



SCOUTSEERS . . . Checking with the powers that be in charge of weather to see if their plans for a Scouting demonstration next Saturday will hold up are Douglas Bergen (left) and Elwood Neilson. After long and deliberate deliberating, they said, "Hummmmm." (Herald photo).

Scouts Reschedule 'Date with Scouting'

"Problems, problems, and more problems," was the said song being sung this week by officials of the local Boy Scout troops.

Their dirge began issuing forth as mother nature played hide and seek with plans for a "Date With Scouting."

For weeks the Scouts have been planning a program to introduce Scouting to the public. The first date was set for February 24, but rain, wind and hail caused officials to make some minor changes in their plans.

After regrouping their forces and consulting their crystal ball, the big day was set for March 10. (That's next Saturday, son).

So that's it. Weather permitting, the Scouting demonstration will be held from 10:30 until 1:30 Saturday. Scheduled for El

SCOUTMASTER CHOOSES CAREER IN SCOUTING

Bob Maxfield, former Scoutmaster of Troop 241, is currently receiving indoctrination training in Mendham, N. J., to prepare him for a professional career in Scouting, his mother, Mrs. Earl W. Clark, said this week.

Maxfield, a recent graduate of University of Southern California, left February 28 by plane to begin his 45-day training. The 23-year-old volunteer Scout leader was accepted for the position of District Scout Executive in the Los Angeles Area Scouting Council.

Residing at 1419 Beech avenue, Maxfield has been interested in Scouting since his teenage days. He was assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 241 before rising to Scoutmaster. He is an Eagle Scout, the highest rank obtainable in Scouting, and is active in Order of the Arrow, an advanced Scouting activity.

He wrote a column, "Scouting Around," for several months, which appeared in the Torrance Herald. He graduated last month from USC with a degree in education. He received his notice to report for training at the Mortimer L. Schiff Boy Scout

Postal Receipts Soar in February

Postal receipts for the first two months of this year are only \$1309 behind the total for the first three months of last year, Mrs. Clara Conner, postmaster reported this week. The receipts for February were \$14,766.11 or 48.6 per cent greater than in 1950, she said. A year ago the Torrance Post Office reported receipts of \$9,942 for February. Last month's mark topped the February 1950 mark by \$1,824.11.

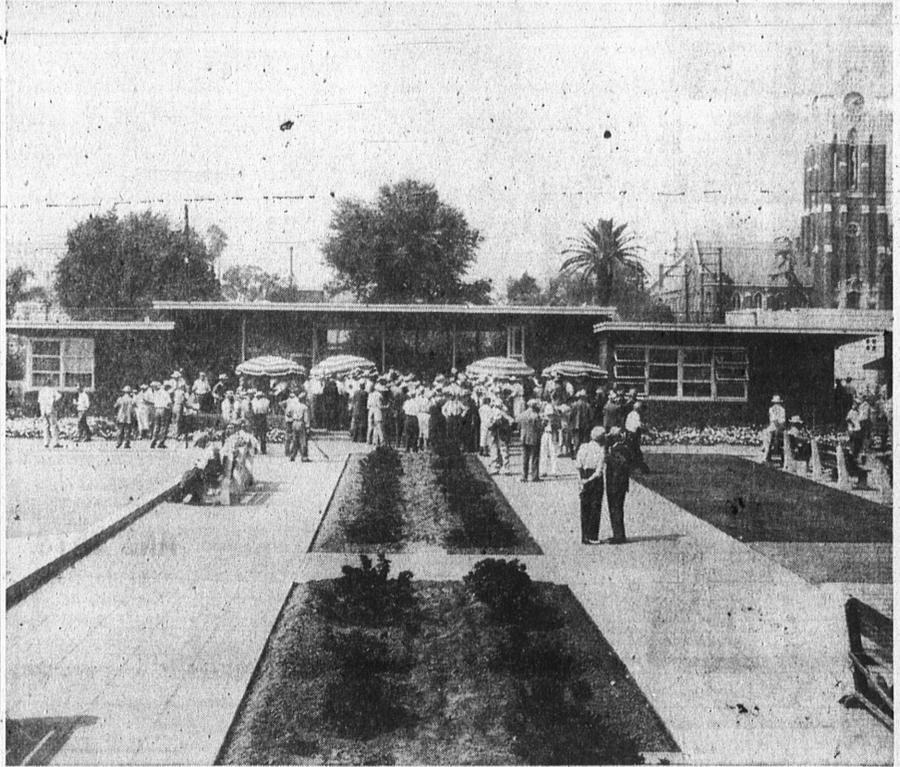
Output at Shell Hits Full Peak

The Shell Chemical plant on Figueroa street, reactivated last August, is now in full production, Maarten Voogd, plant manager announced this week.

