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Seventeen

City Drops Plan To Build Park, Ball Field On Old Dump Land

May Put Diamond In Central Park With New Civic Center

Contrary to former plans, the city will not build a park and hardball diamond on property at Western Ave. and Plaza del Amo, formerly the city dump, but will sell the land and apply the money to other civic improvements, City Manager George Stevens announced this week.

Stevens said the section of bleachers remaining behind home plate will probably be torn down this winter.

The city plans to install portable bleachers to replace the present seats, but Stevens doubts whether they will be in before next season.

The old bleachers are being removed as a safety precaution because dry rot has set in. The bleachers that have been torn down at Torrance Park were used by the Little Leaguers this summer.

Future plans call for converting the baseball field into a picnic grounds and building softball diamonds and tennis courts where the field now lies. Stevens believes that the present diamond involves a lot of territory for the number of people who play baseball, and says that the land could be put to better use by a greater number of people if picnic tables were installed.

First Methodist Church To Fete Anniversary

The First Methodist Church of Torrance will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a Homecoming and a Founder's Day gathering on Sept. 13 at the church, El Prado and Manuel Ave.

Invitations have been sent to former members and friends of the church who have moved from the community. Climaxing the celebration will be an historical pageant—"Endless Line of Splendor"—which will depict the march of Methodism from its founder, John Wesley, in England in the 18th century, down through the establishment of the church in Torrance.

The pageant will conclude with a revelation of future building plans for the church. The present building, constructed at a cost of \$8000 in 1923, is now valued at \$60,000.

The anniversary day will begin with morning worship services at 9 and 11 a.m. The Rev. Stanley Creighton, pastor of the Arlington Methodist Church in Riverside and son of William Creighton, a charter member and first trustee of the local church, will deliver the sermons at these services.

At noon, the congregation will share in a potluck dinner in the El Prado Park, and the historical pageant will follow at 2:30 p.m.

Included in the present congregation of 700 are five charter members of the church: William Creighton, Mr. and Mrs. David Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoerr.

Local Horsemen Parade

A four-day celebration sponsored by the Lawndale Optimist Club for the benefit of the Lawndale Optimist Youth Center will be held beginning tomorrow and winding up on Monday, Labor Day. A number of Torrance horsemen will be entered in the huge parade which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday.



REHABILITATION CHECK . . . J. C. Caldwell, service officer of the South Bay Chapter 92 of DAV hands Mrs. Carolyn Brim, director of occupational therapy at Harbor General Hospital a check for \$50. Looking on at the right is A. L. Thomas, director of the hospital. (Herald photo).

DAV Chapter Gives Hospital \$50 Check

A \$50 check to be used to buy rehabilitation supplies for the tubercular ward at Harbor General Hospital was turned over to hospital officials here Monday by J. C. Caldwell, service officer of the South Bay Chapter 92 of the Disabled American Veterans.

Part of the chapter's program of helping rehabilitate disabled veterans, the check, marked the fourth time such an amount had been given to the hospital for that purpose, Caldwell said.

Accepting the check was Mrs. Carolyn Brim, director of occupational therapy at the hospital. She said the money would be used to purchase leather supplies, lacing, yarn, special woods, arts and crafts supplies, and other material which can be utilized by the patients in physical therapy work.

New Workshop On hand to witness the check presentation was A. L. Thomas, director of the hospital. Thomas said that the hospital now has a workshop which has been developed considerably during the past three or four months and that Emil Settlage, a member of the South Bay DAV, is now on duty full time in the shop to assist patients with their rehabilitation.

Supplies are sold to the patients who make articles they hope to sell, Mrs. Brim said. In this way, the money set up to purchase materials is maintained as a revolving fund, she said.

"We give this money to the hospital because we feel that an idle person is the most dangerous person in the world."



According to City Ordinance No. 326, no employee of the City of Torrance (any person holding a position under the Classified Service), shall seek or accept election, nomination or appointment as an officer of a political club or organization, or take an active part in any county or municipal political campaign, or act as a worker at the polls, or distribute badges, pamphlets, doggers, or handbills of any kind favoring or opposing any candidate for election or nomination to a public office.

Del Rey Crash Takes Life Of Torrance Man

A Torrance man was killed Sunday when he lost control of his car which crashed through a fence, bounded 234 feet into a field and overturned three times.

