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A Penny for your Thoughts

Your Pennies photographer asked five Torrance shoppers about the visits between U. S. and Soviet officials this week when he queried: "Do you think the visits between U. S. and Soviet leaders will prove valuable and why?" Their answers and picture appear below.

George Naylor, 422 Palos Verdes Drive, Torrance:

"Nobody believes it will prove successful. It might be of some advantage, but it certainly can't do any harm."

Mrs. Gordon Ellis, 22132 Kinnard, Torrance:

"Yes, I think anything towards peace will help. Being friendly towards each other will go a long way to ease the tensions."

Newman Shea, Vancouver, British Columbia:

"Certainly it is worth a try. Perhaps we are not trying enough to ease the tensions that exist."

Joyce Gordon, 2806 Olive, Torrance:

"I think they will. Getting together and learning to work together will help a great deal."

Mrs. Curtis Laza Del Amo, Torrance:

"Yes, I do. I think they will be valuable because we will learn the truth about their opinion, whether it is good or bad."

Lewellen Press I New Quarters

Lewellen Press announces completion of their move from 167 Gramercy in the HERALD building to their new plant at 1760 Oak street, one-half block south of Carson St., just east of Crenshaw in the San Levy industrial tract.

Commercial printers for many years in Torrance, the Lewellen Press was ready to serve their many customers after moving over the weekend according to Bob Lewellen, veteran Torrance business man and civic leader.

Foreign Exchange Students Arrive

Along the seven foreign exchange students who arrived at Los Angeles International Airport Thursday night was Adai Sujadi from Java, Indonesia, who will spend the coming year at North High School under the American Field Service foreign exchange program.

Sujadi was met by Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Brigham and family in wise home he will live during the school year.



OFFICER HONORED . . . Sgt. Donald Hamilton (second from right) is shown with trophy he received from South Bay Bar Assn. as winner of the third annual outstanding officer award. Others are (left) Boris Wooley, president of bar association; Chief Percy Bennett, holding perpetual trophy for Torrance police department; Hamilton, and Mark Wood, award program chairman.

Bar Names Sgt. Hamilton Year's Outstanding Officer

Sgt. Donald S. Hamilton of the Torrance police department received the South Bay Bar Association's third annual outstanding police officer award at a banquet meeting of the group held Monday evening in Manhattan Beach.

The coveted honor, in the form of an individual trophy, was presented to Hamilton by Boris S. Wooley, president of the Bar association. Chief Percy Bennett of the Torrance department accepted the perpetual trophy award to remain in possession of the local department during the coming year.

In addition to Hamilton, others nominated for the award by a special committee representing the Bar association were:

John Carpenter, Hermosa Beach; Ray Bennett, Manhattan Beach; Harry Peterson, Redondo Beach; Sherman Block, Lennox sheriff's station; Kine V. Price, Compton highway patrol; Arthur La Fontaine, Gardena and John Dolan, Palos Verdes Estates.

ATTORNEY William B. Keene of Manhattan Beach was chairman of the selection committee made up of Thomas W. Fredericks of Hermosa Beach, Jack Stearns of Manhattan Beach, William MacFaden of Redondo Beach, James Barrett of Lennox, Tom McNary of Compton, Donald Davidson of Gardena and Mark Wood of Palos Verdes Estates. Members of the selection committee asserted this year's choice was made exceptionally difficult because of the many outstanding police performances during the year in the local area. Sgt. Hamilton's outstanding work on the Tommerello case won special consideration for him.

Herald Has New Space For Growth

Another stage in the development of the HERALD took place this week with the acquisition of the quarters formerly occupied by Lewellen Press at 1615 Gramercy.

When remodeling work is complete, an additional 2000 feet of floor space will be made available for the HERALD's rapidly expanding mechanical and circulation departments. Important remodeling plans for the composing room, are in process to make way for more typesetting equipment and the premises generally re-arranged to make way for the ever increasing business now at record peaks in the 45th year of continuous publication.

The extensive improvement plan announced in 1958 was completed on schedule. Included was a 64-page rotary press with stereotype foundry, miscellaneous composing room equipment and ventilating systems.

Expansion of personnel in all departments also is underway, according to Glenn W. Pfeil, co-publisher and general manager.

"We are pleased with the remarkable growth of the HERALD," he said yesterday, "and we intend to keep it forging ahead as Torrance's leading community newspaper."

Sets New Record



UNDERWATER QUEEN . . . Dolores Fisher, 23, is pictured following her stay of 55 hours 39 minutes 16 seconds below the surface of a fish tank last weekend at the Ocean Aquarium in Hermosa Beach. The local housewife reported no ill effects from the feat and said she enjoyed herself while setting a new record. (Herald photo)

Cite Loss Of Former Civic Hall

Survival of the Torrance Youth Band rests in the hands of the City Council it appeared Tuesday night when James Van Dyke, director of the group, spoke to the governing body following his letter to the council asking for help.

The youth band lost their home when the Civic auditorium was sold to the Security-First National Bank in June. The auditorium, erected in 1936, was used by the band for many years for rehearsals and concerts.