Production at the plant started December 1 with the first butadiene being extracted from a crude stream pumped to the plant from the El Segundo refinery of the Standard Oil Company. The local plant pumps the butadiene, a principle ingredient of synthetic rubber to the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Plant which is now operating the former Goodyear plant across the street from the Shell Chemical plant.

Approximately 375 employees are now employed at Shell, a company spokesman said. Additional supplies of crude butadiene are being processed as it arrives in tank cars from the Texas oil fields.

The plant was closed shortly after the last war when the center of peacetime synthetic rubber making shifted to Texas. Federal planners at one time considered converting the plant into a ram jet test facility but before the plans were put into effect the need for synthetic rubber became more apparent and the plant was ordered reopened.



PROPOSED ADULT RECREATION CENTER WOULD LOOK SOMETHING LIKE THIS . . . Glendale Facility Eyed by Backers of Plan for Torrance Center

Adult Play Facility Moves Nearer Reality

Although still in a rather nebulous state, proposed plans for an Adult Recreation Center, long the dream of many elder Torrance citizens, was a step nearer to realization this week.

Received by a number of local organizations this week were letters asking for the appointment of a member from the various organizations to sit in on a committee to formulate plans for the development of the project.

Under discussion at present is a plan to build an "L" shaped recreation building within the walled area in rear of the Torrance Public Library.

One of the staunch supporters of the plan is City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

"Judging from the numerous requests for such a center, I know that the development of an area where the senior members of this community can go to pitch a game of horseshoes or play croquet, or perhaps engage in a game of checkers, would be greatly appreciated, Bartlett said.

Under informal discussion at present are plans for a building to house tables, a fireplace and barbecue pit, kitchen facilities, rest rooms, and lockers. A portion of the building would look out onto a shuffleboard court, a horseshoe court, and perhaps at some future time a croquet court.

The project would have to cost less than \$5000 to conform to government restrictions on new recreational buildings. Some local merchants have already agreed to support the project with donated labor, Bartlett stated.

Paul Held Heads New Circle K

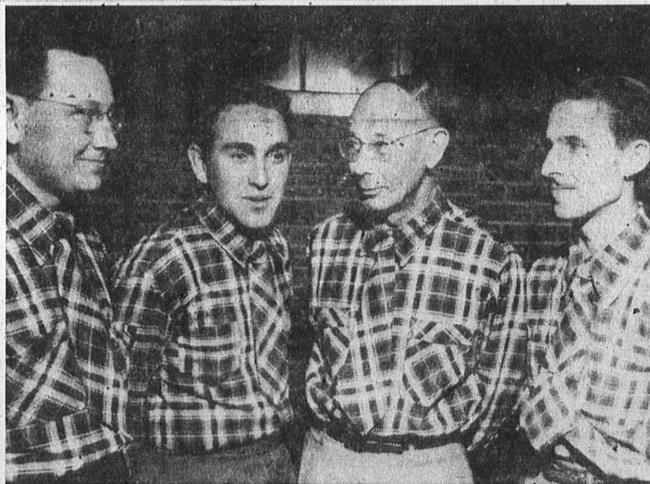
Paul Held, Redondo Beach, was chosen president at the last meeting of the newly chartered El Camino College Circle K Club.

At present the Circle K has a talent drive under way for a show which will be presented to the Hawthorne Kiwanis Club later next month.

Others elected were Charles Walker, Manhattan Beach, vice-president; George Mayol, Redondo Beach, secretary; Jack Gensel, Los Angeles, treasurer, and Ed Urrutia, Los Angeles, sergeant-at-arms.

Former Episcopal Priest to Talk Here

Reverend F. Murray Clayton, first resident Episcopal priest of Torrance who left in 1937, will return this Friday evening to speak at the Men's Brotherhood Dinner at the Baptist Church starting at 6:30 p.m.



THE CHORD-CUTTERS . . . Deeked out in their plaid shirts which identify the Chord-Cutters, S.P.E.S.Q.S.A. quartet are (left to right): Bud Bartholomew, Dean Lougee, Bill Bartholomew, and Howard Foster. They have been singing together for a couple of years. Torrance is about to have its own chapter in the international singing organization.—Herald photo.

