

Torrance Coed Wins Title as El Camino Sweetheart

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MISS JULIE RHONE
... El Camino's Sweetheart

JULIE RHONE REIGNS OVER EL CAMINO BALL

Comey Julie Rhone, freshman at El Camino College, won the right to reign over the seventh annual "Sweethearts Ball" Friday night by winning the title over four other contestants in the selections earlier in the week.

Eighteen-year-old Julie, a graduate of Torrance High last spring, is taking education courses at El Camino. Another Torrance co-ed at the junior college, Janet Williamson, also was among the five contestants for the "Sweetheart" title, along with Pat Looney, Gardena; Carole Coulter, El Segundo; and Marsha Shorten, Hawthorne. Julie lives at 1019 Beech Ave.

500 Students Complete Transfer Into New Howard A. Wood School

School Switch Smooth

Without so much as a misplaced lunch pail, 500 students at the Howard A. Wood Elementary School on 235th St. moved into their new quarters Friday morning — leaving the overcrowded Torrance Elementary School behind.

On hand to greet the students as they reported in for the first time at the new school was Principal Robert Evans, who had formerly served as assistant to the director of special services for the district, and later as vice-principal at the Walteria Elementary School.

Everything was ready for the new classes — everything from ink to horizontal bars.

New rooms were soon turned from lifeless boxes to modern classrooms, complete with maps on the walls, charts, gaily colored posters, and other handiwork of a learning generation.

The departure from Torrance Elementary School by the 500 students doesn't mean that school will be shut down. On the contrary, it is still handling as many students as it should.

Next school on the agenda for opening will be the Meadow Park School west of Hawthorne Ave. at 230th St. This school, constructed of bungalows until a permanent school can be built, will be opened next month.

Just one month ago, the new Evelyn A. Carr school in north Torrance was opened.



FIRST OF THOUSANDS... First of the thousands of kindergarten students who will attend the new Howard A. Wood Elementary School on 235th St. between Narbonne and Pennsylvania began settling down in the new school Friday morning. Here Principal Robert Evans checks a class into their new classroom.



RONALD HARTMAN
... To Seek GOP Post

'Barefoot Boy' Wins Lawsuit in Marriage Battle

"Blessings on thee, little man..." Torrance's "Barefoot Boy," Walter (Shoeless) Shumaker, 73, who has drawn attention by walking unshod through town in the Springtime, has emerged victorious in his long, legal battle with a woman who said she was his wife.

Los Angeles Superior Court judgment has been granted declaring Shumaker's Mexican marriage ceremony with Mae Foster, 72, "no good," according to Robert B. Heggen, Shumaker's attorney.

A writ of mandate empowered the Sheriff to carry out a writ of execution for the sale of Shumaker's home at 1605 Elm Ave. also has been issued by the court.

A homestead claim placed on the Elm Ave. house by Mrs. Foster was removed after the court declared it fraudulent because she claimed to be the wife when filing for the homestead.

Foster is living in the house but will be evicted after the sale of her half of the building on March 22, the attorney said.

Mrs. Foster acquired joint tenancy. (Continued on Page 2)

Bartlett, Blount Maintain Silence

By REID BUNDY
A couple of new names showed up in the city's political arena this week as the number of nominating petitions taken out at the City Hall rose to 10, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Four new petitions were taken out Thursday and Friday, Bartlett's records show. None were filed. Taking out petitions were Councilman Willys G. Blount, whose seat on the Council is at stake in the race; Thirvin D. Fleetwood, of 3637 W. 182nd St.; and Alvin K. Hill, of 1645 Greenwood Ave., member of the city's Planning Commission until recently.



Counting the days... Checking off the calendar until his release from the Army this fall is Pfc. Richard Friend, Herald city editor, who is now serving as a photographer with the Public Information Office at Fort Ord, Calif. This studious photo was snapped to "finish a roll of film" by one of Friend's co-workers, he writes.

Here is the way the petitions stand now:
No. 1—Mrs. Harriett V. Leech, 1550 Marcellina, incumbent City Treasurer. Nomination for reelection filed.
No. 2—Mrs. Polly D. Mayle, 200 Paseo de Gracia, whose husband was a member of the city's Planning Commission until recently. Not returned.
No. 3—Attorney Albert Isen, 1504 Engracia. Nomination for Council filed.
No. 4—Francis W. Burk, 5104 Zakon Rd. Nomination for Council filed.
No. 5—Mrs. Herma T. Hill, 16914 Osage Ave. Not returned.
No. 6—City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. Not returned.
No. 7—Councilman Willys G. Blount. Not returned.
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No. 9—Thirvin D. Fleetwood, 3637 W. 182nd St. Not returned.
No. 10—Alvin K. Hill, 1645 Greenwood Ave. Not returned.

