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'I LIED' 13-YR.-OLD RAPE VICTIM SAYS



COLLEGE SWEETHEART... Miss Marian McDonald, front and center, a past honored queen of Torrance Bethel, Job's Daughters, and former author of Tartar Teen Talk, got a new title, El Camino College Sweetheart, at last night's Sweetheart Ball, held at the Campus Center. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. McDonald, 1626 Beech Ave., she is shown standing between Pat Waddoups of Los Angeles and Joan Schultz of Inglewood, who also competed for the title. Dotty Weed of Torrance, back row, left, Lilah Landers of Redondo Beach, Gail Young of Inglewood, and Liz Quine of Redondo Beach were other candidates.

Douglas To Hire 15,000

By mid-summer Douglas Aviation Co. will add 15,000 persons to the payroll of the Torrance plant, company officials told a meeting of civic leaders Friday.

Speaking at a meeting of the Southwestern Traffic and Highway Assn. at the International Airport, officials of the relatively new Torrance industry said that hiring will begin as fast as facilities at the plant are readied.

The aviation spokesman cited this figure to point to the need for more and better highways for this area. The representative, adding to comments of other aviation company spokesmen, said that existing highways will be overburdened when the workers turn onto existing streets at the completion of a day's work.

Two other aviation companies, North American, with a small plant here, and Northrop stated they would be hiring another 20,000 workers within the next two years.

Attending the luncheon meeting were Mayor Mervin M. Schwab, City Manager George W. Stevens, and Councilman Nick Drale.

Dimes Collection Totals \$7653 as Drive End Nears

As the 1953 March of Dimes campaign moves into the final stages this week, Mrs. Clara A. Conner, chairman, reports that \$7653.02 has been banked to the credit of Torrance.

The goal is \$10,000.

Still to be tallied are the monies in the miniature iron lungs in stores and business houses throughout the community. Collection of the iron lungs was begun this week by Mrs. A. C. Turner, who will report on the donations in the containers by the end of the week.

Also to be added to the Torrance total are pledges sent to March of Dimes headquarters in Los Angeles for credit to the local campaign.

Rape Charges Dropped; Girl Admits Lying

A 13-year-old girl admitted to police this week she was lying when she told officers a 28-year-old man had raped her on five different occasions.

Arrested on a charge of suspicion of statutory rape on Feb. 6 was James Shrun of 4944 Imperial Hwy., who was found sleeping in a car near Kettler Knolls with the girl.

He denied the girl's claims and the charges were dropped. He pleaded guilty, however, to child molesting and was dropped before Judge John A. Shidler for sentencing. Judge Shidler granted a stay of execution pending an investigation by probation officers.

Shrun was picked up in a parked auto in the oil fields behind the 1800 block on Middlebrook Rd. following a phone tip from a resident of the area who noticed the car had been parked in the field for several hours. Found in the car were several empty beer bottles. When questioned by police, Shrun said he could remember nothing since he "blacked out."

The girl later admitted lying, but offered no reason for so doing.

Top Dollar-Day Values to Jam Thursday Herald

Torrance area shoppers will be offered hundreds of "once-in-a-lifetime" bargains next Friday and Saturday when Torrance merchants will offer a wide selection of "Dollar Day" specials.

Sponsored by the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce, the two-day sales will feature bargains galore to the budget-conscious housewife.

Next Thursday's issue of the Torrance Herald and the Torrance Herald Shoppers will be jam-packed with information about the tremendous week-end sale.

More Local Residents Seeking Jobs

More Torrance residents are seeking employment through the local Department of Employment offices during February than in January, it was reported yesterday by Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the local office.

As of Jan. 10, 478 persons were unemployed and seeking work, Mrs. Ellis reported, and as of Feb. 10, 628 local residents were registered for work.

Of the February total, 243 were women and 383 were men, while 27 per cent of the men were veterans.

Available applicants are classified as follows:

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Professional	19	19	20
Clerical	74	63	63
Sales	13	12	20
Service	78	56	51
Agricultural and Fishing	17	14	35
Skilled	78	118	149
Semi-skilled	84	84	107
Labor	115	112	181
Totals	478	478	628

Planners to Study Developer's Proposal for Shopping Center

Results of an investigation by Planning Consultant Earle Lloyd on granting a zoning variance to permit commercial construction on 16 lots at the intersection of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd. will be presented to the Planning Commission here Wednesday evening.

