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10-YEAR-OLD BOY DIES IN SUMP

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think the mayor of Konya, Turkey, should be brought to this country at our government's expense?" This question was asked of five people and their answers and pictures are below.

Ron Rogers, 25821 Senator St., Harbor City, deck hand:
I feel that if the government wants to pay for this trip it will be all right. If they think having the mayor of Konya over here will improve our relations with Turkey it will be worth the money to everyone concerned.



Kathleen Van Nieuruenhuyse, 2050 Middlebrook Rd., housewife:
"No, I do not feel we should have to pay the transportation costs for the mayor of Konya to come over to the United States. On something like this they should pay their own way, or else not plan to come here in the first place."

Edith Hooper, 412 S. Lucia, Redondo Beach, police dept. clerk:
"I do not think that our government should have to pay for the trip of the Konya mayor to the United States. I think each country should pay their own way on something like this. We would have to pay for our mayor's trip."



Mae Reitbard, 6547 E. Brittain, Long Beach, Levy's salesman:
"I think it would be good international relation between the United States and Turkey to have the mayor of Konya over here for this celebration. I think it will spoil the whole program if the mayor of this city is not here."

Mary Tompkins, 904 Faysmith, Torrance high school student:
"I feel that the Federal government should not have to pay for the trip of the mayor of Konya to this country. If his country can't afford to send him we should use some representative of Turkey who is here now."



Light Bids Due
Bids for installation of traffic control signals and highway lighting at Calle Miramar and Palos Verdes Blvd. will be opened at the city hall at 10 a.m. Wednesday, City Clerk Bartlett's office announced this week.

Local Co-ed Named Queen At El Camino

Miss Barbara Zelazny, 18, will reign at El Camino College as Queen of Hearts at the Sweethearts' Ball Saturday night. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zelazny, 3730 W. 180th Pl., Torrance, the queen is a graduate of St. Michael's High School of Los Angeles.

Miss Zelazny is a music major at El Camino College and is co-editor of the student section of the El Camino yearbook, the Warrior. In addition she is treasurer of the capella choir and salesmanager of the yearbook.

A MEMBER of Gamma Mu Gamma, a music honor society, Miss Zelazny plans to be a professional vocalist after graduation from El Camino.

Princesses to Queen Barbara will be Miss Louette Martello, 18, daughter of Louis Martello, 2503 W. 111th St., Inglewood, and Miss Rickie Fraboni, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fraboni, 2022 W. 149th St., Gardena.

MISS MARTELLO is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, Los Angeles, and is freshman representative for the Associated Women Students at El Camino College. She plans to transfer to the University of Southern California at Los Angeles and to continue her education as an elementary education major.

Princess Rickie Fraboni is also a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, where she served as a member of the student council. She is secretary of the Associated Student Body at El Camino and a member of the Associated Women Students board.

MISS FRABONI plans to graduate from El Camino and to become a secretary.

John Preis Returned to County Board

Reappointment of John J. Preis, general manager of the May Co. South Bay, to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Governors of the Los Angeles County Art Institute, has been announced by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Preis has served as president of the lay board of the Daniel Freeman Hospital in Inglewood, as a member of the board of the Los Angeles Council of Girl Scouts, as a member of the council-at-large of the Los Angeles Council of Boy Scouts, as director and past (Continued on Page 5)

Fitzgerald Named State C of C Vice President

Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, was elected vice president of the California Assn. of Chamber of Commerce Managers at the group's 47th annual convention in Santa Barbara Friday.

Fitzgerald was a member of the board of directors for three years and has served as parliamentarian of the organization for two years.



QUEEN OF HEARTS . . . Pretty Barbara Zelazny, 18, (center) will reign over the Sweethearts Ball at El Camino College next Saturday night. Princesses Lovette Martello and Rickie Fraboni were selected by popular vote along with Miss Zelazny, by undergrads at the college. (Herald Photo)

The annual Sweetheart Ball will be held Saturday night from 9 to 12 in the college Campus Center. Music for the dance will be provided by the Lee Golden band.

Miss Zelazny will be crowned by Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, president of El Camino College, in the coronation ceremonies to be held before the dance. Last year's Queen of Hearts was Marilyn Ness, later named Goose Girl at Hollywood Park.

'Citizen of Year' Judges Named, Nominations Open

Judges to select Torrance's "Citizen of the Year" for 1959 were announced yesterday by officials of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Judges include the president of the Torrance Ministerial Assn., the Rev. Monrad Bergesen, Hope Evangelical United Brethren Church; Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, Torrance Unified School District; George Stevens, City manager; King Williams, publisher, Torrance HERALD; William Zappas, Press publisher; J. H. Paget, president, Torrance Chamber of Commerce and past winners, Mervin M. Schwab (1953), Dean L. Sears (1955), Sam Levy (1956), Dr. Howard Wood (1957) and Glenn Koger (1958).

