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A Penny for your Thoughts



"Do television commercials influence you in your shopping?" This question was asked of five people in the Southwood shopping area Friday. Their answers follow with their pictures.

Pat Powell, 5012 Sharynne Lane, drug store clerk.
"I am not influenced by TV commercials in my shopping, although I have a tendency to try name brands when I see them on television commercials. I am leary of off-brands in my buying."

Mrs. Lee Stodder, 718 Avenue C, Redondo, housewife.
"I try to stay clear of products advertised on television. At first I did try them, but learned that an announcer's big build-up does not always mean his product lives up to his claims."

Mrs. Cynthia Howell, 22010 Palos Verdes Drive, telephone operator.
"I am not influenced by television advertising, but if the commercials are interesting to me and make sense I may try them. Half of the items mentioned on TV I don't bother with. I don't even know the names of the sponsors on all of my favorite programs."

Glenn Chugg, 5124 Zakon Road, printing sales manager.
"I am not basically interested in television advertising. I watch the news broadcasts and see their commercials, but I still am not swayed by them. I find TV commercials either boring or silly. I think newspaper advertising is the safe medium."

Robert Cleveland, 4709 Minadora Dr., plastic fabricator.
"No, I am not influenced by television advertising. I may try a product just mentioned on a program once, just to see what it is like, but I definitely do not buy a product just because the sponsor tells me to."

The Old Timer



"All of us are going to do better tomorrow — and we would, too, if we started today."

Police Find Hidden Loot

The elusive phone bandit, who has been plaguing service station operators and attendants up and down the Torrance and South Bay areas during the past few weeks, has either taken on a helper or has spread his nefarious operations to the San Fernando Valley, police reported yesterday.

Latest caper reported by police took place in Reseda Friday night when the operator of a service station at 17300 Vanowen St., in the Valley received the familiar call.

"I CAN SEE just what you are doing — and I have you covered with a rifle," said a man's voice.

The attendant was told another man was parked in a car alongside the station, covering him also. The attendant confirmed the report — the car was there with a man in it. The attendant was told to take all the bills from the cash register, wrap them in cloth and put them behind a sign across the street.

HE OBEYED, emptying the register and tying up the money as directed. The amount was not disclosed.

After returning to the station he received a second call from the same man saying he could lock up and go home. When he drove off, the car followed.

The attendant eluded the car, returned to the station and called police. The money was still hidden behind the sign, police said.

New Hospital Doctors Form Committees

Two committees, one representing the area's osteopathic physicians, and the other its medical doctors, were announced this week as advisory groups to work with the South Bay Hospital District board of directors and with August W. Koenig, hospital consultant, on matters pertaining to staffing and equipping the new institution at Beryl and Diamond St., Redondo.

Gerald O. McMichael, Redondo, is chairman of the osteopaths' committee, of which the following are members: Paul D. Yates, Hermosa; P. W. Turner, Manhattan; Aris L. Rice, Redondo; and R. Sterling Butler, Manhattan.

George C. Andersen, M.D., Hermosa Beach, is chairman of the medical doctors' committee, with Drs. William Casey, Torrance; Arnold Niemeyer, Hermosa; D. W. John, Manhattan; and Arthur J. Olson, Redondo, as members. The latter is president of the southwest district of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn.

The new district hospital, harrassed by 83 days of strikes, is now well over 75 per cent completed.

Bank Executives Meet

Harold G. Frenz, manager of the Torrance Branch of Bank of America, and Vern Hughes, manager of the Sepulveda-Hawthorne Branch, attended the bank's first worldwide management conference this week in San Francisco.

Top officials from Bank of America offices throughout California, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East attended the two-day meeting

Thursday and Friday at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

Keynote of the conference was the importance of the individual in both domestic and overseas banking activities in the new-born era of automation and space travel, bank officials reported.

The conference, one of several held by Bank of America since World War II, is the first to include executives from overseas branches.

Hospital Receives New Equipment as Memorial

Last spring Lloyd Jones, principal of Seaside Elementary School, and his wife Maxine received shocking news:

Their five-year-old daughter, Carolyn, was suffering from a disease which would be fatal within a matter of months.

Knowledge of this was soon passed on to parents with children in the Seaside school where Carolyn was a member of the kindergarten class.

THE PARENTS were fond of the little girl and held Mr. Jones in high respect as a friend and teacher. Everyone wanted to do something, according to James Miller, president of the Seaside PTA.

There was nothing anyone could do but pray. Carolyn died July 30, and Miller and school parents discussed methods of expressing their feelings.

Teachers, close to the situation, told William Zecher, the principal who succeeded to the post when Jones was given an administrative post with the school district, that they also wanted to help.

THE TWO MEN talked with others, and hospital equipment for children seemed the answer to the question.

Since Carolyn had been a patient at Torrance Memorial Hospital, Administrator Leonard Ensminger was called in on the discussions.