Lloyd said Friday that architect's drawings and plans for the super shopping development would be presented to the commissioners Wednesday.

An original request by the developers of the area—the January Co.—for a zone change was tabled in preference to a variance at the Feb. 4 meeting of the planners.

Present plans call for the construction of a commercial center which would include a market, gas station, drug store, liquor store, and other small shops.

Funeral Rites Pending For Mrs. Colclasure

Death yesterday claimed Mrs. Katherine L. Colclasure, 58, wife of Jasper H. Colclasure, of 1925 Gramercy Ave.

A resident of the Gramercy Ave. home for the past year, Mrs. Colclasure leaves four sons, Francis, Howard, Roscoe, and Paul; and one daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Schneider.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Spark From Welder's Torch Starts Fire

A flash fire flared in an unused rubber drying compartment at the Midland Rubber Corp. plant at 19201 S. Vermont Ave. Friday afternoon, but no one was injured and the damage was slight.

The blaze started when rubber component residue was ignited by a workman's torch.



FTA HONORS BOY'S LEADER... V. T. Vanderpool, for awarded a lifetime membership in the Parent Teachers Association Wednesday night at the Greenwood School Cafeteria. Presenting Vanderpool, an employee of General Petroleum Corp. refinery here, with his lapel pin and membership card was L. Milton Isbell (right), former executive secretary for the YMCA.

Urge Community Participation In World Day of Prayer Rites

Tell Final Plans for Prayer Day Observance

Prayer services starting at 10 in the morning and continuing for most of the day will be offered here on Friday in observance of World Day of Prayer.

The services will be conducted both in and out of churches by members of the ministry and Christian lay leaders, according to Mrs. Paul Wenske, chairman of the World Day of Prayer program here.

Support Urged

"It is hoped that the city will back this plan so that Torrance may learn how as a community it may become Christ-centered and may receive the blessings awaiting to be given to a Christian community," said Mrs. Wenske.

Printed devotionals to be used as a guide for lay leaders who will be conducting World Day of Prayer meetings in factories and business houses will be distributed today at all churches participating in the day-long program. A phone call to Mrs. Wesley Megow, 1858-W, will prompt the delivery of printed devotionals to those firms and businesses planning a devotional interlude.

Clubs Aid Sought

"We are hopeful that presidents and leaders of local service clubs and other groups will urge their memberships to participate in one or more of the programs on Friday," Mrs. Wenske stated. "The success and continuation of World Day of Prayer will be a responsibility of the community."

First of the day-long services will start at the Nazarene Church—one of the many participating churches. At 10 a.m. and continuing until 2 p.m. planned prayer services will be conducted by members of the cooperating churches including the First Baptist, Assembly of



Flu Sends Polio Princess Back Into Iron Lung

Little Judy Wixom, the once-lonely and golden-haired Polio Princess who was being allowed out of her iron lung for several hours a day was back in her lung today—a victim of the flu.

Again, she has lost her ability to swallow.

The once-lonely little girl who was cheered by letters from hundreds of Torrance residents recently, was being guarded closely by hospital attendants, who feared she might contract pneumonia.

According to reports all the children in the ward at Rancho Los Amigos have been returned to their lungs—all stricken with the flu. The "bug," which reached near-epidemic proportions among the outside population, was undoubtedly carried into the ward by some unsuspecting flu carrier, hospital attendants informed Mrs. W. L. Wixom, 1521 Date Ave., the girl's mother.

Until this setback, little Judy had progressed to a point where she was being allowed to spend as much as 12 hours a day out of her iron lung and had regained her ability to swallow. The flu siege sent her back into the lung and cancelled the advance she had made since she was stricken with polio last October.

B'nai B'rith to Fete Brotherhood Week Here

A special interfaith program in observance of Brotherhood Week will be presented at a dinner meeting of the South Bay B'nai B'rith Thursday evening at the Western Avenue Club.

Bargains Galore! Dollar Days Feb. 20 & 21