

Reed Parkin, Popular Torrance Civic Leader, Dies

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FLU OUTBREAK HITS TORRANCE

Schools Hit Hard, One Shuts Down

The snowballing epidemic of flu — which had hit thousands of County residents early this week—reached Torrance at week's end, a survey by the HERALD indicated yesterday.

Absenteeisms in the city schools, running a normal 5 to 7 per cent last Monday, had soared to double that amount by Friday, a school official reported.

A total of 76 teachers were out of school Friday and the demand for substitute teachers, here and elsewhere in the county, forced school officials to double some classes. In some elementary schools, principals were teaching classes on an emergency basis.

STUDENTS at Nativity School were sent home Friday

when illnesses cut into the student and teacher ranks.

And Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, county health officer, indicates that the peak of the epidemic is not due until this week. He said yesterday that the flu should burn itself out within the next 10 days.

OFFICIALS estimate that nearly one million persons in Los Angeles and Orange (Continued on Page 2)



CAMPAIGNERS . . . Rick Spurgeon, Carol Mallory and Pat Pisciotta talk over coming election to be held this week. All three are running for Associated Student Body president office and all have been active in student body affairs. (Herald photo)

Civic Leader Dies, Rites Wednesday



REED H. PARKIN
Civic Leader Dies

Reed H. Parkin, secretary-treasurer of Doak Aircraft Co. and a widely known Torrance civic leader, died Thursday night of a heart ailment.

Mr. Parkin, active in Torrance civic affairs since he came here in 1940 on the establishment of Doak Aircraft, was active in community charity campaigns throughout his associations here, and was three times president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

FUNERAL services have been scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Pierce Brothers' Chapel at 3443 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood.

Mr. Parkin was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1902 and attended the University of Utah from 1924 to 1927. He came to Southern California in 1927 and was graduated from the University of Southern California in 1930.

HE SERVED as secretary-treasurer of Menasco Motors until 1934 when he joined Northrop Aircraft as auditor. In 1939 he joined Douglas Aircraft Co. as supervisor in the controller's division, and left that post in 1940 to join E. R. Doak as secretary-treasurer of Doak Aircraft in Torrance, a position he held at the time of his death this week.

Mr. Parkin was a member of the Tax Executives Institute, the Jonathan Club, and the Torrance Rotary Club.

Surviving him are his widow, Louise; two sons, Steven, 21, and Peter, 15; and one daughter, Linda, 14.

Interment will be in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

South Hi Students To Vote

By CAROLYN WADDINGHAM
Student Reporter

On Jan. 20, Student Body elections will be held at South High School. This is a sad election for all members of the senior class who are taking part, as they have led the affairs of the school since the school opened three years ago.

A full slate is down for most offices including Student Council, Boys and Girls Leagues, the senior, junior, sophomore and freshman classes.

For Student Body president are three candidates, all with fine records in student affairs. (Continued on Page 2)

Knowledge of Fires May Save Your Life Someday

By BOB WILTON
Herald Staff Writer

Lack of knowledge of the three components of fire caused a \$1,300,000,000 loss in 1958, according to Batt. Chief Gordon Northington, of the Torrance Fire Dept. Carelessness plays its part in this national destruction that also took 11,000 lives, three in Torrance, during the same period.

The three parts of a fire that burn a house in the United States every seven minutes are fuel, oxygen, and heat. Fuel is any material that will ignite and burn under the right conditions. Oxygen is the part of air that brings about conflagration, and heat is the temperature point where the fuel and oxygen ignite, Northington points out.

Chief Northington has put on his demonstration on the causes of home and industrial fires, and their prevention, before hundreds of Torrance groups ranging from grade school children to plant executives. One of his latest audiences were city employees at the City Yard.

NORTHINGTON pointed out to this group that knowing the causes and rules for prevention of fires can save money, a job, or even a life. He illustrated methods of extinguishing fires, large and small. His theory of

fire control is based on knowledge and the ability to overcome the fear of fire.

