

Herald Phone Numbers

- FAirfax 8-5164—For Society.
- FAirfax 8-4000—For General News, Circulation.
- FAirfax 8-4000—For Classified. Ask for Ad-Taker.

Torrance Herald

OFFICE AND PLANT AT 1619 GRAMERCY AVE., TORRANCE

Ann Landers	9	Editorials	4
Armed Forces	12	Society	9-11
Births	3	Sports	6
Comics	12	Star Gazer	4
Crossword	4	Want Ads	13-15

45th Year—No. 42

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1959

10¢ Per Copy

BOY THROWN FROM AUTO, HURT

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think the PTAs should express a deeper concern for the contents of school curricula as was suggested at a recent national PTA conference?"

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

Mrs. Grant Jones, 1617 Maple Ave., housewife:

"I think they should. These decisions should be made up to the entire membership rather than just the officers. I think the parents should show more active interest in the curricula."

Mrs. W. C. Steele, 19404 Aaccia Ave., housewife:

"I think it's important that we all express opinions, and it's a shame that more people don't show up at meetings and speak out."

Edith John, 1003 Portola Ave., housewife:

"I think parents and teachers should always have a firm opinion on what should be taught. If the parents aren't concerned, nobody else will be."

Mrs. Glenn B. Dunkin, 1132 W. 220th St., housewife:

"I agree one hundred percent. There is too much stress on extra curricula activities and not enough on the curricula. I wholeheartedly endorse this suggestion. The schools are neglecting some of the basic things we used to be taught."

Mrs. Yvonne Bottroff, 1607 West 215 St., counselor at Green Hills Memorial Park:

"Yes, because children take greater interest in their work if their parents are interested in their schooling. Parents have to show more concern if they want their children to really get the most out of school."

Chamber in New Offices

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce is now occupying new offices in the former Torrance City Hall, 1511 Cravens Avenue, according to a statement by President Fred W. Mill.

Mill said the move was necessitated by the shortage of space in the former quarters which housed the civic group since 1936.

The telephone number will remain FA 8-2814.

Engineer Aide Resigns Post

John Patrick, member of the city's engineering department staff for the past 14 years, resigned his post here Thursday, citing personal reasons.

Patrick, who was assistant to the city engineer, became the second top engineering aid to leave the city's employ within a week. Acting City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop quit last Friday.

Patrick told reporters he had been planning the move for some time, and had quit for personal reasons. He has been on sick leave for several weeks.

Resignations of the two top engineering department officers came after the council approved appointment of Wade Peebles as director of public works for the city to succeed John Russell, who retired. Peebles has been given wide authority to reorganize the engineering, garage and public works sections of the city.

The new DPW boss is currently investigating recent city street improvement projects after Mayor Isen complained that some of them may have been done with "inferior materials." The council may be given a report on Peebles' investigation this week.

Torrance Principal Honored

Carl R. Ahee, principal of Torrance High School, last week was awarded a doctorate in education from the University of Southern California, after successfully completing all requirements.

Dr. Ahee's dissertation dealt with "The Legal Status of the California Public School Pupil and His Parent with Respect to Attendance." He studied many of the legal aspects of education.

In general, he concluded, courts hold that schools must offer education to all on an equal basis, but there is considerable confusion and conflicting legal opinions in some areas. The study recommended study, amendment, and clarification of existing state laws.

Principal at Torrance High since 1956, Ahee last year took a semester's leave of absence to complete his doctoral study. He also served here as vice principal at North High School. He formerly taught at Turlock and served as principal of junior-senior high schools in Wiesbaden and Heidelberg, Germany.

Born in Iowa, he graduated from Turlock High School. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern California.

Students Set Show at Wood

The third annual "Termite Frolics" will be presented in five performances at Wood Elementary School next Thursday with eighth graders putting on a musical variety show for parents and students.

Performances are slated at 10:30, 1, 2:30, 7, and 8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The script and score for the program was developed by the teachers. Because of an overflow crowd last year, another evening performance has been added.

Taking part are the classes of James Armstrong, Albert Costas and Earl Brabandt.



CELEBRATING . . . Von A. Moffett (left) and Dick Dimmette, owners of the DeVon Plymouth-Triumph agency at 1600 Cabrillo Ave., are celebrating a grand opening at the newly remodeled headquarters for the auto dealership. (Herald photo)

Gone All Night

Toddler Leaves Bed, Disappears

When 3-year-old Robbie Alan Mailander stepped out to follow his mother as she went to work last Thursday evening, he made an all-night venture of it.

Little Robbie, clad in light blue sleepers, was found in a food market parking lot near 190th St. and Inglewood Ave. about 11:30 p.m. Thursday by Bob Oakroi, of Los Angeles, a maintenance man at the shopping center.

After an unsuccessful search of the neighborhood for his home, Officers Melvin Bennett and Bob Dunn brought Robbie into the station, where he was bedded down on a couch in the juvenile office.

THERE THE wait began for someone to miss him. All night long reporters and photographers from various Southland newspapers paraded by Robbie's makeshift bed, taking pictures, talking to the officers.

But little Robbie was undisturbed by it all—he slept the sleep of the innocent.

CAME breakfast time and L. Swayne Johnson asked the



AWAITING CALL . . . 3-year-old Robbie Mailander waits for someone to miss him after spending most of the night on a police department couch. Here he clutches his doll after waking up in the police station Friday morning. He followed his mother out of the house the night before and was not missed. (Herald photo)

boy how he would like some milk, oatmeal and toast.

