

Necromantic Apparitions Quietly Roam Streets

The quality of Halloween was not strain'd. It droppeth on Torrance as the gentle rain did... causing just as little damage, according to local police. But the macabre ghosts in Shakespeare's "Macbeth" were put to shame by the witches, goblins, skeletons and other necromantic apparitions which roamed local streets Thursday night. But these, for the most part, were friendly goblins engaged in a Twentieth Century phantomic ritual known as "Trick or Treat."

Greatest damage during the evening occurred to the stomachs of the younger sprites who feasted too heartily on the goodies they collected from local householders. Mischievous tricksters found time to turn on two city fire hydrants, overturn a couple of mailboxes, use a hose on a house, and spread soap powder around in a few garages. Those firecrackers heard throughout the area must have been fired by real witches because everyone knows it's illegal to buy or shoot firecrackers in Los Angeles County. All in all, police reported, a ghostly quiet settled throughout the city comparatively early in the evening

as all the little ghosts and goblins flew away for another year. However, the officers did hear reports from three residents that they had acquired strange little spectres who couldn't remember where they lived. But it wasn't long before—stuffed with candy and goodies—they were claimed by mamas and papas who somehow lost their little ghosts.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

Noting the furor over the gyrations of Elvis' pelvis as a result of his performance in Los Angeles recently, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked:

"What's your opinion of Elvis Presley and his style of entertainment?"

Ray Deurloo, 24424 Park St., chemical warehouse foreman:

"He's here today and will be gone tomorrow. He doesn't impress me at all. He's just a built-up kid. His singing would be all right if he'd quit jiggerbugging around and act intelligent."

Mrs. Ernest Mauk, 1218 Aca-

cia Ave., housewife:
"I think the boy is all right. It's the people who are making such a fuss. If they'd ignore him, there wouldn't be anything to him. He has an opportunity to make a name for himself and he's doing it."

Alan Bishop, 13, 1219 W. 212th St., Fleming Junior High student:

"He's not very good. His singing sounds like a dog and he looks like a clock the way he wiggles. Most of the guys I know think he's ad."

Al Knappenburger, 2036 1/2 Santa Fe Ave., fireman:

"He's nothing spectacular. It's just his way of making a living. He's just another singer and entertainer. He's nothing outstanding, but he isn't too bad."

Annette Dargle, 15, 1032 W. Fiat St., St. Anthony's student:

"I like him and his singing, especially when it's fast. He's real good looking and I love those sideburns. I like the way he dances. It isn't dirty. It's just the way you take it."

Florence Dargle, 17, 1032 W. Fiat St., St. Anthony's student:

"I like him—the way he sings and the rhythm. I don't take his wiggle as dirty. I just listen to him sing. His picture, 'Loving You' showed what a good actor he was."

12th Polio Case Reported Here

An 11-year-old girl Friday became the second person in Torrance and the fourth in Los Angeles County so far this year to come down with paralytic polio after receiving the Salk Vaccine series.

Joy Metzner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Metzner, 2840 Martha St., a sixth grader at Torrance Elementary School, was rushed to County General Hospital and placed in an iron lung. She was suffering from what was described as bulbar-spinal polio. She had been ill for several days with what was at first believed to be the flu.

Got Three Shots
The little girl had received the series of three polio shots last year. Doctors, however, report that the shots are only about 80 per cent effective.

Her illness marred an otherwise good polio record in Torrance and Los Angeles County for the year. In the Torrance health area so far this year, there have been only 12 cases of polio, four of which were of the paralytic variety. Last year, the area had 45 cases of which 35 were paralytic. Two people died last year compared with none so far in 1957.

Throughout the county, there have been only 352 cases, compared with 750 last year.

Civic Group Asks Traffic Regulations

Recommendations that traffic control signals and stop signs be installed at several north Torrance locations has been sent to the city council by John G. L. Crain, president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn.

Endorsing recommendations made by the group's safety committee, Crain asked for a signal at 174th and Arlington, and a flasher be installed at the stop signs at 176th St. and Brairle Ave. Crain also asked an overall traffic survey of the north Torrance area.

FINANCE COMPANY HELD UP BY ARMED GUNMAN

An armed gunman escaped with more than \$100 Friday afternoon in a daring holdup of a finance company office at 2157 Torrance Blvd.