The award will be presented as a highlight of the Chamber's Annual Banquet to be held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel on March 30. James Becker is general chairman of the event.

Additional nomination blanks are available at the HERALD and Chamber Office. Deadline for entries is March 15.

Winner of the "Citizen of the Year" selection will take possession of the Laughon-Whyte trophy, offered to the memories of Dr. William Laughon, pioneer Torrance physician, and Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the HERALD for many years.

Parks Planning Full Schedule On Feb. 22

Park and playgrounds operated by the Torrance Recreation Department will be open on Washington's birthday.

Two Friends Unable to Aid Drowning Lad

Sumps—the city's monuments to a period of unprecedented development—have claimed another life.

Pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital Friday afternoon after he was pulled from a sump behind South High School was 10-year-old Ronald Middlekauff, son of Mrs. Robert Middlekauff of 4834 Theo Ave., and Robert Middlekauff of Los Angeles.

Young Ronald was pulled from the water of the drainage sump by members of the Torrance Fire Department who began artificial respiration immediately in a vain effort to save his life.

Doctors there pronounced him dead.

The body was taken to Stone and Myers Mortuary where Rosary will be recited Tuesday evening at 8. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery Wednesday. He is survived by his parents and two sisters.

Investigating officers said yesterday that the lad apparently fell into the water as he tried to climb, hand over hand, across the channel leading into the main sump. The area is surrounded by an 8-foot fence topped by three strands of barbed wire.

Two other 10-year-old boys, Ronnie Brenden of 4802 Louise, and Dewane Day, 5232 Doris Way, were with the Middlekauff lad at the time of the tragedy. One of the boys ran for assistance while the other stayed, unable to offer any aid.

Fabienne Byrd, an older sister of the victim, rushed to the scene, and then to the nearby fire station at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy. where she summoned aid. Firemen pulled the boy from the water quickly with a pole with which they were able to hook into his clothing.

ARTIFICIAL respiration was applied for about 20 minutes before he was sped to Harbor General Hospital by ambulance.

TO BE HONORED . . . Ticket sales are brisk for the testimonial luncheon scheduled to honor Judge Donald Armstrong on Monday, Feb. 29, according to General Chairman Fred W. Mill. The luncheon, to be held at the Plush Horse, will be emceed by Torrance Attorney Boris S. Woolley. Tickets are on sale through Chambers of Commerce in Torrance and the South Bay.

'Ride to Town Free,' Bus Department Says

Ride the Bus Week begins in Torrance Monday with the Municipal Bus Lines going all out in an effort to please their regular customers and acquaint potential new riders of public transportation with their services, according to Marshall E. Chamberlain, superintendent of the city bus department.

After Mayor Isen proclaimed Bus Week official in Torrance last Tuesday the Council voted in favor of free bus rides during the week. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday there will be no charge to riders on all inbound buses within the 20 cent fare zones. This week off-duty drivers will report to the City Yard and man mops and polish cloths to transportation vehicles as a token of their pride in their buses. These same drivers plan to call on downtown merchants and distribute small racks containing schedules in the near future. These racks will supply booklets featuring maps and bus routes and will be combined with newspaper advertising to inform riders of advantageous services offered by the Torrance bus lines.



VALENTINE'S DAY . . . Pert Judie Sherwood, 16, Torrance high school junior posed for this picture with a big red heart in honor of Ireland's Patron Saint. (Herald Photo)

To Attend Class

Jerry Leonard of Torrance has qualified for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co.'s 1960 Leaders Round Table, exclusive honorary organization for the company's top agents.

He is associated with the C. Carlton Coffin Agency in Los Angeles.

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Gerwing, Riverside County Board of Trade, and James M. Park, Fairfield-Suisun, were elected as the other vice presidents by delegates from 182 California Chambers.

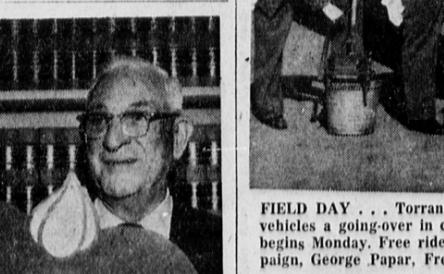
Frank King, San Leandro, was elected treasurer and Phillip Nutzman, Alameda, as secretary.

New directors elected were: William Adams, Los Angeles; James Cooper, Palm Springs; Sam Porter, Santa Monica; Wesley D. Bush, Antioch; and John Burns, Red Bluff.

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