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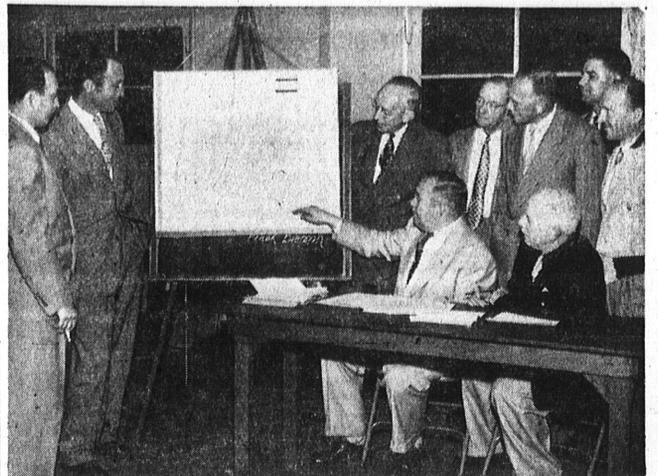
JOURNEY'S END . . . Relaxing after the long journey from Holland to Torrance are members of the Ouwendyk family (left to right) Robert, 14; Leo, Nellie, Djoeke, Leonie and Arno. The Ouwendyks have taken up residence at 905 Felbar Ave. in Torrance Gardens. (Herald photo).

Dutch Family Arrives To Settle Down Here

Population figures for the city of Torrance were upped six more last weekend when the Ouwendyk family, late of Arnhem, Holland, arrived through the port of San Pedro to take up residence here. Coming to the United States under the sponsorship of the Anthony H. Van Kralingen family of 2304 Granovoy Ave., the Ouwendyks have taken up their residence at 905 Felbar in Torrance Gardens. Making the trip from Holland were Leo and Nellie Ouwendyk, their daughter, Leonie, 24; a son Arno, 22, and a son Robert Peter, 14. Smallest traveler in the group was six-months-old Djoeke. Arnhem, the Ouwendyks' home town, was the last town to be liberated by the Allies in World War II. Leonie, who was a school teacher and speaks French, German and English in addition to her native Dutch, said the family home was hit eight times by cannon fire during the final days of the campaign in the area. Leo, the father, was a building contractor in his native land, and Arno was a carpenter and draftsman. Are they happy to be in America? They are open-mouthed at the copious quantities of food available here. Leonie and Arno both said. The Ouwendyks were a middle class family in Holland and were able to buy meat and fruit only for a Sunday treat. The families live mostly on bread and potatoes," Arno reported. Food is very expensive when available. Holland is about the size of San Bernardino County and has a population of nearly 11,000,000 persons. Nearly 165,000 are jobless, the newcomers report. "We have to export people because they are increasing faster than sources of food," Leonie said. The Ouwendyks consider themselves lucky that they were able to wait out the war and enter the United States. They are going to Canada, South America, and other parts of the world. "It took us three years to be cleared and granted entry under the quota of 3150 a year," Mr. Ouwendyk said. He speaks very little English, so his children interpret for him. Robert will enter school here and try to catch on to the English language fast enough to get right on with his lessons. The family will apply for citizenship papers as soon as eligible, they indicated.

Price Agreement Made In Nielson Property Fight

A \$4000 per acre settlement for school property in the North Torrance area ended a hard-fought but silent battle for 8.6 acres of land Tuesday night when the Board of Education gave its okay to an offer made many months ago. Henry W. Nielson, owner of the plot on 186th St. between Yukon and Crenshaw Aves., had been holding out for the \$4000 sum because he depended on the land for his livelihood, he said many months ago. The board previously had reached settlements for lesser amounts on other land and turned down the \$4000 proposal. Nielson, represented at Tuesday's meeting by Attorney Leonard Smith, will retain rights to a barn located on the property, which he must move within a stipulated period. The action clears the way for planning of a new school in this area to help alleviate the overcrowded North Torrance situation, members stated. Current condemnation proceedings are being taken on the Ellwood property, located north of Pacific Coast Hwy., west of Hawthorne Blvd., near the Seaside Ranchos area.



HOMEOWNERS OFFICERS . . . Discussing sewers, storm drains and other projects in the Hollywood Riviera area are these new officers which were elected at a meeting of the Homeowners Association Monday night. Seated are Don Whitney, (left) new president of the group and Walter Garrabrant, the outgoing president. Others are (left to right) Francis Brennan, Ray Hole, C. C. Todd, Commander William A. Mason, Fred Ropiquet, Ross Dorsett and Robert Matson. (Herald photo).

Temporary Director Selected for YMCA

Dick Brown, summer camp manager for the YMCA and a teacher at the 186th Street School, was named program director of the Torrance YMCA yesterday to serve on a part-time basis until a permanent executive-secretary can be named. Announcing the appointment of Brown was John Steinbaugh, chairman of the board of managers. The appointment of Brown was made after L. Milton Isbell, secretary of the YMCA here for several years, announced his resignation last week to enter private business.

