

# World Transportation Fair Meets Opposition in Arcadia

PART TWO

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## Gay Midway Booked For 4-Day Showing

Sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc., a gayly lighted midway of thrill rides and concessions will make a four-day appearance in Central Torrance starting Wednesday.



March 29, 1950

Editor  
Torrance Herald  
Dear Sir:

I resent your implication that one of my fine harbor area brethren, Baxter Omohundro by name, might be mixed up in any purported hoax against fellow members of the press.

I have been associated with Mr. Omohundro for many years and know him to be of the highest repute. In fact, Mr. Omohundro has a wide reputation as one of the finest lion reporters in the business.

I was particularly chagrined at the gruesome picture you saw fit to print. In view of the fact that you used this distorted image, I hope you will be kind enough to publish the true likeness I am respectfully submitting.

Sincerely,  
Charles Crawford  
Harbor Area representative  
Los Angeles Times

Editor note:—(See cut)



BEFORE . . .



. . . AFTER

Editor  
Torrance Herald  
Dear Sir:

I resent that fake picture of me which you used in your vicious hoax story. I deny everything and demand an immediate retraction . . .

Baxter Omohundro

Editor  
Torrance Herald  
Dear Sir:

Congratulations on your hard-hitting expose . . . Your fine work has succeeded in revealing the culprit responsible for spreading rumors that some vicious beast is roaming our fine Palos Verdes hills. We owe you a vote of thanks.

Yours truly,  
Dr. Alden Smith  
Rolling Hills

Editor  
Torrance Herald  
Dear Sir:

First no lion and then a phony picture. I am selling my guns and turning my dogs out to pasture.

Sincerely,  
Arthur James  
Walteria Lion Hunter on Order  
"You Find 'Em, We Do the Rest"

Ed. note:—For James gun, bargains see last week's classified section.

Editor  
Torrance Herald  
Dear Sir:

Speaking on behalf of my client, Baxter Omohundro, I demand that you retract your lion hoax story of May 22nd. Further legal steps are proceeding . . .

Truly yours,  
Boris S. Woolley  
Attorney-at-law  
Torrance, California

Editor  
Torrance Herald  
Dear Sir:

Looking at the pictures you published last week I find it easier to believe in "Simba" than I do in the existence of Baxter Omohundro.

Sincerely,  
Miss Maggie Vail  
A Constant Reader

Editor  
Torrance Herald  
Dear Sir:

I positively refuse to have my good name associated with anything as corny as your purported hoax.

"Simba," the Palos Verdes Lion

\*The Torrance Optimist and Lions clubs will be staked down on a lot at Cravens and Ingracia avenues.

The midway attractions include rides for kids of all ages. The Pan-American Amusement Company, stagers of last year's Spring Festival and the Factory Frolic of two years ago, will erect a Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Fly-A-Plane, Tilt-A-Whirl, Roller Coaster and similar thrill provokers.

James van Dyck, director of the Youth Bands and chairman of the festival, stated that nightly amateur shows will be staged in connection with the fair. The Youth Band will offer a concert during Saturday afternoon, April 7.

The midway will open on weekdays at 6 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be used by the Youth Band to help defray the expense of staging the Annual Youth Band Parade which will be held this year on May 19.

The location for the festival was furnished through the courtesy of Leonard Babcock, master of the Torrance Masonic Lodge, owners of the carnival site.

## Workers, Hit By Flu, In Spurt To Regain Time

"On 'the Double!'" Spurred on by this new Red Cross slogan, and with time growing short, fund-collecting doorbell ringers are again canvassing after a winter-cold slowdown. All media for public information will emphasize the "On the Double" slogan this week.

Flu bugs have slowed down the local 1951 Red Cross fund drive, but donations tabulated

## Receipts Show Early Donation

From the dust and web covered files of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, comes this interesting fact from the past. In 1921, according to a yellowing and brittle receipt, the American Red Cross received approximately \$722 from the 1500 to 1800 people then populating Torrance. Based upon the present population of the city, the \$722 solicitation is equal to approximately \$15,000 now.

to date show the average subscription is higher than past years—indicating an "over the top" victory in the making.

This is the report made this week by Torrance Fund Chairman Mrs. Gladys Weston as a check of progress reports received so far disclose that many doorbell ringers have yet to file their returns.

"Since the Los Angeles chapter jumped the gun by three full days over the rest of the nation, the progress check proves that the epidemic has taken its toll of Red Cross house-to-house canvassers and office-to-office battalions," the local chairman said.

"Returns tabulated at headquarters thus far, however, are most encouraging," the chairman pointed out. "They show that the campaign slogan of 'Let's Give Double' has been taken to heart by donors to the 1951 Red Cross appeal. I urge our local residents to be patient in waiting for a neighborhood canvasser to call."

## Once in a Coon's Age

### COON LEADS A DOG'S LIFE---AND LIKES IT

That coons and coon-dogs are just natural enemies is a bit of common knowledge known to all—except to "Drucilla," the coon-dog, and "Tony" the coon.

The pair of unique friends belongs to D. C. Cook, 1221 Madrid avenue, a Torrance police officer who hunts law violators as a vocation and who hunts coons as an avocation. The huntsman acquired "Drucilla" (originally thought to be a "Bruce" but time and Mrs. Cook thought the name far too masculine) and began to train her as a coon dog.

