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A Penny for your Thoughts

Nearly everyone at one time or another has referred to some lone era as "the good old days." To explore this further, the HERALD asked several persons this week:

"If you could pick an age or an era in which to live, what one would you choose?"

Answers were:
Louis E. Hastings, 13701 S. Western Ave., retired:

"I think that I would pick the 'Gay 90s' because there was lots of life and activity then. I didn't know what was ahead so didn't think we were backward and didn't miss the conveniences that we have today. We're living in a wonderful age, but it's too fast."

Mrs. Marilyn Stump, 1332 W. 218th Street, housewife:

"Oh, I would pick the 'Gay 90s.' They seem more romantic and had more life and a closer family life. I think the modern woman of today is spoiled with all her conveniences and can't begin to put out the amount of work that our mothers and grandmothers put out."

Mrs. Inga Clark, 1818 Schilling Court, parttime office worker and housewife:

"I'd pick the present, for I think it's a most challenging time. I'm quite a realist don't believe in wasting time wishing for the past or future. I believe in making the best of each day as it is given to you."

Leslie Burrill Jr., 1533 Carson St., unemployed:

"I'd choose the present for it seems to be going good for everybody. There are more opportunities, more of a chance to express ourselves, and more advantages and conveniences. All the world seems to be interested in politics, so it's good to have interests outside our own boundaries."

Mrs. Bernice Montgomery, 1839 Reynosa Drive, housewife:

"Oh, the present by all means, because it is closer to the Lord's coming. Also there are more opportunities to express ourselves and to learn about other people and other countries."

J. F. Reed, 1217 Acacia Ave., retired:

"I'd like to go back about 40 years because then people were honest and could be trusted. If they said they would do a thing, they could be depended on to do it. Today, they can't. Parents don't seem to teach their children very high moral standards or respect for the law."

Two Disputed Candidates to Get Names on City Ballots

Council Votes La Romeria Park Building

Residents of the Southwest Park area who have been actively campaigning for improvements to La Romeria Park were cheered this week when the city council assigned a top priority to construction of a recreation building there and allocated up to \$17,000 from the park funds for the project.

Local Man Indicted

A Torrance man who was arrested and then released before trial on charges of participating in a credit-card forgery ring was indicted this week by the grand jury along with 10 others on charges of conspiracy to commit grand theft and forgery and 17 counts of forgery.

Named with the group indicted was Michael Kaseno, 23, of 2503a Arlington Ave., who was arrested in January and then released prior to trial. Each of the 11 had been named in complaints issued by the district attorney, but when Kaseno and two others were released the case was given to the grand jury.

The gang was arrested when a Beverly Hills luggage shop clerk recognized a credit card presented in payment by one of the suspects.

At the time of the original arrests, officers reported articles with a value of nearly \$10,000 had been obtained with forged credit cards.

Half Way Mark Hit For YMCA

Albert Isen, YMCA Campaign Chairman, announced today that \$16,000 has thus far been pledged to the Torrance YMCA's 1960 current support campaign. This represents half of the local youth agency needs for the year.

Isen expressed pleasure with the many evidences of generous giving, but sounded a warning that only one week remains for this important local drive. He pointed out that the Torrance YMCA receives no outside funds, and that its existence depends upon this annual drive for Sustaining Members.

THE YMCA has scheduled an emergency meeting for this evening from 8 until 9 p.m. All "Y" Campaigners and concerned citizens are invited to attend the meeting, to be held at the YMCA, 2080 Washington Ave., in order to receive prospect cards and instructions for a whirlwind conclusion of the drive.

Thirty-three citizens have joined the YMCA's Century Club, limited to \$100 memberships. These are Scott F. Albright, Phillip Badger, Douglas Baldwin, Robert Baldwin, Lew Broatch, Richard Brown, Danny Butcher, Charles Cake, Douglas Cannon, Clara Conner, Robert Finch, Daniel Francis, Lester Foster, W. A. Felkner, George Heaton, and P. I. Haddan.

OTHER Century Clubbers are Albert Isen, Bert Lynn, Sam Levy, John Melville, (Continued on Page 2)

Concurring with the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the council voted to have plans for the structure prepared for the first unit at the park located near 196th St. and Inglewood Ave.

TWO OTHER parks, Paradise Park in the Southwood Homes area, and Los Arboles, in the Hollywood Riviera, are slated to receive improvements this year from the \$54,000 allocated for capital park improvements.

No target date for constructing La Romeria's building could be given until engineering plans are drawn.

THE COUNCIL also agreed to a stipulated judgment allotting water pumping schedules in the West Basin Area; and heard Mayor Albert Isen lash out again at the trash on downtown streets. Isen suggested criminal complaints be issued for litter violators.

Learning To Read, TEAC Topic

How Torrance youngsters learn to read will be the topic of the Torrance Education Advisory Committee meeting next Monday at noon at the Masonic Temple, 2326 Cabrillo Ave.

Information on the reading program will be given by Principals Donald Mullaney, Wood Elementary, and Joe Brandon, Fern-Greenwood, and Mrs. Margaret Denmark, curriculum consultant.

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip will present a school construction report, and a quartet from Flavian School—Betty Hickman, Lois Stepp, William Clary, and Bob Sabus—will sing. Reservations should be made today.

