

Fitzgerald Wins Outstanding Young Man Selection

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COLD SNAP GREET'S NEW YEAR

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What are the most important things in life to a person past 65?"

This question was asked five "senior citizens" in Torrance yesterday.

Mrs. Daisy Alcot, 1020 Arlington Ave., housewife:

"Good health is the most important thing in life now that I am in this age bracket. Health is the main thing and security comes next. Without good health security is not too important."

Maud Jepsen, 1458 W. 218th St., housewife:

"The most important thing in life to me is financial security and good health. It would be terrible if I had good health and didn't have a dime. It's nice to have both at the same time, though."

Fanny Tarpley, 1537 W. 223rd Street, housewife:

"The most important thing to me now, and it always has been important, is to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. That is the golden rule and it is the most important thing in life if it is followed."

Harley Haynes, 1340 Engracia Ave., retired:

"The most important thing in life is good health with the happiness that goes with it. It doesn't take much money now. You get numb when you get old and you don't feel the penalties that go with age."

John Rainer, 2264 Torrance Blvd., retired:

"Good health is the most important thing in life and the happiness that goes with good health just seems to make other things not important. If you have poor health you can't work, but then who wants to work."

Fitzgerald to Receive High Jaycee Award

Chamber of Commerce Manager Dick Fitzgerald has been selected as one of California's Five Most Outstanding Young Men, it was announced yesterday by Mayor Raymond Gregory of San Bernardino, honorary chairman of the annual selection.

Fitzgerald, who has been manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce since 1956, was nominated for the selection by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

OTHER YOUNG Californians selected in the Jaycee-sponsored event were Dr. Herman N.

Uhley, San Francisco physician; James R. Allgood, Norwalk educator; Donald J. Lathrop, Goodwill Industry executive of San Jose, and Henry R. Morris, Pacific Telephone executive of San Francisco.

The award is given annually to the five men who are selected by a panel of judges which seeks young men whose "extraordinary talent and initiative in his work or profession, and his personal interest in humanity, has made important contributions to his profession, and to the general welfare of the people."

JUDGES FOR this year's selection included Attorney General Stanley Mosk; Dodger President Walter O'Malley; Norris Nash, executive vice president of Kaiser Industries; Fred Olenoroff, executive vice president of California Electric Power Co., and TV commentator George Putnam.

Fitzgerald and the other four winners will be honored at an awards banquet to be held at the National Orange Show auditorium in San Bernardino on Friday night, Jan. 9.

Two Die Of Fumes In Auto

Bodies of two youths, one from Torrance and one from Redondo Beach, were found Friday morning, apparently victims of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Dead are Jack W. Siller, 21, of 2362 W. 235th St., Torrance, and John H. Rogers, 20, of 122 S. Guadalupe Ave. in Redondo.

Police theorized that the victims found lying dead in the front seat of the Rogers family car, had arrived home late Thursday evening, closed the garage door and left the auto engine running to keep warm.

Police also theorize that the car engine stalled sometime during the night, since the ignition was in the "on" position when the victims were found by Rogers' father, Steven V. Rogers, at 8 a.m. when he lifted the garage door.

An empty whiskey bottle, and several empty beer cans were found in the front seat of the car.



CHOICE FAREWELL . . . Guy Hight, head custodian for the city, gets a slice of cake from Jan Hoffman, city hall receptionist, during a tribute to him Wednesday. Hight retired from the city Thursday after 15 years of service. (Herald Photo)



THE BIG FREEZE . . . Van E. Covey, of 4804 Sepulveda Blvd., still had some proof left at noon yesterday to his claim that a reliable thermometer at his home stood at 26 degrees just before midnight Friday. Here Covey shows the three-inch thick slab of ice which was in the bucket beside him, and holds up a sheet of ice from the top of a backyard fish pond. Official temperature at the Airport was 29 degrees. (Herald Photo)



FINISHING A WINNER . . . Torrance's Tournament of Roses Parade entry, "A True American", took top honors new year's morning in Pasadena in the class A-6 competition with other California cities of between 100,000 and 200,000 population. The All-American city's float depicted a 16-foot-high choir boy created with chrysanthemums. (Herald Photo)

Crashes Hurt Two

Two persons were injured in separate traffic crashes here Wednesday, according to Torrance police.

A 66-year-old Lomita man, Toshiyo Hiraka, of 24604 Wood-

ward Ave., suffered cuts and bruises when cars driven by Micho Hiraka of the same address, and Rosella McClasky, 19, of 1536 W. 207th St., collided at 207th St. and Western

Airport Logs Official Low At 29 Friday

Torrance was colder than an Alaskan trapper's lunch as it made its way to the new year, a check by the HERALD showed yesterday.

