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North's First Queen



NAMED GRID QUEEN . . . North High School students chose charming Beth Ladd as the school's first queen. She will reign as Football Queen.

Halloween Here Termed 'Quiet'

What was termed by police officials as a "comparatively quiet night," found few instances of damage in the Torrance area on Halloween. Main concern of officials were two fires, which were set almost simultaneously by vandals in different sections of town. Fire units were called to empty houses at 21503 Earl St., and 3442 Madrona Ave. Halloween night and a quickly doused the flames.

A Fire Department spokesman said the Earl St. blaze was set between the screen door and the front door and burned straight up through the ceiling. Damage was estimated at \$150. The house is owned by J. W. Webb.

Vacant For Years
The house on Madrona Ave., has been vacant for a number of years firemen said and has been used as a clubhouse for youngsters. Local units answered the fire call to find two separate fires going on the floor inside the house. They had little trouble in extinguishing the flames.

Otherwise, Halloween pranks

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The need for a municipal court in Torrance is discussed in an editorial on page 32 of today's HERALD.

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sters limited their raids to opening fire hydrants, tossing rubbish on lawns and other minor damage.

Firemen said a rash of opened fire hydrants broke out in the Walteria sector. Some 15 open hydrants were reported in Walteria. Fire personnel said they received cooperation of residents, who capped most of the water gushers.

Bullet Through Window
One woman reported to police that she chased a gang of tricksters off her front lawn, but not before they had yanked five shrubs up from around her home. Another man told authorities he went out to inspect his car and found the tires punctured with nails.

The Revival Temple, at 24333 Narbonne Ave., reported that vandals in the area had kicked the door in, ripped ornaments from the wall and thrown trash on the floor.

Louis F. Steinbach, of 25344 Woodward, told sheriff's deputies his peaceful evening at home was interrupted when a bullet smashed through a window in his home. Authorities were unable to apprehend the shoot-up prankster.

The 259th Street School was entered during the night and colored ink tossed around the rooms. A faucet on the boiler was opened and five inches of water was found in the basement of the school the next morning.

Report Theft from Car
Theft of a jacket and cigarette lighter from his car was reported to police Monday by Charles Post, of 2358 Sonoma St.

Airport Nike Site Lease Approved By City Council

Sooner Barber Revenged on Michigan Fan

Dr. Benjamin A. Kogan, a Michigan alumnus, went to the barbershop to get his hair cut shortly after his alma mater's 35-21 grid triumph over Iowa.

While getting his hair cut, he told the barber how good the Michigan team was and opined that it was, without a question, the best in the nation. The barber got a running commentary on Michigan's exploits this season.

As he rose from the barber's chair, Dr. Kogan looked in the mirror and exclaimed, "What in the world have you done to my hair? It looks awful!"

The barber cleared up the mystery quickly.

"I'm from Oklahoma," he noted tersely.

P.S. Dr. Kogan plans to get his hair cut in the middle of the week from now on.

Brown Replaces Mrs. Collins on Commission

Reappointment of two members of the city's Recreation Commission and the dropping of a third was approved by the Council here Monday on the nomination of Mayor Albert Isen.

Named to serve another term on the Commission were Claire Olsen and J. H. Paget. Dropped over the protest of Councilman Willis G. Blount, was Mrs. Ed Collins of north Torrance.

Appointed to succeed Mrs. Collins was Jack C. Brown, president of the Walteria Businessmen's Assn. Blount voted against confirmation of Brown's appointment, stating that he did not disapprove of Brown as a member of the Commission but that he disapproved dropping Mrs. Collins.

"Mrs. Collins has given long and faithful service to the city and will have to resign his post. It is an insult to dump her this way," Blount said.

Councilmen Nicholas O. Draie and Mervin Schwab voted to approve Isen's nomination of Brown to succeed Mrs. Collins.

Dr. Smith to Resign Soon

Dr. Rollin R. Smith will submit his resignation from the Torrance Board of Education in the next few days, he told the board Tuesday night.

As reported exclusively in last Thursday's HERALD, Dr. Smith is moving from the city, and will have to resign his post. A member of the school board for the past five years, he is currently serving as president.

The school board will choose a successor to fill out the rest of Dr. Smith's term, which expires next year.

Council Agrees To Nike Lease On Airport Site

A lease with the Federal government for a portion of the Torrance Municipal Airport property for the installation of a NIKE guided missile launching site was approved by the Council here Tuesday with the condition that the lease be subject to existing buildings and that the government agrees to relocate such buildings at its expense should they deem such a measure necessary at any time.

The lease was approved on the recommendation of City Manager George W. Stevens, who suggested the conditions to the lease to cover the existing nose hanger which is located within the perimeter of the NIKE site lease. A number of aircraft tie-down facilities also are located within the area of the lease—an area intended to be restricted for safety reasons.

At the same time, the Army indicated that a settlement had been reached with James G. Crawford, former golf driving range operator who had a lease on the property to be taken over by the NIKE installation. It was reported that Crawford will receive \$7500 for giving up his lease.

A statement with Longren Aircraft also will have to be approved. It will require the refunding of advance lease payments made by the local aircraft firm, Stevens said.

State Snubs City's Offer On City Hall

Suggestion that the present city hall might be adaptable to use as the Torrance office of the Department of Employment and the Recreation Commission, after city officials are moved to the new Civic Center next year received a cool reception by state officials, it was indicated by a letter directed to the city manager this week.

Writing to City Manager George Stevens, a representative of the department, H. F. Freeman, assistant director-controller, said a review "indicates that this city building is not designed to permit the effective operation of our local employment office."

