



New Recreation Director Visits School Board

A review of the summer recreation program in Torrance was given members of the Board of Education here Tuesday evening by Harry Van Bellehem, director of recreation, and three of his aides.

Van Bellehem, who took over as the city's recreation boss on Aug. 1, outlined the summer program of handicrafts, recreation, swimming, and the various athletic programs.

Final plot plans for the Hillside Elementary School which will be located east of Crenshaw Blvd. in West Hillside, were approved by the board during its regular meeting. Also approved was the plan for an addition to the Riviera Elementary School, which was completed last year.

The new school which has formerly been referred to as the Ocean Ave. School, was formally named the Meadow Park Elementary School by the board after the name was suggested to it by Mrs. Addis Thomas, long-time resident of the area.

Food Employers Seek to Reopen Union Agreement

Notice that they wanted to reopen the Food Agreement, was handed the Retail Clerks Local 905 this week by food employer members of the Harbor Area Employers' Council.

The food employers held a general meeting recently to discuss the agreement and the alterations which the employers will propose, and at that time decided to give notice that they wanted the agreement reopened. It is reported that the clerks employed under the food agreement will meet this evening to discuss the proposition.

Civitan Club To Hear Info On Wrestling

The Torrance Civitan Club members will have a chance to get the inside dope on what a wrestling referee has to put up with when Mickey McMaisters, popular in the square ring and on TV, speaks at the club tonight at 8:45 at Dingy How Cafe. McMaisters will be brought to Torrance by Governor-elect A. J. Moe, of Civitan International, for the meeting of the local group.

McMaisters is immediate past president of the Long Beach Civitan Club, and will join in a move to round out the charter membership of the new Torrance Civitan Club.

Twenty-nine local business and professional men have signed the charter roster of the club, he said.

Letters To The Editor

L.A. Councilman Gibson Promises Action on Western Ave. Problem

Editor Torrance Herald: I read your letter addressed to me in the Torrance Herald of August 6th, concerning the accident problems on Western Avenue adjoining the City of Torrance.

I have asked the Los Angeles Police Department to immediately give special attention to the solution of this problem and also give me a report of the history of the accidents in this district in the immediate past, and requested that they make every effort to cooperate with the Torrance Police in working out a method of cooperation so the prompt service can be rendered.

Monday morning I will contact Dr. Sebastian, head of the Emergency Service for Los Angeles and request him to study the matter and report to me as to the possibility of entering into a contract with the County Hospital in this district to provide emergency service.

Perhaps a local ambulance can be obtained which can handle the calls. A remedy must be found and with your cooperation I feel sure the service will be improved.

I want to express my sincere thanks for your interest in the matter and will appreciate your keeping the Councilman's office informed concerning problems which are not called to our attention.

Sincerely yours, JOHN S. GIBSON, JR. Councilman Fifteenth District

JRG/b cc: Capt. Starkey; Dr. Sebastian; Mrs. Sidwell; Mr. Unander.



POSSE SWORN IN . . . While members of the Torrance Mounted Police (Herald Photo) look on, Police Chief John Stroh pinned a badge on a school chum of 40 years ago, Al La Pan. Looking on is A. J. Alexander, who was instrumental in organizing the new unit.

Mounted Police Sworn In, 21 Get New Badges

Twenty-one members of the Torrance Mounted Police were sworn in and received their badges Tuesday evening as Police Chief Stroh met with the group of horsemen at the 190th St. Stock Auction, headquarters of the troop.

First badge to be pinned on went to Al La Pan, who attended Loveland (Colo.) High School with Chief Stroh about 40 years ago.

La Pan and Stroh met here after not seeing each other for more than 27 years, they related. La Pan had come to Torrance to act as auctioneer at the stock auction, when he and the chief met one afternoon—neither knowing the other was within miles of the place.

Also on hand to receive his badge Tuesday night was A. J. "Andy" Alexander, captain of the unit, whose black and white horse is a familiar sight to Southland parade viewers, and a moving force in the organization of the Mounted Police unit.

Also receiving badges were Jack Foss, William Biogar, Al Robins, Ray Muno, George Berry, Les Schmoek, Art Moore, Cass Smith, Jack Phillips, Loyd Woolven, M. L. Andrews, Bob Smith, Virgel Bolles, Everett Smith, Francis Stevens, Hugh Sherkey, Mott Houdashelt, Eddie Aiken, and Sgt. D. C. Cook, Torrance juvenile officer.

The celebration is being planned to mark the turning on of the neon directional sign on Western Ave. and Torrance Blvd., pointing the way to the city's business district.

Torrance Places Four in Pacific Bowl Officialdom

Four residents of Torrance were elected first year officers of the Pacific Bowl Association at a meeting held last week at the association headquarters in Hermosa Beach.

The four were Howard Trimmer, secretary; Ed Nelson, treasurer; Jan Darian, second vice president; and Mrs. Daisy O. Geery, third vice-president.

The association has dedicated itself to obtaining for the Harbor area adequate facilities in which to present cultural programs of all kinds—symphonic, dance and vocal recitals, pageants and little theater group offerings.

In the first month of its being, the Pacific Bowl Association and the ideas that it represents have so captured the interest and support of the people in these regions that they have been deluged with over 500 applications for membership.

At its next meeting, to be held at the Hermosa Biltmore Hotel on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 8 p.m., the parliamentary committee will present a proposed constitution for discussion and approval. At that time the president will appoint a committee which will determine the site of the bowl.

