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ARCHITECT NAMED FOR NEW TORRANCE COURT BUILDING

Wing Named New Court Architect

Kenneth C. Wing, prominent Long Beach architect, has been selected by the Board of Supervisors to prepare plans for the new Torrance court building on the city's million-dollar civic center, the HERALD learned this week.

Wing, a fellow in the American Institute of Architects,

is currently associated with the design of the new million-dollar court building projected for Long Beach. He has been active in public building design throughout Southern California for several years, and has been the architect for a number of schools, churches, and public buildings.

"We will make every effort to give Torrance a beautiful, functional court building which will fit into the plans for the city's new civic center," Wing told the HERALD yesterday.

Contracts with Wing for the Torrance court project are now being prepared, and work will begin on the design as soon as the contracts have been completed.

No announcement has been made on the schedule for construction of the court building, however, the current budget of the county does provide sufficient funds to cover costs of planning, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chase.

The court was secured for Torrance through the efforts of Supervisors Chase and Kenneth Hahn, who represent this district.

Caution Signs Available to Area Residents

Caution signs for residential areas are now available through the agriculture and conservation committee of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, it was announced here yesterday by President Joe Doss.

The signs, measuring 18 x 24 in., are to be mounted on 4 x 4 posts and put up in residential areas with the approval of the police department. Two signs are available saying "Caution Children at Play" and "Slow Down and Live."

Homeowners groups and others wishing signs for their areas may make their request by calling Police Chief Willard Haslam.

The project is under the direction of Kiwanian Ray Noel, chairman of the agriculture and conservation committee of the club.

Mayor Seeks City Museum

Efforts to secure establishment of a \$50,000 museum on the new Torrance Civic Center were revealed here this week by Mayor Albert Isen who said he had been in touch with a Los Angeles philanthropist who had expressed a desire to locate such a museum somewhere in the Southland.

Isen said he had described the city's new civic center layout and invited the gentleman to visit Torrance before deciding on a site for the proposed museum.

Seven in Race For '55 Trophy

Seven Torrance community leaders have been nominated to receive the Laughon-Whyte trophy as the city's "Outstanding Citizen of 1955" at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner next Tuesday evening. President John Ebbinghouse announced yesterday. Nominations were turned over to a permanent committee for selection of the winner.

The trophy, made available by the widows of Dr. William C. Laughon and Grover C. Whyte, former HERALD publishers, is presented each year to the person voted as the city's "Man of the Year."

Last year's winner was Paul Loranger, then president of the Chamber of Commerce. Previous winner was Marvin M. Schwab, mayor in 1953.

Ebbinghouse said reservations for the banquet were piling up, indicating that it will enjoy a good turnout. Clubs are reserving tables, he said, with the Kiwanis Club leading the rest with reservations for three full tables. The Civitan Club has made reservations at the Retail Merchants Assn., North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., and others.

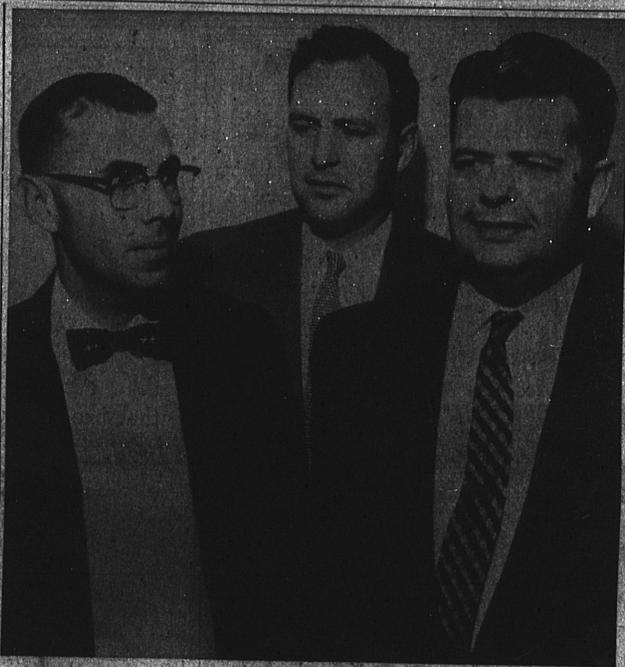
Reservations may still be made, but the need to make them today was emphasized. Call the Chamber office for reservation, Ebbinghouse said.

