

Police Start 'Crackdown' On Kids Shooting Pellet and BB Guns

Reminding residents, both parents and youngsters, that B.B. guns or any other type air pistol or rifle is unlawful when in the hands of any person under 18 years of age, Police Chief John Stroh drew attention to the fact that a fine of \$100 or 30 days in jail is the penalty for persons found guilty of possessing air guns.

Any person found possessing an air gun illegally will have the gun confiscated, Stroh said.

Numerous reports and evidence, including one youth shot in the eye has led to the "crack down" on kids with B. B. guns and pellet rifles and pistols, the chief said.



TRANSFERRED . . . Pfc. Robert W. Jones, military armament technician, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bavington, 3647 Garnet street, spent the week end here, following his transfer from Denver, Colo., where he completed primary armament training. He is stationed now at Castle Air Force Base, Merced.

Seniors Ready For Final Week In High School

Some 700 Torrance High School students are preparing for the final week of school activities—one which will be crowded with special events for graduating seniors, according to Principal John Steinbaugh.

The 1949 school year will end next Friday with a special half-day session. Summer school will open Monday, June 13 at the high school.

Highlighting the final week's events are the activities planned for approximately 144 seniors who will receive their diplomas at graduation ceremonies next Thursday evening in the high school auditorium. The graduation program, which will be a symposium, "A Date With the World," will start at 8 p.m.

Commencement exercises will mark the graduation of the largest class in Torrance High School history, and probably will be the last time that graduation exercises will be conducted in the auditorium—due to the growing size of the graduating classes, said school officials.

Junior-Senior Prom will be held this Saturday evening at 8 p.m. in the high school library.

Baccalaureate services have been slated for Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. in the auditorium. The Rev. Ronald Menzies will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, and the Rev. Edward J. Sullivan will offer the invocation and prayer. Benediction will be delivered by the Rev. Clyde Rückman. Musical presentations will be offered by the girls ensemble under the direction of George Zavislan. Admission will be by ticket only.

According to tradition, senior week will start Sunday, following baccalaureate services. Seniors will officially turn over the patio to the juniors following a general assembly, from which the juniors will be allowed to leave for the first time before the seniors.

Seniors will go "a-breakfasting" at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning at the Woman's Club. Senior mothers will prepare the breakfast and the junior girls will serve. However, the girls will be on the other hand Wednesday afternoon when the seniors play host to their mothers at a tea in the school library. The junior girls again will serve.

High school annuals will be distributed to seniors Monday.

A special orientation program will be held tomorrow at 12 noon in the auditorium for some 200 eighth grade students and their parents to acquaint them with the social and educational course of the high school.

With the abandonment of the Junior High School program, the eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh

and twelfth grade students will make up the high school student body beginning next semester. Sixth grade students attending city schools will be promoted to the seventh grade. However they will continue to attend the same schools as they have this semester.

Eighth grade promotion exercises will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the high school auditorium.

Installation of recently elected Girls' League officers will be held today at the Fish Shanty. Taking office are Joan King, president; Marilyn Franzen, vice-president; Sandy Scott, secretary-treasurer; and Joan Phipps, historian-recorder.

Results of the Associated Student Body election held last week indicated that Bonnie Higgins would head the student body as president next semester. Assisting him will be Joe O'Toole, vice-president. Commissioners elected to head the student government include:

Eiichi Kabayashi, athletics; Jeanne Jenkins, recorder; Betty Branun, finance; Anita Menzies, girls' court; Boyd Crawford, boys' court; Delores Jensen, entertainment; Wallace Fullmer, group control; Harold Chapman, publicity; and Joyce Perrett, activities.

Newly elected officers of the Girls' Athletic Association who were announced at a banquet held Tuesday evening in the Episcopal Church Guild Hall include:

Betty Branun, president; Joan Melvin, vice-president; Jeanne Jenkins, secretary; Marilyn Finch, treasurer; Vivian Hazzard, recording secretary; Jean Minton, historian; Mary Jo Tillotson, reporter; Marian MacDonald and Joan Ziemle, sports managers; and Annette Castenar and Luanna Johnson, yell leaders.

Forgery Suspect Commits Suicide On Eve of Trial

Only several hours before he was scheduled to appear in court on a forgery charge, John Albert Little, committed suicide.

Little was said by Torrance police to have passed a number of stolen checks to markets in Torrance including the Greater Torrance Market, the Carson Mart and the Ideal Market.

