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LOCAL CRASHES INJURE SEVERAL

Collision Toll High

Half a dozen persons received injuries in traffic accidents scattered throughout the city at week's end, and one other traffic victim remained in critical condition at Harbor General hospital from injuries sustained in an accident Tuesday evening.

Still hospitalized with injuries described as critical is Warren W. Johnson, 51, of 24405 Neece Ave., who suffered head and leg injuries when he was struck by an auto on Hawthorne Blvd. late Tuesday.

THE CURRY woman was injured when a car she was driving collided with one operated by Ralph J. Covino, 28, of 3705 W. 182nd St. She was treated for scalp wounds and released to private care.

Fraser reportedly received minor injuries when his auto and one driven by Grant W. Davis, 21, of 2618 W. 180th Ave., collided at Arlington Ave. and Artesia Blvd. Davis was cited for failing to yield the right of way.

Other collisions logged by police in which no injuries were reported included crashes at 187th and Falda, Henrietta and Torrance Blvd., in front of 231 S. Arlington Ave., Cabrillo and El Prado, Cabrillo and 218th St., and at Arlington and Torrance Blvd.

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POLICE SAID young Castro was injured Thursday evening when his bike hit a traffic island at Cravens and Carson St. and the lad was tossed onto a car driven by Ada W. Rayner, 59, of 1534 W. 213th St.

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OTHERS INJURED on the city streets include: Joe Castro, 10, 21926 West-ern Ave. Ruth T. Tillson, 49, 20819 Brighton Ave. Rhoda M. Curry, 61, Costa Mesa. John J. Fraser, 24, Torrance.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Sellout Predicted For Chamber Event

A complete sellout of 500 people will hear an address by Major General Elvin S. Ligon, jr. of the U. S. Air Force at the annual banquet of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Civic Auditorium.

Commander of the USAF Recruiting Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, General Ligon has served in various capacities since 1935 following graduation from West Point the preceding year and advanced flight training at Kelly Air Force Base, Tex.

During the war he flew B-24's in England and B-29's in the Pacific, and received many decorations.

Hawaiian singers and dancers will perform during the steak dinner; and each lady will receive an orchid from Trans-Ocean Air Lines in recognition of the Chamber's Hawaiian Tour, April 3-10.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT of the evening will be the presentation of the William I. Laughan - Grover C. Whyte Trophy to Torrance's Outstanding Citizen of 1958. The award will be presented by Dr. Howard A. Wood, last year's recipient of the honor.

Phone Workers Support Charity

Torrance employees of the Pacific Telephone Co. recently joined 29,000 Southern California employees in re-subscribing membership in AID-United Givers to pledge a total of more than \$600,000 to this area's charities this year. More than 20,000 of the employees agreed to contribute an amount equivalent to 12 minutes pay per week.



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Volunteers Ready

Red Cross Drive Due to Open Here

Determined to engineer a "swift and effective 1959 campaign for the Red Cross," Stanley Remelmeyer, volunteer chairman of the Torrance Red Cross Fund Appeal, this week held kick-off meetings of both his commerce and industry and the small business divisions.

These business men and women volunteer workers will begin an intensive drive tomorrow in an effort to coordinate their campaign with the one-day residential campaign of Monday, March 9th, for the purpose of raising drastically needed funds to maintain the 10 services program of the Red Cross.

"WE HOPE TO be able to report the Torrance goal of \$8,500, over-subscribed on March 9th, and we expect to be among the first in the Los Angeles chapter," said Remelmeyer who expressed satisfaction with this year's volunteer organization.

THE BUSINESS committee which will solicit retail and small business is headed by Mary Pagac this year, who was chairman of last year's successful residential campaign. She has as an assistant Mrs. George Shelton who also worked in the residential campaign last year.

Deadline for Water Petition Postponed

Target date for completion of circulation of petitions to form the Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District has been postponed from today to March 17.

CURRENTLY, 165,000 acre feet annually in excess of natural replenishment through rainfall is being pumped from the underground. The proposed Replenishment District would assess pumpers of water to raise funds to buy "outside" water from the Colorado River aqueduct in an amount equal to the annual pumping "deficit."

An announcement of the change was made by R. J. Furlong and Allan Harris, presidents of the Central Basin Water Assn. and the West Basin Water Assn.

The only property tax involved is one-half cent per hundred dollars of assessed valuation for administration of the plan. All charges for water purchase would be paid through the pumpage assessment.

Roger "Pat" Hogue is chairman of the petition circulation effort in Torrance. He estimates that Torrance has reached 25 per cent of its quota of 6750 signatures. Purpose of the Water Replenishment District is to raise underground water levels in the southern portion of Los Angeles County which has always depended on well water for the major portion of its water supply.

