



THANKSGIVING



For Thanksgiving Menu:

Church, Football, Turkey

Morning worship services, the traditional turkey feast, and a football game highlight the calendar of events in Torrance on Thursday—Thanksgiving Day. Most of the 22 churches in the

Torrance area have scheduled special services in observance of the day. Announcements as provided by some of the churches may be found elsewhere in this issue. Starting at noon, just about

the time mothers will be pulling down oven doors to test the turkey, football-minded fathers and sons will be shouting: "We want a touchdown" from the stadium at El Camino College. With the kickoff slated for

12 noon, the Warrior grid squad will be taking the field against East Los Angeles Junior College in a battle for the championship of the Metropolitan League. It is also homecoming day for former students of the college.

Expect School Board To Fill Vacant Chair

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DRUMSTICKS ON THE ROOF . . . Don Mezzanatto, owner of the Treva Turkey Ranch on 190th street just east of Western avenue, surveys what is left of his flock of 6000 birds. More than half already have been slaughtered, plucked

and packed for shipment. Cost of providing a traditional bird for local Thanksgiving tables is down about seven per cent since last year, Treva reports. (Herald photo).

Butchers May Open Sundays

Although several local meat market operators have signed agreements with the San Pedro Butchers Union allowing butchers to work on Sundays, the local operators of meat counters had not indicated late yesterday whether or not they would open their markets on Sundays.

Under an interim agreement with Local 551, A. F. of L., local meat market owners and operators can open Sundays if they pay double-time rates to the butcher on duty. The union's move to permit butchers to work Sundays followed a recent court case which ruled in favor of frozen meat and prepackaged meat producers. The union brought suit to stop the sale of pre-wrapped and frozen meat on Sundays. The agreement also permits the butchers to work on holidays if triple-time rates are paid.

Open House Set For Saturday at National Supply

Officials and employees of the National Supply Company plant in Torrance will put their expanded plant on display Saturday afternoon when an "Open House" will be held for the families of the employees. It was announced yesterday by J. D. Spalding, works manager.

Saying that more than \$3,000,000 had been spent in plant enlargement here since the war, Spalding predicted that many of the persons who had not been in the company's huge facility here for some time would be surprised at the changes made.

"We have prepared an interesting number of exhibits, including our oil well drilling equipment, various industrial products, and the structural components of the landing gear for the B-36 bomber," he said. A preview tour of the plant is being arranged for Friday afternoon for civic leaders, officials, and other members of the community. The planned tour will take about two hours, Spalding said.

RITEs FOR WOMAN, 80

Final services were conducted yesterday morning for Mrs. Lillie May Woods, 80, mother of Mrs. Elmer S. Moon, wife of the city's director of athletics. Mrs. Mable Steinhilber, a member of the Christian Science Church, officiated at the services in the Stone and Myers mortuary.

Mrs. Woods died at her home in Redondo Beach last Friday. Another daughter, Mrs. Esther N. Ingle of Los Angeles, also survives. She left one grand-daughter, Mrs. Howard Foster of Redondo Beach, and three grandsons, William, Daniel and Robert Moon, of Torrance. Cremation at Pacific Crest Crematory followed the services.

NOTARY SEAL STOLEN FROM PARKED AUTO

A notary seal belonging to Mrs. Frances Sumpter, 3914 W. 242nd street, was stolen from her car while it was parked on the 1200 block on Manuel avenue last Saturday, the owner told Torrance police.

Herald Offices To Close 2 Days

To enable employees to enjoy a two-day Thanksgiving holiday, the offices of the Torrance Herald will remain closed all day Wednesday and Thursday—Thanksgiving, according to Grover C. Whyte, publisher.

While this issue of the Herald was printed two days earlier due to Thanksgiving falling on the regular publication day—Thursday—the next edition of the Herald will be published on Thursday morning, November 30, as usual. The management and staff of the Herald extend to the community season's greetings and hope that everyone has a "Happy Thanksgiving."

