

Parents Rush to Bedside of Polio Stricken Twins

New Rock Barrage Brings More Terror; Boy, 14, Hit

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HELP FOR CITY OF HOPE . . . Sally Fritts, a receptionist at the Dow Chemical plant here, deposits her contribution in one of the City of Hope canisters which will be used to collect funds for the charitable institution during a 15-hour telethon next Saturday and Sunday. (Herald photo).

Pomona Official Explains City's Work in Parking

The acquisition of off-street parking sites was advanced as the only solution to the parking problems of cities here Thursday night as more than 200 members of the Southern California Planning Congress were hosted by Torrance.

Meeting at the Fish Shanty Thursday evening were members of planning bodies from cities throughout the Southland from Laguna Beach to Pismo Beach.

Fred Sharp, city manager of Pomona, explained the part that off-street parking lots, acquired through the formation of assessment districts, had played in solving the parking problems in Pomona.

Pomona started acquiring parking space near the downtown district after the war and now has seven lots with metered parking spaces which will handle a total of 435 cars, Sharp said. The largest development was opened last month, he said.

Modest Fees
Metered parking, utilized in most parking district lots as well as on the streets of Pomona, sets a 5 cents an hour rate. Two outlying lots allow 10 hours of parking for 25 cents. These latter lots are designed primarily for the all-day parker who has heretofore had to park on the street.

Cost per parking space in Pomona's off-street lots has been computed at \$674, Sharp said. Sharp also said that the plan has more than paid its way through revenues received from the modest fees charged for use of the lots. In addition, the merchants have benefited by increased patronage.

Also describing the need for off-street parking was Carl Pomona, transportation director for the Downtown Los Angeles Businessmen's Assn.

Earle A. Lloyd, secretary of the Torrance Planning Commission, served as master of ceremonies. Mayor Mervin M. Schwab delivered the welcome.

Burglar Loots Cafe

A burglar who pried open a rear window got away with about \$62 from Jax Cafe at 2308 Torrance Blvd. sometime Friday night or yesterday morning, owner Jack Schumacher told Torrance police yesterday.



HIT BY FLYING ROCK . . . Fourteen-year-old Jerry Day holds the jagged rock that dropped out of the sky to hit him on the head on Friday. The eight-inch piece of pipe and the rock on the box came hurtling through the air from "out of nowhere" as the mystery barrage started again this week in Walteria. (Herald photo).

Jagged Rocks, Flying Glass Land in Yards

After a lull of nearly a week the mystery missiles which have been dropping out of the skies in Walteria to terrorize residents for nearly six weeks began again Friday—one of the jagged rocks striking a 14-year old boy on the top of the head.

Hit was Jerry Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Day of 2443 Madison St. whose home has been the apparent target of the mystery missiles. Four windows in the Day home have been broken by rocks, some as large as coconuts. One rock crashed through a window and put a dent in the refrigerator.

Police have been attempting to locate the launch site for weeks. Last week while police investigated the aerial barrage a large stone came whizzing through the air to score a direct hit on the police car.

Five, two by fours, large chunks of concrete, rusty spark plugs, and quart wine bottles have been landing on roofs and in the yards of homes in the 2440 block on Madison St. spasmodically for the past six weeks according to residents of the area.

One woman, Mrs. Elva Lemm, 2442½ Ward St. was a victim of the barrage. She was hit on the head by a flying boulder as was Mrs. George Spaulding, 2444 Madison St. She has several containers of rock picked up in her yard and an old spark plug that plopped into her backyard.

R. B. Sage, 2447 Madison St., said he climbed on his garage in an attempt to locate the source of the missiles.

"I could spot them first at about 60 feet in the air. Big as apples, they were. But where they were coming from I couldn't say except over in that general direction," he waved his arm to the north west.

Meanwhile, police have patrolled the area again and again.



GRID QUEEN . . . Marie DiCarlo, formerly of 1434 Fern Ave., will be crowned Grid Queen of El Camino College during half-time activities at the Long Beach City College game next Friday night. The game will be televised.

Torrance Blonde Named El Camino '53 Grid Queen

Blonde Marie DiCarlo, Torrance freshman, will be crowned 1953 Grid Queen of El Camino College at half-time activities of the Long Beach-El Camino game Friday night. The game will be played in the Warrior Stadium.

The blonde art and journalism student will be accompanied at the crowning by Princesses Jackie Kevlin and Jennie Brock, both of Inglewood. Escorting the queen for the crowning will be Warren Bennett, Associated Men-Student president, of Torrance, while Treasurer Richard Nokes and Vice-President Bill Richie, both of Hawthorne, will accompany the princesses during the half-time festivities.