Torrance Men Seek Charter For Barber Shop Quartets

Torrance is about to have its own chapter of the S.P.E.S.Q.S.A. More than 25 Torrance men who like to sing have signed up for a charter in the long-titled organization known as The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

Battle of Bulge Classes Popular

An expanded physical fitness program for both men and women is being held at the Torrance Evening High School. The class for men and women is being held each Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 10 in the High School gym, while the class for men is held on Monday nights at 7.

Volley ball instruction, callisthenics, exercises tailored to the individual, basketball and other events that fit in with the plans of the majority of the group are considered by Coaches Rex Welch and Cliff Graybehl, who run these classes.

As a sufficient interest in different sports develops from time to time, the instructors figured in these sports with our program. They include boxing, wrestling, jiu jitsu, golf, weightlifting, body building, lectures on diet and body development.

In the serious-minded group at least 16 men must signify their "love for singing four-part harmony." That's all.

Sparked by Herb Allen, who has been a member of the San Gabriel chapter for several years, the newly forming Torrance chapter is being sponsored by the San Gabriel group.

"Within 90 days we should have our Charter Night and become a full-fledged member of the international organization," Allen said.

TO ACQUAINT those interested in just what real harmonizing is like, the Major Chords, top-flight San Gabriel quartet, entertained about 70 persons at a S.P.E.S.Q.S.A. party last Thursday evening in the Higgins Brick Patio in North Torrance. All present were agreed that "that was real singing."

Also on the program were a couple of Torrance quartets and the Torrance Chorus. The Chord-Cutters, composed of Bill Bartholomew, Bud Bartholomew, Dean Lougee and Howard Foster sang several selections as did the Four Colonels of Corn composed of Herb Allen, Al

EWALT, Doug McClay and Francis Lehn.

EVERYBODY SINGS The national organization includes every type of person from handyman to millionaire; according to Dick Schenck, Far West District secretary.

The Torrance group meets each Thursday evening at 8 in the music room of the high school over the gymnasium. Bud Bartholomew is the director of the chorus and temporary chairman of the group. Officers will be elected in April and will take office in July, according to the national constitution.

"Our only requirement for membership is that a man likes to sing," Allen said.

EC Physics Instructor to Discuss Atom's Role

"The Atom—Builder or Destroyer?" will be the fifth free public lecture scheduled at El Camino College Tuesday, March 13, at 8:30 p.m. Dr. F. E. DeLoume, physics instructor at the college, will speak.

Civic Group Planning St. Patrick's Day Fete

St. Patrick's Day plans of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association call for a box social and dance at McMaster Park to begin at 6:30 p.m., March 17.

Ladies, dressed in cottons, will bring box lunches for two, and the men, in jeans, will bid for the boxes—the lunch and dinner partner in each case going to the highest bidder.

Attends Conference

Six members of the El Camino College student council headed by Ed Cook attended the Junior College Southern Sectional Planning conference held in San Diego last Friday, March 2.

Tartar Teen Talk

By MARIAN McDONALD

Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium will be the setting and time for this year's senior play, "That Brewster Boy," presented by the senior class. Admission is 50 cents for general seats and 74 cents for the reserved section. This promises to be the biggest, and best event of the year. The seniors have worked long and hard over this play and it promises to be a wonderful success.

Remember to save your papers for the high school paper drive. The papers will be collected March 14 and 15. If a student brings 36 inches of paper he will be entitled to see a free movie put on by the student council.

If anyone has papers to donate, or if a student has too many to bring to school, call Torrance 645 and leave your name and address. March 15 a truck will be around to pick them up. Magazines will also be taken.

Saturday night, March 10, the Torrance High baseball team will play Narbonne High at the Torrance park at 8 o'clock. Tickets will be sold at school for 25 cents, at the gate, 50 cents.

Three very lucky Torrance High Girls attended a Girls League convention in Phoenix, Ariz. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Annette Castener, the Girls League vice president, was accompanied by Beth Jenkins and Marian McDonald. They were the official delegates from Torrance. The girls had a wonderful time, and got many good ideas for the Girls League at Torrance.

The French Club and Fellowship Club of Torrance High have a very worthwhile project; they are sending soap to the YWCA in Dublin, Ireland.

The old Tartar Teen cards expired last Friday night and the price of the new ones is 50 cents. Saturday night Don Gordon and his 15-piece band will give forth with some mellow music. If you have a membership card the admission is 25 cents, all others 50 cents. Dancing is from 8:00 to 12:00.

The Tartar Ladies are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their sweaters, which are supposed to come sometime this week. They are also making plans to attend "The Drunkard," a melodrama, sometime in April.



BOB MAXFIELD . . . A Career in Scouting