The letter from Van Dyke to the council stated that although the band had been given 90 days to find new quarters, they had not located housing with ample storage and rehearsal space. The band has until Sept. 1 to re-locate.

The letter also stated that El Camino college had unofficially offered the use of their facilities—free of charge—for one night each week. The Torrance Woman's Club offered the use of their building for

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Wife Tells Life Below Surface

How does it feel to spend 55 hours, 39 minutes and 16 seconds submerged in a porpoise tank? Dolores Fisher had the answer when she came to the surface Sunday shortly after six p.m.

"I feel real great and it was lots of fun," the 23-year-old auburn haired mother of three boys said when her helmet was removed, and added, "Now I can hear again."

Mrs. Fisher, who lives at 117 Via Pasqual, Hollywood Riviera, and whose husband Mel Fisher has been teaching her skin diving for the past six years, said she felt she could stay down indefinitely and was not only trying for the record, but also proving that skin diving and underwater activities are not just for rugged men and that the sport was open to both men and women of all ages.

DOLORES FISHER used an aqua lung and 275 air tanks during her under-water stay. She used a liquid diet along with oranges, apples and bananas, and amused herself playing chess, checkers, tic-tac-toe and cards with attendants and slept a total of nine hours in half-hour stretches. Her attendants were able to tell when she slept by the steady stream of bubbles released from the exhaust valve. Mrs. Fisher had a special radio and television and saw herself on a video program.

When asked if she would try to beat her own record, she said, "No, I don't think so. I enjoyed it but it was too hard on the people who attended me and my family and friends. Everyone suffered while I felt great enjoying the smog-free air I was breathing."

The new champion under-water diver is an instructor at Mel's Aqua Shop at 1911 S. Catalina, Redondo Beach, where she and her husband are offering free introductory lessons to persons over 16 years of age.

Mel Fisher, who attended his wife during her under-water stay, told the HERALD she had set another record, "the longest time a housewife has gone without talking."



A. P. ENDRES

A. P. Endres has been appointed manager of public relations services for General Petroleum Corporation, it was announced today by M. E. Dice, assistant to the president. Effective August 1, Endres succeeds W. B. Curtis, who has retired.

A veteran of 20 years with General Petroleum, Endres joined the company in 1939 as a division sales clerk in the marketing department. He also has held positions of sales promotion clerk, advertising assistant and supervisor, sales promotion.

In 1946, when the General Petroleum public relations department was formed, he was appointed assistant to the manager, a position he held until his present promotion.

Cost at All Time Record

It will cost \$10,554,775 to operate Torrance schools—an increase of \$1,000,000—for the 1959-60 school year.

Such a budget was approved at the meeting of the Board of Education this week. The budget anticipates an increase of 2000 students this fall, salary increases for

teachers and high costs attending the city's rapid growth. Supt. J. H. Hull cited six reasons for the larger budget.

1. An expected increase of more than 2000 students next fall. This will bring the district

Raise For Teachers Approved

Salary raises for all teachers and employees of the Torrance Unified school district was voted Tuesday evening by the Board of Education. The salary hike will cost the district taxpayers \$184,000, offset to the extent of \$100,000 by doubling up of kindergarten classes.

The action raises the minimum salary of regularly-credentialed teachers from \$4635 to \$4740 and the maximum from \$8031 to \$8203. Other employees of the district will get raises of between two and three per cent.

THE ACTION was taken after the Board noted that nearly all surrounding districts had raised employee salaries. Personnel Director Robert Morton told the board that the action brought Torrance into a "competitive" position in obtaining good new teachers.

At the meeting, Joe Redding and Garth Belknap, representing the Torrance Education Assn., told the board that they would like consideration of higher maximum salaries for teachers. They pointed out that as Torrance grows older, more and more teachers attain higher brackets.

They urged the board to seek additional sources of income so that salaries could be raised. Belknap said that teacher morale is high, but study needs to be given to the problem.

Jury Set to Hear Murder Trial

With the naming yesterday of two alternates the jury of seven men and five women was set to hear the much delayed trial of four men, including Henry Thwaites of Torrance, for the murder last year of Tony Mirabile, 64, wealthy San Diego tavern operator.

Other defendants include a Manhattan Beach resident, Wilfred Robearge.

100,000 Use City Parks During July

More than 100,000 took advantage of Torrance Recreation facilities during July with the municipal plunge filled with escapists from one of the hottest Julys in the history of the city.

A total of 31,017 persons used the pool during the month with children 12 years and younger outnumbering teenagers and adults. There was only one near drowning, the fourth instance in the pool's four year history when it was necessary to call emergency help. In that period there have been more than one million bathers.

MOST POPULAR playground during the month was El Nido with an attendance of 17,105. El Retiro was next with 13,600 followed by Walteria, 10,093, and McMaster, 9613.

Sea-Aire golf course proved a popular spot for children and

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GUESTS OF HONOR . . . Leading area real estate board members are pictured chatting prior to their annual luncheon held at the Plush Horse Tuesday. From left, Ken Miller, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors; Jack Pontius, secretary, California Real Estate Assn.; Bob Farnsworth, regional vice-president 21st district; Grace Haggott, president South Bay Board of Realtors; and Jim Clayton, president of C.R.E.A.