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Polio-Stricken Mother Happy As She Gives Birth To Healthy Child

A Penny for your Thoughts

A group of school students were the target of today's HERALD inquiring reporter. A "Penny for Your Thoughts" was given to the following youngsters when they answered:

"If you were in charge of the schools, how would you change them?"

Donna Marie Redmaine, 18042 Glenburn Ave., second grader.
"I'd build another school so it would be less crowded and I'd like to study more. Other than that, I like school just as it is."

Arthur Lee Ermanita Ave., third grader:

"I would put more swings and slides on the playground. We need more time to study and I'd like to study more arithmetic at school."

Anita White, 18003 Faysmith Ave., first grader:

"They should have more swings and more slides. I would fix it so all the children went to school all-day and also I think there should be more time to play."

Kent Swain, 3213 W. 180th St., seventh grader:

"I like school the way it is now . . . it's real nice. We have enough time to play and enough time to study. But it would be nice if summer vacations were longer. About half vacation and half school would be just right."

Patty David, 3309 W. 180th St., fifth grader:

"I'd have longer recesses and longer vacations. About four months of summer vacation would be best. But I wouldn't change the kind of classes or the teachers . . . I like them."

Pamela Wilson, 3321 W. 188th St., sixth grader:

"I would change all the classes to all-day so no one would have to be on half-day sessions. I think there should be more science courses, too."



BAND HONORED . . . Sharon Starns, winner of the Torrance Area Youth Band-sponsored "Miss Torrance" contest this summer, checks the article and picture on the Torrance band published in a nationally circulated band news magazine this week. The band has been invited to perform in Chicago in December.

Band Featured In Music Magazine

A four-column picture of the Torrance Area Youth Band and a story on its contemplated appearance at the Mid-West National Band Clinic in Chicago in December, is featured in this month's issue of the Lyons Band News, a national music magazine published and distributed in Chicago. More than 37,000 copies of the magazine goes out to every school and college in the United States and Canada.

The Torrance Youth Band is one of the eight bands from the United States and Canada invited to perform at the Mid-West National Band Clinic in December before 5000 of the nation's band directors and music educators. A Citizens Committee, headed by Postmaster Clara Connors is currently assisting the band in raising \$25,000 which is needed to send the 82-piece musical aggregation, chaperones and staff members to the clinic.

Viefhaus in School

Robert Viefhaus, son of H. L. Viefhaus, 1605 Acacia Ave., is enrolled on the campus of Belarmine College Preparatory School, San Jose.

Rivets Reports

Weather today will be about the same as it was yesterday and in fact, as it has been all week, according to Rivets, HERALD weather dog, with a little early morning fog.

All week, high temperatures have hung in the mid-70's, while lows have been in the mid-50's. They included Thursday (76-58); Friday (75-57); and Saturday (76-56).



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KENNETH ANDERSON
... To Head Kiwanis

Kiwanians Pick K. L. Anderson New President

Kenneth L. Anderson was elected president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, succeeding J. A. Barrington at the group's last meeting. Charter secretary of the Gardena Kiwanis Club, he has been active in the local club since moving to Torrance in 1952 and served as first vice president last year. He is an agent for the Pacific Electric Railway and was born in San Gabriel.

Other new officers are B. I. Johnson, first vice president; W. R. Noel, second vice president; C. J. Meadway, treasurer; and K. S. Avera, Dr. G. M. Eastham, Dr. P. M. Halloran, W. N. Laster, W. R. Noel, J. A. Post, Dr. A. W. Smith, H. G. Stephens, and T. G. Wilkes, directors.

Fire Results As Gas Pumps Overtaken

An unknown motorist caused a fire at the Walco Service Station, 21701 S. Western Ave., late Wednesday night, when he smashed into two gas pumps, knocking them over.

Firemen quickly quelled the blaze, which caused some damage to the pumps. They said the collision apparently short-circuited the gas pumps, starting the fire.

In another fire late Wednesday, about \$500 damage was done to a bedroom and closet at the Raymond Foster home, 23649 Madison St. Considerable damage was reported throughout the house and much of the bedroom furniture and clothes in the closet were badly burned.

Firemen also answered a call to the Henry Bettis home, 20518 Earl St., where a short in the refrigerator caused a small fire.

Lucky Shopper To Win \$100 Here Tomorrow

A cash prize totaling \$100 awaits a lucky shopper tomorrow night in downtown Torrance. The Downtown Retail Merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is offering the sum weekly as part of its Gold Rush promotion in connection with the new Monday evening shopping hours. There's nothing to buy and you need not be present to win. Most downtown stores are now open until 9 p.m. Monday. Shoppers should check their favorite stores for full details.

Affliction Fails To Halt Family

Mrs. Willie Mae Bicht, 3727 W. 182nd St., gave birth to a six pound girl Thursday at Torrance's new Riviera Hospital and plans to take care of the new child herself. That's not unusual, you say? It is when you consider the fact that Mrs. Bicht has had no use of her arms at all since she was stricken with polio when she was nine years old.

Planners Delay Setting Streets In Oil Fields

A decision on setting up a street system in the south Torrance oil fields was postponed again Wednesday night by the Torrance Planning Commission, after hearing more protests from residents.