Inquiring if the company made furniture loans, the man suddenly leaped across the

Rivets Reports

"My crystal ball tells me that the probability of rain today is about 40 per cent, whatever that means." Rivets, HERALD weather dog reported. "Anyway, it will be cloudy and showers may add to the .35 inch we got Thursday morning."

High and low temperatures for the week included Thursday (72-60); Friday (70-60); and Saturday (69-59).

2 THROWN FROM AUTO

Two persons were thrown from their small imported car Friday night in an accident at Western Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd. Bernard Wolfgang Baron, 26, and Jane Baron, 23, both of Manhattan Beach, were treated at a local medical center for cuts and bruises. Baron's car was traveling east on Sepulveda and collided with an auto driven by Arthur Clare Delsman, 26, of San Pedro.

Dr. B. A. Kogan, Torrance area health officer, urged all persons to get the Salk shots from their family doctors.

Copper Class Starts Soon

Ideas for Christmas gifts that are attractive and unique, but inexpensive, will be given in a four-week course for adults on copper enameling at the Torrance Municipal Plunge, 3331 Torrance Blvd.

The class, to be taught by Allen Scharf, will meet at the plunge on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., starting on Nov. 19. A nominal fee for materials and instruction will be charged. Edith Simplar of the Torrance Recreation Department will handle details.

Money in Bag
After getting money from the till, the bandit demanded that the money be placed in a paper bag. He then insisted that the safe be opened.

Gosman, police said, told the man that the safe was open but contained no money.

The gunman also demanded Gosman's wallet. But upon learning it contained only personal money, he let him keep it.

Locked in Restroom
The man proceeded to lock Wisniewski in the restroom and took Gosman at gunpoint out of the office and down the alley where the manager was released at Portola Ave.

The bandit was described as a male Mexican, 30 years of age, 5 ft. 4 in., 145 lbs., and wearing Levis and a brown leather jacket. His gun was a .38-caliber four-inch revolver.



FOR AMERICA LEADERS . . . Chester A. Brown (seated), president of the Los Angeles County Unit No. 1 . . . of For America, discusses plans for the Saturday night dinner meeting at Leuzinger High School with committee members Clyde Haslet (left) and Joseph Walters. Former Governor J. Bracken Lee of Utah will be the main speaker.

J. Bracken Lee, Ex-Governor Of Utah, to Speak Saturday

J. Bracken Lee, former Republican Governor of Utah who has become national director of the For America organization, will be guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Los Angeles County Unit No. 1 at Leuzinger High School Saturday, Nov. 9, it was announced here yesterday.

Unit President Chester A. Brown said many prominent Southern Californians had been invited to attend the dinner meeting which will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the high school's cafeteria at 4118 W. Rosecrans Ave.

The strength of the For America group is to be placed behind a movement to repeal the 16th Constitutional Amendment (income tax) during year, leaders of the group report.

Withheld Taxes
The national director, former Governor Lee, refused to pay his federal income tax during the time he was governor. He maintained that it was unconstitutional to tax United States dollars earned under a capitalistic free enterprise system to support foreign communist and socialistic governments.

Governor Lee set aside the amount of his income which was estimated would be paid out by United States to support these foreign governments under the foreign aid program in an effort to force the Supreme Court to make a ruling on the question. The Supreme Court not only

refused to hear the case, but federal authorities confiscated Lee's money which had been placed aside in a private bank. "Our national director has been greeted by hundreds of thousands of tax-conscious individuals in California," according to Brown. "He spoke before a gathering of 700 in Santa Ana in September."

Among those invited to attend Saturday's meeting include Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knott, founders of Knott's Berry Farm; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Van Camp Sr., president of Van Camp Canneries; Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Alesen, past president of the California Medical Assn.; Mr. and Mrs. Willys Stone, president of the American Progress Foundation; Morris Ryskind, Pulitzer Prize winner for "Of These I Sing"; Charles Coburn, screen and television star; Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Clark of Los Angeles; Dr. and Mrs. William Lawlor, Glendale; California rancher Hubbard Russell, state chairman of For America; Mr.

and Mrs. Norris McKinney of Long Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. George Starbird of Los Angeles, both leaders in the For America movement. Invocation for the Saturday dinner meeting will be given by the Rev. William Patterson of Lawndale, while Mrs. R. F. Beck of Rolling Hills will be mistress of ceremonies.

Local participants who are heading the arrangements committee include President Brown of Lawndale, Wade Hayes, Joseph Walters, and Clyde Haslet, all of Torrance.

