Torrance Bowler Nears Finals in National Tourney

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New City Treasurer Named

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THEY'LL BE HERE . . . TV Star Nancy Wible (right) and her talking doll, Candy Sugarpine, will be on hand at Civic Auditorium here December 20 for the Lions Club's sixth annual Children's Christmas Party. Candy and Miss Wible are only two of many television stars scheduled to appear on the two-hour program.

TV Stars to Perform At Annual Kids Party

Santa Claus will share the spotlight with television stars next Thursday, December 20, when the Torrance Lions Club holds its sixth annual Christmas party for young children in the Civic Auditorium.

The party will begin at 1 p. m. and last for two hours. Auditorium doors will open at 12:30.

Scheduled to appear on the show promptly at 1 is Nancy Wible and her talking doll, Candy Sugarpine. The KECA-TV star has her own program each weekday at 4:30 in the afternoon. She must leave early in order to be at the studio for the show.

Miss Wible and Candy will do some musical numbers and playlets. They have appeared on Bill Welsh's TV show and dozens of others.

KTLA stars Patricia Iannone, 9, and her sister, Rosemarie, 14, will also be on hand to entertain the more than 2000 children expected. Lee and Dee Aakers, who are featured with the Iannone sisters on the KTLA show, "Fantastick Studios, Ink," will also appear. Their act will be based around the theme of their comedy show — the making of movies.

Last year the Lions played host to 2100 children, and this year expect even more to attend.

The Lions also hope to have TV Star Dick Lane present to act as master of ceremonies. Lane is attempting to arrange his schedule so that he may attend, Lions President Paul Diamond said.

Each child attending the party will receive a package of candy and fruit, plus a surprise gift. The Torrance Fire Department has been co-operating by packaging all the gifts.

Redondo Doctor To Head Staff

Dr. Earl E. Madden of Redondo Beach has been elected chief of staff doctors at Torrance Memorial Hospital for the forthcoming year.

The election took place at a staff meeting held Tuesday night at the Torrance Woman's Club.

Dr. Madden succeeds Dr. Eugene L. Cook of Torrance as the chief of staff.

Elected assistant chief of staff was Dr. F. C. Westerhout of Manhattan Beach. Dr. Rodney A. Stetson and Dr. Ralph W. McNeil, both of Torrance, were re-elected as secretary-treasurer and assistant secretary-treasurer, respectively.

Named to the executive committee were Drs. Frederic Ewens, Charles T. LaFrance and John A. Wilson Jr.

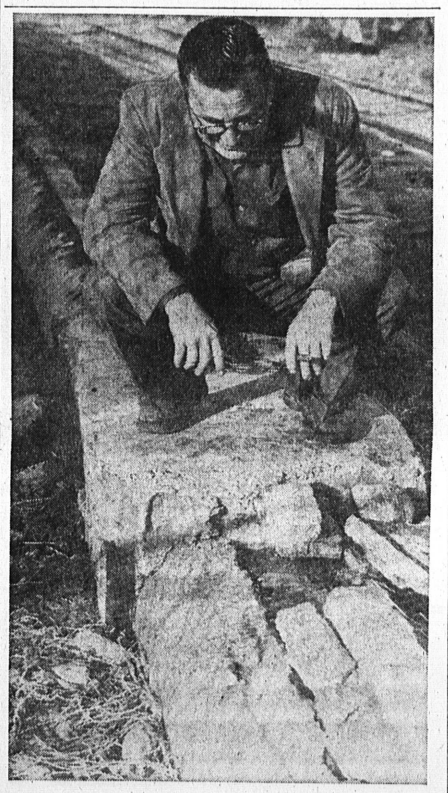
Installation of the new officers will take place on January 19 at a formal dinner dance at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

Thieves Loot Auto Trunk

Thieves stole a tire, hub caps and a beauty rim by prying open the trunk of his auto, L. A. Gulley, of 20424 New Hampshire street, told police last week. He put the loss at $41.

NEW WINDOW . . . The gaping hole above the window of the Bay Manufacturing Company plant here was torn open when a water main broke about 15 feet away from the building early Monday morning.—Herald Photo.

Rumor Cinderella Returns to Hubby



CAUSE OF TROUBLES . . . Inspecting the break in the main which loosed a battering ram of water is William Watts, Bay Manufacturing Company official. The water tore a gaping hole in the company's main plant building at Arlington avenue and 203rd street early Monday morning.—Herald Photo.

DeVigiers Reported In Phoenix

Torrance's Cinderella marriage, which hit the headlines across the nation after being reported in the Torrance Herald on November 29, was back in the news yesterday with the rumor that Martha Morris DeVigier and her husband, Roland DeVigier had left town together.

This was news, in the eyes of the nation's press services, because scarcely 10 days ago in a San Francisco Superior Court, Martha asked her husband of three weeks for $10,000 a month alimony and $75,000 attorneys' fees in a separate maintenance suit.

The whole affair started last fall when 28-year-old Roland DeVigier, wealthy, Swiss-born industrialist, met 16-year-old Martha Morris in the Torrance Grill

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Torrance Bows In Cage Tourney

Wilson High dumped Torrance out of the championship round of the Long Beach High School basketball tournament late yesterday afternoon, dumping the Tartars 79-49 at Wilson.

The 79-point total was a new Wilson High scoring record. The winners led at half time 39-24. Jack O'Cain scored 20 points for the Tartars.

