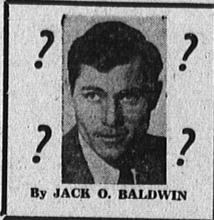


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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1953

Thirteen



Bert Probert Victim of Heart Attack

Services will be conducted at 9 a.m. today for Bert Probert, brother to George Probert, owner of the Torrance Pharmacy.

The deceased died at the age of 49 following a heart attack and a brief illness. He died Monday in a Los Angeles hospital. Although a former resident of Torrance from 1913 until 1924, he was a native of Salem, Ohio. He was living in Huntington Park at the time of his death.

Rosary was recited yesterday at the Moreland and Maroux Funeral Home. Requiem Mass will be celebrated this morning in St. Helen's Church of South Gate.

Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; two sons, George, Thomas, and a daughter, Mary Kay; a brother, George; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Schoep of Inglewood and Mrs. Thomas Ashe of Whittier; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Probert of South Gate.

Tartar Band Wins Honors At Festival

By qualifying with a "Superior" rating, the Torrance High School Band won the right last Saturday to compete in the Fullerton Music Festival this spring.

The local high school band won the "Superior" rating at the Inglewood festival at Inglewood High School in competition with 75 other musical organizations.

Director of the band is Patton McNaughton, music instructor at Torrance High School. This rating is the second such honor won by the band; the other having been, in 1950.

While other bands had been practicing for the Inglewood festival for several months, the Torrance Band had but four days rehearsal before entering the competition.

Lomita Sergeant Receives Silver Star in Rites

Sgt. Jack Neathery, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neathery of 2221 Lomita Blvd., has been awarded the Silver Star, the nation's third highest award for gallantry, for bravery under fire in Korea.

The former Narbonne High School student's parents witnessed the presentation at Camp Roberts.

Army officials report that Sgt. Neathery also is scheduled to receive the Distinguished Service Cross, an award second only to the Medal of Honor.

'Divine Deliverance' Is Sunday Foursquare Topic

Rev. William H. Clayton, pastor of the Foursquare Church, will speak on "Divine Deliverance" at the 10:45 a.m. worship services to be held Sunday.

The evening sermon at 7:30 will be given by Rev. Mrs. William Clayton, who will speak on the topic, "Make Me a Blessing."

The Crusader young people's group, as well as the Defender adult group, meets at 8:30. Wednesday prayer sessions are held at 10 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

Local DeSoto Dealers Attend Sales Meeting

Messrs. George and M. B. Whittlesey, of Whittlesey Motors, recently attended a meeting of more than 300 Southern California and Arizona De Soto dealers and their sales managers at the Stalter Hotel in Los Angeles.

James B. Wagstaff, De Soto Motor Corporation's vice-president in charge of sales, conducted the meeting and was accompanied by Robert E. Anderson, vice-president of Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, Inc., De Soto's advertising agency.



Edwin Munroe Rites Today

Ten o'clock funeral services will be held at McMillan Chapel this morning for Edwin D. Munroe, who died Monday at his home, 3311 W. 187th St.

The 62-year-old native of Clinton, Mass., had been ill for the past six months.

Interment at Pacific Crest Cemetery will follow the rites, to be conducted by the Rev. Carl Kuester.

Surviving the deceased are two daughters, Mesdames Jean Kaulback, of El Nido, and Hazel Sibley; a son, Walter J. Munroe, and three sisters and two brothers in the East.

Optimist Clubs In District Meet Tomorrow

More than 350 Optimists from California, Arizona and Nevada will meet in Santa Monica tomorrow for a meeting of District 14 of Optimist International.

The largest district in Optimist International, District 14 is made up of 92 clubs in the three states and is under the leadership of D. D. Williams Jr. of San Diego, according to Torrance Optimist Club President Forrest W. Meyers.

It is expected that every club in the district will be represented and all officers and members of the various committees are being urged to attend, Meyers said.

The local club president said the meeting would afford an excellent opportunity for an exchange of ideas, success stories and other information which will do much to instill enthusiasm and help in the operation of all Optimist clubs in the district.

