



**A KID IN HEART — AND AGE . . .** B. Kenneth Gibson kicks up his heels a little as he celebrates his 14th birthday. He has a birthday only once every four years, because he was born on Feb. 29. Although he has been on earth 62 years, he has only had 14 birthdays. Even Jack Benny can't make that statement. (Herald Photo)

## Hey, Jack Benny! How About This?

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B. Kenneth Gibson, secretary of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, can go Jack Benny one better. In fact, he can go him 26 better.

Although the TV comedian's birth certificate shows that he is 64, Benny is celebrating only his 40th birthday this year.

Gibson's birth certificate indicates that he should note his 62nd birthday this week, but he can't. The last birthday he had, two years ago, was his 14th.

He was born in Leap Year—on Feb. 29, 1896.

### Missing Birthdays

Because of the peculiarities of the calendar, he has a birthday only every four years. Because it happens that the first year of the century—in this case, 1900—is not a Leap Year, Gibson didn't have his first birthday until he had been on earth for eight years.

Although many oldsters might consider this a blessing, children might take a somewhat different view of the situation.

It was only 15 years ago that Gibson discovered his true age—finding out that he was one actual year younger than he believed and losing 38 birthdays in the process.

### Date in Error

Born in Walla Walla, Wash., Gibson lost his parents while still a baby. He was sent to be raised by relatives in the mid-west and somehow, the relatives erroneously understood that his birthdate was March 2, 1895.

Not until World War II, when he had to produce a birth certificate, did Gibson discover the mistake. He wrote to his old home town and discovered that the doctor's records indicated that his actual birthdate was Feb. 29, 1896, a year later and on a different day than he always had believed.

This discovery caused him to go to considerable trouble to

change all of his personal papers, no small task considering that he was nearly 50.

### March 1 Noted

Today, Gibson generally notes his birthday on March 1 in years when he has no real birthday.

He takes a lot of ribbing from his friends about his birthday, or lack of it. He is teased about being the "youngest Chamber secretary in the country" and his wife is accused of "robbing the cradle to get a husband." Some friends laughingly question his right to vote.

A retired Post Office employee, Gibson was named Chamber of Commerce secretary last year. He has been active in many civic projects, recently heading the March of Dimes drive. He and his wife live at 23402 Alliene St., State of Mind.

The question of age, Gibson believes, is more a state of mind than of calendar years. He was active in Scouting for many years and now is a sponsor of the car clubs of Lomita.

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## Welfare Drive Leaders Named

Completion of the top leadership in the Southern section of the 1958 Greater Los Angeles United Jewish Welfare Fund drive was reported today as more than 200 leaders participating in the Areas-wide campaign prepared for the kick-off breakfast 10 a.m. Sunday, March 2, in the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Lester Bise, 8020 Glider Ave., Westchester, and Mrs. Edward Schwartz, 3244 El Dorado St., Torrance, were named southern section co-chairmen by Dr. Howard Golden, 3137 Hope St., Huntington

Park, southern section chairman. The third section co-chairman is Samuel Goldman, 9424 Tenth Ave., Inglewood. Jeanne Daman, a Belgian Catholic World War II heroine who defied the Nazis and more recently traveled in Arab lands at great peril to herself, will be principal speaker at the breakfast kick-off. William Bruck, Greater Areas campaign chairman, heads the cabinet which will be host to division chairmen.

Southern section members of the cabinet, in addition to Dr. Golden, are Sam Levy, 1503

## Parrish to Head City Easter Seal Campaign

Darwin D. Parrish, Torrance businessman, has been appointed Torrance chairman of the 25th annual Easter Seal campaign which begins March 6 and runs through to Easter Sunday.

The local chairman will work with other leading citizens of communities all over the Southland to coordinate all phases of the Easter Seal campaign in this area.

El Prado, Torrance, special assignments co-chairman; William Kane, 5523 Coliseum, southern section coordinating chairman.

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<b>Cube Steaks</b> LEAN BONELESS	<b>98¢</b>	<b>Round Steak</b> TOP BONELESS	<b>89¢</b>
<b>Sirloin Steak</b> TOP BONELESS	<b>1.29</b>	<b>Boneless Brisket</b>	<b>69¢</b>
<b>Filet Mignon Steak</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>Chipped Beef</b> SUPER-HIGHT SMOKED COOKED 4-oz. Pkg.	<b>35¢</b>
		<b>Ground Beef</b> A&P QUALITY	<b>45¢</b>
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<b>Macaroni</b> GOLD MEDAL 1-lb. Pkg. <b>21¢</b>	<b>Prune Juice</b> NEW 1-lb. Pkg. <b>29¢</b>	<b>Ajax*</b> 1/2-lb. Pkg. <b>23¢</b>	<b>Sunshine Cheez-It</b> 1-lb. Jar <b>19¢</b>	
<b>Vel Liquid*</b> 1/2-lb. Pkg. <b>39¢</b>	<b>M.J.B. Rice</b> LONG 1-lb. Pkg. <b>37¢</b>	<b>Coconut Creme</b> WORTH 1-lb. Pkg. <b>29¢</b>	<b>Del Monte Catsup</b> 1-lb. Jar <b>23¢</b>	
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