Miss DiCarlo will be crowned by President Forrest G. Murdock of the college.

The football game and half-time activities will be televised. Members of the El Camino band will form an honor guard as the queen and her party leave their convertible automobiles for the coronation platform. As the party approaches the platform, the band will form a heart surrounding the coronation area.

Funners up in the close election were Sue Bouse of Redondo Beach, Dona Curley of Manhattan Beach, Kathy Greevy of North Redondo, Liz Quine of Redondo, Julie Rhone of Torrance and Joan Schults of Inglewood.

1000 School Students To See Telephone Show

Approximately 1000 Torrance upper elementary and high school students will visit the Telephone Company Open House here on Oct. 22 and 23, school officials said this week.

Parents Called To Bedside of Twin Daughters

Twin four-year-old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Broos, of 1001-B Sartori Ave., were admitted to Los Angeles County General Hospital this week with polio. Both are critical.

Admitted Tuesday was Donna Christina and admitted Friday was Doris Dell. Doris was reported very critical yesterday and the parents were called to the hospital late yesterday afternoon.

The Broos twins are the 11th and 12th polio victims in Torrance this year.

Special Edition Covers City's Terrific Growth

It's "Get Acquainted Week" in Torrance for some 41,000 residents, merchants and industries starting Oct. 25. To observe the event the Herald will present a large special edition covering the city's progress from a small town to its present growth.

Stores and industries have joined in making this an edition of which the Herald, the city and the entire west can be proud. Mayor Mervin M. Schwab has proclaimed "Get Acquainted Week" to promote better community understanding.

Nursing Home Operator Plans 100-Bed Hospital

A request to build a hospital in North Torrance was under investigation this week by a Planning Commission committee, according to Beverly Smith, chairman of the commission.

Paul H. Smith, operator of the Alondra Park Nursing Home, has asked the city for clearance to erect a 100-bed facility at 174th St. and Arlington Ave. He told the Planning Commission he first intends to erect the structure as a nursing home, later converting it to a hospital. Chairman Smith said yesterday a committee would "look into the request and give interested parties a chance to be heard if a change of zone is needed to permit the erection of Mr. Smith's proposed facility."

Bloodmobile in Visit to City; Donors Needed

An urgent plea for blood from local residents came yesterday from Mrs. Gordon S. Jones, blood recruitment chairman of Torrance Branch, American Red Cross, as she reminded residents of tomorrow's visit of the Bloodmobile at the Civic Auditorium.

"The 'blood bank' will be here from 3 to 7 p.m.," she said, "and we hope that a record number of our citizens will come to donate the life-saving fluid which is the backbone of our civil defense program."

"We need all the blood we can get," she continued, "to build up the country's plasma reserve. We must build up this reserve rapidly so that we will be ready for any emergency. An attack on this country could wipe out our present reserve overnight."



OVER EASY . . . Someone said it was hot enough in Torrance this week to fry an egg on the sidewalk, so Ella Mrs. McLeod, 3203 Crickwood St., tries it out on the driveway of her home and gets some professional help from Bill McHaffey, chef at the Half Way House. Last week it might have worked—was 101. This week the top temperature was only 89. (Herald photo).

Hill Residents Raise Protests To Mining Plan

Residents of Rolling Hills sounded off this week over proposals of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. to open a new diatomaceous earth mine near Crenshaw Blvd. and Creek Rd.

The plan, announced last week at a homeowners meeting in Rolling Hills, has been under study for some time by officials of Great Lakes and the Palos Verdes Corp. The negotiations include transfer of the Palos Verdes Corp. holdings to Great Lakes.

Protesting the proposal were the Rolling Hills Homeowners Assn. and Chadwick School, a private educational institution near Palos Verdes Dr. North and Crenshaw.

Principal opposition to the operation of a mine in the exclusive residential area has come from residents who fear that the mining of the diatomaceous earth will "cover our homes with dust."

The County Regional Planning Commission approved the plan last month without a public hearing inasmuch as the land is owned by a local party.

Bids for New Madrona Dining Patio Received

Bids for construction of a combination auditorium-cafeteria at the Madrona Elementary School were opened Friday and the contract will be awarded to the lowest bidder, Superintendent J. H. Hull announced yesterday.

The 2000-square-foot dining area—a pilot "fill-up" model for the district—will have a 500-square-foot Pullman kitchen. Cost of the unit is expected to be less than \$40,000, or about half the cost of the type previously constructed in the district, Dr. Hull said.