

County Seeks Heirs to Oil Field Worker's \$30,000 Estate



DEADEYE . . . Johnny Anderson, 10, of 2307 Cabrillo avenue, knuckles down to the business of getting in shape for the coming city-wide marble tournament. He is entered in the elimination competition at Torrance Park playground this week, and hopes to make the Monday night finals at WALTERIA. (Herald photo).

City To Choose Marbles Champ

Young knucklebenders will be out Monday evening to show the citizenry that not all the nation's marble production goes into pinball machines.

Hordes of boys throughout the city have been waging contests on the playgrounds to pick the entrants for a marble tournament (the old-fashioned kind).

The best from each of the city's five playgrounds will meet under the lights at WALTERIA park beginning at 8 o'clock Monday—the winner to be champ of the city.

(Recreation Department officials, who got up the tournament, didn't say whether it was "keepsies.")

Robert Sleeth, WALTERIA's postmaster, will be the contest judge and awarder of awards; Dale Wands will be general scorekeeper; Robert Ziske and Tom Kirk will watch over the Fee Wee division; Walter Stronk and Nate Gordon over the Midgets and Jack Bauman and Joe Show over the Juniors.

Contestants must furnish their own marbles.

Herald Publisher Reveals Self-Censorship Policy

"Following the current trend of member newspapers of the California Newspaper Publishers Association, the publication of news concerning military elements which might put American troops in jeopardy, will be voluntarily eliminated from stories carried by the Torrance Herald," Grover C. Whyte, publisher, said this week.

Whyte pointed out that though the Herald was zealous in its efforts to print all the local news possible, the staff felt that printing of certain information would not be in the best interest of American troops at the present time.

"The self-imposed restrictions are more stringent than those imposed by government officials. Because of this, parents, wives and friends of men currently in the service of our country, should realize that at times the news items concerning their boys in the service may be briefer than ordinarily. We believe that the safeguarding of the nation's security warrants such evaluation and handling of news stories of local servicemen and military units."

The publisher stated, however, that the Herald is anxious to receive any and all items of local men and women in the service and would publish those portions of the stories deemed newsworthy and yet within the bounds of sagacity.

Investigators Find Securities, Cash in 3 Banks

A 65-year-old oil field worker, Charles Weston, who lived a humble and lonely life in a one-room shack, has left an estate valued at approximately \$30,000, authorities revealed this week.

Weston worked for nearly a quarter of a century in Torrance oil fields for Kenny Day, local oil lease operator. He was discovered by Day on July 1 lying in his unpretentious hut at 2061½ West 235th street.

Authorities tracking down leads found in his simple home, discovered securities and cash at the Security First National Bank in Long Beach which bank officials estimated at nearly \$24,000. A bank pass book on the Torrance National Bank indicated he had on deposit \$1075. The California Bank in Lomita had an account of nearly \$700, the authorities said.

Though no relatives are known, Weston had an insurance policy for \$4500.

Weston was buried on July 7 at the Roosevelt Memorial Park. Stone and Myers Mortuary were in charge of arrangements.

Unless a will is discovered or unless a relative comes forward to claim the estate, the money will go into the State School Fund after seven years, according to Los Angeles County Estate Investigators.

Teenagers Center of Near Riot

Long Beach police squelched a near riot Tuesday afternoon involving a Torrance and Lomita girl and boy.

It started, police said, when an elderly man started hurling shouts of "Communists" at the pair who were asking signatures to a "Peace Pledge."

The youths, Marilyn Murphy, 16, 1623 West Carson street, and James Hart, 18, unemployed, 2133 West 256th street, Lomita, said they were members of the Harbor Area Youth League. They told police they were seeking signatures on a document to outlaw any nation, which used atomic weapons.

Several hundred shoppers gathered around the trio at Fourth street and Pine avenue, heart of the Long Beach shopping district, as the trio hurled charges and counter charges back and forth.

Followed by the crowd for several blocks, the police finally took all three into custody to prevent a riot, they said.

The trio were released after questioning.

Boy Scouts Return

Returning Monday from a camping trip to Ventura ranch were 13 members of Boy Scout Troop 241. Bob Maxfield and A. S. Thompson accompanied the boys on the outing.

Greetings:

Local Draft Board Mails Cards to 6200 Possible 1-A's

Mailed this week to some 6200 potential 1-A's were "Greetings" from local draft board 117.

These are not to be confused with orders to report for a physical examination, the office of Major Francis A. Hartwell, assistant director of Selective Service for Southern California, said Tuesday.

An office spokesman said that as yet they had received no quotas for individual draft boards from Selective Service Headquarters in Washington.

When these quotas are established a certain percentage of those to whom registration cards were sent will be advised to report for physical examination.

The Army will conduct the examinations at draft headquarters in the Mode O'Day Building, Washington boulevard and Hill street in Los Angeles.