Deadline for returning nomination petitions is 12 noon, Thursday, March 4, according to the official election calendar.

Posts At Stake
At stake in the April 13 election are two seats on the City Council—those now held by Councilman Willys G. Blount, whose seat on the Council is at stake in the race; Thirvin D. Fleetwood, of 3637 W. 182nd St.; and Alvin K. Hill, of 1645 Greenwood Ave., member of the city's Planning Commission until recently.

Most Since 1943
The previous employment peak occurred on April 12, 1943, when 21,292 men and women were working three shifts at the El Segundo plant, turning out the famed Navy SB2C.

Adjustments in government procurement for defense have had little effect on the design and production of planes at the (Continued on Page 2)

Employment Reaches New High for Plant

Third of Douglas El Segundo Now Working Here As Division's Payroll Tops World War II Peak

Alarmists raising their voices about the growing unemployment situation throughout America aren't getting any support from the local division of the Douglas Aircraft Co., official reports of the firm indicated yesterday.

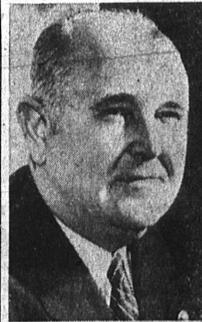
An announcement by T. E. Springer, vice-president and division general manager, showed that the El Segundo Division of the huge aircraft company now employs nearly 10 per cent more people than it did at the peak of World War II.

An all-time high of 23,340 men and women are now working in the firm's El Segundo Division, Springer said. Just about one-third of those—7454—are employed at the B-6 unit in Torrance.

More Due Here
Not only is the employment by the company at a new peak, but Springer disclosed that the El Segundo Division anticipates hiring about 5000 more men by the end of the year. Most of them will be assigned to the Torrance plant, a company spokesman told the Herald. This would boost the division's payroll to approximately 28,000 workers.

The new Torrance plant has been completely renovated into a modern assembly plant since the company took it over two years ago.

During World War II it was an aluminum foundry occupied by the Aluminum Company of America.



T. E. SPRINGER
... Tells Douglas Gains

Korean War" which is entering its ninth consecutive year of production at El Segundo.

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West Torrance Home Entered, Two Caught

Two 17-year-old San Pedro boys are facing a hearing before juvenile officers next Saturday after they were nabbed by Torrance police officers near the scene of a house burglary in West Torrance Thursday evening.

Investigating a reported burglary at the home of James A. Lutz, at 301 Paseo de Gracia, Officers Eugene Erbetta and James Davis found a suspicious car near the residence and apprehended its two young occupants when they returned to it a few minutes later.

Both boys denied any knowledge of the burglary but said the car had run out of gas and they were going down to get some.

Conflicting statements made by the pair, however, caused the officers to arrest them on suspicion of burglary.

Police Sgt. Ted Morris, working after he went off duty that evening, went to the Lutz home and dusted for fingerprints. Upon his return to the station with the announcement that he had found prints, the boys admitted they had been in the house.

The pair also told police that they had entered the home of Theodore Kronk at 3223 Winlock Rd. earlier in the evening, according to Chief Willard H. Haslam.

The two juveniles were released to their parents Friday morning.

School Holds Art Workshop For Teachers

A workshop on finger painting and crayons was held at the North Torrance Elementary School last Tuesday for faculty members of the school and principals of the district.

Mrs. Valda Pilgrim, fifth grade teacher at the school, and five of her students in early American costumes, presented a program and demonstrations of the two mediums of art.

Mrs. Eloise Loomis directed demonstrations in finger painting, showing the different techniques. All who attended took part in the workshop to work out a project in pressed crayons.

Refreshments of coffee and cookies were served after the session.

Two more such workshops are planned for March 2 and March 16 at the North Torrance school.

Murder Suspect Trial Date Set

Trial will be held March 25 in Long Beach Superior Court for a Shoestring Strip man who pleaded not guilty to first degree murder charges at arraignment Friday.

Ygnacio Garcia, 28, is accused of stabbing a love rival on Dec. 4 in his girl friend's house, 2218 W. 205th St. The victim, Timothy Lorry, 46, died at Harbor General Hospital on Dec. 18 and the charge against Garcia was changed from assault to first degree murder.

The girl in the triangle, Molly Gutierrez, 27, is the mother of three children. Investigators said that Garcia discovered that Mrs. Gutierrez had gone out with Lorry, argued with the man and stabbed him three times.

Garcia said that he had been an employee of Columbia Steel.



NEW SKYLINE... Recent addition to the city's skyline is this huge neon sign at the gate of Douglas Aircraft's rapidly-expanding plant here. The company announced yesterday that it planned to hire 5000 more by the end of this year, most of them for Torrance.