man, who has launched spectacular protests

before on other issues, kept up the demonstration until sundown.

Mrs. Blanche West, one of the owners of the drive-in, told reporters that the union is picketing their business in an attempt to force them to sign a union contract. None of the three employees at the place are on strike, she stated.

Mrs. West said her only connection with Jones is that the Torrance man is "an outside sympathizer." She owns the drive-in with her son, Roger. The picket line is being maintained to warn union members that the business house does not have a contract, according to Johnny Barbre, secretary of the unions' joint executive board.

Jones has staged previous demonstrations in protest to a Los Angeles appearance of President Harry S. Truman and passed out cabbages to Torrance High students to hit the ploughing under of agricultural products.

Bid of \$267,378 for Hospital Ward Awarded

County supervisors recently awarded a contract for an additional ward building at the Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital to Gallinger Construction Company of Gardena on a low bid of \$267,378.

Previously Wayne R. Allen, county manager, reported to the board that the firm of Binkley & Gould, architects, recommended giving the job to the Gardena company.

He said a total of 13 bids were submitted.

"This work is part of a capital project for which \$238,355 was appropriated in the 1948-49 budget and subsequently augmented by an adjustment to provide total funds of \$466,947," Allen informed supervisors.

Former Resident Escapes Injuries

Colonel Roger Q. Williams, president of Air Craft Engineering and Maintenance Corp. of Oakland, escaped injuries in an auto accident on Pacific Coast highway, near Torrance Airport, last Friday afternoon. Colonel Williams' car was at a stop, waiting for the car in front of him to move on, when a truck smashed into the rear of his automobile. Col. Williams' car was caught in a "squeeze play" between the truck and the auto in front. No one was with him in the auto.

Colonel and Mrs. Williams, who are former Torrance residents, and their son Roger Q. Jr., were here last week visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Benner of 1514 West 203rd street.

SANTA BARBARA WILD FLOWERS

Lupines, poppies, shooting stars, and mustard are just some of the wild flowers that are now bursting into bloom in the Paradise Camp and Gibraltar Dam area of Santa Barbara County, report the National Automobile Club.

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