Torrance will return to action today in the consolation round against the loser of the Chaffey-Leuzinger game scheduled for late last night.

MRS. HARRIETT LEECH . . . Named City Treasurer

Former Treasurer Returned to Post

Appointment of Mrs. Harriett Leech, of 1414 Cravens avenue, as City Treasurer was made by the City Council Tuesday evening after the office was declared vacant.

Mrs. Leech will succeed Mrs. Margaret Fordice who was declared incompetent in a recent Superior Court ruling. Mrs. Leech will serve until the city's next general election in the spring. Mrs. Fordice's term would have expired in 1954.

Widow of the late James Leech, manager of the Bank of America here until his death in 1935, the new City Treasurer was elected to the office she now holds for two terms beginning in 1938. She did not seek re-election in 1946 at the end of her second term.

Appointment of Mrs. Leech was voted unanimously by Councilmen Drale, Karlow, Spelman, and Mayor Haggard. Councilman Blount was not present.

Also considered for the office was Jack Hallanger, former city employee, who submitted a letter to the council asking for the appointment.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett had previously recommended that a new position of junior accountant be created and that the City Treasurer be given the new post. The council was informed by City Attorney James Hall, however, that the only question at the time was the appointment of a successor to Mrs. Fordice.

Mrs. Leech is the mother of three boys, including Weston, a United Airlines pilot; Dick, a teacher at Torrance High School, and Bob, employed at Torrance Lumber Company.

The new City Treasurer is now in Phoenix, Ariz., where she is visiting. She had planned to return to Torrance on December 19, her son, Bob, reported. She will assume the office on her return to the city.

Hospital Staff Sees Double as Twin Record Set

If the staff at Torrance Memorial Hospital is seeing double these days, there's a good reason for it.

Four sets of twins have been born during a five-day period that ended yesterday at the hospital.

Hospital officials said that this is believed to be a new record.

The twin parade began December 8, when Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hampton, 1400 West 219th street, became parents of twin girls.

On December 9, the second set, also girls, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent P. Lechner, 2441 West 254th street, Lomita.

After a two-day lull, two sets of twins arrived December 12. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. George E. McCorkle, 15216 Acacuras, Gardena, twin girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Koltko, 520 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, a boy and a girl.

Manufacturing Plant Flooded By Broken Main

A battering ram of water from a broken main caused damages estimated at several thousand dollars to the Bay Manufacturing Company at 316 Arlington avenue early Monday morning.

The Dominguez Water Company main, which parallels 203rd street across Arlington avenue, broke sending a stream of water through, the corrugated tin side of the manufacturing plant and knocked down a partition in the building 60 feet from the damaged wall.

Exact damage to the plant could not be determined until engineers had checked the undermining of walls and floorings by the water.

Seepage into machine parts and undermining of cement slabs holding parts for portable auto lifts manufactured by the plant accounted for much of the damage, according to early estimates by William Watts, a member of the firm.

Car Radio Stolen

Someone stole the radio from her car last week, Mrs. Edwin C. Williams, 17208 Glenburn avenue told police.

Fire Chief Urges Approval Of Pending Water Program

Fire Chief J. J. Benner this week added his voice to the growing tumult advocating an affirmative vote on the water issue to be presented to Torrance voters on January 8.

"Torrance's present water system was quite suitable for a population of 10,000," Chief Benner said. "But it is entirely inadequate for today's population of 31,000 or the anticipated population of 90,000 in 1960."

The city's chief fireman pointed out that an adequate water system is one of the important factors used by the National Board of Fire Underwriters when establishing fire insurance rates for the city.

"As a taxpayer and chief of the Torrance Fire Department, I urge every adult to get out and vote for more water for our fast growing city," he said.

Benner emphasized the fact that the city is confronted with a serious shortage of available water and pressure for fire fighting purposes.

The city has grown greatly, and it will continue to grow, he said, but adequate water must be furnished to protect the lives, homes, schools, factories, and mercantile district of Torrance.

Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull had a phrase for the city's water situation this week when he said:

"What Torrance needs is some new plumbing. The pipes and other plumbing fixtures of the city are no longer sufficient to supply the water service demand."

FIRE CHIEF BENNER . . . Cites Water Need

The January 8 election is the city's chance to correct the situation, according to City Manager George Stevens. A "yes" vote at the polls will help supply the needed storage tanks, mains, and pumps.

The election will also decide on a 10,000,000 gallon reservoir in South Torrance, and a 24-inch pipeline along Crenshaw boulevard. The approval of the water issue would mean that these badly needed items—the backbone of the system—could be installed.

One point of worry for Chief Benner, he said, was the present installation at 190th street and Western avenue. Metropolitan Water enters the North Torrance area here, the Chief said, and the present equipment is inadequate.

"What is proposed to remedy a dangerous situation in North Torrance is the installation of four 12-inch pressure reducing valves, controls, and meters at the 190th and Western tie-in," Benner pointed out.

"No one is going to bring the water system up to date but us," City Manager Stevens emphasized when urging the Torrance voters to vote "yes" on the issue next January 8.

Band Leader's Daughter Dies

Private funeral services for Rebecca Laraine, four-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Van Dyck, of 2554 Torrance boulevard, were held in the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel here yesterday afternoon.

The young daughter of the couple died at St. Lukes Hospital in Pasadena Monday.

Van Dyck is director of the

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