This group will contain experts on traffic and weather problems, and will also contain realtors, architects, and landscape designers. Their findings will be considered and voted on by all members at a future meeting.

Other officers elected at the recent meeting were Miss Elyse Aehle, president; Mrs. Ethel Burroughs, first vice-president; and Mrs. Bernice Venable, fourth vice-president.



NEW OFFICERS . . . The Pacific Bowl Association, a group which plans to provide for the Harbor area an adequate place in which to view symphonies, plays, recitals, pageants, etc., elected the above officers for the coming year. They are, seated (left to right) Mrs. Alice Durham, Long Beach committee director; Miss Elyse Aehle, president; and Jan Darian, of Torrance, second vice-president. Standing, Howard Trimmer, Torrance, secretary; and Mrs. Daisy O. Geery, Torrance, third vice-president.

Street Dance Orchestra To Be Signed This Week

Final arrangements to engage this week, he said, a well known band to play for the Chamber of Commerce "Lights On" street dance here a week from tomorrow night on El Prado have been announced.

Chamber Secretary Dale Isenberg said yesterday that he was waiting only for contract to arrive to complete negotiations for the band. It should be done this week, he said.

In the meantime, booths for the celebration have been snapped up and residents attending the function will be offered everything from hot dogs to dollops—even a Cadillac.

Torrance service clubs, veterans organizations, Scout units, and others are making plans to have booths along El Prado for the celebration.

Threat of PE Strike Lessens

Negotiations between the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and purchasers of Pacific Electric Tuesday ended a threat of PE employees to strike over the proposed sale of the company.

R. V. Rachford, general chairman of the union and vice-chairman of the joint committee of railway unions involved, revealed that the union and purchasers were engaged in negotiations.

Rachford said the negotiations would continue throughout this week.

The unions recently petitioned the Public Utilities Commission for a rehearing on the sale of the Pacific Electric lines to Metropolitan Coach Lines scheduled to be completed Monday.

The petition alleged the sale would be prejudicial to rights acquired by union members.

Six Torrance Spaans Join 70 In Reunion

Six members of the Spaan family from Torrance joined 70 others at a traditional family reunion and picnic held at Peck Park in San Pedro Sunday.

Sons and daughters present at the reunion from Torrance were Albert Spaan, Mrs. Nellie Whitson, Mrs. Fannie Van Mulan, Andrew, St and Steve Spaan.

The reunion idea was started by the late Simon and Rena Spaan, and this was the first held since the death of Mrs. Spaan in 1944.

Ten of the Spaans' 13 living children were present at the picnic along with 30 to 40 grand children and great-grandchildren plus members of the clan by marriage.

The Spaan family settled in San Pedro in 1917 after emigrating to the United States from Holland in 1906.

Heart Attack Takes Life Of Steel Worker

Last rites will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Stone and Myers Chapel for Robert Bundy Myers, 47, who died of a heart attack while at work at Columbia Steel Friday morning.

Myers had been employed by Columbia for 20 years, and worked as a welder. He lived at 1855 W. 218th St. with his wife, Zanera, and five children Donald, Lauralyn, Richard, Marion, and Robert Jr.

He is also survived by a brother Earl, and two sisters: Myrtle Fox and Virginia Kaneen, both of Long Beach. Burial at Green Hills Cemetery will follow the services.

Government Offers Airport Oil Leases

Announcement that government oil and mineral rights leases on the Torrance Municipal Airport were available came as a surprise to city officials this week when they were told of the offer by Chamber Secretary Dale Isenberg.

Advertising appearing in the Aug. 13 issue of Petroleum World indicated that oil and mineral rights were being offered through sealed bids for lease by the General Services Administration of the government.

The advertising pointed out that the oil and mineral rights underlying the 385-acre airport are being offered for lease "subject to any existing agreements, easements, and rights of way."

The terms of the leases will require that drilling be done from adjacent premises, which would probably mean no rigs could be set up on the airport property.

Deadline for bids is Sept. 3, the advertisement said. When told of the offer this week, City Manager George Stevens said: "This is the first time I've heard of it."

Airport Manager Ed Dietrich's comment was almost identical as was that of other city officials.

William E. Tolbert, 33, a Keystone mechanic, was ordered to appear on Sept. 14 for a preliminary hearing after he was arraigned in Compton Municipal Court Monday on a charge of murdering his estranged wife, Mrs. Henrietta Tolbert, 26.

Tolbert, who lives at 23414 Dolores Ave., was ordered to be held without bail. The mechanic was booked for murder after his wife's death Thursday in Harbor General Hospital.

Tolbert assertedly shot his wife and her best friend, Mrs. Patricia Wheeler, 29, in Mrs. Wheeler's home on Aug. 11. He told police that his wife had refused to reconcile with him and that Mrs. Wheeler had "interfered with" his marriage.

Mrs. Wheeler, of 23408 Dolores Ave., is presently recovering in Harbor General Hospital.

Ambulance

(Continued from Page 1) The accident lies west of the boundary line which splits Western Ave.

The Torrance Herald is asking the public officials of the two cities to devise a plan of operation and cooperation whereby injured persons will receive the quickest possible aid.

Councilman Gibson, who serves the 15th councilmanic district which includes the Western Ave. Shoestring Strip, has stated he is in complete accord with this recommendation and deserves credit for the action he has taken thus far to improve the tragic situation.