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SERVICE REWARDED . . . Honored for a total of 65 years of service were three men of the Walteria Dicalite plant this week. Left to right are Joe Ybarra, 15 years; Victor H. Gomez, 25 years; Vice President D. L. Marlett, who made the awards, and C. F. Schulz, 25 years. Twenty-one others received awards.



FEATURED IN CONCERT . . . Gary Rippstein, 17, trombonist, and Margaret Shidler, 14, pianist, were featured with the Torrance Area Youth Band at the first of the group's Artist Concert Series last week in the Civic Auditorium. The program was highlighted by the appearance of Lorenzo Alvary, bass-baritone.



"THE WOMEN" . . . Marelina Smith, Jo Welkert, Pat Cattle and Judy Sagenkahn will appear in the ACCENT: Theater production of "The Women," which will be presented this Saturday and the following Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23 and 24, at Torrance High School Auditorium. As the name might suggest, the cast of the play is composed entirely of women, although men are the big point of discussion throughout.

Yule Checks Sent to 1500 Bank Savers

A reminder to shop early for Christmas, and the where-withal with which to do it, is going out to 1500 residents of the Torrance area in the form of Bank of America Christmas Club checks.

Manager Dean L. Sears, of the Torrance branch, said check distributed in this area total \$197,000. Payment is made in November to help customers get an early start on holiday purchases.

Over the state, the bank will distribute \$53,300,000 to 422,000 participants in the bi-weekly savings plan.

Manager Sears said the Christmas Club, designed to help customers lay away funds for the holidays, also is used for a number of other purposes, including taxes, insurance payments and winter vacations.

He added that 1957 Christmas Club account books now are available at the local branch.

Three Women Hurt in Auto Crashes Here

Mrs. Thelma Whitacre, 44, of 2237 W. 233rd St., suffered four fractured ribs and possible internal hurts in a two-car collision at Arlington Ave. and 235th St.

The victim, wife of City License Inspector Gale Whitacre, was taken to Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Driver of the other auto involved was Kenneth Kline, 18, of 2039 W. 233rd St.

Mrs. Joan Evans, 23, of El Monte, suffered severe facial cuts in a head-on collision at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Newton St. and was taken by Wright's Ambulance to Harbor General Hospital.

She was riding with Orace Evans, 28, of El Monte. The other motorist was Kent Nichols, 38, of 3246 Cricklewood St., who was booked on suspicion of intoxication.

Barbara Mariz, 21, 4806 Reese Rd., sustained cuts and bruises when the car in which she was riding was involved in a crash at 182nd St. and Hawthorne Ave. Drivers were Ivan Wilson, 21, of Hawthorne, and Samuel Newman, 70, of Los Angeles.

Navy Team Loses All In Game at El Camino

When the San Diego Naval Air Skyraiders dropped a 33-18 gridiron decision to Pepperdine Friday night at El Camino Stadium, they really got cleaned in more ways than one.

While the football players were tangling with Pepperdine on the gridiron, a thief broke into the dressing room, stealing a total of \$94 from bill-folds of the players and a sport coat worth \$50. One player's glasses were stolen.

Sheriff's deputies are investigating.

24 Great Lakes Carbon Men Compile 200 Years Service

Service totaling more than 200 man-years was recognized this week by officials of Great Lakes Carbon Corp. as 24 employees received service pins at the annual awards dinner of the company at La Venta Inn in Palos Verdes.

D. L. Marlett, vice president and general manager of the Dicalite Division of Great Lakes Carbon Corp., presented the awards.

Receiving the top awards of 25-year pins were Victor Gomez, driver in the quarry, and C. F. Schulz, assistant to the plant superintendent.

Joe Ybarra, of the Walteria

plant's maintenance department, received the only 15-year pin.

10-Year Awards
Receiving 10-year pins were Cecil Barnes, William Hamilton, J. C. Kovarick, David Mendóza, Ernest Neuf, Charles Reagan, Owen C. Smart, Robert L. Smith, Wilmer Smittle, and Plant Manager Al Muir.