"No toast," the boy replied with emphasis.

He got a doughnut instead, although observers noted that some toast that came along with the order anyway quickly disappeared.

Police Matron Pat Speakes set Robbie down at her desk and fed him his breakfast.

STILL NO word about a missing boy.

The call finally came. A frantic grandmother called to ask if the police had heard about a missing boy.

"We've got him right here," Officer Joe Capriotti told the relieved caller.

And a few minutes later followed the happy reunion between the boy and his mother.

IT WAS then that the police learned who the boy was, where he lived, and how he came to be on the market parking lot.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Esther Mailander, said her son had been in bed at their home, 19326 Beckworth Ave., when she left to go to work in an Inglewood restaurant about 11 p.m.

"He apparently heard my car start and wanted to follow me," she explained.

ROBBIE'S absence went unnoticed by the boy's grandmother, Mrs. Audra Mailander, and the father, Robert. The father left for work in the morning not realizing his boy was not asleep in his bed.

When the grandmother checked in on the room after the father had gone to work, she discovered the empty bed. After a frantic check with neighbors, she called police.

The reunion followed, although Robbie had made some new friends around the station and wasn't sure he was happy with the reunion.

"I don't wanna go home," he blubbered as his mother left the station with him.

Girl Injured In Collision

A 15-year-old girl and a 9-year-old boy received serious cuts and bruises in separate accidents here yesterday.

Donna Frederick, of 1553 W. 220th St., was cut severely by flying glass when an auto in which she was riding was struck by one driven by William Bottom, 82, of 930 Arling-

ton Ave., at Arlington and Marcelina yesterday afternoon. She was a passenger in a car driven by Marine David Weddle, 17, whose home address is 18926 Cordray.

The Frederick girl was treated by a private physician. In an earlier accident, 9-year-old Thomas Stephen Elliot, of Los Angeles, received serious cuts and abrasions when he fell from a car driven by his father near Redbeam and Beran Ave. in the Southwood home section.

ROBERT Clark Elliot, 42, told investigating officer Gerald Snyder that he had just turned the car onto Beran off of Redbeam when he saw the boy plunging headfirst out of the car onto the pavement. A check of the door catches failed to reveal any defects, the officer reported.

The Elliot boy was taken to Harbor General Hospital and was being sent to X-ray yesterday afternoon to determine if more serious injuries may have been suffered in the fall.

At Plunge

Sign-Ups For Swim Classes

It's almost splashing time again, and registration for learn-to-swim classes at the municipal plunge begins Thursday, according to the Torrance Recreation Dept.

Registration for the "waterproofing sessions" will be conducted at the pool, 3331 Torrance Blvd., from 1 until 5 and 6 until 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. until noon and 1 until 5 p.m. Saturday, 1 until 5 p.m. Sunday.

Beginning June 15, there will be two-week-long classes for children, with groups meeting week-days at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. These will continue through Sept. 4. Pool charge for each 10-lesson series is \$2.

CLASSES for adult beginning swimmers are planned to meet at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 23 through July 16 and July 28 through Aug. 28. The fee for eight lessons is \$2.

Beginning, intermediate and advanced teen-aged swimmers may get instruction during 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from June 22 through 15 and July 27 through Aug. 19. There will be an eight lesson charge of \$2.00.

JUNIOR and senior lifesaving courses will be offered at 5 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday. Classes will begin June 22 and July 27.

Water safety instruction for adult non-swimmers and swimmers will be given at 5:30 Fridays with sessions starting June 19, July 3, July 31 and Aug. 14.

Diving classes will meet 5 p.m. Tuesdays for persons under 16 years of age and Thursdays for those older starting June 23.

The plunge will open for general recreational swimming on June 15.

Hearing Scheduled

The third and final hearing on a planning commission petition to rezone the south side of Monterey Ave. from M-2 to residential is scheduled for Tuesday night before the city Council.



HAPPY REUNION . . . Mrs. Esther Mailander hugs little Robbie at the Torrance police station after he wandered away from home during the night Thursday. Mrs. Mailander, who works nights at an Inglewood restaurant, did not know the boy was missing until his grandmother called her early Friday. She rushed to the station to claim him. (Herald photo)

PUC Puts Lid on New Service By Narbonne Ranch Water Co.

The Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 has been prohibited by the California Public Utilities Commission from serving any new customers until corrective action is taken to install new mains, it was announced this week.

In an interim opinion and order, the company was also required to make periodic reports on the status of its negotiations on the sale of its system to the City of Torrance.

THE ORDER followed three days of public hearings in Lomita reopening an old rate case. In December, 1953, the commission authorized the company, which serves some 100 customers in the Lomita and Torrance areas, to increase its rates, but at the same time required the utility to improve its system to provide adequate service.

The decision noted that existing water mains are worn out and need replacing, and

that in the opinion of the company it would cost approximately \$250,000 to make the replacements. The decision further stated that in the past six years the company had extended its new areas and has made additions to its utility plant in the amount of \$144,675.22.

"WE ARE faced in this matter with the problem of a company which requires the substantial replacement of its

water mains," the decision said. "The company does not have the money to effect such a replacement, and its net income of slightly more than \$6000 per year does not warrant the borrowing of these funds. As a matter of fact, it was the position of the company that it would not, or could not, borrow sufficient money to effect these improvements without receiving additional revenue."