



BLUE STARDUST . . . Miss Glenda Wells shows a favorite feminine fashion, the waltz-length formal. Gown is of blue nylon tulle over matching taffeta sparkling with sequins to give a stardust effect.

TINY TOTS . . . Little Miss Sandy Crabtree, all dressed up for a party in a scarlet jersey two-piece trimmed with white angora, says goodbye to school-bond Steve McNeese, who models brown denim jeans and a white and brown Tee shirt.

Carson Cracker Barrel

'Victims' Dragged To Early Breakfast

By GWEN BARKAN Fairfax 8-0389 "Either come with us or pay the price!" were the stern words Carson St. PTA members used on their "victims" as they dragged them to a kidnap breakfast Wednesday morning. The occasion was the first of many projects of the year, and turned out very well both from a monetary and social standpoint. It was the first time all summer many members had seen each other and it made a good get-together. We couldn't possibly keep track of all who attended, but saw Mrs. C. Wittenburg, president, pouring coffee and exuding good cheer. Also enjoyed visiting with Mrs. J. Spence, just recently back from vacation with Mr. S. R. Minchow, who has departed for Dolores St. Among others who ate the wonderful homemade rolls and drank coffee were Mmes. J. Reardon, R. Carter, J. Luten, Corneff, Van Dyck, William Roller, Edwards, H. Salveger, C. Linn, Fay Buck, R. J. McMahon, and many, many others.

Of course, one great contributing factor to the graciousness of the affair was the setting—the lovely patio of the L. H. Johnson home at 21247 Archibald. The generosity of these fine people in opening their homes for this affair is deeply realized and appreciated by the PTA.

Here to visit for several days is Miss Karen Eckels, 10-year-old, of Fresno, she is visiting at the Howard Salveger home, 805 1/2 W. 22nd St.

Saturday was "party day" on W. 214th St., as two young ladies celebrated turning seven. In the afternoon the youngsters gathered at the home of Miss Linda Hicks, in whose honor they played games, brought little gifts and ate the traditional ice cream and cake.

Then at 4:30 in the evening, Miss Andrea Billings was surprised at the W. P. Carey home as little guests, again bearing gifts trooped into the backyard for a wienner bake. Highlight of the occasion was a wonderful surprise, a real clown who dispensed balloons, jokes, music, and added little brains on an honest-to-goodness merry-go-round; Congratulations to both.

In our opinion, Master Dick Wittenburg is going to be quite a traveled young man before the summer is over. He and brother Bill just returned from two weeks in Bakersfield last Monday, and already he's gone again. This time it's only to Bellowford to visit relatives there for a few days. However, it's quite a lot of traveling for someone not quite nine!

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Griffiths have returned from Vallejo, where they attended the commencement of the class of 1953 from the California Maritime Academy on Aug. 15, and saw their son, Robert O. Griffiths, receive his diploma. He was graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering, and has been commissioned an ensign in the Merchant Marine as a third engineer. He will spend a few weeks with his parents, as he awaits orders. His father is a well-known Carsonite and manager of Avalon Village.

Having their son, Sgt. Harry Billings, USAAF, home for a short leave, was all it took for the W. P. Careys to invite friends and relatives in for a family steak last Saturday night. Their lovely backyard overflowed with laughter and talk as they all got together for a good visit. Sgt. Billings is stationed at Fairfield Air Force in Northern California.

Parties, parties, and still more—Mrs. S. Morlock, 621 W. 215th, baked a lovely cake and invited friends and neighbors in to enjoy a demonstration and to have a good time meeting one another last Tuesday night. Ladies attending were Mmes. M. J. McVey, G. L. Walker, C. G. Wallace, Mary Sugnoto, Lois Crocker, Avalon Martinikus, Phyllis Currier, Carol Carlson.

Jerilyn and Judith Kirby, teenage nieces of Mrs. Lois Balsley, are enjoying a visit with her, and are doing their bit to further the vacation Bible school at the Methodist Church. They reside in Woodland Hills.