The petition now being circulated will place the formation of the District on the ballot for decision later in the year. It is available for signature at City Halls and water distribution agencies.

"WHILE KONYA may be 3500 years or so older than Torrance, its people can communicate on a common basis," Madame Sanli said.

Chairman Robert Ellis of the city's city-to-city committee explained the background of the local program, reporting that Konya, Turkey, had been chosen as a sister city to Torrance for the cultural exchange be-



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Dedication Set For New School

Formal dedication of Philip Magruder Elementary School, 4100 W. 185th St., will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m., according to Superintendent J. H. Hull. Open house will follow.

Philip Magruder, executive vice president of the General Petroleum Corp., the man for whom the school was named, will be honored during the ceremonies. Superintendent Hull will present the school to him during the ceremonies, and an eighth grade student, David Smith, will thank Magruder for his help to youth. Magruder is former president of the Los Angeles Council of the Boy Scouts of America; holder of the Silver Beaver, Scouting's highest adult award; and director of the R. M. Pyles Boys Camp.

In addition to his youth activities, Magruder is a member of the F & AM Shrine; Rotary Club; California State Chamber of Commerce; past president of the Los Angeles Petroleum Club; director, past president, and one of the organizers of the California Natural Gas Assn.; member of the American Petroleum Institute General Committee and Board of Councillors; past chairman of the Western Oil and Gas Assn. Air Pollution Control Committee; and vice president and director of the California Manufacturers Assn.

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City Notes 'Konya Day'

"Everything American is accepted in Turkey, even your 'Rock and Roll,'" Nejat Sonmez, foreign minister for information from Turkey, told newsmen here yesterday as the city began its Konya Day observances.

cause it was comparable to Torrance in many respects.

Konya is a city of about 120,000 residents and is the principal city in a province containing about 1 million persons.

Although Konya, Turkey which is Torrance's sister city in a people-to-people program, is an ancient city, dating back to 1400 to 1200 B.C., in one sense it is newer than Torrance, Sonmez and Mme. Ismet Sanli, journalist and Turkish representative to the United Nations charter session, told newsmen.

THE CITY has responded "most admirably and most enthusiastically" to the city-to-city program, Sonmez said. He pointed out that the municipal council had officially endorsed the program through a resolution, that the mayor had invited Torrance officials and residents to visit the city, and that one of the city's newest and best eating places had been named "Torrance Clubhouse." The restaurant is located atop Hill of Sultan Aladdin, a prominence named after the 11th-Century Sultan Aladdin, namesake of the legendary Aladdin of the famous lamp fable.

The year 1923 was referred to frequently by the two distinguished visitors to Torrance as being the starting point of Turkey's rebirth as a modern, western nation. At that time, the women of Turkey were elevated to an equal status with the men, polygamy was ended, and the nation adopted Western culture and dress.

The city also has organized a city-to-city committee of eight members, and includes on its roster the names of more than 100 leading Konya citizens who are working with the group in the cultural program.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

Do you believe legalized gambling would be a good source of government income?

That was the question the HERALD's inquisitive photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

Robert E. Krause, 20700 Earl St., chemical engineer:

"I do. In New Jersey there are legalized race tracks. The bulk of the state revenue comes from the Pennsylvania gamblers across the river. All that potential revenue is lost by Pennsylvania. People are going to gamble anyway; so they might as well lose it to the government."

Jean Giles, 203 Hickory Ave., housewife:

"No. I do not. I wholeheartedly disapprove of gambling in any form. The only thing that would come of legalized gambling would be the encouraging of even more people to waste their hard-earned money."

Marjorie Panches, 21314 Grant Ave., housewife:

"No, I disapprove. I would rather see the government get their money in other ways. There are already enough places to lose money gambling without the government getting into the act."

Louis Bereskin, 17416 Delia Ave., teacher:

"I believe that gambling, legalized or otherwise, leads to corruption. I do not believe in tolerating it in any form. Racketeers and other such persons would become involved."

Betty Kohler, 24225 Park St., housewife:

"In one way it would be good; but in another way it wouldn't. It would be an easy way for the government to raise money; but unfortunately the families would be sacrificing their own finances at the government's expense . . . and I believe the family should come first."

Rev. Schaltz at Church Retreat

Rev. William K. Schatz, pastor of Seaside Community (E&R) Church of Christ, will participate in a three-day retreat to be held this weekend by the Regional Youth Fellowship at Pilgrim Pines near Yucaipa. Members of the Sr. Youth Fellowship of Seaside Church will also attend. Theme of the Retreat is "The Cross in the World."