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Housewife Dies in Freak Mishap

City's Churches To Mark World Day of Prayer

Torrance will become a Christ-centered community tomorrow in observance of World Day of Prayer.

Beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning and continuing for most of the day, prayer services will be conducted both in and out of churches by members of the ministry and Christian lay leaders, said Mrs. Paul Wenske, chairman of the World Day of Prayer program here.

Schedule of church services is as follows:

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Planned service at the Nazarene Church.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—Quiet meditation at the Methodist Church.

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.—Planned service at the Episcopal Church.

7:30 p.m.—Community mass service at the Methodist Church.

Co-operating in the first service will be the First Baptist, El Nido Baptist, Assembly of God, and Foursquare churches.

The silent meditation service is planned for those desiring to participate in World Day of Prayer, according to their own dictates, Mrs. Wenske said. It is so designed that one can come and go as time permits. Torrance High School students will be permitted to leave campus to attend following action by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

Five churches, the Central Evangelical United Brethren, Christian, First Lutheran, Methodist, and Episcopal, will cooperate in the afternoon service. The offering at these devotions will be used to further the projects of the women of Torrance Council of Churches. Included in the projects are the American Indian, the migrant, and education of Christian leaders in foreign countries.

A talk on "Prayer" will highlight the community mass worship. Speaker will be Dr. O. Garnitzka of Minneapolis. Bible (Continued on Page 11)



MRS. BEVERLY STARK, 29-YEAR OLD HOUSEWIFE ... Drowns in Overturned Car in Florida Canal

High Wind Topples Street Light Here

Gusts up to 45 miles per hour were reported yesterday afternoon by Ed Dietrich, operator of the Torrance Municipal Airport. Dietrich said he had crews out checking planes to see that all were tied down securely.

A marbled steel light standard near the Nativity School at Carson St. and Madrid Ave. was toppled by the gale yesterday afternoon. The street was clear at the time and no damage other than the loss of the standard was reported.

Park Superintendent Ralph Perkins said he had received no reports of wind damage other than the toppled light fixture up until mid-afternoon. He said his department was standing by expecting some reports of fallen trees or other damage if the wind continued.

The weather bureau predicted more winds for today saying north to northeasterly winds were expected to be around 20 to 30 mph with gusts up to 45 mph. At the same time, the bureau reported winds reached 45 mph at the Los Angeles International Airport yesterday, 70 mph at Burbank, and 82 up at Sandberg on the Ridge. Today's winds are slated to diminish toward evening. There is still no forecast for rain.



STANDARD TOPPLES ... Yesterday's brisk breeze was brisk enough to knock down this metal light pole on Carson St. near the Santa Fe depot. Continued breezy locality was the forecast for this morning and early afternoon.

Rites Today For Florida Crash Victim

Funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. for a pretty 29-year-old Torrance housewife who drowned last Saturday when the car in which she was riding overturned into an irrigation canal in Florida.

Her father and step-mother also died in the accident. The accident victim was Mrs. Beverly M. Stark, of 1706 Schilling Ct., wife of Leo Stark, manager of Moulton's Texas Service Station at 235th St. and Western Ave. Her remains were flown here last night from a



WILLIAM THACKERAY ... Drowning Victim

town in Florida near the Everglades National Park, where the accident occurred.

Soon to arrive by rail are the remains of the young woman's father, William M. Thackeray, 65, and her step-mother, Golda, 56, both of Redwood City.

Conducting the services here will be Rev. Roger Sawyer of the Wayside Chapel in Lomita. Gamby Mortuary in Lomita is handling the arrangements.

According to a dispatch from Florida, Mrs. Stark, a secretary at North American for the past 11 years, died after the car in which she was riding swerved, hit a soft shoulder and turned over into a canal. Rangers from the Royal Palm Ranger Station in the National Park, removed the bodies. The accident occurred 18 miles south of the ranger station. Mrs. Stark flew to Florida Feb. 10 to spend 10 days with her father, who was in Florida on a business trip for the Banker's Utility Co., of which he was a representative.

Surviving the accident victim besides her husband, is her mother, Mrs. Florence Thackeray, and an aunt, Mrs. Meta Wanamaker, both of the Schilling Ct. address; a brother, Fred Thackeray of Culver City.

