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A Penny for your Thoughts



Armed with a crude picture taken by Russian space ships of the dark side of the moon, the HERALD's "Penny for your Thoughts" photographer set out this week to see what Torrance people thought of the accomplishment. Several persons at random were asked: "What do you think about the Russians' picture of the 'other' side of the moon?"

Their answers:
Esther Russell—"To be perfectly frank, I don't see why they want to see the other side of the moon. I just don't know why they want to know what's on the other side, and just what advantage it will be to the human race."

Elise White—"They reach far out and took a large step to do this, and they are the first to get credit for reaching the moon. But I really have no comments or answers about the pictures they are showing."

Teresa Wyatt—"I really don't think they hit the moon. Maybe they did hit it, but I just can't say, or even think, that they did."

Richard Davis—"Well, I really don't have much to say, but to my knowledge, I don't think that God intended for them (or us) to try for such a thing. I also don't think that God would let them go that far."

Yosh Motoyama, Gardena, market produce department: "I have followed the Russians' space progress very closely and am much interested in this latest development. . . . the photo of the back side of the moon. I am an advanced photographer and know things can be done with photos. We will just have to wait and see."

Russian Teener Too Busy to Be Bad, Ann Says

The Russian juvenile is too busy to be a delinquent, Herald Columnist Ann Landers says in her report from Moscow today. The third in her series of articles brought exclusively in this area to Herald readers is printed today on Page 2.

Requests for back copies of the Herald indicate an unprecedented interest in the series.

To insure that you receive all installments of the 12-part story, call the Herald Circulation office today at FA 8-4000 and ask to have the Herald delivered by carrier each Thursday and Sunday.



STATE BUILDING STARTED . . . Giving official notice to the construction of a new building here to house state offices are (from left) Louis Pagliassotti, area manager for the State Department of Employment; Assemblyman Vincent Thomas; Mayor Albert Isen; R. S. Pyle, vice president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; and Murray Love, manager of the local employment office. (Herald Photo)

Officials Launch State Building Project Here

State and local officials picked their way carefully between foundation excavations here Tuesday to break ground for the new \$225,000 building for the State Department of Employment at Engracia and Cravens.

On hand to attach the symbolic ceremony to the project were officials of the employment office which will occupy the building, Assemblyman Thomas, who also will have part-time offices in the structure, civic officials, representatives of the city.

When completed next fall, the quarters will replace temporary offices being occupied at Carson St. and Gramercy Ave. The office serves the Greater Torrance area, including Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Gardena, and the South Bay cities.

Construction on the building started several weeks ago when the contractor moved his equipment on the site and began excavating for the foundations.

A threat to halt the project Tuesday night until the state came through with traffic signals at Carson St. and Hawthorne Ave. was shelved when it was suggested that two different departments of the state were involved.

Councilman Willys Blount guessed they probably had not "even been properly introduced."

Purchase of additional land nearby to provide off street parking is now being negotiated for the state, it was indicated. The parking space is required under city ordinance.



SECRETARY CITED . . . Bernardine J. Schaus, secretary in the Directorate of Space Satellites, AMC Ballistic Missiles Center at Inglewood, was cited recently for outstanding performance and given a check for \$150 by Maj. Gen. Ben I. Funk, commander of BMC. Mrs. Schaus lives at 5130 Carol Drive.

Some elementary teachers have volunteered for a longer work day because they say it makes their work easier, according to Torrance school officials.

This sounds contradictory, but "staggered day" sessions at primary schools allow primary teachers a chance to work with small groups of students for two hours a day, emphasizing individual work.

In most cases, "staggered" classes are set up so that about half of the students come at 9 and work for an hour before the rest of the class arrives at 10. Then at 2:10, the early students go home, leaving the other half of the class to work with the teacher for another hour.

The plan is designed to give teachers more time to work with individuals and small groups, particularly in reading and arithmetic. More attention can be given to individual problems and more usually can be accomplished, teachers report.

The program has proved most effective in first, second, and third grades where students are getting foundation work. Officials note that it is not possible to set up the program at each school because of double sessions, but schedules, large numbers of working parents, and various other reasons, some peculiar to one area.

Parents will be asked to sign and return the questionnaires by Wednesday. Separate cards must be made for each child in the family, it was emphasized.

Another such survey must be made next March, according to the federal law regulating the disbursement of the funds.

May Condemn Aged System

The city council took the first step toward condemning the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 here Tuesday night by adopting a resolution of intention for the action.

Although the resolution authorized City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer to proceed with eminent domain action in court, he said he would not make such a move without further instruction from the council.

Adoption of the resolution climaxed a lengthy discussion on the status of negotiations with officials of the water firm which serves an area of north Lomita and south Torrance.

CITY MANAGER George Stevens told the councilmen that the city had figured the value of the system at about \$170,000 and said another \$300,000 would have to be spent to rehabilitate the mains to provide adequate service. He indicated that the city would have to spend \$50,000 immediately to provide adequate water service to the area.

Paying for the costs of such a program could be done through a surcharge, probably about \$2 a month, on each meter; or by forming an assessment district and issuing bonds for the funds.

HE INDICATED that the interest payments on bonds could amount to as much as half of the cost of the program.