It's time again for Mrs. Jack Spence, 344 E. Carson St., who with sons Danny and Tommy returned Monday. They spent the summer in Colorado where Mr. Spence's business took him. Mrs. Spence and the boys motored through Colorado, Nebraska,

Letters To The Editor

Gardena Group Seeks Info On How to Oust Gambling Halls

Torrance Herald Editor A number of years ago, we understand, the city of Torrance had an infiltration of gambling clubs similar to those that now exist in Gardena. At this present time, of course you do not have them. If such is the case of the past history of Torrance, would it be possible for us to secure information on how these clubs were ousted from Torrance. We, as a church group, are very keenly interested in having those businesses in our community which foster the public welfare. We do not believe that these clubs do that. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience. Sincerely yours, (Mrs.) JOY J. HUMPHREYS, Secretary Civic Improvement Committee 2228 West 144th St. Gardena, California.

(Ed. note:—Torrance used the Ounce-of-prevention-is-worth-a-pound-of-cure technique, and never let the gambling get started. Is there any reader who would like to advise Mrs. Humphrey how to begin?)

'Death by Tetanus Needles' - Gilbert

By ROY O. GILBERT, M. D. Los Angeles County Health Officer With the discovery of tetanus toxoid in 1924, tetanus—sometimes called lockjaw, was added to the list of preventable diseases. But, in spite of the fact that victims of this disease generally have less than a 50-50 chance of recovery, carelessness in obtaining protection against it persists and results in needless deaths from a disorder that has been dreaded since antiquity. So far this year, 10 cases of tetanus have been reported in Los Angeles County.

Tetanus germs are usually present in the soil of barnyards and gardens and since they are blown around in the dust, are also to be found on the street and playground, in house dust, and food, and many other places including the skin. Medical authorities state that it is also carried higher and yonder by the housefly.

The tetanus bacillus, the existence of which has been known for more than 65 years, is what is called an anaerobic germ—which simply means that it grows and thrives in the absence of air. If the germs find their way into the body through a puncture wound or a tear in the flesh, they may go in deep enough to get out of contact with the air, at which time they start to multiply and produce the poison which has so devastating an effect on the human body.

Nor does the injury need to be serious. Records show that most cases of tetanus are the result of wounds so trivial that medical attention was thought unnecessary. In fact, one case recently reported in medical literature was due to nothing more than the deep prick of a thorn.

Symptoms of the disease may appear in approximately one to three weeks depending on the amount of toxin that is produced. Pain or tingling around a recent wound that has apparently healed may be the first sign of trouble.

The poison, or toxin, first affects the motor nerves of the body and then involves the spinal cord and the brain. Stiffness in the neck, arms and legs becomes evident and, as the disease progresses, opening of the mouth becomes an impossibility. It is from this peculiarity of the disorder that the name "lock-

jaw" is derived. Pain is intense. Although exceedingly difficult to treat and agonizing to experience, the disease may be prevented easily enough by proper cleansing of the wound at the time of injury and the prompt administration of tetanus antitoxin. This antitoxin produces an immunity within a few minutes, but lasts only five or six weeks.

It can also be prevented by tetanus active immunization with tetanus toxoid which gives a long-lasting protection. This should be given early in life and repeated every five years or reinforced at the time of injury. Tetanus is a comparatively rare disease, but is such a terrible one that adults and especially all children should be protected against it. Otherwise the odds are just too great. Additional information on tetanus from the United States Public Health Service will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