Freeman said the State's experience had indicated that the most effective operations could be secured in large, open areas, free of partitions and obstructions. The city hall is divided by a center corridor with rooms and offices on each side.

Freeman further pointed out that there is no legislative appropriation which authorizes the acquisition or construction of an office building in Torrance for the use of the department.

"Unless the legislature does make such an appropriation, we will continue to operate in rented quarters," he added.

The letter was ordered filed by the Council.

Two Held on Dope Charge

Authorities are holding two Lomitans on possession of narcotics following a wild chase early yesterday in Long Beach. Danny Richmond, 24, of 2337 W. 249th St., and a 17-year-old companion were arrested on the charges after they led officers on a car chase. Authorities said they found a trace of marijuana in the vehicle after they stopped the fleeing pair.

The two originally aroused suspicion when their car was noticed speeding on a Long Beach street.

Richmond admitted to officers that he was on parole from Chino State Prison. He had served time there on a grand auto theft.



"O-O-O DOCTOR!" . . . Toni Setting apprehensively clings to Mrs. Margaret Sander as she gets her second polio shot from Dr. A. L. Schiff at Carr School yesterday. Second and third graders in local schools started receiving their second polio shots this week, as the program begun last spring was resumed.

Dozen Jaycees To Attend Meet

A dozen members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce will attend the quarterly meeting of the State board of directors in Bakersfield this week end, it was announced here yesterday by Phil Lisman, president of the local chapter. Most of the Jaycees will be accompanied to Bakersfield by their wives.

The large Torrance delegation will join with other clubs of District 12, which includes San Pedro, the beach cities, El Segundo, and Culver City, in bidding for the 1957 state convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The District hopes to have the 1957 convention on Catalina.

Delegates Named
Heading the delegation to Bakersfield this week end for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday convention will be president Lisman and State Director Ed Karlov, past president; Marvin Goetsch, past president; Jack Smith, director; Bill Sturgis, director; and Dale Stanton and Elliott Nohr.

About 750 persons are expected to attend the Bakersfield meeting of state Jaycee officials, Lisman reports. The delegates will elect a new national director, and all attending the convention will participate in panel discussions and various committee meetings on the many Jaycee projects.

Site Chosen in May
Site for the 1957 convention, the one sought by local Jaycee organizations, will be selected at the May convention of the state organization. In their efforts to get the convention for Catalina, Torrance Jaycees will join other District 12 clubs in promoting the area through the hospitality room at the Bakersfield meeting this week end.

Delegates will be served refreshments and be told of the advantage of this area as a state convention site.

More Rabies Shots Slated

Rabies shots for dogs in the south Torrance area will be given at El Retiro Park next Wednesday night from 7 to 9 p.m., Dr. Rollin R. Smith said yesterday.

Shots for canines in the central area were given last night at Torrance Park.

A charge of \$2 will be made for each shot, Dr. Smith said. All dogs must be on a leash. Immunization is required of all dogs in the city under a recently-passed ordinance. Citizens may either have their dogs vaccinated at the clinics or by a veterinarian.

Court Proposed On Civic Center

City Councilmen Tuesday instructed City Attorney James Hall to prepare a resolution formally offering a site to the County for a court building on the new Torrance Civic Center on which a police station and city hall are presently under construction. The resolution, whose preparation was endorsed by the four members of the Council present Tuesday, would formally advise the Board of Supervisors that the city is "willing to supply a court site," according to the motion for approval entered by Councilman Willis G. Blount.

Blount later termed the move "the first of a series of long overdue steps which the city must take to get adequate court facilities for its residents and its neighbors."

He is supported in this move by Councilman Nicholas O. Draie, who authored the original resolution last April asking the Supervisors to establish a court in Torrance. No formal action has been taken on this request by the Supervisors.

Action of the City Council follows a demand by the HERALD Monday that definite steps be started toward establishing adequate court facilities in Torrance. Formal presentation of the site to the county for court purposes was one of the HERALD's recommendations.

Joe Doss Named New President Of Kiwanis Club

Joe Doss was named president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club for the coming year, it was announced at the club's Monday night meeting. He succeeds Dr. Gerald M. Eastham, MD.

Other new officers announced at the meeting include J. A. Barrington, first vice president; Ken Anderson, second vice president; Angus McVicar, secretary; and Clinton Meadow, treasurer.

New members of the board of directors will be Bob Clayton, Parks Montague, Glenn Pfeil, James Post, and R. S. Pyle. Holdover members are Don Hitchcock, Ted Meier, Dean Sears, and Alden Smith.

Board Orders Riviera Work

The Torrance School Board Wednesday night voted to require the contractor on the Riviera School dining patio to complete work within two weeks.

School officials said a dispute over requested work has delayed completion of the dining patio. Unless the contractor starts the work by next week, school board members voted to hire another contractor and deduct the cost from the payment due the original contractor.

The patio was scheduled to open Monday.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SLATED HERE NOV. 19

Torrance has been selected as the site for the Pacific Bowl Festival, a full scale symphony concert with a famous operatic contralto as guest soloist to be held Nov. 19 in the high school auditorium.

The concert, provided free by the Los Angeles County Music Commission and sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, is the first of its magnitude to be held in the immediate Los Angeles area.

John Barnett tentatively has been engaged as conductor of the 45-50 piece orchestra composed of top musicians in the county, according to Elyse Aehle, president of the Pacific Bowl Assn., and area representative on the Music Commission. Dorothy Leger, contralto, will be the soloist.

Rosemary De Camp, of the Hollywood Riviera section, and famed motion picture and television star, will appear to tell of the progress being made in securing the Pacific Bowl site in the Palos Verdes hills. Samuel Lundin, chairman of the site committee for the Bowl also will speak.