Missiles, Planes, Spacecraft Necessary, Air Reserve Told

A combination force of missiles, manned aircraft and spacecraft is necessary for effective aerospace offense and defense, Lt. Col. Oscar A. Grab, commander of the South Bay's 9450th Air Reserve Squadron, said Tuesday night before a meeting of the unit.

Col. Grab explained that the Air Force mission means this nation's main deterrent to a general or limited war. "Aerospace power, the use of aircraft, missiles, and piloted and unmanned spacecraft, provides the fastest and most effective access to any point on or beyond the globe," Col. Grab said to reservists, all residents of the Torrance and



THREE HURT . . . Three persons were injured, one seriously, when a light foreign car shown here and a heavy sedan collided Sunday afternoon at 234th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. Hospitalized was Lauralyn R. Myers, 21, of 1535 W. 213th St., driver of the light auto, Marian Myers, 10, and Bobby Myers, 9, younger brother and sister of the driver. John E. Jones, 76, of 1605 Hickory Ave., was the driver of the second car. (Herald Photo)

Good Samaritan Sought By Woman She Assisted

A Torrance area resident is anxious to thank an unknown benefactor, she told the HERALD this week.

Mrs. Doris Walls, who lives at 23430 Mehden, Wilmington, said she became ill last Wednesday near the Post Office in downtown Torrance when she suffered a violent reaction to a shot she had received earlier from her doctor.

WITH ONLY her two daughters, aged 7½ and 4½, Mrs. Walls was frightened, she said. She asked the eldest daughter, "Kippy," to seek aid. Then she fainted.

She learned later that "Kippy" had stopped two men and told them her mother was in the car and was sick. They went on.

"KIPPY" (her real name is Kathy, her mother says) then stopped a lady who turned out to be a nurse. Mrs. Walls remembered little except that the nurse asked who her doctor

was. Learning his name, she climbed into the Walls auto and drove Mrs. Walls and the two girls to the doctor's office on Torrance Blvd.

Mrs. Walls was hospitalized for two days, and is now home, she reported.

"I CERTAINLY would like to thank the lady who came to my rescue," she told the HERALD.

"However, the lady asked one of the nurses to take her back downtown after she had helped get me into the doctor's office, and I don't even know her name," Mrs. Walls said. "I just don't know what would have happened if she hadn't taken the time to help me," she added.

TV Tubes Stolen

A TV "Caddy" containing about 150 radio and television tubes valued at \$250 was stolen from his truck this week, police were told by Wallace Franklin, 2318 Torrance Blvd.

Court Issues Mandate to City Clerk

The ballot for the city council candidates—originally 16 and then reduced to 14—was back at 16 this week following a ruling by Superior Court that the nominators were sufficient on one of the contested nominating petitions.

Superior Judge Eugene P. Fay of the Inglewood Superior Court ruled that David Figueroa had submitted a valid petition although one of the five nominators had not registered after moving recently from one precinct into an adjacent one.

IN ANNOUNCING his ruling, Judge Fay ordered the city clerk to list Figueroa's name among those previously qualified for the ballot.

Because the case of Henry Carreiro was nearly identical, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier ruled his name should be included on the ballot also.

FIGUEROA and Carreiro had been declared ineligible by Remelmeier when it was discovered that one of the five nominators in each case was technically unregistered. Each was still carried on the great register as voters, however, it was shown in court.

Attorney Boris S. Wooley, represented Figueroa in the court action. A demurrer filed by Asst. City Atty. Robert K. Dower was overruled by the court.

Disaster Test Due Tomorrow

It was a day just like any other school day when disaster struck, but rather than bedlam and confusion reigning, the scene was one of calmness due to the pre-planning on the part of the Boys' League at South High School.

The catastrophe was nothing more than a burning smudge pot and the taped sound effects of a terrific explosion, but in the minds of the students and faculty it was the real thing.

In order to prevent complete turmoil and bewilderment on the part of the student body in the event of a major disaster, a Boys' League Disaster Control Committee was organized to draft a plan for the evacuation of the premises and the maintenance of order should a calamity beset South High School.

THE COMMITTEE investigated the disaster plans of other schools in an attempt to find a workable one for South High School. No school contacted had an active plan but many were in the process of development. Utilizing the information gathered, an organized scheme of evacuation, a system of communication, a system of traffic control, and provisions for administering first-aid were established.

In order to cause an awareness of potential disaster and to familiarize the students with various materials and equipment used during times of emergency, the week of March 7 through 11 was designated as Civil Defense Week.

City Gets \$713.45

Torrance has been allocated \$713.45 as its share of the un-refunded tax on aviation gasoline for 1959, it was announced this week.

Ex-Police Lieutenant Succumbs

Theodore "Ted" Morris, a former Torrance police lieutenant, died suddenly at his home, 18412 Kingsdale Ave., Sunday after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Morris had resigned from his Torrance post last year to accept private employment. He had been promoted through the ranks to the lieutenant's rating he held when he resigned.

Rosary will be recited for him at 7 tonight at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel and requiem mass will be sung by the Rev. Raymond J. Tepe, pastor of the St. Catherine Labourer Catholic Church Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Morris is survived by his widow, Josephine Mary; a son, Charles, and a daughter, Joyce.



THE DIGGERS . . . Dave and Bill Offutt were so much impressed with the Arbor Day tree planting at 233rd St. School Tuesday they got in the act after the P.T.A. ceremonies were over. The six and seven year old sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Offutt, 1414 - 221st St., did not know if their offering was the customary Ash, but their enthusiasm was the real thing. (Herald photo)