Five-year pins were awarded to Hilton Beggs, Cayetano Chavez, Jesus Chavez, Ova Compass, George Darrah, Harold Kobata, Ralph Rodriguez, and Jesus Lopez. Two men from the Basalt Division, Gerald Kleist and Walter Denten, also received five-year pins as did John G. Nordin, of Rancho Palos Verdes Corp.

Officials At Meeting
On hand to see the employees receive their awards were Joe Moran, assistant to the vice president; Ed Harris, operations manager, and N. V. Brower, assistant operations manager.

Special guests for the award dinner were City Manager and Mrs. George Stevens.

Ivar Hansen, vice president and general manager of the Rancho Palos Verdes Corp., spoke briefly of the development of the peninsula by the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., and outlined the plans for continued home development, extension of Hawthorne Ave. over the hill, and development of a major shopping center in the area.

A film on the uses of lightweight aggregates whose uses were pioneered by Great Lakes in building of today's modern structures was shown following the awards ceremony.

Masked Nude Here Again, Police Told

Lomita's infamous "masked nudist" has resumed his nocturnal appearances and has moved north into Torrance, according to reports filed with local police and Lennox sheriff's deputies.

Unreported for almost a year, he flashed fleshily on the scene again last week when, clad only in a paper bag over his head, he popped out from bushes in front of a 19-year-old Lomita housewife as she approached her home.

Monday evening, he made his Torrance debut at a beauty shop at 23649 Arlington Ave.

Two women beauticians told local officers that he startled them by jumping out natural from the side of the building just outside a large window at the front of the establishment.

After standing momentarily, he disappeared silently and eluded a police cordon that surrounded the area.

Authorities at Lennox said he made almost a dozen appearances before shocked housewives, most of them elderly, at Lomita during a period of several months until about a year ago.

The local victims described the man as about 6 feet tall, weighing about 170 pounds, and light complexioned. The Lomita victim said he appeared to be about the same weight.

Shrine Club Election Set For Tonight

Annual election of officers of the South Bay Shrine Club will be held at tonight's meeting at the Palos Verdes Country Club, according to Karl Raife, president.

Shriners will begin meeting at 6:30 and a prime rib dinner will follow at 7:30, Raife said.

The president urged that all members of the club attend to participate in the selection of new officers.

Reservations may be made by calling Raife at FR 4-7400 or Secretary Herman Brandt at FR 2-1121.

Famous Authoress to Talk To Manuscripters Friday

Famous writer Adela Rogers St. John will be the featured speaker at the Nov. 16th meeting of the Southwest Manuscripters, Friday evening, at 8 p.m., at Clark Stadium in Hermosa Beach.

Outstanding in widely varying fields of her craft, she has written over 200 short stories, published in Cosmopolitan, Saturday Evening Post, Good Housekeeping, and other top publications. She has published many novels, and written screen plays starring well-known picture personalities.

She has just completed a screen-play for Twentieth Century-Fox Studios on the life of Jean Harlow. Currently she is at work on a book-length story for Good Housekeeping.

Will Sign Books
Her most recently published work "How to Write the Short Story and Sell It," has aroused great interest, not only among

STEELWORKERS WIN ROME CABLE VOTING

Hourly production employees of the Torrance plant of Rome Cable Corp. voted Thursday to be represented by the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO in an election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, according to Glenn Koger, vice president and general manager of the plant here.

Defeat of a veteran Republican legislator, Thomas A. Maloney of San Francisco, last week has moved Assemblyman Vincent Thomas up to the third ranking legislator in seniority in the lower house at Sacramento.

The stunning defeat of Assemblyman Maloney at the end of the polls Nov. 6 will mark the end of a 32-year unbroken legislative record for the northern California Republican, Thomas, who has represented this district since 1940, will start his 17th year in Sacramento as the representative of the 68th Assembly District next January.