In the meantime, while several new draft offices have been established throughout the county, Torrance's Selective Service set-up remains unchanged, according to J. G. Caldwell, chairman of the local draft board.

Caldwell, head of Local Board 117, said that headquarters would remain at 5803 Crenshaw boulevard.

Mrs. Helen K. Dill, 1329 Post avenue, veterans service counselor, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen, local insurance brokers, 1327 Post avenue, would continue to register draft eligibles and accept notices of changes in marital and dependency status.

All those who have registered for the draft and who have moved since registering should advise draft officials immediately, Caldwell advised.



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City To Quit Some Bus Lines In Thrift Move

One-Way Traffic Suggested for Sartori, Madrid

Soon to be presented to the Torrance City Council for approval is a plan to make portions of Madrid avenue and Sartori avenue, one-way streets, according to Police Chief John Stroh.

The traffic commission, headed by Stroh, will recommend that Madrid street and Torrance boulevard be limited to one-way traffic on either side of the tracks.

The same restriction on traffic on Sartori avenue traffic between Torrance boulevard northward to Cota avenue, will apply if the council concurs in the commission's recommendations.

Carpenters' Strike Halts School Work

Striking carpenters have halted work on the WALTERIA school making it "highly unlikely" that the new school will now be able to open with the beginning of classes in the fall, school officials said yesterday.

This also affects the construction of the Madrona School since bungalows now at WALTERIA and intended for movement to the Madrona site will have to remain at WALTERIA, Dr. J. Heinrich Hull said.

Meanwhile, the Board of Education Tuesday awarded a contract for a four-classroom addition to the new North Torrance School, included in the same (Continued on Page 2)

Telephone Petitions Available

In response to a request from the Co-ordinating Council of Torrance Service Clubs, the local Chamber of Commerce has prepared a petition to be forwarded to the California State Utilities Commission demanding better telephone service for Torrance.

Any person or industry desiring to add their endorsement to the demand may obtain one of the mimeographed petitions at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado, according to Elaine Walkley, executive secretary of the Chamber.

The chamber also has available petitions for signing by individuals.

The Board of Directors at their last meeting authorized the preparation of the petitions.

Already several industries have returned copies of the petition accompanied by separate letters urging action on behalf of the Pacific Telephone Company and/or the Public Utilities Commission.

The petitions, with space for 90 signatures, bears a copy of the letter sent to the Chamber by Dr. W. I. Laughon, representing the Co-ordinating Council.

He said the aid of volunteers to solicit signatures in residential areas was being sought.

The letter urged the preparation of the petitions stating that it is quite as practical to provide this community with expanded facilities now as at some date in the "indefinite future."



CPL. GERALD MacDONALD Leaves for War Zone

Ex-THS Student Ships Out With Marine Air Wing

With the First Marine Air Wing when it left for the war zone recently was Corporal Gerald MacDONALD, former Torrance High School athlete and World War II Marine veteran.

MacDONALD, who lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MacDONALD, 1420 Acacia avenue, has been assigned the duties as postmaster of one of the outposts in the First Wing, he told his parents before sailing last week.

During the last war MacDONALD served as an oxygen maintenance man for a fighter squadron and did duty on Iwo Jima, Okinawa, the Marshall Islands and other Pacific islands.

A native of Torrance, the leatherneck attended Torrance High School in 1940-41 and graduated from Narbonne High School the following year. He spent two years at Notre Dame before he was shipped out during the last war.

Pueblo Girl Dashes Into Side of Auto

In Harbor General Hospital with a possible skull fracture is 2½-year-old Rachael Rogue of Apt. 59, West 203rd street.

She was injured near her home late Tuesday evening, according to Torrance police, when she walked into the rear fender of a car driven by Dario Duran, 44, of 2043 West 203rd street.

According to police officers Swayne Johnson and A. S. Thompson, who investigated the accident, the little girl walked into the car's fender and was thrown to the street by the impact.

Attendants at the hospital reported her condition as good late yesterday. She is there pending outcome of X-ray examinations.

Four City Lines Hit By Action

Proposed as a means of "losing less money," a major revision of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines will be presented for approval at the next City Council meeting.

The changes proposed by the Bus Commission, comprised of Councilman Willys G. Blount, chairman, and Councilmen Harvey B. Spelman Jr. and George Powell, affects all four lines now in service, according to Marshall A. Chamberlain, manager of the lines.

Among the major changes will be the discontinuation of the service to Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos. The line formerly serving that area will terminate in WALTERIA.

Also lopped-off was service to Harbor Hills. That line will travel along Narbonne avenue through Lomita but will turn onto Pacific Coast Highway to WALTERIA.

The line now running into Hawthorne will end at Hawthorne and Redondo Beach boulevards. The same line will continue to make the Long Beach run.