Guests Chosen
George Post, chairman of the nominating committee, has announced his panel of official guests for the affair. He will be assisted by Glenn W. Ford, Jim Post, Robert Leech, Boris S. Woolley, Robert Tolson, and Mott Farrell.

Dr. Gerald M. Eastham will be master of ceremonies, and Henry Keane, San Gabriel auto dealer and vice president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, will make the principal address.

President Ebbinghouse will introduce the new officers and directors of the Chamber.

Highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the Laughon-Whyte trophy winner, Loranger, last year's winner, who will make the presentation.



ANNOUNCE SCHOLARSHIP . . . A new program which will provide \$600 scholarships to one student each year from each of the city's two high schools has been announced by the Torrance Education Association, an organization of teachers. Here (left to right) George Ackerman, president of TEA; Richard Hubert, chairman of the TEA charity committee; and Robert C. Horton, director of personnel for the district, discuss the new project.

2 Outstanding Seniors to Get College Grants

A step to alleviate the shortage of teachers was announced here this week by the teachers themselves who have pledged funds to set up two \$600 scholarships for the outstanding graduates of Torrance High School and North High School.

The program was announced by George Ackerman, president of the Torrance Education Assn., a voluntary organization of teachers in the Torrance Unified School District.

Selection of the students to receive the annual scholarships will be made on the basis of interest in becoming a teacher, scholastic record, citizenship, and personality. Ackerman said.

Students winning the scholarships will be free to select their own college and are not obligated to return to the Torrance schools when they begin their teaching careers.

"The need for teachers in California is great," Ackerman said in announcing the program. "The Torrance teachers are lending their aid and financial support in an effort to recruit and train outstanding teachers."

He said the TEA represents most of the district's 600 teachers and that contributions are being asked of all teachers to support the program.

Stop Signs Approved
Installation of four-way boulevard stop signs at the intersection of Cayuga Ave. and 210th St. was approved last week by County Supervisor Burton W. Chase.

Also approved was installation of stop signs on Normandy Ave. from 226th St. to Lomita Blvd.

Red Cross Goal Set at \$15,965

Torrance volunteers will pursue a minimum of \$15,965 in the course of their month-long 1956 Red Cross fund-raising appeal—officially slated to get under way next Thursday, March 1.

The announcement of the record-high goal, set to include a specific sum for current flood-rehabilitation projects in the West as well as the amount needed to finance the Red Cross blood program and its community services, was made today by Albert Isen, fund chairman.

The increased quota corresponds with twin goal campaigns being undertaken throughout the nation as a result of the "heaviest disaster year in Red Cross history"—calling for an expenditure of more than \$27,000,000 on four major catastrophe within a 12-month span," Isen disclosed.

"All 1956 Red Cross quotas were set last September," Isen stated. "At that time, the quota adopted was at a minimum level—but included the usual percentage devoted to natural disasters which might occur during the coming year."

Holiday Floods
"Then out of the blue came the Christmas holiday floods which struck northern California, southern Oregon and Los Angeles. Red Cross moved into action immediately. Surveys showed that at least \$8,000,000 would be spent in covering the emergency and rehabilitation phases of the Western States disaster— with more than \$3,000,000 set for Yuba City, alone."

"And with \$40,000 being expended by Red Cross on the repairing of homes and the replacing of lost household items suffered by more than 80 families affected by floods in Southern California, the national Red Cross disaster fund amounts to

less than \$1,000,000 for any future major disaster.

To Share Costs
"Consequently, all Red Cross chapters in the country have been asked to achieve their 1956 goals, and in addition supply a share towards the critically needed \$8,000,000 covering the California disaster costs," Isen explained.

