

CITY'S STREET SHOW IS 'ON THE ROAD'

One of the city's most efficient "shows" has been put "on the road." The most intensive 12 months in Torrance street and road improvement history was effected during the 1948-49 fiscal year, road department figures released this week revealed.

Civic Leaders To Be Hosted AT League Meet

Governmental leaders of cities in the county will gather in the Civic Auditorium tonight for the monthly meeting of the Los Angeles County Division of the California League of Cities.

From 185 to 250 are expected to attend the dinner meet which is slated to begin at 6:45 p.m. Principal speaker of the evening will be Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, who will tell the audience about "This Complex County of Ours."

The evening's address of welcome will be given by Mayor J. Hugh Sherriff, Reuel R. Brown, mayor of Monrovia and president of the Los Angeles Division will preside.

The league, representing a majority of the cities in the state, was largely responsible for the return to the cities of tax funds from Liquor License fees, Motor Vehicle In-Lieu taxes, and County and State Gasoline taxes.

Primary aim of the league is to promote better city government.

The Torrance Area Youth Band under the direction of James Van Dyke will furnish the entertainment for the visitors.

TV Set Stolen

While with his wife at a picnic, George W. Dowdy's home at 2830 Sepulveda boulevard was entered Sunday afternoon and his television set stolen, according to Dowdy's statement to Torrance police.

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BOB C. BURKHEIMER ... Joins Herald Ad Staff

Ad Man Joins Herald Staff

Addition of an advertising representation to the staff was announced early this week by Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald.

New man with the newspaper business force is Bob C. Burkheimer, who started work here last week. Formerly advertising manager for the Coronado Journal, Burkheimer also served as national advertising manager with the Glendale News-Press for five years before and after the war.

Burkheimer saw action with the navy in the South Pacific theater of operations during a three and one-half year war-time hitch. He was educated at the University of Texas.

\$2500 Go into Remodeling of Photo Studio

A \$2500 remodeling job has been completed at the Dixie Lee Photography Studios, 1650 Cabrillo avenue, according to owner Jim Neal.

Aside from more modern photography equipment, the studio now contains a redecorated lobby and dressing rooms, velvet drapes and 110 square feet of newly placed carpeting.

Air Mechanics Course Slated

Local office for a course of training designed to make students eligible to take aircraft and engine mechanic's test, has been established at Harvel Guttenfelder's show room, 1830 Cravens avenue.

George M. Medley, student counselor for California Flyers School of Aeronautics, the institution sponsoring the course, will be on hand to assist prospective students.

Headquarters of the school are in Inglewood near Los Angeles Municipal Airport. The course, being offered here includes all phases of aircraft engine repair and maintenance, welding, woodworking, hydraulics, cable splicing, electronics, and allied subjects. The course would normally cost \$758.

Wins Scholarship

Richard Van Dyke, 1519 West 214th street, will leave Torrance in September to attend the University of Oregon. He will attend the school on a \$6000 N.R.O.T.C. scholarship he won in competitive examinations held recently at Inglewood High School.

The student graduated from Narbonne High School last February.

TAP's Preview Program; See Motion Pics

Showing motion pictures and outlining the TAP program as carried on by the Los Angeles Police in the Harbor Area, Sgt. Al Moriarty of San Pedro division last Wednesday night addressed 28 members of the newly organized TAP's — Torrance Auxiliary Police, at a meeting held in the city council chambers, according to Officer Gale Whitacre of the local police department.

The movies showing camp activities at Camp Val Crest illustrated the type program the local organization hopes to follow. The youths were given probationary cards at the meeting and started their three-month period of probation. Those who successfully weather the three-month period will be given their permanent TAP identification cards, Whitacre said.

Next meeting of the group, a lesson meeting requiring the youthful "assistant police" to bring notebooks, pencils, and TAP manuals will be held at 7 p.m. August 23 in the city hall court room.

The TAP program is sponsored by the Torrance Police Officers Association and is supervised and directed by the association's "Youth Committee" composed of the following members: Chief J. H. Stron, Capt. Willard Haslam, Sgt. Swayne Johnson, Policewoman L. Stron, and Officers Gale Whitacre, Carmel Cook and John Maestri.

Pedestrian Injured in Blvd. Mishap

A traffic accident sent Falstino Rivera, 60, of 3851 Torrance boulevard, to Harbor General Hospital with critical injuries Sunday afternoon.

The mishap occurred on Torrance boulevard, 300 feet west of Maple avenue. Rivera, started walking across the street when, according to driver David Arteza, she must have noticed Arteza's oncoming car and stopped; the car slowed down.

Then, Arteza told police, both he and Rivera "started up" at the same time. Arteza's auto went into a skid—the back end of the car striking Rivera and knocking him to the pavement.

Long-Closed Drug Store To Re-open

Torrance's long-closed Sontag drug store will be re-opened under new management this year, according to plans revealed this week by Michael R. Kessler, who last week purchased the Sartori avenue store and two others located in San Pedro and Wilmington.

Kessler, who has some 20 years of experience in the drug business, stated that he plans to re-open the Torrance store, which he purchased from Owl Sontag along with the Wilmington store, not later than Nov. 1.

The Wilmington store, in a brand new building, was never opened due to a Retail Clerks Union dispute. The dispute also was effective in forcing the closing of the Torrance store.

Kessler stated that he will open the San Pedro store, formerly known as the Pay-Less drug store, prior to the openings in Torrance and Wilmington. The San Pedro store was purchased separately from Carl S. Falkenhainer.

HOME AGAIN

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Olson, Alice and Ann, of 1617 Cota avenue, recently returned from three weeks vacation. Included in their itinerary were Bryce Canyon, and Zion and Yellowstone National Parks. In Idaho Falls and Salt Lake City they visited with relatives.

Torrance Makes Entry into West Basin Water Group

The City of Torrance last week joined the West Basin Association, an organization supported by 27 member cities in the bay area whose objective it is to study methods by which water supply in this area can be preserved.

William Stanger, head of the Torrance Water Department, was named to represent this city at meetings of the association. According to Bill Faucett, director of the group, the impor-

stance of maintaining underground water sources is becoming more apparent every year. Sections of the subterranean water basin in this area are already polluted with salt water, Faucett declared. If unrestricted use of this source is allowed, Torrance and other cities in the area would find themselves totally dependent upon the Colorado river supply.

The importance of water to the industrial growth of a city

was stressed by Faucett when he cited figures showing that consumption of one oil refinery is equal to the amount normally used by a town of 50,000 people during a comparable period of time.

Appropriation for joining the association (membership \$100 for the City of Torrance) was made at the last council meeting.

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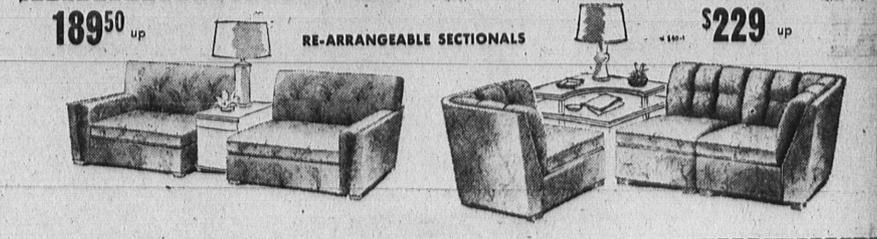
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