A whiff of a coon was a "must" in the training of any good coon-dog. Enter "Tony."

The pair whiffed-her here and whiffed-her there and decided to bury the hatchet. A lasting friendship has developed between these two natural enemies. They eat from the same dish, drink from the same pan, and chew on the same old pair of slippers.



H. J. SHEFFIELD  
From Jaycee to S. C.

## El Camino Loses Director to USC

H. J. Sheffield, director of student personnel at El Camino College, Tuesday night, March 27, resigned his position to accept an appointment as Director of Admissions and Registrations at the University of Southern California. The resignation is to become effective July 1.

Sheffield, who will assume his new duties early in July, will fill the vacancy created by retirement of Dr. Hugh C. Willett. Successor to Sheffield's El Camino post has not yet been named.

Regret was expressed by the El Camino College board of trustees in accepting Sheffield's resignation. "He has done outstanding constructive work at El Camino," said president Forrest G. Murdock, "and we regret losing him."

Sheffield has been in his present position at El Camino College since its beginning in 1947 and was instrumental in organization and development of the college. He will continue to make his home in Torrance, where he is an active member of the Kiwanis Club. He lives at 2040 West 182nd street with his wife and four children.

In his new position at USC, Sheffield will be in charge of all admissions for the various colleges of the university, will direct registration of all students, and will conduct relations with other schools and colleges.

## Dicalite Plant To Close About July 1, 1952

The Dicalite Plant in Walteria probably will close about July 1, 1952. Edward Ingram, plant superintendent, said this week.

At present the plant is processing diatomaceous earth being shipped in from a quarry near Lompoc, California. The plant superintendent said the deposit which the company has been mining in the hills south of Walteria is "all but exhausted." The local plant will be abandoned soon after the completion of a new plant to be located on the company's property one mile west of Lompoc which is located near Camp Cooke in Central Coastal California.

Presently on the drafting boards of the Kaiser Engineer-

## Transportation Fair Hits Snag In Arcadia

The World Transportation Fair, once welcomed to Torrance with open arms is receiving a cold shoulder in Arcadia.

Apparently the residents of Arcadia, home of Santa Anita race track, are content with the "take the city gets from the race track and are not interested in the \$175,000 that Ira W. Curry, producer of the extravaganza, says will go to the city if his Fair is held in Arcadia.

### TRACK LURES FAIR

Curry once proposed to bring his huge Fair to Torrance and was scheduled to erect a grandstand, huge buildings, railroad tracks and other exhibition facilities on a site located at 19th street and Western avenue. Shortly after his plan was announced, the Los Angeles Turf Club operators of the Santa Anita Track offered Curry the facilities of the famous horse racing enterprise. He switched to Arcadia and last Tuesday night applied for a permit.

The city council of Arcadia turned down his request on a three-to-one vote.

The council stated that Curry's application did not conform to the city business license ordinance.

### WOULD RE-SUBMIT REQUEST

Curry told the Torrance Herald Monday that the action did not indicate he might return to Torrance. He expressed the opinion that the objection was mere formality and that he was going to re-submit his request for a permit. He also stated that he was under the impression that the property on 19th street and Western avenue had been leased by the owners, the Dominguez Land Company.

However, in Arcadia it would appear that should Curry submit a new request it still may not win approval.

The fair has become a civic issue and more than 300 persons attended the last Arcadia council meeting, according to a report in the Arcadia Tribune.

### FOR AND AGAINST

A petition against the Fair was presented to the council with 4597 signatures. Another petition bearing the signatures of 3263 residents was put before the council in favor of the Fair.

Leading the anti-Fair contingent was attorney Emil Steek, Jr., who presented the council with a list of ten legal hurdles which he claimed Curry failed to clear in his request for a permit.

Curry said Monday he has spent close to \$200,000 in promotion of the Fair in Arcadia and that if he should have to come back to Torrance he would have to start "all over again."

ing Company are the plans for the Northern plant. A completion date of January 1, 1952 has been estimated by the designers. The local plant, part of the holdings of the Great Lakes Carbon Company, the parent organization, will move into the plant approximately six months after completion, Ingram said.



"TONY" THE COON AND "DRUCILLA" THE COON-DOG  
... Somebody Just Never Told Them About Coons and Coon-Dogs



"TONY" LOVES THE DOG'S LIFE HE LEADS  
... Until Now He Did But This Is Too Much



"I GOT NEWS FOR YOU PAL"  
"That's My Bath Water You're Sampling"

## Services Today For Pioneer Walteria Man

Funeral services for Jacob Baum Brock, 77, father-in-law of Detective Sergeant Percy Bennett of the Torrance Police Department, will be held in the Stone and Myers Chapel at 2 p.m. today. Rev. G. M. Northrup,

pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate.

A retired clothing merchant, Brock had lived in Walteria for the past 27 years. He was a native of Virginia.

He leaves his daughter, Mrs.

Addie Bennett of 24651 Hawthorne Boulevard; a brother, Harry, of Hollis, Oklahoma; and a sister, Mrs. Carry Seabrook of Washington, D. C. Interment will be in Pacific Crest.