

# Hobby, Arts, Flower Show To Open Here Next Friday

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OFF ON ECONOMY RUN . . . Driver Bill Meacham gets the green flag from starter Ralph DePalma as he and observer move out of impound area in Lynwood early yesterday for the first annual junior economy run to Hoover Dam and Las Vegas. On hand to see her son drive away yesterday was Mrs. Millie Meacham, far left.

## Teenage Drivers On Economy Run

LAS VEGAS, May 15—(Special to Herald). Torrance Driver Bill Meacham and his observer pulled in here at 4:15 this evening and reported a satisfactory trip from Lynwood in the first day's drive on the junior economy and safety run. Meacham, Observer Sonny Steele, and Officials from the Torrance Police Dept., Lt. Swayne Johnson and Sgt. Bill Evans are staying here tonight. They will return to Lynwood Sunday.

Fifteen new automobiles with teenage drivers at the wheel pulled out of the official impound area in Lynwood yesterday morning on a 663-mile stock car economy run to Hoover Dam and return.

Made up mostly of high school students, the 15 drivers and teenage observers who are participating in the contest come from Southland communities ranging from Torrance to Arcadia.

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IN A GARDEN . . . Pretty Nancy La Duke, 755 Pine Dr., tries the effect of a bit of ivy in Torrance Garden Club's floor display for the annual Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show, which will open officially at the Civic Auditorium Friday night, May 21.

## Judges Announced For Annual Event

Judges for the Annual Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show, to be held next week-end, May 21, 22, and 23, at the Civic Auditorium, were revealed this week by committees of the three sponsoring groups, Torrance Terrace Garden Club, JayCettes, and North Torrance Fuchsia Society.

Flower displays, arrangements, and specimen blooms will be judged by three graduate judges of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Novella Shearer, Naomi Trump, and William Graupe, while hobbies and arts will be reviewed by six prominent men and women of the Torrance area.

They are Forrest Murdock, president of El Camino College; Miss Marjorie Burrill, home-making instructor at El Camino College; Arthur Adair, head of the art department at Palos Verdes College; Frank Weir, Palos Verdes College's vice-president and instructor in arts and crafts; Mrs. Herbert Jones, corresponding secretary of the Palos Verdes Woman's Club and secretary

to the St. Francis Church Guild; and Maryrose Roach, teacher and art consultant at Hawthorne Intermediate School.

When hobby and arts entries closed yesterday, some of the outstanding displays on the list included crayon drawings by 85-year-old Mrs. Ella O'CONNOR, 2224 Sierra St., an early American rocker, hand-made by D. J. Thomsen, 1447 El Prado; and "Sea Arts from the Pacific," a collection of shells and other underwater specimens entered by Charles and Veronica Fournier of Hermosa Beach.

Floral displays occupying large amounts of floor space have been entered by several commercial groups as well as clubs and organizations. Among exhibitors will be the Torrance Woman's Club, South Bay Fuchsia Society, California Iris Society, Inglewood Fuchsia Society, Torrance Terrace Garden Club, and North Torrance Fuchsia Society.

Themes of the displays are being kept secret until the public unveiling Friday evening, May 21, at 6 p.m.

Flower growers are reminded that there is no entry deadline for specimen blooms or arrangements. Last-minute entries will be accepted up to noon the opening day of the show.

Judging will begin promptly at 1 p.m. on Friday, and no one other than judges and committee members will be allowed in the Auditorium during the proceedings. Awards will be given to exhibitors at the official opening of the show at 6 p.m.

The first day's viewing will close at 9 p.m., while on Saturday the show will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday's hours are 12 noon to 9 p.m.

All Torrance residents are invited to attend free of charge.

## VOTE STREET WIDENING BETWEEN VERBAL TIFFS

Condemnation proceedings to obtain right-of-way easements for a short stretch of Ashley Ave. in North Torrance which is now a half street was ordered by the City Council Tuesday night after a verbal tiff between two of the Councilmen and a member of the audience.

Councilman Willys G. Blount touched off the exchange when he asked that the record show he considered the move a payment of a political debt and that he didn't feel he could vote to pay out \$8000 or \$9000 of the city's money in payment of political debts.

After Councilman Albert Isen denied that the move was payment of a political debt on

his part, and a lengthy series of rhetorical questions was put to Councilman Blount by Anthony Blotti, of 18523 Ashley Ave., who was seated in the audience, the Council voted 3-1 to order the condemnation proceedings night after a verbal tiff between two of the Councilmen and a member of the audience.