The man, Raymond Mendez, 25, of 613 Acacia Ave., was pronounced dead on arrival at Santa Monica Hospital. Another occupant of the car, Arthur Mendez, of 11301 S. Hoover St., Los Angeles, Mendez' cousin received minor injuries.

The accident occurred at 1 a.m. Sunday morning near the intersection of Century Rd. and Pershing Dr. in Playa Del Rey.

Funeral services will be held in St. Louis, Mo., home of the Mendez family. The victim's widow, Marcella, and son, Thomas, 3, accompanied the body to St. Louis.

Mendez was a veteran of World War II and of the Korean conflict. He was discharged from the Army in January of this year. He was employed as a truck driver and belonged to the Teamsters Union, Local No. 682, of St. Louis.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mendez, four sisters, Betty Mayfield, Dolores Boyer, Margaret Mendez, and Evelyn Mendez, and a brother, Frank, all of St. Louis.

PAPER WORKERS

The United States paper industry employs about 400,000 production workers.



Dr. MARSHALL R. CRAWSHAW

New Adult Director Lists Fall Classes

Dr. Marshall Crawshaw, new director of adult education for Torrance, took office this week and announced the following tentative fall schedule for free adult classes. The fall classes will begin on Sept. 14.

Table with columns: Subject, Night, Time. Lists various classes like Watercolor, Arts and Crafts, Cake Decorating, etc., with their respective schedules.



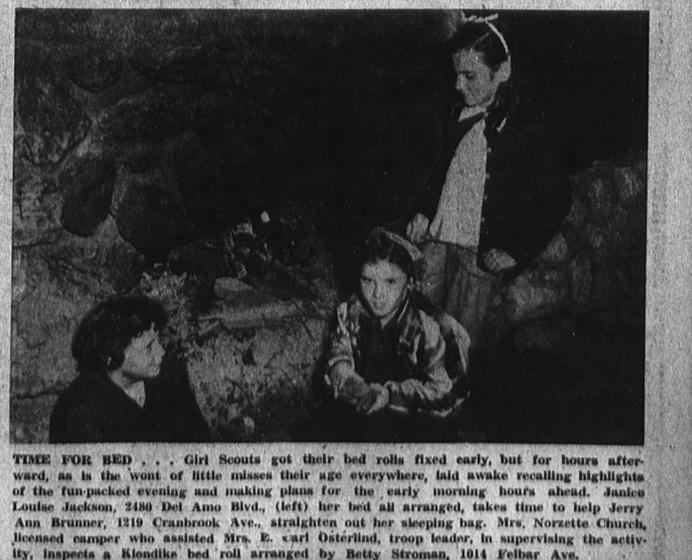
SMELLS GOOD! . . . First thing on the agenda Tuesday night when Girl Scout Troop 1293, sponsored by Madrona Ave. PTA, camped out at Torrance Park was the preparation of the evening meal. The girls cooked all the goodies themselves and did all the dishes and cleanup work too, following the Girl Scout principle of cooperation in both work and play. Here Nannette Gallo, 2805 Onrado St., (right) and Fatsy Lewis, 2834 Onrado St., do their stint at the grill.



FUN AT THE CAMPFIRE . . . No overnight camping trip would be complete without a campfire, complete with marshmallows for roasting and plenty of Girl Scout medleys for community singing. Following tradition, members of Girl Scout Troop 1293 highlighted their Tuesday evening at Torrance Park with a huge blaze in one of the park fireplaces. Jo Evelyn Cogburn, 1313 Fonthell Ave., starts the fire, while Jan Planz, 1605 Juniper St., stands by with another load of kindling to feed the flames. All set to be the first one to roast a marshmallow is Kathleen Brady, 1313 Maple Ave.



Calendar of events for September and October, including Little League Dance, Fireman's Auxiliary, Fashion Show, etc.



TIME FOR BED . . . Girl Scouts got their bed rolls fixed early, but for hours afterward, as is the wont of little misses their age everywhere, laid awake recalling highlights of the fun-packed evening and making plans for the early morning hours ahead. Janice Louise Jackson, 2480 Del Amo Blvd., (left) her bed all arranged, takes time to help Jerry Ann Brunner, 1219 Cranbrook Ave., straighten out her sleeping bag. Mrs. Norzette Church, licensed camper who assisted Mrs. E. Carl Osterlund, troop leader, in supervising the activity, inspects a Klondike bed roll arranged by Betty Stroman, 1014 Felbar Ave.