Interment for the local woman will be in Green Hills Memorial Park. Her father and step-mother will be interred in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Freed on \$500 Bail On Exposure Charge

Arrested Friday on a charge of indecent exposure, Malburn King, 22906 S. Meyer St., is now at liberty on a \$500 bail, according to police reports. King was arrested by Sgt. Wayne A. Johnson and A. W. Vinkler in the Safeway parking lot Feb. 16.

Board Proposes \$100 Per Month For Councilmen

Payment of \$100 monthly to Torrance City Councilman is favored by the Torrance Lomita Realty Board judging from action taken by the Board of Directors at a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce building Friday afternoon.

Since the plan would require an amendment to the city charter, the board instructed its legal advisor, Attorney Boris Woolley, to investigate the means by which the plan could be put into action. Any change in the charter, Woolley pointed out, would have to be by a vote of the people.

The Board is to consider what action it will take after hearing Woolley's report at the next meeting of the group on March 13.

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Thomas L. Hall, 2832 Martha St., reported the theft of his car, a 1950 Cadillac, to police Monday.



CUTE, EH? ... Gussie Moran who brought new interest to professional tennis when she appeared in several matches wearing lace panties, picks a poodle pup from a litter born recently at the Desert Animal Hospital in Palm Springs. Gussie visited the Desert Hospital during an open house to show off the redecorated offices and kennels which were recently purchased by Dr. Rollin B. Smith, owner of the Harbor Animal Hospital in Torrance, and Dr. Walter H. Anderson, a veterinarian at the Harbor hospital here. Dr. Smith is also a member of the Torrance Board of Education. Photo courtesy the Desert Sun and Palm Springs News.



BIGGEST GIFT ... Pert Bonnie Weaver, (left) with the aid of Charlie Gotts, owner of Daniels Cafe, helps sack money collected at the local restaurant for the March of Dimes. Mrs. Clara Conner, (right) counted \$211.10 that customers had contributed to the local polio drive. The amount was the largest sum turned into the March of Dimes by a local commercial establishment not considering employee contributions.

Crews Ripping Pipelines Out Of New Crenshaw

Standard Oil crews Tuesday began ripping up pipelines which have held up the completion of paving of Crenshaw Blvd. between Lomita Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy.

The work of relocating the line from the road right-of-way is expected to be completed in 30 days, according to the County Road Department.

Spokesmen for the department said it would probably be another three or four months before the stretch of roadway where the pipeline is being removed is paved and the road opened to the public.

Butchers to Get \$55.20 if They Work on Monday

Should meat prices appear a mite higher on Monday than usual, this may be the reason: Butchers will receive triple time pay for the day—Feb. 23. Under terms of the retail meat agreement of Butchers' Union, Local 551, the day is a holiday since Washington's birthday falls on Sunday.

The butcher's pay for the day will total \$55.20 for an eight-hour shift. The day is a straight time working day under the terms of all contracts with Retail Clerks' Local 900 states Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council.

Polio Fund Hits \$10,000 to Top Goal First Time

Torrance went over the top of its \$10,000 March of Dimes goal, Mrs. Clara Conner, chairman, said yesterday. It is the first time in the history of the polio drive that the city has reached its goal.

The amount collected now totals \$10,100.92—with still more to come. Adding considerably to the success of the drive was \$500 Mrs. Conner "found" which had not been credited to the local campaign. The "missing" money was located after the chairman contacted the Harway Machine Co. for a contribution. Officials of the firm reported they gave \$500 to the drive as early as last October. After several phone calls to Los Angeles headquarters the money was located and properly credited to Torrance.

Nab Pair Who Held Up Six Gas Stations

Two gun-toting bandits who held up three service stations in the area on Feb. 4 were nabbed in Long Beach recently in the act of holding up a station there. Admitting to three hold-ups in Torrance, Lomita, and adjacent county territory were Edgar Lawrence, 21, of Paramount, and Edward Bliss, 34, also of Paramount.

Senator Says Jaycees to Get Memorial Tank

Torrance Jaycees were told this week by Sen. William Knowland that an obsolete Army tank would be made available to the city as a memorial to its war dead, according to Jim Wood, publicity chairman for the group. At the same time, Woods reported that city officials had expressed general agreement with the plan and have even offered to move the flag pole from the park triangle to the El Prado park, proposed site of the war memorial.

Senator Says Jaycees to Get Memorial Tank

City engineers have volunteered to design a suitable base for the monument, Wood said. The project to secure the tank memorial was undertaken by the Junior Chamber of Commerce last month.

Remember Dollar Days Friday & Saturday