The Miramar Hotel, in Santa Monica, will be the official headquarters for the district meeting.

He appeared on coast-to-coast television and radio shows and spread the word that he was looking for seeds. He received thousands of packets of seeds from all corners of the nation and received special prices from large seed houses. He has talked to presidents of countries, sultans, and other high-placed officials including former President Truman.

Mozier also spoke last week to the Torrance Rotary Club.

Boys' Groups May Get Globetrotters Ducats

A limited number of passes to the Harlem Globetrotters, College All Stars game in Los Angeles on April 8 are available at the Torrance Recreation Department, it was announced this week by Frank H. Carpenter, recreation director.

Parents who wish to promote a load of five or more boys between the ages of 10 and 17 may obtain passes until the supply is exhausted, Carpenter said.

No girls will be admitted on the passes, he said, however, adult women may take loads of boys on the free-ticket basis.

Tickets may be obtained by presenting a list of the boys to make the trip, to the recreation office, 1347 El Prado.

Coming Events

Table listing various community events such as Lions Club Dance, JayCettes Barn Dance, Joint Service Club Meeting, Easter Vacation, YMCA Swim Classes, Los Angeles Election, South Bay Light Opera, Junior Woman's Club Smorgasbord, Clyde Beatty Circus, Hampton Plays, Lions Club Auction, Youth Band Concert, Holiday (Banks close), Dial Telephones in Service, Summer Vacation.

837 Torrance Pupils Now on Double Session

A total of 837 Torrance students are now on double sessions, the Board of Education was informed Tuesday.

Leading in the district is the North Torrance Elementary School which has eleven teachers and 352 pupils on double session.

Smallest load in the district is at the Torrance Elementary School, where only two teachers and 65 pupils are on double sessions.

Other schools and the figures given to the board include Crenshaw, three and 83; Perry, four and 116; and Walteria, six and 221.

Having no double sessions at the present time are El Nido, Fern, Madrona, Riviera, Seaside, and Greenwood elementary schools.

However, if the present enrollment rate continues, almost 4000 pupils may be on double session schedules next year, Emmett Ingram, assistant superintendent said, recently.

He said last month that the anticipated attendance next February is 9879 pupils and that the number of classroom units at that time will accommodate only 7740 in full-time sessions despite an intensive building program now under way.

By September, the double session figure is expected to double.

Plomert to Head Right of Way Meeting in June

Robert I. Plomert Jr., president of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will be chairman for the American Right of Way Association, Los Angeles, Chapter No. 1, officials at the association headquarters revealed this week.

The celebration will be held Wednesday, June 10, at the Alexandria Hotel in Los Angeles.

Plomert is a charter member of the local group and served as its third president during 1937. He also is one of the founders of the Los Angeles Chapter.

Program, Plomert said, will honor 17 past presidents, most of whom are still active in the association today. Historical background of the organization and a review of its progress in Right of Way activities also will be presented.

Guest of honor at the affair will be Frank C. Balfour, chief right of way agent for the Division of Highways of the State of California.

McMullen Tells Of Candidacy

Leonard J. McMullen, who was a candidate for supervisor, 4th District, at the election last June, is now being considered for appointment to fill the present vacancy on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, according to an announcement by the McMullen Committee.

McMullen, a war veteran, is one of several candidates to be reviewed by Gov. Earl Warren, who will make the appointment to fill the unexpired term of the late Ray Darby.

Red Cross Hits Half of Goal

Collections in the current Red Cross campaign here now total \$6,175.57, Chairman J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. revealed yesterday.

"The new figure is 52 per cent of the Torrance goal of \$11,822, and we hope to reach the 100 per cent mark by the end of this week," he said.

Registrar Appointed

Mrs. Lucy Lind of 1621 W. 223rd St., has been appointed a deputy registrar of voters for the sections adjacent to her home in the Shoestring Strip.