Some of the most impressive features of the demonstration

proved most hair and insect sprays to be highly flammable and that a rag saturated with oil ignited itself by spontaneous combustion when folded

allowing the temperature to reach the right degree. That oils and fuels considered reasonably safe are combustible and have a high flash point when heat is applied and they give off vapors, was demonstrated.

THE FIRE EXPERT demonstrated how gasoline fumes can travel down a trough to reach a pilot light when used for garment cleaning while indoors. He gave home electrical figures stating that 20 years ago there were 15 appliances sold for home use and today there are 60 with 50 million sold each year with no watt compensation for this increase in today's homes.

To put out a fire, Northington gives these rules. Remove the fuel by getting rid of the burning material, remove the oxygen by smothering the flame, or remove the heat by using water.

THE BATTALION chief concluded his lecture with a bit of humor by stating that neighbors usually do more damage to the home where a fire occurs than the fire itself.

He cited a case where a skillet caught fire and a housewife ran into the yard calling for help. A helpful neighbor came to her aid, but instead of (Continued on Page 2)



FIRE HAZARD . . . Batt. Chief Gordon Northington, fire prevention officer of the Torrance department, shows city employees how a common Aerosol hair spray becomes a blow torch when its atomized vapor comes in contact with the flame of a cigarette lighter. Demonstration was held at City Yard this week. (Herald Photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you approve of radar equipped police cars used as a speed check in Torrance?" This is the question asked five people in Torrance Friday.

C. J. Belcher, 315 Prospect, Long Beach, salesman:

"Sure, I go along with the idea. I certainly think it should be state-wide. At the same time: I feel that these radar equipped cars should be marked the same as any other vehicle used by the police."

John W. Clement, 4606 Deelane St., dairyman:

"I don't know too much about how effective this system is, but I think it is a good idea. The cars should be unidentified and painted any color. I think that if you are violator of the law you should be caught."

Mrs. Rose Myers, 5005 Via El Serano, housewife:

"Yes, I think the use of radar police cars is a good idea. Why should anyone object to it? Unidentified cars are fine. Anyone breaking speed laws should be caught and fined. It also protects the innocent ones."

Tony Giangrande, 17, Redondo high school student:

"Yes, I approve of radar cars used to curb speeding in zoned areas. I think these cars should be identified, though. In that way people will notice them and it will remind them to be cautious about speed."

Mrs. Maud Gordon, 14916 Van Ness, Gardena, market checker:

"I think this method of catching drivers is just plain sneaky and if I get a ticket from an officer using radar I will stay out of Torrance for good. Still, if it will cut down traffic accidents and deaths I guess I will be for it."

Neighborhood In Arms Over Dog Poisoner

When an attempt at dog poisoning is made the matter becomes police business and most people, whether they are dog lovers or not, get into a fighting mood. With the lives of little children also at stake parents in this neighborhood are really up in arms.

Mrs. Norman Goodrich, who owns a collie and a German shepherd and has three small children, found pieces of fresh wieners in her yard at 916 Acacia Ave. Thursday morning. When she saw that a white (Continued on Page 2)

Torrance Memorial Hospital To Install Dr. George Peeke

Dr. George O. Peeke of Torrance will be installed a chief of staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital at the annual banquet scheduled for the Palos Verdes Golf Club next Saturday.

Other incoming officers include Dr. Thomas E. Betenson of Redondo Beach, assistant chief of staff; Dr. Carlo A. Tabellario of Torrance, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. John L.

88 Phone Calls Convince Her That Ads Work

Eighty-eight phone calls from a HERALD Want Ad were enough this week to convince Mrs. John McFadden, of 18310 Prairie Ave., that using classified advertising is the speediest way to rent a house.