Board May Name New Trustee

Appointment of a successor to Albert L. Jackson, a member of the Torrance Board of Education, was expected at the board meeting tonight, it was learned yesterday.

Other members of the board, including President Judge John A. Shidler, declined to comment on the issue or to divulge the name of successor under consideration.

RESIGNATION OFFERED

Jackson recently tendered his resignation to the board after he accepted a position with the Beall Pipe and Tank Corporation of Portland, Ore. Since there was some question as to how long Jackson might be out of the city, the board tabled the matter until the absent board member's future plans became more definite.

Mrs. Jackson said yesterday that she had not received word from her husband that he had accepted an offer of a position here in Torrance. Apparently Jackson informed other members of the board that he would not be returning to Torrance any time in the near future and that his resignation should be accepted.

A BOARD MATTER

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, said that the appointment was strictly a matter for the board to decide and that he had not discussed the appointment with the board. The board will meet tonight in the administrative offices, 2335 Plaza Del Amo, at 8 p. m.

Rock Hurlled Into Room Breaks Glass

A rock, believed thrown by a passenger in a passing auto, broke the window in the front of her home last Thursday, Mrs. Keith Jones, 2255 Torrance boulevard, reported to Torrance police last week.

Pair Face Extortion Charges

Extortion and assault with a deadly weapon charges face two men who are accused of stabbing and threatening to kill a North Torrance man in a tussle over a doctor bill for treating a black eye.

Due to appear in Superior Court in Long Beach on December 4 to answer the charges are Leo Ryo Hayashi and Toshiaki Takeuchi, both of 1626 West Adams boulevard, Los Angeles. According to police records, George Yamamoto, 20 of 2000 West Market street, North Torrance was threatened and stabbed with a double-edge, spring-loaded knife in his trailer home on November 8.

WAITING

Yamamoto told police he returned home about 2:30 a. m. on the morning of the stabbing to find the pair lying in wait for him near his trailer. They demanded he pay \$200 to Hayashi to reimburse him for a \$50 doctor bill and \$150 lost wages. Hayashi said that Yamamoto had injured his eye in

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VETERAN RACE DRIVER TO ADDRESS KIWANIANS

One of automobile racing's greatest figures, colorful Ralph De Palma, will speak before the Kiwanis club here next Monday evening on the subject of "You and Speed."

Widely remembered for his exploits in hill climb, dirt track, board, brick, concrete and road races, De Palma drove competitively for 27 consecutive years. Of the 2889 races in which he competed during his career, he won victories in 2557.

In conjunction with his talk, De Palma will present a color motion picture of the 1949 Indianapolis race. "Behind the Checkered Flag," the famous racer is one of the honored men who have won the Memorial Day classic. He won it in 1915 ahead of such greats as Eddie Rickenbacker, Louis Chevrolet, and Wild Bob Burman.

Now associated with the Public Relations department of General Petroleum, De Palma is touring the Southland, appearing before service clubs and civic organizations in behalf of driver safety.

The Helms Athletic Foundation recently honored De Palma by presenting their Award of



RALPH DE PALMA . . . To Speak Here

All A Mistake Try At Apology Lands Youth 19, In Local Court

A 19-year-old youth who said he was trying to re-enroll in high school last week and wound up in jail instead, is due to tell his version of the unusual story in court tomorrow.

The youth, Gary Day of 24433 Madison avenue, told Torrance police last week that he was en route to the attendance office at Torrance High School when he was accosted by Allan Moore, a physics instructor on ground duty. Day said Moore told him to get off the school grounds and then shoved him with his open hands. Day, according to

Seaside Park Sketch Drawn

A sketch of a proposed five-acre park in Seaside Ranchos will be presented to Truman Browne, developer of a new home tract in the area, this week, according to City Manager George W. Stevens.

Negotiations for the purchase of the land were ordered started by the City Council at its meeting November 14. Under discussion is a site lying on the west side of the Seaside Elementary School. A fund of \$14,000, part of the Public Works Improvement Fund, is earmarked for the project.

the police reports, turned around and, shoved the teacher. Later in the police station engaged in a talk with Police Chief

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Supervisors Approve Court Building Plans

Preliminary plans and specifications for the new South Bay Courts building, to house the present Gardena Township court of Judge John A. Shidler, were approved last week by the Board of Supervisors.