Council Urged To Settle Deal

A recommendation that the city buy up the remainder of its contract with Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc., to operate the Torrance Municipal Airport will be presented to the City Council Tuesday night.

There had been a dispute between Collins-Dietrich and the city for some time over various operational procedures. Ed Dietrich, airport manager, recently offered to terminate the contract and negotiations to that end were carried on by the Torrance Airport Commission.

Disputed Points
Biggest points of dispute were over night flying procedures at the field and over who was entitled to dispense gas at the field. Collins-Dietrich maintained that their contract gave them the exclusive right, although the city granted Vegas Airways the right to fuel its own planes.

Under the proposal under study, the contract would be terminated this Dec. 31, although the contract still has about 20 months to run.

The agreement to be presented to the council provides that Collins-Dietrich would release all rights to management and any income from the airport and would return all city-owned equipment.

In return, Collins-Dietrich would receive \$1000 a month until its contract expires, would have the right to compete with other firms in dispensing gas, and would get an extension of its lease on two hangars until 1980, with the right to operate a flying school if they chose.

Both sides would waive all claims against each other and Collins-Dietrich would cooperate in making the transition in management.

If the council does agree to terminate the contract, it would have the option either of operating the airport itself or granting a management lease to some other firm. Collins-Dietrich has managed the airport for about eight years.

Runaway Boys Nabbed Driving Stolen Auto

Two 15-year-old Lakewood boys who stole a car to run away from home were picked up at a service station at Pennsylvania and Pacific Coast Hwy., Friday, by sheriff's deputies.

The pair were stopped by deputies who questioned their age. One of the boys fled, but was nabbed by the officers.

Ryan Permits Lead Month In Building

Permits taken out by the Ryan Aircraft Co. for three new buildings at its recently acquired Lomita Blvd. site accounted for about a third of the city's \$1,444,083 building permit total during October.

The figures brought the year's total to date to \$16,094,112, compared with \$45,555,311 at this time last year.

The Ryan permits were valued at \$532,000.

Jim Dandy Markets took out a permit for a new store at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds., worth \$170,000. Nativity School had permits for \$70,851 for an addition, while the Foursquare Gospel Church took a \$3990 permit for an addition at Arlington and Sepulveda.

Permits for new homes totaled 20. Also planned are 100 block walls, 19 signs, and a duplex.

Army Pvt. Runs Obstacle Course Using His Car

An Army private, stationed at the Torrance missile base, set up his own obstacle course Friday and landed in jail.

Pvt. Gary James Waterman, 18, is accused of knocking down three traffic signs and running into two parking meters.

He did these things, police report, by using his car as a ramrod.

Spotted by witnesses who followed along taking pictures of the destroyed property, Waterman was later taken in custody at Gramercy and Cravens Aves.

The Army man evidently became perturbed with signs at 231st St. and Arlington, 237th and Arlington, Lomita and Lucille. The two parking meters were demolished near Gramercy and Cravens.

Park Development Hurt by Recreation Bond Rejection

With the failure of the Recreation Bond issue in last Tuesday's balloting, development of existing park sites will be a slow process and some new way will have to be found to get more park sites, according to city officials.

"They aren't in the budget, and we don't have the money," City Manager George Stevens declared.

However, former Recreation Commission Chairman Herma Tillim said she plans to start a drive to place another recreation bond issue on the ballot next year. She will discuss the matter Tuesday night at a meeting of the Southwest Park Civic Assn.

Mrs. Tillim, who resigned from the Recreation Commission in a dispute over the amount of money to be put in the recreation bond issue, declared that the exact amount of recreation bonds in the new drive would have to be decided later.

Money in Doubt
The defeated bond issue was for \$3,000,000. Mrs. Tillim had sought a \$5,000,000 issue. She said she would lead a drive to get 4500 signatures to place the recreation issue before the voters again in the April city primary election. Mrs. Tillim was also a leader in the successful drive to get funds for a

new City Hall and swimming pool.

Subdivision Set
One of the sites which the city had hoped to purchase with the bond money appeared in a deed for a subdivision. George Chacksfield had delayed plans to build a 465-home subdivision northeast of 190th and Crenshaw pending the outcome of the election. He had agreed to sell the land for a 25-acre major park to the city at cost if the money were available. Plans for the new subdivision will come up at the next Planning Commission meeting.

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