Like a Lyon March Blows In With Telltale Trail Behind

City crews were busy yesterday finishing the clean-up job necessitated by the weekend's heavy winds. Trees and tree limbs as well as general debris were blown over streets throughout the city. A sixty-foot eucalyptus tree shattered to the ground early Saturday morning, partially blocking busy Torrance Blvd. near Hickory Ave. for more than 30 minutes. Another woody specimen crashed onto a parked car near 1872 W. 218th St. doing considerable damage to the car, owned by a Los Angeles woman. The gale, which reached a velocity of 65 miles per hour in some localities, ripped a portion of a roof off a house in the 2200 block on 203rd St. Vivian de la Cruz, 2276 W. 203rd St., told Torrance police. Power lines were severed by falling tree limbs at Maple Ave. and Torrance Blvd., and fire department crews stood by the hot wires until overworked Edison men could repair the break. In the Hollywood Riviera-Seaside Ranchos area more trees splintered and crashed to the pavement, keeping street department men hopping all day and most of Saturday night. Two store burglar alarms were touched off by the heavy winds. In the Lomita-Harbor City area falling branches damaged at least two homes, neither seriously. Electric light globes were blown off the center lights on Carson St. and a power failure blacked out the highway illumination on Narbonne Ave. for almost an hour. The first of March blow did considerable damage throughout the county.



DICK BROWN . . . Joins YMCA Staff

Ray Darby Files For Re-Election

Nominating petition for the reelection of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors was filed with the Registrar of Voters in Los Angeles yesterday afternoon. The document, which entered Supervisor Darby formally into his candidacy for a third term from the Fourth District, was signed by neighbors and personal friends and associates in Inglewood and vicinity. Backers of the candidate say a campaign for the June 3 primary will get under way immediately.

Two Extra Days For Tax Returns

You'll have two extra days to wrestle with those Federal income tax returns, the Collector of Internal Revenue obligingly said this week. Because March 15, the usual deadline for filing Federal income tax returns, will fall on Saturday this year, midnight of March 17 has been set as the deadline. All returns must bear postmark on or before midnight of the 17th, if mailed, Robert A. Riddell, revenue man, said. Offices will be open until 9 p.m. that evening.

Young Piano Artist To Appear in Concert

Anita Menni will be one of the featured pianists on the Key-board Concert to be given by the Torrance Concert Orchestra March 23, it was announced yesterday by Abe Milstein, the orchestra's conductor. Graduated from Torrance High School with the class of '50, Miss Menni has been very active in musical events in this area. She has been studying at the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music in preparation for a career as a soloist in the concert world. She has appeared in recitals as a soloist with the Conservatory Orchestra. The concert to be held here Marino Menni, 2375 Maricopa Pl., Miss Menni plans to study at the Conservatoire da Roma in Rome, Italy. She will sail this fall, she said, fulfilling a lifelong ambition of her musical parents who dreamed and planned that some day their talented daughter would study in an atmosphere of great musical tradition under the guidance of famous piano

Group Seeks To Revive Concert Series

Meeting last evening to discuss reorganization of the Community Concert Series which proved so popular here several years ago were a number of civic leaders and a representative of the artists' organization sponsoring the concerts. A proposed slate of officers headed by Charles Ver Jones as president was discussed by the group. Slated for the first vice-presidency was Mrs. Paul Rottger, with John Steinbaugh serving as third vice-president. Mrs. Ed Schwartz has been named second vice-president and general manager—an appointive position. Supervising the reorganization is Gay Sandelin, organization director for Community Concerts, Inc. The concerts are to be staged in Torrance, and will feature some of the world's leading artists.

Second Auto Death Listed

The area's second traffic death was recorded here last week when Charles "Pop" Henley, 63, of 1626 Amajola Ave., died in Harbor General Hospital. He was critically injured in a traffic accident at Western Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd. Feb. 15. John Bradley, 25, of Lomita, also injured in the crash, was released from the hospital several days after the collision. First local fatality of the year was a Santa Barbara woman fatally hurt in an accident on Pacific Coast Hwy. near Seaside Ranchos.

Meet in Torrance

Regular monthly meeting of the Harbor District Committee of the Boy Scouts of America, Los Angeles Area Council, will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at Torrance High School, 2200 Carson St.

