

TEACHERS, STAFFS TO ATTEND SPECIAL T.E.A.C. MEET

Teachers and staffs of the Torrance Unified School District this week were invited to attend a special meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee slated for September 7 in the Civic Auditorium. Grace Wright, T.E.A.C. moderator, will preside at the meeting.

PERMANENT STATUS GRANTED SMITH

C. Douglass Smith by unanimous approval of the City Council Tuesday evening was appointed permanent city attorney. Smith, who completed serving his probationary term of one year, was commended for his "superior service to the city" by City Manager George W. Stevens, who made the recommendation concerning his appointment.

Finances Hold Spot Light at Jaycee Meet

The placing of Torrance's newly formed Junior Chamber of Commerce in sound financial standing was established as one of its foremost organizational objectives at last week's Jaycee meeting.

Discussion relative to the six week old group's finances high lighted both the general membership meeting and the board of directors' session which followed.

The members turned all details of their charter party over to Sam Harris, chairman of the charter committee. Tentative date for the dinner-dance affair was set for October 7. The committee has not yet decided where the party will be held, said Harris.

Two appointments were made at the general meeting and one at the board of directors' session. Jack McClune was okayed as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and Dwight Urbank as co-chairman of the Membership Committee. The board of directors selected Boris Woolley as state director.

Howard Percy, president, revealed that arrangements had been completed for the group to meet hereafter in the Chamber of Commerce building. In a formal statement issued this week the board of directors stated that the Junior Chamber was not participating in any political campaign now or in the future.

Purpose of the organization, the board said was two-fold: 1. Improvement and development of the community by means of active participation in constructive projects. 2. Improvement and development of its individual members to train them for business advancement and civic leadership.

The statement was signed by Howard J. Percy, Ralph Jakubowski, H. S. Abramson, Leland Franz, E. S. Karlow, Robert L. Lewellen Jr., Charles Schultz Jr., and J. R. Phillips.

Jakubowski and Urbank co-chairmen of the membership committee, this evening will submit for approval plans for what they term "the most unusual membership drive ever staged in Torrance." The meeting gets under way at 8 p.m.



NIGHT BLOOM . . . Mrs. Frank Bates of Walteria inspects one of the lovely flowers on her rare night blooming plant.
(Photo by John Wood man)

RARE FLOWER BLOOMS AT NIGHT IN WALTERIA

By Penny Penrod
Anyone in Southern California has an invitation to come and walk in the enchanted garden at Frank Bates home, 24237 Madison avenue, Walteria. Here is where the lovely "Cereus Peruvianus" casts its magic spell on all beholders. Clinging to this rugged cactus plant are 350 healthy buds, everyone of which will eventually burst into full and gorgeous bloom.

The plant was originally brought from Peru twenty-one years ago, when it was about one foot in height. It found its first home in a garden at Wilshire boulevard and 130 street, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fowle.

When Frank Bates' brother Howard, became owner of the property last October, he knew little of this type of plant, and decided to dig it out, but the Walterians had already fallen in love with it and asked permission to move it to their home. So this is how the stately queen from South America came to grace the garden in Southern California.

'00 Expected TEENSTERS 'WIND-UP' DANCE SET

Torrance teen-agers this week are planning final plans for "Back to School" dance. To be staged September 3 by the Teen and Twenty Club, the event is expected to be the last and largest in the series of Saturday night socials sponsored by the Recreation Department during the summer months.

According to Rex Welch, program director, the event will be enhanced by the music of Cal Rush and his eight-piece orchestra. Although the dance is still two weeks away, Welch declared, many of the preliminary arrangements have been completed.

More than 200 students and alumni of Torrance Schools are expected to attend. Admission will be free to Teen and Twenty Club members; others will pay 25 cents.

Expense of the final dances will be partially paid with funds left over from the successful operation of the snack bar at the regular Saturday night sessions.

Success of the dances during the summer months is reported to have prompted the Recreation Commission to consider continuing the plan throughout the school year, Welch said.

POLICE INTERRUPT SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Torrance police Sunday interrupted an alleged suicide attempt by a 40-year-old Walteria man.

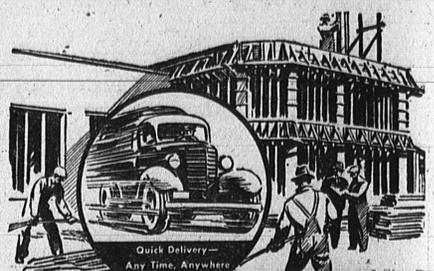
The man, a father of three, was found by police bent over the kitchen stove at his home; the unlighted gas jets had been turned on, police reports indicated.

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Reflections
By J. Hugh Sherrey, Jr.

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A farmer living near Illiopolis, Ill., was immobilized. His 462 acres of corn had to be cultivated then or never. Forty neighbors did it. A widow, with small children, living in Yucaipa Calif., watched her home burn to the ground. So did neighbors. They rebuilt and furnished it. A church needed painting; sixty men painted it in sixty-five minutes. A lady in Alhambra, Calif., gathered her own and the flowers of neighbors and gave 240 baskets to elderly people in an Institution.

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