

# Dudes, Dolls Reign Over Easter Parade

## More Than 250 Tiny Tykes Don Best Finery For Competition in Local Baby Easter Parade

The Easter Bunny got short notice in Torrance last Sunday, it was tables all the way.

El Prado Park, normally a quiet place to stroll on Sunday afternoon, was jammed as a crowd estimated to be near 500 watched while 250 babies and tiny-tykes paraded for blue ribbons, cans of baby food, toys, and other prizes.

Sponsored by the city's Recreation Department, the Sunday afternoon affair was billed as the First Annual Easter Baby Parade. The response was overwhelming, according to Harry Van Belleh, recreation director for Torrance. Members of the city's Adult Club judged the numerous events.

Named King and Queen of Spring in the semifinal judging were Robert E. Amdres, of 2316 W. 164th St. and Marge Ann Coleman, of CCMO No. 6. (Photo No. 1). Naming of the King and Queen of Spring followed judging of kiddies on everything from home-tailored outfits to blue eyelets. Climax of the afternoon was the naming of the King and Queen of Baby Week, which will be celebrated in May. Winning top honors of the afternoon were Dennis Dial, of 22520 Leyte Dr., and Debra Redmond, of 403 Harbor Hills, Lomita. (Photo No. 2). These new members of royalty will reign over festivities of Baby Week in this area.

Other winners during the afternoon of judging included:

**BLUEST EYES:** Marvin Bunden, Tommy Thompson, Susie Davis.

**DARKEST EYES:** Janice Mandick, Jo Anne Bradfield, Randy Beach.

**LONGEST EYELASHES:** Steve Henrickson, Randy Beach, Christian Petty.

**BLONDEST TOWHEAD:** Elizabeth Woods, Barry Billings, Nancy Johnson.

**REDDEST HAIR:** Bernadette Martinas, James Mock, Leslie Congo.

**FATTEST BABY:** David Hunt, Debra Redmond, Arthur Hulse.

**YOUNGEST BABY:** Tommy Schaeffer (two weeks), Gordon Heath, Louis Shelton (two months).

**MAN OF DISTINCTION:** David Miller, Lonnie Patterson, Pat Gaines.

**MOST DEBONAIRE:** Bobby Eandres, Bobby Ealkins, George Windley. (Photo No. 3).

**FLASHIES TIE:** Lynn Bridges and Lonnie Patterson.

**MOST RUFFLES:** Kyleen Ruch (Photo No. 7) Angela Baracchillo, Nancy Killingsworth.

**PRETTIEST BONNET:** Sherry Martin, Tamara Goddard, Robyn Lacy.

**PRETTIEST HOME MADE COSTUME:** Carol Lynn, Arlene Walcott, Jo Ann Bradfield.

**BEST MATCHED COSTUME:** Debra and Sandra Hampton (6), Debra and Linda Redmond.

**BEST TAILORED COSTUME:** Sheryl Joe and Patrick Pittman.

**BEST BABY TWINS:** Pat and Mike Cameron, Rick and Rene Beach.

**TINY TYKE TWINS:** Debra and Sandra Hampton (Photo No. 6), Marilyn and Marshall Pearson.

Warm-up for the Easter Sunday baby parade came Thursday, Friday, and Saturday when more than 650 youngsters showed up for Easter egg hunts at McMaster and El Prado parks.

The McMaster Park hunt drew more than 300 youngsters under 10 years of age who turned

ed the park up on edge looking for the eggs on Thursday and Friday.

Saturday morning, more than 350 children showed up in the fog-shrouded El Prado to scramble for eggs left there by the radar-equipped Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny himself showed up for the event, and helped the tiny tykes find eggs—and even passed around a few to those who "just couldn't find any."

"I just could bear to see the kids go home disappointed," Peter, the Easter Bunny, confided to sponsoring Recreation Department officials.

Torrance merchants donated the more than 1000 eggs and other prizes which went into the week-end celebration. Members of the Torrance Adult Club,

## Odds 3-1 On Speeding As Ticket Cause

If you get a traffic ticket, the odds are three to one it'll be for speeding.

In a survey just completed by the California Highway Patrol 33.7 per cent of all traffic citations written by the patrol were shown to be issued for driving too fast for existing conditions. "Need of this type of enforcement is emphasized by the fact that 34.8 per cent of all accidents in unincorporated areas of the state were caused by excessive speed and reckless driving," Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell pointed out.

"Because speed is by far the greatest cause of accidents, we are directing a proportionate share of enforcement attention to this dangerous driving practice."

"Also, in order that no motorist may be taken by surprise, we want everyone to know in advance that an important objective of the Patrol will be the apprehension of speeders," he said.

"During the early part of this year a few motorists were arrested for speeds in excess of one hundred miles per hour though the great majority of those stopped were traveling from five to fifteen miles per hour over the limit."

"Since it is widely known that speed kills, motorists should have enough feeling of self-preservation to observe the legal limits. If they don't, they'll face the alternative of firm enforcement action," Caldwell declared.

## Former Texans To Howl At Springtime Reunion

Residents of the Lone Star State will descend on Sycamore Grove Park in Los Angeles Sunday for the annual springtime reunion of former residents of Texas. Fracas begins at 2 p.m. with the slogan "Should Old Acquaintance Be Forgotten?"



## Army Man Gets Diploma From Training Academy

Army Pvt. William T. Grady, whose parents live at 20734 Normandie Ave., recently was graduated from the I Corps Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in Korea.

A gunner in the 31st Infantry Regiment, Grady received instruction in leadership of units, map reading and other military subjects.