Don Whitney Heads Riviera Homeowners Association

Don Whitney, former president of the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen's Club, was elected, to succeed Walter A. Garrabrant as president of the Hollywood Riviera area Monday night. Elected to serve with Whitney were Dr. Clare C. Todd, vice-president; Ross C. Dorsett, treasurer; Mrs. Rachel V. Sutherland, recording secretary; Commander William A. Mason, corresponding secretary, and Ray E. Hole, Fred C. Ropiquet, Bob Matson and Francis P. Brennan, all directors. Discussed at the meeting, held in the El Retiro Recreation Hall, were a number of problems of interest and concern to the residents of the area, including sewers. Outgoing President Garrabrant urged the residents of the Hollywood Riviera section to push the installation of sewers for the area. He said—sewers would cost from \$410 to \$417 per household, depending upon the location of the homes within the development. He volunteered to help "clean up" the sewer petitions now being circulated in the hillside community. Cmdr. Mason told the group of an intended move by the City Council to pass a resolution asking the state to erect safety channels on Pacific Coast Hwy. at two of the main intersections bordering the tract. Attending the meeting were City Councilman Ed Karlow and two council candidates, Mervin M. Schwab and Jack White. They were introduced by Mason, but did not speak. "Mason told the group that Hollywood Riviera now had 1366 registered voters. "This represents approximately 12 per cent of the voting strength of the city," the Navy officer pointed out. "Living in the area are 1089 families—825 in single family residences and 264 in apartments," he said. Willard C. Key, chairman of the art jury, reported plans for 18 new homes had been approved and that construction would soon be started on the homes. Cmdr. Mason stated that the Hollywood Riviera section was assured of an ample supply of water in spite of a recent ultimatum regarding the tapping of water in the west basin. "However," he told the homeowners, "we can expect a rate

Youths Kidnap, Attack Woman

Four young men forced a 34-year-old housewife into their car, drove into the oil fields, and criminally attacked her Sunday at midnight, Mrs. Bernadine Hamilton, of 24001 Eshelman Ave., told sheriff deputies. The victim said she was walking along Pacific Coast Hwy. in Lomita when the youths pulled their car across the sidewalk, blocking her path. When she said she didn't want a ride, police quoted her as saying, the boys said: "You'll come anyway." She was taken into a nearby hilly area, "with oil wells," presumed to be the Pennsylvania Ave. area, where she was attacked by all four. Later they drove her to 235th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., where they released her. She went to a house at 25101 Pennsylvania Ave., the home of Police Officer Harvie Turontine. She was treated at Harbor General Hospital and released to her home.

Camino to Host Institute Today

Student counseling methods will be the theme of a Los Angeles County teachers' institute meeting on the El Camino College campus this afternoon. Forrest G. Murdock, president of El Camino, will preside at the meeting and George Warrt, assistant director of instruction in charge of El Camino's extended day program, will act as moderator. Three panels have been scheduled with Don Bridgeman, Orange Coast Junior College; Harper Wren, Long Beach City College, and Dr. Oliver Butterfield, Mt. San Antonio Junior College, acting as chairmen. Teachers' institutes are given during the school year at various schools throughout the county. The institutes are under the supervision of the county superintendent of schools and are planned to provide teachers with developments in modern educational methods.

Supervisors Seek Data On Elections

Benjamin Hite, county registrar of voters, was instructed by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday to bring in a report on the number of municipal and district elections held each year throughout the county, together with the cost to the taxpayers and the location where each election was held. The request was made after a move by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby to have the county sponsor state legislation for consolidation of all elections held by cities and districts throughout the county. "Last year," Darby said, "261 elections were held. A consolidation of such elections would mean that any municipality or district would set its elections for a given date either in June or November, or whenever such time for elections was set by law. This would mean an elimination of overlapping procedures and a saving in county tax funds." After adjournment of the board, Darby revealed that in 1950 eight municipalities requested permission of the board to put their measures on the ballot. This addition to the ballot cost an estimated total of \$9000. If each municipality had had to conduct its own election, the combined cost of the 11 elections would have reached an estimated \$300,000.

Shidler Takes Busman's Holiday, Tries Cases in Higher Courts

The Hon. Phil S. Gibson, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, yesterday assigned Collamer A. Bridge, Judge of Hermosa Beach, to sit as South Bay Justice of the Peace for the month of March. Judge John A. Shidler, South Bay Justice of the Peace, will take his annual vacation during this time. Judge Shidler will spend the month trying cases in higher courts. The South Bay Justice Court, which serves Redondo, Torrance, Palms Verdes, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan, Gardena and Hermosa, will be changed to a Municipal Court with two fulltime judges on Jan. 1, 1953. Judge Shidler has announced his candidacy for Office No. 1 of the new court while Judge Bridge is a candidate for Office No. 2 in the June primary. Burglars Enter Local Market Burglars who pried the lock and hinge from a door entered the Central Market several days ago, deputies reported today. Bud Gardner, manager of the market at 2210 Lomita Blvd., said the loss, if any, was undetermined.



CULTURE HUBBLE . . . Efforts to revive participation in the Community Concerts program and bring renowned musical talent to Torrance got under way here this week with the appointment of Mrs. Ed Schwartz (right) to head a committee of local residents seeking to reorganize the concerts. Discussing the proposed organization with Mrs. Schwartz are Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; and Gay Sandelin, organization director of Community Concerts. (Herald photo).