Public Notices TORRANCE HERALD NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, has caused to be filed for recording in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Torrance, California, the following: Notice to Install the following Bell and Spirit Cast "Tetanus" Inoculation Class, centrally cast with this office as indicated. Fittings, valves, hydrants and other necessary material to be furnished by the Torrance Municipal Water Department. All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Bid for furnishing and installing the above mentioned material" and filed in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Torrance, California, on or before the 10th day of September, 1953, at 10:00 A.M. For further information contact the Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa Avenue, Torrance, California. This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of the Health Code, City of Torrance, California. Dated August 28, 1953. City Manager TORRANCE HERALD NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL IN THE Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles. In the Matter of the Estate of IDA C. B. LEBER, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the Petition of the Executor of the will of the above-named Petitioner, to be heard at 9:15 o'clock A.M., on September 7, 1953, in the court room of Department "A," Justice of the Peace, 110 E. Street, Inland Empire, California. Dated August 28, 1953. J. O'BRYEN, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles. BY HELEN STEWART, Notary Public. MacFadden, Brown & Hall 100 E. Street, Inland Empire, California. FR. 4-3456 SW-AUGUST 29, 1953 TORRANCE HERALD NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL IN THE Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles. In the Matter of the Estate of IDA C. B. LEBER, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the Petition of the Executor of the will of the above-named Petitioner, to be heard at 9:15 o'clock A.M., on September 7, 1953, in the court room of Department "A," Justice of the Peace, 110 E. Street, Inland Empire, California. Dated August 28, 1953. J. O'BRYEN, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles. BY HELEN STEWART, Notary Public. MacFadden, Brown & Hall 100 E. Street, Inland Empire, California. FR. 4-3456

LAW IN ACTION

THE CONTRACT IS "A PLAN OF ACTION" A contract is "a plan of action," enforceable at law. Since we all make plans, we find contracts of great use in our daily affairs. Suppose our plan is to have me buy your car. I could pay you and drive the car away. Perhaps I want to write a check. Or suppose I want to buy the car on time. In each such case we must bargain and arrive at a plan. If I buy on time, our plan of action will involve interest and principal payments. You may demand security, such as having the car carried in your name until paid for. We must also decide who will pay for transferring ownership if the car doesn't run, who pays for a tow car? And are you delivering the car or selling it where it stands? If the contract does not spell out the principal payments, misunderstandings may produce a lawsuit. So in time, our courts have developed rules for such cases. These rules state what most persons would have provided for, if they had thought about the problem. To reach its decision, the court asks what "a reasonable man" would do. What would this man believe the parties meant? Suppose we agreed that I am to pay you \$50 a month for your car. But we did not say what day the payment became due. "The reasonable man" might say that payments would be made on the first, although I may have in mind my pay day, which is the 15th. When the contract is written, the law assumes that everything previously agreed upon has been included. So neither party can claim anything not written into the contract. But a contract can be amended by a later contract. So it is vital for the contract—the plan of action—to set forth exactly what the parties had in mind. NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

Coming Events

- 81 Chest X-Rays Health Center
81 Cancer Society Recital Civic Auditorium, 8 p.m.
SEPTEMBER
9 JayCee Hayride Flays del Rey
14 Schools Open Torrance, Los Angeles
26 Kids Day Kiwanis Club
OCTOBER
9, 11, 16, 17 "Bloomer Girl" Redondo High Auditorium
NOVEMBER
7 Good Neighbor Breakfast Civic Auditorium

Orientation At El Camino Set Sept. 10

El Camino College will hold its second annual Orientation Day for new students on Sept. 10. The morning session will be a general one starting at 10 o'clock in the Campus Center. It will include presentations of El Camino student activities by members of the Student Council as well as descriptions of the instructional offerings by members of the college staff. Lunch will be available in the Campus Center Fountain Room, or visiting students may bring lunches if they desire.

Afternoon sessions will consist of individual conferences with members of the counseling staff. Students will have the opportunity to discuss programs of classes, vocational objectives, and other problems with these experienced counselors. Some three hundred students attended the first orientation day one year ago, and it is estimated that a much larger number will attend this year. Though brief, this introduction to El Camino College is considered to be one of most benefit to the beginning students.

USN Man Returns From Long Tour

John L. Arnold, boilerman third class, USN, husband of Mrs. Wanda Arnold of 327 W. 228th St., is aboard the USS Samuel N. Moore, one of four destroyers which are scheduled to dock this morning at Long Beach after a six months tour in Korean and Western Pacific waters. The division consisting of the USS Maddox (DD 731), USS Brush (DD 745), USS Samuel N. Moore (DD 747) and USS Herbert J. Thomas (DDR 833) left Long Beach on Feb. 2, 1953, to return to the Western Pacific. Captain Harold G. Bowen Jr., USN, was in command of the division. Between Long Beach and Pearl Harbor the division participated in an exercise protecting a convoy from attacking submarines. Further exercises were carried out in the Hawaiian area and after a pleasant liberty period the ships continued their westward voyage. The division proceeded west in company with the light cruiser Manchester and the attack carrier Princeton.

