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MANAGER WELCOMED . . . Torrance gas appliance dealers (from left) Dale Brown, J. A. DeJaire, Milt Isbell, K. R. Baldin, and Ed Maulding were among the group who met this week at a dinner meeting to welcome Carl W. Shupp (center), recently appointed manager for the Southern California Gas Co.

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Some 24,000 employees of the El Segundo and Torrance plants of Douglas Aircraft Co. were openly invited this week to set aside Sunday night, Dec. 2 for the El Segundo Division's third annual employees' Christmas dance.

The informal dance will be held at the Hollywood Palladium with two of America's top orchestras playing top tunes from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Jerry Gray and his orchestra will play smooth dance music, while Red Nichols and his Five Pennies will give out with jazz and Dixieland music.

Employees can obtain tickets at \$1.25 each from their department supervisors. He added that dinner reservations can be made by calling directly to the Palladium at HOLLYWOOD 9-7356.

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WEEK-ENDER

Torrance Swelters As Mercury Hits 97

(Reprinted from Sunday, Nov. 11, HERALD)

Sweltering Torrance residents, who had the dubious distinction of being the hottest and most smog-beset in the nation last week, can look forward to more of the same today. But tomorrow, things should start improving, the Weather Bureau reported.

The mercury zoomed to 97 here yesterday, Thursday and Friday and a brown smog pall hung over the city, in an unusual reversal of the usual wind currents in the area.

An official of the Air Pollution Control District said that the usual cooling sea breezes had become becalmed and were replaced by hot northeast winds from the desert.

The result was that Torrance was not only hotter than Los Angeles, which is unusual, but got the smog which usually hovers over Los Angeles. While Los Angeles was enjoying smog-free days, Torrance was choking and weeping and most local residents felt that Los Angeles could have their smog back.

New Routes Sought

Active efforts to get an additional east-west highway through the present state routes of Manchester and Artesia were recommended at a meeting of the Intercity Highway Committee in Hermosa Beach Thursday night.

The committee, which is composed of representatives of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and El Segundo, voted to send delegates to a future meeting of the Imperial Highway Assn. in an effort to combine the two groups in their efforts for another major east-west artery.

Vote Count Completed

Complete but unofficial returns of Tuesday's voting confirmed the election of Congressman Cecil R. King, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and Charles E. Chapel and the passage of Harbor Hospital's \$15,000,000 bond issue.

Complete votes as tabulated by County Registrar Benjamin S. Hite:

CONGRESS	
Cecil King (D)	155,291
Charles Franklin (R)	82,828
ASSEMBLY (68th)	
Thomas (D)	52,614
Brewer (R)	19,352
ASSEMBLY (46th)	
Charles Chapel (R)	48,875
Allan Jonas (D)	40,340
PROPOSITION B (Harbor Hospital)	
Yes	1,298,656
No	381,724

Three-Year-Old Dies

A three-year-old boy who was fascinated by water got too close to the edge of a sump Thursday morning, slipped in, and drowned while his frantic mother and neighbors searched for him.

Little John James Williams, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Williams, 5033 Scott St., was found about noon Thursday in the sump located just southwest of Torrance and Palos Verdes Bldys. The small body was recovered by firemen, policemen, and lifeguards who dragged the bottom of the four-foot deep sump until he was found.

Residents Seek Help

Petitions with at least 143 signatures are being readied for presentation to the City Council Tuesday night asking for quick remedy to the dangerous sump situation in west Torrance.

The petition will ask that action be taken to fill the sump which cost the life of a small boy Thursday, or post an armed guard on it at all times as it endangers the life of the children of the community.

One resident of the area told the HERALD Saturday that children are able to go over the fence at most spots and under the gates, even if closed.

Women See Saucer

Did visitors from Mars get lost en route to San Luis Obispo the other night?

Mysterious lights cartwheeled over Torrance late Wednesday night, the HERALD was told by a group of North Torrance women.

Mrs. James E. Hewitt, 4214 W. 172nd St., reported that she and five neighbors spotted a round light maneuvering in

Third School Name Picked By Educators

Is the third time a charm? The Torrance School Board hopes that it has now found a satisfactory name for a new school to be located at Flavian Ave. and Halison St., as it changed the name of the school for the third time Tuesday night.

The board decided to call it Flavian School, after the name of the street on which it is located. Originally to have been called West Torrance School, the name was changed two weeks ago because postal authorities reported there was too much confusion of schools with Torrance in their title—Torrance Elementary, Torrance High, North Torrance High, North Torrance Elementary.

The newly selected name—Del Amo—was chosen for the major street closest to the school—Del Amo Blvd. Again, postal authorities stepped into the picture to point out that there was another Del Amo School in the Torrance district—at 1815 E. 314th St. Therefore, they chose the name Flavian.

The board also discovered that a school that it had planned to name after George Washington was located near a Washington School in Redondo Beach. They reached back into history and picked the name of another famous American—Benjamin Franklin—for the school to be located near Towers St. and Ronald Ave.

The vicinity about 10:40 p.m. She said the light first was spotted coming from the vicinity of Santa Monica and darted and zig-zagged as it approached the neighborhood and disappeared in the direction of Long Beach.

Club Up in the Air

Something a little different in the way of interclub meetings was experienced here Wednesday when nine members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club flew to Bakersfield for a meeting with the Oildale Kiwanis Club.

The flight was made in four private planes piloted by President Joe Doss, Paris Montague, Johnnie Johnson, and Clyde Baumgartner. Making the trip from Torrance Municipal Airport to Bakersfield as passengers were Kiwanians Clint Meadway, Homer Morgan, Harlan Stephens, Charlton Mewborn, and Thomas Wilkes.

Sheriff Nabs Trio

Sheriff's deputies apprehended an Inglewood trio Friday night, shortly after a 48-year-old Claremont man reported to Torrance police that he had been beaten and robbed by three people he met in a bar.

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