The commission is studying the plan which would set up future streets in case of residential development on a large scale. Otherwise, some of the property would have no access to a street, Planning Commission Secretary George Powell reported.

Mike Finelli, 22911 Arlington Ave., wanted to know whether existing houses would be torn down if the street plans were put through them. Powell said the streets could swing around existing structures.

Action Delayed

In other action, the commission also delayed action on the request of S. F. Morning for a change of zone from manufacturing to residential on property at the southwest corner of Emerald and Valerie. The plan was held over at Morning's request.

Also held over was the proposed rezoning for residential purposes of the southeast and southwest corner of Carson and Menle. The Chanlor-Western Oil Co. owners, asked for a 30-day delay.

House Okayed

The request of William R. Burrows, 18228 Roslin, for a variance to build a second house on the rear of his property was recommended for approval by a 6-to-3 vote. Burrows indicated his son would

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Although her affliction forces her to do things a little differently than the average person, she keeps house without help, making her feet and toes do the things that her arms and hands cannot. The only specially designed equipment in her house is an ironing board and stove. She plans to take care of her daughter, Suzanne Leigh, the same way.

Low Basinette
Her husband, Henry, 32, an electronic technician at AResearch, has made a special snap-on holder for the baby's bottles and the child will sleep in a low basinette.

The new mother doesn't see why she should have any more trouble washing the baby's clothes than she does in washing the clothes that she and her husband wear.

The young mother was majoring in art at Norwalk's Excelsior High School before she married Bicht, and had hoped to get a scholarship. Although doctors had warned Mrs. Bicht against having another baby after two miscarriages, she wanted one badly.

Uses Feet
The red-haired young housewife was the subject of a HERALD article recently, pointing out how she did her housework by using her feet. She even has a special telephone which she operates by pressing a button and talking through a microphone.

She is confident that she will be able to take care of little Suzanne the same way. She returned home yesterday.

"You know, I think she will be a fine mother," one of the nurses commented. "She is one of the most cheerful and determined mothers we have ever had. She doesn't waste a bit of time feeling sorry for herself, like some of the mothers who have nothing wrong with them. I know she'll do it."



SHE'LL DO IT . . . Although both of her arms were paralyzed by a childhood polio attack, Mrs. Willie Mae Bicht, 18, 3727 W. 182nd St., plans to take care of her new daughter, Suzanne Leigh, the same way that she does her housework—with her talented feet. The baby was born Thursday in Riviera Hospital.

Nab Ex-Employe In Drug Store Caper

William M. Trantham, 18, of 24212 Los Codonos, was in custody of Torrance police yesterday following his arrest as a suspected "cat burglar."

A silent alarm at the Owl Rexall Drug, Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hawthorne Ave., alerted police who sped to the scene. Officers surrounded the building and upon entering discovered Trantham cowering behind a counter.

Facing officers who had drawn their guns, the youth yelled: "You got me . . . I give up!" Police found a cloth money

bag beside the local man containing more than \$1000.

Thoughtfully, Trantham also had one of the store's wicker

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WILLIAM TRANTHAM
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baskets with him which he was using to collect cigarettes and other items.

A former employe of the firm, Trantham reportedly gained entry by scaling a nine-foot-high roof parapet and then forcing open a hatchway in the roof.

He told officers he knew about the silent alarm system but "the roof wasn't bugged while I was here."

Meet Set On Youth Center

A public hearing on ways to finance a teenage center for youths of the Torrance area will be held at 7:30 this Tuesday night at the First Methodist Church, according to Beverly Johnson, chairman of the youth committee.

Don't Buy a Pig in a Poke, Better Business Bureau Says

(This is the third in a series of articles entitled "Don't Be A Sucker!")

In the first two articles it was pointed out how buying before you check can cost the loss of considerable money, time, or worse.

By TOM RISCHIE

After disastrous floods which hit Torrance and other areas a couple of years ago, there was at least one salesman who made money on the misery that resulted.

Residents in an area hard hit by the floods were fearful that their water supply had been contaminated. Into the mud and muck marched one enterprising salesman for bottled water. He contacted householders, taking orders and money for his water. He had a series of brochures for the water and wrote out his receipts on the brochures with an unintelligible signature.

No Water

Many residents paid him in advance, while others more wisely ordered him to bill them. Nobody ever got any bottled water. When buyers checked with the company, a reputable concern, they found that the "salesman" did not and had never worked for it. Residents who had paid were stuck because they failed to find out who they were dealing with.

More often, however, shady salesmen will deliver the goods, but they may not be what the buyer expected or at the cost he expected to pay.

No Pig in a Poke

"Don't buy a pig in a poke," warned Robert L. Gailey of the Long Beach Better Business Bureau. "The BBB motto is 'Investigate before you in-

vest,' and more people would be happier if they would follow that motto."

His office receives some 200 to 250 calls each day about "hit and run" operators who either deliver faulty goods or nothing at all, he reported.

"Everything in the book is sold door-to-door but automobiles," he declared.

If a person is interested in buying a salesman's product, a call to the Better Business Bureau, which has nearly 50,000 files gathered on businesses and sales operations in Southern California, might save you money. The Bureau does not recommend or endorse any product, but can inform you of past complaints, if any.

Many "Gimmicks"

There are, of course, many new "gimmicks" springing up (Continued on Page 2)

Downtown Stores Open Monday Until 9