On a motion presented by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, final working drawings for the building to be constructed on Pacific avenue, just south of Pacific Coast Highway in Redondo Beach, were ordered for preparation.

Darby said yesterday that the present plans call for a structure exceeding the original cost estimate of \$58,000. He said approximately \$62,000 had already been budgeted for the modern court building, however.

Plans include space for the courtroom, a jury room, Judge's

chambers, County Clerk, constable, utility room, and public and private restrooms. Places for off-street parking will also be provided on the one and one-half acre site.

Architects Frederick Barriembrook and Robert Kliegman, of Santa Monica, have been requested to expedite the final plans so they may be submitted for bids at the earliest possible moment, Darby said.

Street Car Heaven

Nobody Rides As 'Old 999' Pulls Out of Torrance on Final Run

If there had been any tickets for seats on a train of Pacific Electric's Big Red Cars which pulled out of the Torrance yard recently there probably would have been few takers, for the tickets would have all been punched—"Scrap Heap."

The train load of 20 cars was part of 47 retired red cars which are being sent to the scrap pile. Long overdue for retirement, some of the cars have been in service in Southern California for 35 to 45 years. Among the string was a car which could claim "A President Sat Here." The car is "Old 999"—a favorite number in rail-roading. "Old 999" was once an executive's plush-lined car. It had dining space, an office, plush seats, and even a toilet. This was the car that President Taft, on a visit to the Southland in 1910, used to tour the then wild and woolly country of Southern California.

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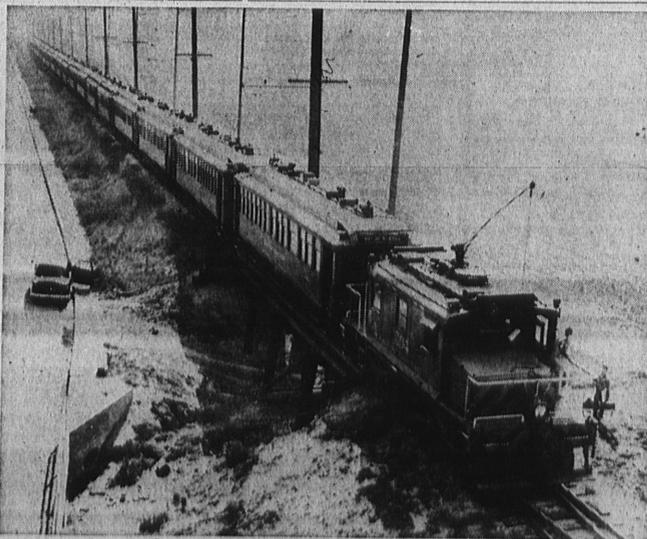
As highways became more and more prevalent, "Old 999" was stripped of its glamor and became just another "Big Red

"dinky" cars on the old Echo Park run is at the moment in the hands of Mexico. About two weeks ago a train load of the cars, with only a quarter of a century of service with P. E., was shipped to Mexico. These cars are probably gone forever from the local scene. But not so with those destined for the scrap heap. They, or rather parts of them, might once again return to Torrance.

Columbia Steel, a large user of scrap steel is one of the customers of the wreckers. Although the cars never will be recognized as such, they may return to Torrance to wind up on the scrap pile at Columbia. From there they will go into the huge open hearth furnaces, there to lose forever their identity as one of the "Old Red Cars" that at one time was the proud carrier of a United States President.

DOOMED

While the old wooden cars face doom at the end of a sledge hammer, the fate of 15 other



LAST MILE . . . Wheels of these old wooden "Big Red Cars" turned for the last time as 20 cars left the Torrance yard of Pacific Electric last week headed for the scrap heap. One of the familiar coaches, "999," once carried President Taft on a tour of the Southland. (Herald photo).