"I think Mr. Blount is hitting kinda low when he makes those statements," Mayor Dralle said after the vote had been recorded. "Aw . . . we can run the Council without his vote if he has to go home right now," Councilman Isen cut in. "When I say run it, I mean the."

"I heard what you said," Blount interrupted. The Council moved onto other business.

## Police Present Check to Family Of Chuckie Smith

Nearly \$2500 went to the Robert Smiths, 3514 Crickewood St., yesterday to help them defray expenses of fighting the dread enemy, cancer, which racks the entire body of their two- and a-half-year-old son, Chuckie.

Checks for \$2478.55, total contributions in the "Let's Help Chuckie" campaign sponsored by the Torrance Police Department and the Waleria Businessmen's Association, were presented to Smith yesterday afternoon by Chief W. H. Haslam, Sgt. John Maestri, and James E. Whitmer, past president of the businessmen's group and chairman of the fund drive.

"I'm overwhelmed," the shipyard worker said. "The response has been so wonderful, I just can't imagine it. There is nothing I can say except to thank all of you for myself, my wife, and Chuckie."

While the presentation was going on, Mrs. Smith was at the St. Mary's Hospital bedside of little Chuckie. She has been "living in" since the curly-haired tot was taken there early this week.

"We can't explain why," Smith said, "but Chuckie has showed a lot of progress the last two days. Up to this time, since he was taken to the hospital, he was in such pain that he wouldn't let anyone touch him. If I leaned over to kiss him, he'd say 'go away.'"

"When I went to see him Friday night, he held out his arms and let me love him. He kept a steady stream of talk all the time. It was the same this morning."

That was the father's report late yesterday afternoon. Today both parents will be at the blue-eyed lad's bedside, keeping an anxious vigil for more signs of improvement—or the touch of death. Doctors believe he will not live for his third birthday.

## Clubs To See H-Bomb Films

Official color motion pictures of "Operation Ivy," explosion of the hydrogen device in the Pacific which has received so much notice, will be available here for showing to groups next week. It was announced yesterday by George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense.

The films will be available after May 20, when they will be shown at a meeting of the Waleria Business Men, Torrance Optimists will see them May 24, and the Torrance Rotary Club will see the H-Bomb clips Thursday evening, May 27. Groups interested in seeing the film may contact Powell at the Torrance City Hall for information.



OVERWHELMED . . . with amount raised in the Torrance Police Department-Waleria Businessmen's Association-sponsored "Let's Help Chuckie" campaign is the father of the two-and-a-half-year-old cancer victim, Robert Smith, 3514 Crickewood St. Checks and some cash totaling \$2478.55 are being presented to him by, left to right, Sgt. John Maestri, James E. Whitmer, past president of the businessmen's group and chairman of the fund drive; and Chief W. H. Haslam.

## Nativity Church Buys Property For Youth Work

Purchase of the former First Christian Church building at Arlington and Engracia was announced yesterday by Rev. Father P. J. McGuinness of the Nativity Catholic Church.

The former church building was sold first to Businessman Sam Levy for \$25,000. He resold it this week at the same figure for use as a youth activities center for the Nativity Parish.

Father McGuinness said yesterday that the Chi-Rho Teen-age club was being organized and would use the new facility as a meeting hall as would Girl Scout Troop 610 and other youth organizations of the parish.

"There has long been a need for facilities to accommodate the youth of the parish," Father McGuinness said yesterday. He pointed out that acquisition of the structure and the spacious corner lot would alleviate the parking slightly in the area when new paved areas are prepared.



BOSS FOR A DAY . . . Tomorrow will be a big day for Troy McDaniel (seated) who has worked day shift in the sheet metal department at Longren Aircraft Co. for 3½ years. Elected "Man of the Year" by his day shift associates, he will trade places with Longren President Hampden Wentworth for the day. He also receives a nice trophy and a war bond. Man of the Year winners each year are treated to free coffee and doughnuts for twelve months.



TRADE JOBS . . . R. C. Stewart, chief engineer for Longren Aircraft, hands a work order to Joe Elliott, a swing shift worker on Longren's heat treating department for more than 4½ years, who is taking over his job for the day tomorrow. Stewart, in the meantime, is out studying heat treating because he's due for a turn in that department tomorrow evening. It's all part of the annual "Man of the Year" elections at Longren Aircraft.