Official temperature at the Torrance Municipal Airport reached a low of 29—and there are plenty around who will claim they must have built a fire under the thermometer before it was checked early yesterday.

Mrs. Van B. Covey, who lives at 4804 Sepulveda Blvd., says it was colder than that at her home and chopped the ice off her fish pond to prove it. "We knew it was cold, so we looked at our outside thermometer just before midnight Friday and it was 26 degrees then," she said. The thermometer, which has proved reliable in the past, was located between the Covey residence and their neighbor's home on the east.

Van Covey knocked three inches of ice out of a bucket and skimmed ice off the top of a backyard fish pond at noon yesterday, after a morning of sunshine, to give credence to the reading of 26 degrees he and his wife had taken the night before.

Many plants in and around the Covey residence were turning dark and withering down, showing the effects of the freezing weather.

Elsewhere around the city, residents rose yesterday to be greeted by frost covered roofs and lawns as the unusual cold weather hit the city and the rest of the Southland.

Subfreezing weather logged by other official Weather Bureau instruments showed it was 30 in Sherman Oaks in the San Fernando Valley, 18 at Palmdale, 26 at San Bernardino, 29 at Thermal (which often is the hottest spot in the nation during summer months), and a chilly 20 at Mt. Wilson.

Staying above the freezing mark were Long Beach with 36, and Los Angeles Civic Center at 37.

The weather man advises that sweaters are still in order today as the temperatures are expected to improve only slightly, although sunny skies have been predicted for most of the day.

Double Trouble Ruins Christmas

Double trouble came to the Sibley twins, Steve and Stan, when they both had their bicycles stolen last Monday.

The bikes were Christmas presents and valued at \$150, according to Mrs. Edward Sibley, 3137 W. 180th Pl., mother of the twins.

Girl Dies From Burn Injuries

A nine-year-old cerebral palsy victim who was burned severely six days before Christmas when a string of tree lights exploded, setting her clothing afire, died at Harbor General Hospital Thursday afternoon.

Peggy Bell, who lived at 22920 Galva Ave., ran screaming from her home on Saturday, Dec. 19, after her garments blazed up as she was trying to plug in the Christmas tree lights at her home.

Neighbors caught the child and smothered the flames, but not before the fatal burns had been suffered.

The widowed mother of the child was shopping at a nearby store when the tragedy occurred, it was reported at the time by Police Officer Jerry Snyder.

The girl's mother, Mrs. J. M. Bell, and two sisters survive her.

Demos Pick Two Names For Council

A resolution urging John Barton of Waleria and Thirvin Fleetwood of North Torrance to "consider candidacy for city council elections in April" was adopted by members of Torrance Democrats Inc., at their final meeting of 1959, it was reported yesterday.

Barton is a Waleria attorney and chairman of the City to City committee for Torrance. Fleetwood, a utility company employe, is a member of the planning commission.

New officers for the Democratic club for 1960 include Roger West, president; Ross Craig, vice president; Jess Dean, treasurer; Junette West, executive secretary; and John Rouseffell, recording secretary.

City Float Too Tall; Stays Put

Torrance's award-winning 16-foot Choir Boy which participated in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena Friday is living up to this year's parade theme — "Tall Tales and True." The entry is too tall for Torrance, Chairman George Bradford reported after the parade.

Because of the height restrictions on streets and highways, the city's entry could not be returned to Torrance for the usual display here, but was left at Victory Park, Paloma Drive and Orange Grove in Pasadena.

It will remain on display there today for those Torrance residents who would still like to see it and other parade floats, Bradford said.

Alien Reports Due

Clara Conner, Postmaster of Torrance, reminds all aliens in the city that they must "pick up their cards for the month of January and report their addresses."

New Hospital to Get First Patients Today

First patients will be admitted to the new \$3.5 million Little Company of Mary Hospital today, it was announced this week by Mother M. Patricia, hospital administrator.

The complete 24-hour emergency department will open with all other facilities of the 150-bed hospital at 4101 Torrance Blvd., she said. In the emergency section a staff physician will be on duty at all times.

Newest and most complete

hospital to open in the county, its fully equipped facilities include four surgical operating rooms, obstetrical department and nursery, pediatric wing, out-patient clinic, X-ray and laboratory units.

The five-story, four-wing structure was dedicated last Dec. 12 by Cardinal McIntyre, along with civic, industrial and governmental leaders at a ceremony which attracted more than 1000 persons.

Management of the hospi-

tal is under the Little Company of Mary, a nursing order of sisters, which operates five hospitals in this country and a total of 43 institutions throughout the world. Dr. John A. Wilson, M.D., of Manhattan Beach heads the staff of 175 physicians.

The building is engineered to accommodate three additional stories in the future which will double its present capacity.