Regarding Torrance's campaign strategy, Isen said that details on plans to "cover the entire area" would be completed next week.

Four Firemen Made Captain

Promotion of all four firemen involved in the recent promotion policy controversy to captain ranks was confirmed by the City Council here this week. All promotions were made effective the same date.

Chief J. J. Benner had announced last week that he had promoted previously Capt. John Agapito and Capt. Donald Minor. Following the protest that other firemen had been passed over a number of times, Benner agreed to promote Milton Langum and Billie Blencker to captain ratings. The Council then week confirmed the promotions, making them all effective the same date.

Lynn Tract Gets Okay

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City Reaffirms Authority To Contest Water Petition

City Attorney James Hall explained to the Council this week that the Dominguez Water Co. petition before the Public Utilities Commission was not a flat request to cancel out an agreement with the city on water rights for Southwest Park but that "it came as close to it as I would know how to do it."

The matter was brought up this week by Councilman Nick Drake who said there had been comments that a news story on the subject was erroneous in saying Dominguez was seeking to back out of the agreement.

Hall reviewed the matter, saying that the city and Dominguez Water Co. had entered an agreement on water with regard to the large development several years ago and that it was now up before the PUC for formal approval, which is

required of all such agreements between utilities.

The Dominguez interests have entered petition before the Commission which could be ruled against by the city unless Torrance can show that the agreement was fair, just, and equitable.

Previous authority granted Hall to take such steps as are necessary to protect the city's rights in the matter was reaffirmed by the Council.

Under the terms of the agreement with Dominguez, that firm would furnish water to the huge home development south of 190th St. and west of Hawthorne Ave., until 1962 at which time the water system would revert to the city. The agreement has not been approved by the PUC.

Richard said that one out of two persons now living will die of some form of heart disease. "Research scientists are seeking the causes of high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, and hardening of the arteries, which are the causes of 90 per cent of all heart deaths."

"These diseases strike old and young alike, and recent statistics show an alarming increase of heart deaths among persons under the age of 50," Richard added.

Volunteers who wish to assist in the Heart Sunday collection are urged to call Richard at FA 8-0546 or FR 8-6289

4th Daughter Badly Injured

A Torrance mother and three of her four daughters were killed in a two-car crash 15 miles west of Barstow Monday. One other was killed and two were critically injured in the crash. Killed when their car rammed head-on into an oncoming auto were Mrs. Blanche Haines Claudio,

31, of 1008 Fiat St.; and her daughters, Agnes, 11; Susan, 6; and Emily, 3. The fourth victim of the crash was identified as Mariano S. Masquilan, 60, of Los Angeles. All were in the same auto.

A fifth member of the Claudio family, Diane, 9, was in critical condition in San Bernardino County Hospital and not expected to live. Driver of the other auto, who was reported to be alone, was Allen O. Stevens, 29, of Hollywood, who is listed as critical.

Passing Car
The California Highway Patrol reported that the crash occurred when Mrs. Claudio apparently tried to pass a car and slammed into Stevens' oncoming auto.

Three of the Claudio children were students at the new 223rd St. School in Torrance. Agnes was in grade 4, Susan in the first grade, and Diane in B-3.

Father Collapsed
Conrado Claudio, husband and father of the victims, collapsed when informed of the crash. He and his wife had spent the war years as members of the guerrillas in the Philippines, evading capture by the Japanese forces there by hiding in caves and hills of the islands, and raiding cities at night for provisions.

"They moved to Torrance about a year ago."

Flood Control Officials Plan Torrance Visit

A meeting of County Flood Control officials and Council members and city officials has been scheduled for 9 a. m. next Tuesday in the City Hall to discuss flood control matters pertaining to Torrance, it was announced here yesterday by City Manager George Stevens.

The meeting was arranged after Supervisor Kenneth Hahn had demanded that the County Flood Control office put a high priority on the cleaning of Dominguez Channel, which runs through north Torrance.

The officials are expected to make an on-the-spot inspection of the Glenburn-Arlington storm drain in north Torrance also.