Fresno Teacher Visits Church

The First Fundamental Baptist Church of Welteria will be the scene of a two-night missionary conference under the direction of Dwight E. DuBois, a lay Christian school teacher from Fresno, tonight and tomorrow night. The services begin at 7:30. DuBois is home director for the Evangelical Mission to Uruguay and gives his time every summer to conferences on its behalf. The morning worship at 11 o'clock will be presided over by the Rev. Andrew Duty, pastor. His subject is "Truth." Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at Park and Newton Sts.

'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Males outranked the females at Torrance Memorial Hospital this week, with three new sons and no daughters born to local residents. First baby boy to arrive was Robert Dean, son of the A. D. Ruppe, 1020 Eriol Ave. Born July 22 weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz., he has one sister, Linda Fay. Father is employed at General Petroleum. Grandparents are Frank Chism of Myist, Conn., and Mrs. Abble Rupe of Hollywood, Okla.

Other infant sons were Kenneth William, born to the Douglas H. Johnsons, 2520 Sierra St., Aug. 23, and Gagy Wayne, who arrived to the Lyle Wayne Deckers at 1:55 a.m. Aug. 25. The Johnson infant, who weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz., has one sister, 23-month-old Dianna Louise. Father is employed as an engineer at Northrop Aircraft; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schneider of Los Angeles and Alfred Johnson of Luck, Wis.

Gary is the first-born in the Decker family. Father of the 7 lb. 5 oz. baby boy is employed at Douglas Aircraft in El Segundo; Sumner E. Christie of Alamosa, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis L. Decker of Des Moines, Ia., are grandparents.

EARLY START Silk production was started in China about 2600 B. C. Local residents with a yen for real old-fashioned dancing got their fill of some last night when the Jeans and Calico Square Dance Club sponsored a free summer hoedown at Wil-

Shopper's Guide Contest Entries Lack Signatures

People have been in such a hurry to enter the Chamber of Commerce Shopper's Guide contest that they have been forgetting to sign their names to their entries, according to Dale Isenberg, Chamber secretary. Over 50 entries out of the 250 that have been received have come in with no signatures, Isenberg said. "Some of them are terrific and would have been in the running too," he added. \$100 will be given to the three entrants who best complete the sentence: "I use and like the Torrance Shopper's Guide because . . ." in 50 words or less. The contest ends at midnight tomorrow, and all entries must be postmarked prior to that time.

First-place winner will receive a check for \$50, which must be spent at one of the firms advertising in the guide. Second prize will be \$30, and third, \$15, also to be spent at advertisers. A secret committee will screen all entries and turn the best 25 over to the judging committee—Judge John A. Shidler, Judge Otto B. Willett, the Rev. Cecil J. England, pastor of the First Christian Church for the past 4 1/2 years; and Mrs. Grace Wright, of the Board of Education. The final winners will be announced on Sept. 15. Any adult in the Greater Torrance area is eligible to enter the contest, Isenberg announced.

Camping Report Heard At Scout Group Meeting

Scoutmaster Bob Wagner gave his report on the week of camping with his Scouts at Camp Big Horn in August, when the committee of the Welteria Boy Scout Troop No. 240 met Tuesday night at Wagner's home to discuss plans for the coming Scout year. Financial plans, including the ways and means of increasing the treasury, and also for financing the camping trip for next summer were discussed. It was generally agreed upon that the boys should start working and saving toward this end, now. It was also agreed that the boys should earn the money by offering their services to some community project, as they did this summer, when they hired themselves out as a group to work at any odd job. The ways and means of interesting more parents was also discussed. An appeal is going to be made to parents as a group for more time and for more cooperation. A court of honor is to be held in September, at which time most of the boys will receive honors. Some will even reach the highest point of Scouting. The next committee meeting will be held at the home of Maurice Willy, 3238 Dalemead, Welteria. Willy will act as chairman in the absence of the regular chairman.

Rusty's Riders provided music for the affair, and several guitar callers were featured.

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