

City's Konya Day Fete Hits International Snag

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NORTH AREA DRAIN PROBE ASKED

Hahn Orders Report From Flood Chief

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has requested M. E. Salisbury, chief engineer, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to conduct a full investigation of the flooding of a portion of North Torrance when Dominguez channel overflowed its banks between Arlington avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard during last Monday's storm, and to take all necessary steps to prevent the flooding from recurring again.

"A major improvement program to widen and deepen Dominguez channel and to line its banks and sides with reinforced concrete has been under construction for three years and to date nearly \$4 million has been spent to prevent the flooding of Gardena, Torrance, Lawndale, Hawthorne and other communities along the route of the channel," Supervisor Hahn declared.

HE POINTED out that four years ago a major storm flooded portions of north Torrance and Lawndale and that he

Denker Ave. and Gramercy Pl., have been widened and improved, and construction crews are now working on the segment between Gramercy and Redondo Beach Blvd.

"Unfortunately a job of this magnitude, involving \$19 million in construction, does take time to complete even when the planning and construction is expedited to the fullest degree possible. At present the entire program is a year ahead of schedule," Hahn continued.

Construction of the section between Gramercy and Redondo Beach Blvd. involves new bridges at Arlington Ave., Crenshaw Blvd., Cherry Ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd.

HAHN POINTED out that the narrow culverts under the old bridges had formerly been a major cause of flooding, a debris would jam up against the culverts, damming the water and causing it to back up.

The new bridges will eliminate this problem by providing box culverts 75 feet wide and about 18 feet deep.

However, while the bridges are under construction it has been necessary to provide detour roads across the channel at each of the four locations. Concrete pipe culverts have been placed under the detour roads.

A PRELIMINARY report from the Flood Control District indicates that the flooding resulted from the inability of the pipe culverts on the Arlington detour bridge to carry the huge amount of storm water. As a result the storm waters backed up and overflowed the channel banks. Flood control engineers who inspected the area stated that there was no major damage reported.



ARTISTS AT WORK . . . Saundra Fontain, 12, puts finishing touches on a Konya poster while Shirley Stine, seventh grade teacher; Charles Deck, Cities to Cities chairman; and William Forrest, Madrona Elementary School principal, look on. Seventh graders at Madrona exhibit posters on Sister Cities theme at recent showing. (Herald Photo)

Konya Mayor Denied U.S. Air Passage

Fears that the city's Konya Day Celebration may have to get along without the hoped-for visit of the Mayor of Konya was expressed this week following disclosure in Washington that the Defense Department has denied air passage for the dignitary to the United States.

First announced here by Drew Pearson in his nationally syndicated column, the denial of transportation to the Mayor and his wife will probably force the city to forego the visit of its sister city mayor.

ington, D.C., and to cover the cost of entertaining the mayor and his wife.

"IT IS CERTAINLY unfortunate that this had to happen," Mayor Albert Isen said yesterday.

Isen said telegrams had been sent to Pearson thanking him for his interest in the affair and requesting any aid he might offer.

Telegrams also were sent to Sens. Clair Engle and Thomas Kuchel, to Congressman Cecil King, the State Department, Defense Department, and to President Eisenhower, Isen reported.

SENATOR ENGLE replied that he would continue his efforts to obtain passage for the Konya mayor and his wife to Washington in time for the city's Konya Day festivities.

PLANS FOR a two-day celebration Feb. 26 and 27 have been progressing under the leadership of the local city-to-city committee, and the highlight of the fete was to have been a visit by Konya's mayor.

The city council last week approved funds to fly the official to Torrance from Wash-

In Near Crash

Driver Chased, Caught

A North Torrance resident was jailed early yesterday on a citizen's arrest after complaints to police that he forced a motorist to bounce off the roadway near 207th St. and Western Ave. through erratic driving. He was booked on a charge of misdemeanor drunk driving.

Jailed was Edwin R. Brown, of 16612 Cerise, who was named in a complaint signed by Jerry M. Dameron of 912 Sartori Ave.

Dameron told investigating officers that he saw a vehicle ahead of him forced off the roadway by an auto driving on the wrong side of the double line before dawn Saturday.

He pursued the vehicle, asked the driver, whom he later identified as Brown, to return to the scene. He said the driver agreed, but sped off in another direction.

Brown was found at his home by police officers a few minutes later.

No one in the car forced off the roadway, driven by Carl Hall of 21505 S. Berendo Ave., was injured.

A Penny for your Thoughts

The Pennies Photographer asked five people he met in Torrance yesterday this question. "How would you go about running \$5,000 into \$4 million as Roza Mambar did?"