Tot Slips Out, Dies In Street

A two-year-old toddler slipped out of her room at dusk and was killed by an auto near her home Saturday evening, according to Torrance police investigators.

Killed in the tragedy, the second in the area in a period of a month, was Dorina E. Walden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walden, 3221 W. 177th St.

Parents of the child told police that she had been in her room, ready for bed, and that she had been missed for a few minutes only when the sounds of the police and ambulance sirens drew them to the scene of the accident at Yukon Ave. and 177th St.

Driver of the auto that hit the child, Charles S. Fortime, 34, of Los Angeles, was not held. He told officers he did not see the child run into the street before hearing the thump as the car hit her.

Funeral services for the little victim were held in Escondido Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in Oakhill Cemetery, Escondido. Stone and Myers Mortuary made local arrangements.

Little Dorina leaves three brothers, George Lewis, David Michael, and James Duane, in addition to her parents, two grandfathers, George W. Walden of Escondido, and Louis H. Willis, of Wilcox, also survive her.

The tragedy followed less than three weeks the death of 2-year-old David Kianone, of 4712 W. 191st St., who was killed when a car backing out of a garage ran over the lad and his bicycle.

Alondra's Festival Tomorrow

The Alondra Park Friendship festival designed to instill a community-wide interest in Brotherhood Week, will get under way at the park tomorrow evening and be concluded Sunday afternoon, according to Superintendent Norman S. Johnson.

Highlight of the festival will be the selection of the queen and her court from candidates entered from the South Bay. The queen will be selected tomorrow evening and will be crowned Sunday.

Entertainment for the festival will feature variety acts and Early American and European folk dancing groups.

Jeanie Green, teenage Holly Wood starlet, will sing on the program Friday evening, Johnson reported.

A featured attraction Sunday will be Keena and Sitting Bull, of TV fame, presenting a Hopi tribal dance.

Heart Sunday Canvass Here This Week

The annual Heart Sunday neighborhood collection for the fight against heart and blood vessel diseases will be held on Sunday, Feb. 28, (from 8 p. m. to 8 p. m.) in Torrance.

Malcolm Richland chairman of Heart Sunday for Torrance, said the collection will require a number of volunteers to give a few minutes of their time to call upon their neighbors and collect for the Heart Fund.

The Heart Sunday volunteers will distribute literature on diseases of the heart and circulation, the nation's number one health problem, Richland said.

Local residents have volunteered to act as area chairmen in the various elementary school districts of the city.

Mrs. W. E. Inman will serve the Hillside School area; Mrs. George Powell, Walters; Mrs.

to hear "The Story of Heart" from one of his neighbors and to learn what is being done locally to attack the problem of heart and circulatory diseases.

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James M. Ogborn, Riviera; Mrs. Janie Scott, Meadow Park; Mrs. Evelyn Wudka, Seaside; Mrs. Grant F. McLaren, Fern-Greenwood; Mrs. W. H. Burrows, Madrona.

Mrs. William Dixon will be chairman of the Wood School area; Mrs. Perkins, Carr; Mrs. Eugene Phillips, Perry; Mrs. Betty Mann, Steels; Mrs. LeFrancis, El Nido; Mrs. Myrtle Van Deventer, north Torrance; and Mrs. W. H. Brinkley, Greenshaw.

All of these chairmen need the assistance of neighbors in their area to conduct the one-day campaign, Richland emphasized.

Heart Sunday will be a day of emphasis in the month-long February Heart Fund campaign, at which time every resident will have an opportunity

to register and receive collectors' kits.

The volunteer will wear a badge of identification when calling on neighbors on Heart Sunday, and will carry the Department of Social Services card authorizing him to receive funds for the Heart Association.

The Heart Fund campaign is the annual fund-raising effort of the Los Angeles County Heart Assn., which also receives funds throughout the year from memorial gifts, wills and bequests.

These funds support local research, professional and public education projects, and other program activities designed to help people learn to "live with their hearts," and to reduce the toll of heart and blood vessel diseases.