Commenting on protests of Lomita spokesmen who assert the move by Torrance to gobble up the Lomita area, the councilmen were unanimous in saying that the only concern was to provide adequate water service to the area.

"We have a responsibility to provide water service to that part of the system lying in Torrance," J. A. Beasley said. He indicated that he had been approached by a large number of Lomita residents who do not share the fears expressed by others that Torrance would use the water system as a wedge for taking over the area.

HIS STATEMENT was seconded by Robert Jahn, who said he had also heard from a large number of residents of the area on the matter.

"We have more friends than enemies there," he said, "but the people who don't like us are the noisiest."

L. W. Hazelbaker, who said he passed many of the petitions asking that the area be annexed to County District 13, promised that he and other Lomitans would not accede to a Torrance system without a fight.

"WE'RE A COUNTY area and we want to solve our own problems," he said. "We don't need your help, and if we did we'd ask for it," he added.

He disputed claims that Torrance could put water into the area faster and cheaper than any other agency.

"No city, individual, or organization can buy cheaper than the county can," he said. Torrance officials had earlier stated that the existence of two huge water feeder lines running through the area would eliminate much of the construction needed by other agencies.

A SUGGESTION that the city consider the purchase of only that part of the system lying in Torrance was referred to Stevens and Remelmeyer for investigation.

The city attorney and Water Superintendent Angus McVicar were instructed to protest the County annexation at a Nov. 5 hearing.



READY FOR SPOOKS . . . Verone Eden, 5 (left), and her sister, Patrice, 7, light up a jack-o-lantern with a silly grin as they get ready to celebrate Halloween Saturday. City parks have scheduled activities, with El Nido festivities starting at 4 p.m.; El Retiro, 2 p.m.; Sea-Aire, 3:30 p.m., and Walteria, 3 p.m.

Canvassers Ready For Chest Drive

The troops are up to combat strength and Monday is D-Day, Community Chest residential campaign leaders for Torrance reported yesterday.

Mrs. Florence Blake, who is heading up the city's organization of 750 volunteers, will join 55,000 other Community Chest volunteers throughout the Los Angeles area Monday in an effort to raise \$700,000 of the Read Feather goal of \$11,200,000.

Torrance's share of the residential quota has been placed at \$8778.

A special request to divisional leaders has been sent out by Rosemary DeCamp, chairman of the Harbor Area residential campaign.

In her campaign-eve message to her area chiefs, Miss DeCamp told the volunteers that their efforts would be backed up by an all-out campaign on radio and television emphasizing the importance of the drive, and plugging the 1959 slogan:

"This year — give till it hurts!"

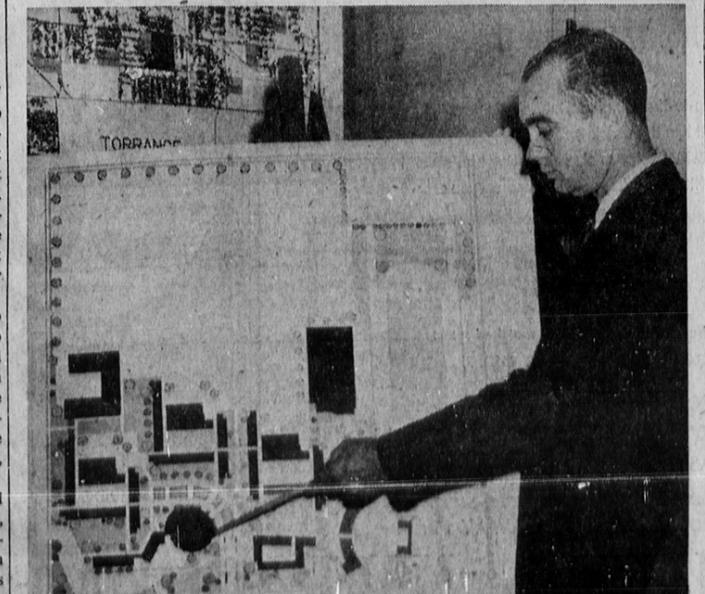
Girl Scouts To Observe Anniversary

More than 30,000 Girl Scouts from 17 Councils blanketing Los Angeles County will stage a tremendous salute to Girl Scouting at the giant Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena on Saturday as guests of the May Co.

They'll be celebrating Girl Scout Founder's Day . . . the birthday of their founder . . . Juliette Low. It will be the biggest Girl Scout Party ever held, with more than 15,000 Brownies assembling at 9 a.m. for the morning show and more than 15,000 Girl Scouts gathering at 1 p.m. for the afternoon show.

On hand to entertain the girls will be television personalities, motion picture stars, big-time vaudeville acts, clowns, girl scout participation acts and girl scouts in huge ceremonial tableaux.

Lomitan on Essex
 Harry Moore, aviation boatswain's mate second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hawler, of 25925 Oak St., Lomita, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Essex in the Mediterranean which, on the night of Oct. 21, chalked up its 93,000th arrested plane landing.



PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL LAYOUT . . . James E. Crockett, director of new construction for Torrance schools, points out some of the facilities of the proposed new West High School, which is expected to open in 1962. Plans for the new school were drawn up after extensive study of many other high school plants and consideration of new courses which might be needed. The plant would be centered around a circular library. Tentative plans are being studied by the board of education.