



TRY FOR CROWN . . . Eight of the nine girls seeking top honors in the "Queen" contest sponsored by the Carson Chamber of Commerce are, left to right, top row, Judy Tomkins, Althea Stedham, Anna Hopper, Joyce Brown, Carol Stevens. Bottom row, Pat Hamilton, current leader, Peggy Hopper and Pat Jill.

VFW Candidate In Queen Contest Lead

Pat Hamilton, 15, of 20913 Margaret St., who is being sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, has moved into a commanding lead in the race for Queen of the Second Annual Carson Carnival, according to a standing of contestants announced by Mrs. Barbara Henry, contest chairman.

Pat qualified for the first of several additional awards to be given contestants as they pile up sufficient votes, joining Kenneth Parker, leader in the race for king, who previously had been awarded a pen and pencil set. Next prize on the road for the leaders will be flash cameras.

Judy Tomkins, 19, stately brunette who recently joined the

Kiwanis Leaders Going to Miami For Convention

Kiwanis President J. B. Scott and First Vice-President Gerald Eastham departed this week for Miami, Fla., where they will represent the Torrance Kiwanis Club at the 35th annual convention of Kiwanis International May 9-13.

Scott and Dr. Eastham will be among 12,000 Kiwanians at the Florida convention. Among the speakers scheduled for appearances at the convention are General James A. Van Fleet, former commander of United Nations forces in Korea; and Honorable Paul Martin, U. S. minister of health and welfare for Canada.

One of the highlights of the convention will be a spectacular extravaganza in the Orange Bowl Monday evening May 10.

Lions Club Puts Candidate in For Fair Queen

Torrance Lions Club will sponsor Miss Ella Mae McLeod, brunette teenager of 3203 Crickwood Ave., as a candidate for 1954 "Miss Community Fair" contest, staged jointly by the Senior and Junior Chambers of Commerce, Chamber Secretary Dale Isenberg revealed this week.

Contest will be a featured attraction of the Torrance Community Fair, scheduled for Aug. 11-15 at the proposed civic center site on Torrance Blvd. between Maple and Madrona Aves.

The Lions board of directors invaded The Gay Shop to choose Miss McLeod, runner-up in the 1953 Miss Torrance contest, whose services for picture and fashion modeling are increasingly popular, Isenberg said.

Merchandise and auto display booths are being arranged for the fair, and to date a gala entertainment program is taking shape, including such contests as cake baking, pie eating, kids watermelon eating. Both women and kiddie fashion shows, supplemented with name entertainers, will make up the array of talent lined up for the nightly shows.

Negotiations are under way to have a national TV show originate from the fairgrounds. Paul Diamond, fair general chairman, has indicated that interest and response to date points that this fair will be the greatest ever presented in this community.

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Cases of Measles Hit High For Third Year

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., L. A. County Health Officer

Present figures indicate that for the third consecutive year Los Angeles County is experiencing more cases of measles than would normally be expected.

Since Jan. 1, more than 4000 cases have been reported. Based on the average of the past five years, the number of cases would be slightly less than 3000 for the four-month period. However, at this time last year there were more than 7000 cases reported.

Until 1940 measles occurred in epidemic proportions in the

county about every third year, and from 1940 to 1948, every two years. Since that time the disease has followed no regular pattern, except that each of the last three years has accounted for more than the usual number of cases.

Many theories have been advanced as to why the epidemic pattern has been broken in the last five years. Some authorities believe that an influx of population and an increased birth rate are in some way responsible. Others attribute the change to more children being exposed at an earlier age because of increased attendance at play or nursery schools.

Contrary to popular belief, measles is not a disease to be treated lightly. It is true that a child with measles is usually not too sick and that he recovers without too much difficulty. However, the danger of the disease lies in the possibility of serious complications, many of which are the result of improper care.

Permanent eye damage can usually be prevented by shielding the child's eyes from bright light, and ear trouble or pneumonia does not usually develop if the child is kept out of drafts and in reasonably warm surroundings. Bed rest and good nursing care do much to mini-

mize the possibility of damage to the heart and kidneys. A substance called "immune serum globulin" can reduce the severity of the disease and is recommended for children under three years of age. If given very soon after exposure to measles, it can also prevent the disease.

Many of the symptoms of measles are similar to those of a great many other childhood diseases—runny nose, slight fever, headache, and vomiting are common. The most distinguishing characteristic is the bright red spotted rash which usually appears first on the face and spreads over the

Sheriff's Rodeo Date Set for August 22

The date has been set and plans are going ahead for the 10th Annual Sheriff's Championship Rodeo in the Los Angeles Coliseum Sunday, Aug. 22. It was announced recently.

The Sheriff's annual rodeo is staged each year to raise funds for disability benefits for members of the association and their families.

entire body. Within a few days the rash disappears and the patient feels better, but good nursing care should be continued for at least a week thereafter.

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