PAINTED DESERT FANTASIA... Barbara Ashton inspects a small section of one of the 35 spectacular landscaped gardens featured at the California International Flower Show now at Hollywood Park. The million-dollar flower spectacle is open daily 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. through next Sunday night. Also featured are cut flowers, garden clubs, international exhibits, florists, and fifty Grandma Moses paintings.

Fluoridation of Drinking Water Viewed by County Health Officer

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D.

One of the most significant advances in preventive medicine in recent years has been the discovery that the addition of an infinitesimal amount of fluoride to the water supply will prevent a large proportion of tooth decay in children.

It has been known for almost 50 years that tooth enamel contains a small amount of the chemical, fluoride. About 20 years ago it was noted in certain communities where the water supply contained excessive amounts of fluoride that many people had patches of brown enamel on their teeth. Further study disclosed that all of these people began using the fluoride-bearing water during childhood when their teeth were being formed. Of more importance, however, the study revealed that these people had far less tooth decay than the average person.

Then began a further series of studies to determine how much fluoride in a water supply was necessary to be beneficial yet at the same time remain below a level which would cause mottled enamel.

The safe level to prevent decay of teeth without the risk of mottled enamel is found to be approximately 1.5 parts per million depending on the climate. It should be remembered that in the warmer climates where the consumption of drinking water is greater, a lesser amount of fluoride should be added to the supply than is required in cooler climates. In California the State Health Department must approve the exact procedure before any community adopts fluoridation.

Certain studies have shown that one part of fluoride per million parts of water has prevented 65 per cent of tooth decay in children using such water about 12 or 14 years of age, the period in which dentine and enamel are formed. These figures occur naturally in the water.

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The Civic will reopen for dances a week from this Saturday. The season's first dance will feature the "Key Notes," who will supply the music and the entertainment. Let's everyone get out and attend this dance. They say it's really going to a great.

Final Tribute Paid Resident Of 25 Years

A 25-year-resident of Torrance, Mrs. Bessie May Carter, 1623 W. 215th St., received final tribute yesterday afternoon at funeral rites conducted at Stone and Myers Chapel by the Rev. Freeman A. Bronson of the Nazarene Church.

Mrs. Carter, a native of Cuba, Mo., died Sunday at Harbor General Hospital. She was 57.

Interment followed at Green Hills Memorial Park, with the Rev. Bronson conducting graveside services.

Mrs. Carter leaves her husband, Oscar Carter of the W. 215th St. address; three brothers, Murvin C. Miller of Torrance and Herman A. and Earl J. Miller of Kansas City; two sisters, Mesdames Dollie Sappinfield of Long Beach, and Pearl Carter of Kansas City, Mo.; and her father, William M. Miller, also of Kansas City.

S. A. Anderson Services Today

Final rites will be held at 2 p.m. today at Stone and Myers Chapel for Sherman Alfred Anderson, 51, 1815 W. 166th St.

A former Gardena Milling Co. employee, Anderson died Sunday at Harbor General Hospital.

The Rev. Carl Kuester of the Gardena Calvary Baptist Church will conduct the chapel services and graveside rites to follow at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Anderson, a native of Salinas, Calif., is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lila Anderson of the W. 768th St. address; his mother, Mrs. Hansine Anderson of Salinas; and three sisters, Bertha Anderson and Mrs. Annie Waldo of Salinas, and Mrs. Ellen Kennedy of Gardena.

Local Navy Officer Receives Commendation

Among those who received Letters of Commendation for outstanding performance of duty in the Far East, aboard the USS Mount McKinley was Navy Lt. Robert J. Baldwin, husband of Mrs. Nelle Baldwin of 2524 Lessorman St.

He was cited for "his outstanding initiative, ingenuity, professional ability, and devotion to duty," which the letter said, "reflected great credit upon himself and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Tartar Teen Talk

Basketball Awards Banquet Tomorrow

The first annual basketball banquet is set for tomorrow night. All the players from each of the squads, plus the managers and dads, will make the banquet quite a gathering. It's the hope of all that this will be a huge success.

The Mambobecas and call, which was held yesterday, was as terrific as it always has been, reported the students of THS. This group really deserves a huge hand for the wonderful program they planned and produced.

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