Little was apprehended by Torrance police several months ago when he came to the Torrance-Police Station seeking the address of his partner—who was then in jail.

Little was released on bail and was scheduled to appear in court yesterday and today.

A communique from the police of Santa Ana where Little is said to have taken his life, did not indicate the manner in which he died.

Police Start Boy and Girl 'Man Hunt'

Torrance police have started one of their greatest "man hunts" in the department's history.

Actually the "man hunt" is a "boy and girl hunt."

The Torrance Police Officers Association have announced the formation of Auxiliary Junior Police force and are seeking qualified boys and girls between 12 and 17 years to join the organization.

Police Chief John Stroh, who will head the Junior Auxiliary program, listed the main duties of the new group as: to serve as messengers for the regular police officers, to act as ushers at civic affairs, to aid with special details, and to police all Junior Auxiliary functions.

Charter membership will be limited to 24, said Chief Stroh. Sixteen of these 24 memberships will be for boys and the remaining eight for girls.

Applications for charter membership in the new organization will be accepted at the Police station up to 4 p.m. June 18.

Activities of the boys and girls of the Junior Auxiliary will be directed by a policeman. Girls activities will be under the direction of a policewoman.

Expenses for the operation of the organization, will be done by the Torrance Police Officer Association from funds which recently staged the local Police show.

The uniforms for the group consist of blue shirts, ties, and overalls caps, and shoulder patches.

The Torrance Police Officers Association is a non-profit organization whose main purpose is to prevent juvenile delinquency. The organization does not function as a benefit society nor promote or advocate pensions plans, insurance, or other benefits for members of the force, according to Mervyn Porter, president.

Other than Stroh, members of the Youth Committee include Police Officers: Gayle Whitacre, Hyman Fischer, Robert Wright and Karl Friberg.

New Homes

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already has started the first 20 of 40 homes in the new addition to Seaside Ranchos.

When all permits for the new section are granted the value of the development is expected to reach the quarter of a million dollar mark.

Also under construction are 59 homes being built in Pacific Hills by K. Sande Senness. The \$394,400 tract of homes is located east of the intersection of Newton and Madison streets.

The homes will be either two or three-bedroom residences intended for families in the medium income bracket.

CIVIC AUD GETS NEW CEILING

Application of an acoustical ceiling in the civic auditorium at a cost of \$3800 was scheduled to start today, according to George Stevens, city manager.

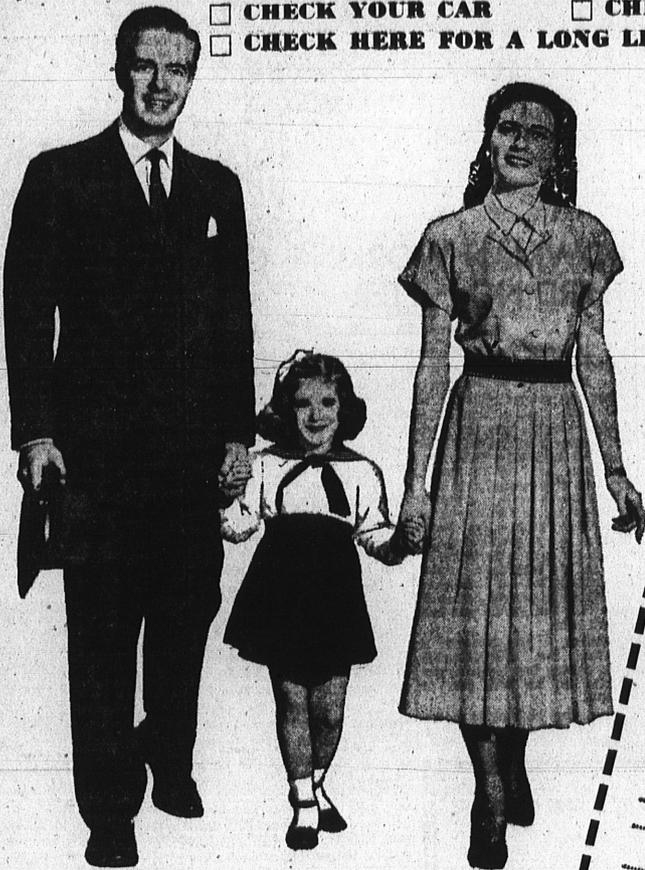
A "false" ceiling of celotex to be suspended from the ceiling beams by the Harold Shugart Company is expected to enhance the acoustical qualities of the auditorium, many times, Stevens said.

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