Employing the simplest twist of a phrase to get away from the prosaic, Mrs. McFadden wrote the following ad to advertise her unfurnished house rental:

WANTED! Reliable tenant who's tired of moving. 3 bedrooms, large patio. Available February 1. FR

She cancelled her ad after it had run just two times.

"As far as I am concerned, HERALD Want Ads are the quickest way to rent property," Mrs. McFadden said.

Do you have property to rent? Call FA 8-4000. Go on! Call right now!

Bourne Jr. of Torrance, assistant secretary-treasurer.

DINNER GUESTS of the medical staff will include members of the board of directors of the hospital.

Dr. John F. Nursall will be master of ceremonies, and Dr. Rodney A. Stetson will serve as installing officer. Dancing will follow the banquet.

Outgoing officers are Dr. Philip M. Halloran of Torrance, chief of staff; Dr. John F. Grube of Manhattan Beach, assistant chief of staff; Doctor Peeke, secretary-treasurer; and Doctor Tabellario, assistant secretary-treasurer.

DOCTOR PEEKE is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Medicine and has practiced Obstetrics and Gynecology in Torrance since 1955. He received his specialty training at Saint Vincent's and Emanuel Hospitals in Portland, Ore.

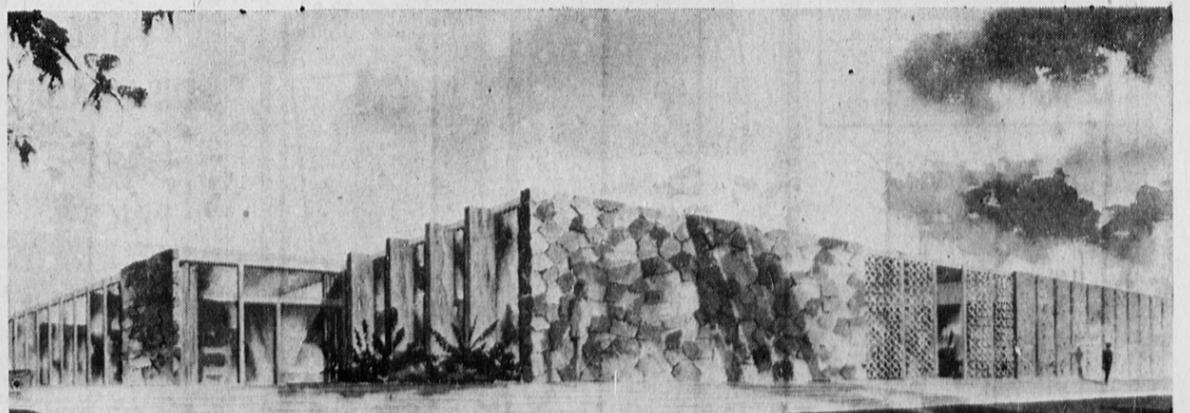
"We are happy to announce that a hospital bed shortage no longer exists in the South Bay area," said Doctor Peeke. "And, we now have an adequate number of family doctors and specialists in all fields of medicine to take care of our own people."

"It is no longer necessary for some of our sick people to go outside our community for hospital and doctor care," Doctor Peeke added. "The South Bay area has adequate hospitals and capable doctors to

care for the medical needs of our people."

THE INCOMING chief of staff pointed out that as a non-profit community organization, Torrance Memorial Hospital has played a leading part in providing hospitalization for residents of the Torrance area since 1924. It has recently added to its physical plant and facilities in order to accommodate more patients.

Doctor and Mrs. Peeke have three boys, George 11, Gerald 7, and Gordon 4. They live in Palos Verdes Estates.



HOLDS GRAND OPENING . . . Don Wilson Builders held grand opening this week for modern, new offices and general administration building at 2018 Compton Blvd., Gardena. The Wilson firm has built many hundreds

of homes in Torrance, including Southwest Park and Southwood Estates homes. A new development, Southwood Del Amo, is under construction now at Sepulveda and Crenshaw. (Story on Page 12)