Phil Schneider, 408 W. 7th St., San Pedro, television service man:

"I would say by smart investments and particularly in real estate. The newspaper stories varied on how long it took Miss Mambar to do it but say it took the past 25 years and she was in real estate, she sure picked the right time."

Mrs. R. A. Bolton, 181st St. housewife:

"If I had \$5,000 and was trying to run it up into the millions I would put some of it down on real estate and the rest into some small business."

I would buy and sell on property investments.

Jimmy Carlton, 12, 2165 246 St., Harbor City Christian School student:

"I would spend part of this money getting a good education. Then I would try to work up into a good paying job. I would save my money and buy an interest in the company I was working for. I don't think I could ever make four million dollars, though."

Robert E. Lee Rayfield, 14832 Wilmington Ave., Compton, truck driver:

"Honest, I don't think anybody could make that kind of money, honest, that is, I'm not saying that old Polish lady did anything that wasn't honest, I just mean me and my friends couldn't do it on the light."

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PLANNING CELEBRATION . . . Madrona Elementary School students Kathleen Murphy and Bonnie Jones pause for a second to show Fred Spangler some of the posters they are preparing for the Konya Day celebration here Feb. 26 and 27. Spangler recently returned from a visit to Torrance's sister city, Konya, Turkey.

Three File For Council Nomination

Three candidates have filed for the April 13 city council election, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reported Friday evening.

First to return nomination papers was Paul R. Albright, Jr., of 23313 Pennsylvania Ave.

Jeff Bell, 3719 W. 187th St., filed Tuesday, and Councilman Nicholas O. Draie, who was first elected in 1948, filed Friday for re-election to his fourth term.

Petitions have been issued to eight others. Final date for filing for election to one of the three vacancies on the council next April is Feb. 18.

made a personal inspection of the area in company with Col. H. E. Hedger, then Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District.

At that time, Hedger agreed to speed up the preparation of plans for the permanent improvement of Dominguez channel from Vermont Ave. to Crenshaw Blvd. at 120th St.

AS A RESULT, two major sections of Dominguez channel between Vermont Ave. and

Scouts Ending Week End Camp Out in Park Today

Twenty-eight boys, representing the more than 2500 Boy Scouts in the Torrance area, will close a public demonstration of Scouting and a week end camp-out in El Prado park at noon today, opening a week long observation of the Golden Jubilee of the Boy Scouts of America.

Under the direction of Ted Whisnand, scoutmaster, the members of Troop 315 initiated the observance of the 50th anniversary of scouting and National Scout Week (Feb. 7-13) by erecting and occupying a complete campsite in the downtown area of Torrance. The troop will break camp at noon today after returning from church services.

The boys of the Moose lodge sponsored troop began operations early Saturday morning. During the day they erected a

"monkey bridge," provided exhibitions of scouting projects, and earned pioneering merit badges. Dick Loquan, District Scout Executive, visited the campsite during the Saturday program. Don Bose, Wilfred "Spider" Tidland, Pete Corey, Fred Bunch and Charles Pavlu, assistant scoutmasters, aided the boys during the week end exhibition.

Throughout the nation and in the Torrance area, boys will wear their uniforms during Scout Week, provide window displays of scouting activities, and promote the "Blue and Gold" dinners presented by Cub packs.

No. 1 Richard, chairman of the Torrance Moose lodge scout troop committee, directed planning for the camp-out. He was assisted by committee members



CAMP-OUT . . . Part of 28 of more than 2500 Torrance area Boy Scouts are pictured in El Prado Park Saturday noon. Troop 315 event opened week long Scouts Golden Jubilee. Gary Rose, Fred Horton and James Hope work on barbecue, Fred Bose and Paul Russell are in chow line, John Shattuck brings in bed roll, Richard Sullivan secures flap of tent, Don Wilson checks supplies, Harry Olson polishes area, Leon Carpenter Jr., Stephen Tivland and Bill Pollock set up troop sign. Ted Whisnand is Scout Master and Pete Corey and Don Bose are assistants. (Herald Photo)



SULTAN AND HAREM . . . Sultan Lee Lease chats with members of his harem as they discuss the annual Torrance Elks show, "Elks-a-Poppin'" scheduled for the Torrance High School auditorium next Friday and Saturday. Lending an attentive ear (from left) are Mary Lou Gibson, Barbara Lorenze, Vivian LeFors, Barbara Lidster, and Marian Jones. Tickets may be obtained from any Torrance Elk or at the door for the 8 p.m. variety show.