The "loop" Carson street to Greenwood avenue to Torrance boulevard, now made at the end of the Los Angeles run may become a part of the WALTERIA line.

Buses making the Los Angeles haul will pull into the depot and leave immediately for Los Angeles, one of the heaviest paying lines, according to Chamberlain.

A line servicing the residents of North Torrance and El Camino College will make a (Continued on Page 2)

Youths Hurt In Collision

Two Harbor Hills residents were slightly injured and a Van Nuys motorist was arrested for drunk driving felony as a result of an accident at the intersection of Hawthorne boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway Tuesday evening, according to Torrance police.

Stephen Russak, Jr., 9, and his sister Geraldine, 21, both of 432 Harbor Hills, were treated at Harbor General Hospital for minor cuts and bruises. They were in the auto driven by their father, Stephen Russak, Sr., when it was struck by a car driven by Weston W. Werner, 35, of Van Nuys.

Investigation Officer Don Hamilton of the Torrance police said the Russak automobile was apparently struck when it was turning onto Hawthorne boulevard from Pacific Coast.

Werner, who was not injured, was booked for drunk driving felony which involved injuries.

Accident Victim Inquest Today

A coroner's inquest to determine responsibility of criminal negligence, if any, in connection with the death of a 32-year-old woman involved in a recent accident with a Torrance youth, will be held in Long Beach this afternoon.

The woman, Mrs. Dorothy Bain, died Sunday from injuries received on June 20 in an accident at Pacific Coast highway and Western avenue, hospital authorities said.

Driver of one of the cars was listed as David L. Baker, 18, of 1518 Anapola avenue.

The inquest will be held at Mottel's Mortuary in Long Beach at 1 p.m. this afternoon, according to the coroner's office.

Also injured in the accident was another Torrance youth, James Turner, 18, of Torrance. Others receiving treatment following the June 20 crash were Dewey R. Bain, husband of the dead woman, and Patricia Ewing, 23, of 1830 West 262nd street, Lomita.

Goodyear Rubber Plant May Reopen

Intensified fighting in Korea, may bring about the reopening of the Goodyear synthetic rubber plant on 190th street and Normandie avenue—if the White House approves of the plan now under consideration by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The \$17,000,000 plant was shut down last September when the R.F.C., owners of the local factory, decided it was cheaper to manufacture artificial rubber in plants in Texas.

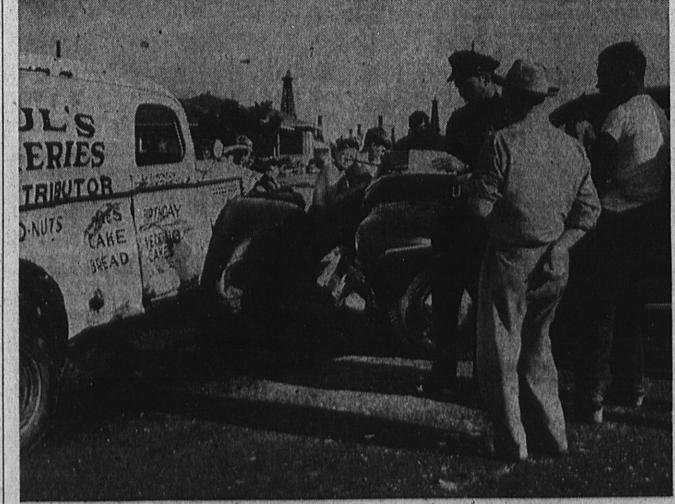
Although the plan to reactivate the Normandie avenue plant is under consideration in Washington, local officials of the Goodyear Rubber Company declined to shed any light on the reopening saying only, "all we know about it is what we read in the newspapers."

Meanwhile, officials of the Dow Chemical Company, 20021 South Vermont avenue, manufacturers of styrene, were tight lipped concerning the operation of the plant. They declined to give any production figures which might indicate a step-up in the production of styrene, a valuable component of synthetic rubber. At present the local plant is the only such styrene plant still operated by the government.

Also under consideration is the reactivation of the Standard Oil Company butadiene plant in El Segundo. During the war the refinery supplied Goodyear with butadiene, a component of synthetic rubber.

The RFC fears that the knife held by the Korean Reds might cut the U.S.'s rubber supply line to Malaya and the East Indies.

Before closing the Goodyear plant, producers of butylene and copolymer, employed 225 persons. They declined to give any production figures which might



TAKES THE CAKE . . . Residents near Reynosa drive and Cabrillo avenue thought their drinks of pie in the sky were coming true when this mix-up started late Monday afternoon. Frank V. Sorenson, 54, operator of a Paul's Bakery truck; Marcus E. Milford, 23, of 1820 Marionette street and William Person, 24, of 22520 Vermont avenue, were treated at the Torrance Medical Center for cuts and bruises. "Wrecks like this could run into dough," one bystander remarked as the drivers told their stories to police. (Herald photo).