It was finally decided to purchase an incubator for the care of newborn babies at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

At this point, Lloyd and Mrs. Jones were contacted about an inscription, and they selected two poignant lines from Campbell's "Hallowed Ground."

TO LIVE IN HEARTS WE LEAVE BEHIND, IS NOT TO DIE.

Yesterday, the incubator with its plaque in place, was presented to the hospital as a tribute to Carolyn from an untold number of old and young friends.



MEMORIAL GIFT . . . A new incubator for the Torrance Memorial Hospital nursery, presented as a gift to the memory of 5-year-old Carolyn Jones, who died this summer, is shown here with James Miller, president of the Seaside PTA; Leonard Ensminger, administrator of the hospital; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones, Carolyn's parents; and William Zecher, principal of Seaside Elementary School. (Herald photo)



BUS TOPPLED . . . Three Persons were injured Friday evening when this Los Angeles City Schools bus and the auto in the background collided on Vermont Ave. just south of 208th St. A 14-year-old Wilmington school girl

was taken to Harbor General Hospital with painful lacerations after the collision. She was the only passenger on the bus driven by Mrs. Margaret Lemke of San Pedro. (Herald photo)

School Bus, Car Collide

Three persons were injured — one a 14-year-old Wilmington school girl — when an auto and nearly empty schoolbus collided near 208th St. and Vermont Ave. Friday evening.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment were Beatrice Williams, of 1100 E. Court, the only student passenger in the Los Angeles City Schools bus; Margaret Lemke, 47, of 981 W. 11th St., San Pedro, driver of the bus; and Robert Klein, 36, of 810 1/2 S. Burlington Ave., Los Angeles.

CALIFORNIA Highway Patrol officers who investigated the accident said the auto driven by Klein and the school bus apparently collided when the vehicles hit a wet strip of paving on Vermont Ave. just south of the 208th St. intersection.

Major damage was inflicted on both vehicles, and the bus was tipped over on its side on the edge of a roadside bank.

MRS. LEMKE received facial lacerations; the Williams girl had lacerations on her forehead; and Klein was treated for contusions, lacerations, and a possible rib injury.

Four persons were injured in a two-car crash at the intersection of Crenshaw and Lomita Blvds. late Friday.

INJURED WERE Robert Waltz, 17, of 1918 W. 253rd St., a Narbonne High School student and driver of one auto; his passengers, Robert Wallace, 17, of 1424 W. 253rd St., Harbor City, and Ronald Rosebrough, 16, of 1080 W. 256th St.; and the driver of the second car, Leslie D. Moser, 27, of 1314 1/2 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach.

Rosebrough was taken to Harbor General Hospital with possible serious internal injuries. Others were treated for cuts about the face and for body contusions.



FOUR INJURED . . . Four persons were injured, one critically, when these two autos collided at Crenshaw Blvd. and Lomita Blvd. late Friday. Described as critical at Harbor General Hospital yesterday was Ronald Rosebrough, 16, of 1080 W. 256th St., Harbor City, a passenger in one of the cars. (Herald photo)

Teachers To Look In Future

Torrance's teachers will get a preview of the future next Tuesday, as Dr. Irving Melbo, noted educator, takes a look at "Education for the Year 2000."

The meeting will be in the Torrance High School Auditorium at 4 p.m. Tuesday, and will be an institute for all teachers.

Dean of the School of Education and the University of Southern California and research director for the Torrance Schools, Dr. Melbo will consider some of the problems of education and some of the possible changes that will be needed to live 40 years hence.

Dr. Melbo has been at S.C. since 1939, except for service in the Navy as lieutenant during the war. He is a former deputy superintendent for Alameda County, director of research for Oakland, and staff member of the State Department of Education.

Arts and Crafts Center To Reopen Tomorrow

Torrance's Arts and Crafts Center will begin operating in its new quarters at Sea-Aire Park beginning Monday, according to the Torrance Recreation Department.

The Center, dispossessed when the old City Hall was sold two months ago, is sharing space at Sea-Aire with the regular park program and the golfing facility there.

"Even though our space is somewhat more limited, we plan interesting programs for persons of all ages," commented Mrs. Erika Muhl, center director.

starting Oct. 10 under the direction of Miss Moni Gillet for children 8-12 years at \$3.50 for four lessons.

Halloween crafts class for children: 6 years, 1 p.m.; 9-12 years, 2:30 p.m., Saturdays beginning Oct. 10, nominal fee.

TEEN-AGE party workshop, 4 p.m. Fridays, starting Oct. 23, 12-14 years at \$1.50 for four weeks.

Puppet Co., 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, beginning Oct. 10, 8-12 years, no fee.

Mosaic panel, 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, starting Oct. 5, no fee, 8-14 years.

Christmas gift workshop for adults, 7 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Oct. 21, \$2 for four lessons, cost of materials is extra.

Detailed information regarding registration fee for these activities may be obtained by phoning the Recreation Dept.