Thomas, who has been the minority floor leader during the past four years, has been mentioned repeatedly as a strong contender for the office of Speaker of the House, a post now held by Republican Luther Lincoln of northern California.

Thomas was re-elected by a substantial margin over Republican Tom Brewer last week.

Motor Bike Stolen

Somebody stole his motor bike from his garage, Allan F. Peacock, 16, 2051 W. 261st St., told sheriff's deputies Tuesday.

The motor bike, a red, whizzer model, has license plate No. 62213, Peacock said.

Police Seek Clues After Art Stolen

Clues to the mysterious disappearance of three oil paintings from City Hall were being sought yesterday by police.

The works of art, valued at upwards of \$200 each, were removed from the employees' lounge at Civic Center some time during the past week, according to Custodian Guy Hight, who reported the matter to police.

Two landscapes were taken from the west wall of the lunchroom and a seascape disappeared from an adjoining sitting-room.

The paintings were among 53 framed works presented to the city three months ago by the Kauffman-Wilson Co., subdividers. The entire collection was valued at about \$10,000.

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Pair Threatens Boy With Knife at School

Sheriff's deputies Tuesday apprehended two Narbonne High School students, who reportedly threatened a 12-year-old boy with a knife in a restroom at the school.

After frightening the boy, the pair threw his shoes in the toilet, the boy told deputies.



NEW SHOPPING CENTER . . . One of the area's newest shopping centers is now open to shoppers at Compton Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave. Arico's Shopping Center includes Arico's Market and Snack-Bar, Larson's Department Store, Andy's Barber Shop, Cain Cleaners, and Dr. Robert Hamilton, optometrist. Larson's Department Store will hold a grand opening sale this week end.

Isens Due in Washington This Evening

Mayor and Mrs. Albert Isen are scheduled to arrive in Washington, D. C., this evening where they will stop over before going to New York City during their tour of the east.

Mayor Isen earlier this week appeared before the contest in the All America Cities judging in Memphis, Tenn., where he presented Torrance's case for consideration.

Following their New York City visit, the Isens will join three other members of the City Council in St. Louis on Nov. 24 for the annual convention of the American Municipal Assn. Councilmen expecting to attend that meeting include Willys Blount, Victor Benstead, and Robert Jahn.

Vandals Hit Tractor

Vandals raised need with a tractor parked at a construction site at 500 Via Chico, police were informed Tuesday by the machine's owner, Ed Gonzales, of Redondo Beach.

Many Services Located In Arico's Shopping Center

The recent opening of a new Arico's Shopping Center at Hawthorne and Compton Bldgs. has brought several new modern businesses to serve one-stop shoppers.

The new 35,000-square-foot shopping center includes Arico's Market, Larson's Department Store, Andy's Barber Shop, Cain Cleaners, Moore's Jewelry, and Dr. Robert Hamilton, optometrist, for the convenience of shoppers.

Larson's Department Store, owned by Harry and Paul Larson, who had operated a store in Gardena for the past 10 years, will hold a grand opening sale today, tomorrow, and Saturday, with free gifts to be distributed to lucky customers.

Prizes Planned

Prizes to be given away include an 11-cubic-foot refrigerator, a steam iron, 400-day anniversary clock, toaster, and many other merchandise of-

ders. No purchase is necessary and customers need not be present.

The store, which features "popular merchandise at popular prices," includes household, hardware, gift and lamp, toy, stationery, yardage and notions. It is self-service.

Modern Market Opens

The 22,000-square-foot Arico's Market includes a grocery, meat, and liquor departments, and a snack bar. Owner Joe Arico pointed out that the market has the latest developments in marketing to make shopping easier for customers.

Cain Cleaners, operated by Nat Asero, has been in the area for the past 10 years, as has Andy's Barber Shop, operated by Andy Sciacchitano. Dr. Robert Hamilton, optometrist, and Moore's Jewelry also will serve the public in their new locations in the shopping center, which features plenty of parking for customers.