

WATER BOND PROMOTION PLAN HIT

T. H. S. Seniors Lose Class 'Privileges'

DITCH DAY FRACAS REBOUNDS

Members of Torrance High School's Senior class lost part of the "privileges" extended to them in their last half year of school, and some of them have been deprived of all their "fun" events, it was revealed this week.

The reason for the action was the fact that a group of the upperclassmen were drinking aboard the S.S. Catalina on their annual "ditch day" cruise to Avalon.

It was reported that the school authorities had cancelled all plans for "kid day" for all Seniors, scheduled for today.

The authorities ruled that those who were drinking could attend only baccalaureate services on the Sunday before graduation, and commencement exercises.

Each one known to have been drinking was suspended this week until he or she could bring his parents to the high school, it was said.

Approximately 150 Seniors made the "ditch day" trip to Catalina Island, accompanied by four teachers.

Students said that the drinking was going on below decks.

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Becker Given Continuance on School Charge

Roy J. Becker of San Pedro was arraigned before Superior Judge Thomas J. Cunningham Tuesday on grand jury accusations of misconduct as a member of the Los Angeles City Board of Education.

Through his attorney, Sam Prichard, Becker sought time to study a 500-page transcript of the grand jury's investigation report, which was handed him by Marcus Brandler, deputy district attorney.

He was ordered to return to court at 9 a.m. May 31 to plead on the accusations.

His colleague on the school board, Mrs. Gertrude Rounsaville was also granted a continuance, but must appear before the jurist for plea on May 28, the day prior to the municipal election in which she is a candidate for re-election.

Maximum penalty which can be levied is \$100.

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City Closes Down For Memorial Day Wednesday

Banks, public offices and most stores will be closed on Wednesday, May 30, Memorial day, and local veterans and their families will participate in services in nearby areas.

Food stores and drug stores may remain open, under terms of labor contracts with the Retail Clerks, by paying overtime.

However, all other stores are closed under terms of the contract.

Rosemary DeCamp will Emcee Youth Benefit

The beautiful Rosemary DeCamp, star of screen and radio, has accepted the role of "mistress of ceremonies" and with a host of other well-known luminaries in the field of entertainment, will appear in the "Jumbo June Jubilee," Friday, June 1st, at 8:30 p.m., in the Civic Auditorium. The show is a benefit for the youth of Torrance, a committee member announced today.

Rosemary, wife of Judge John Shidler in private life, is the supporting star to Jean Hersholt in the "Dr. Christian" radio series on a national network, and is a well-known figure in the film world.

A total of 15 acts have been scheduled for the benefit show, according to Jan Darian, world-famous ballet artist and producer of the one-night only performance. Darian has promised the appearance of a star of opera, who has postponed the start of her concert tour for the variety show. The entire cast of performers will be announced next week.

Frank Carpenter, Lou Deininger and Joseph Platt, representatives of the Torrance Press, are in charge of the show.

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JAN DARIAN



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OPERATION TOKYO . . . Shown tuning in his short wave "Ham" radio set to reach the Pacific and perhaps some United States soldiers overseas is Carl Yeaman, of the C. Yeaman Auto Top and Seat Cover Shop, 1312 Cabrillo avenue. Yeaman, by means of his amateur radio station, has been the connecting link for conversation between men overseas and their relatives in the United States. (Story page 2) Press photo.

Stevens Defends Dump Operation

City Manager George W. Stevens Tuesday night defended the present city dump, at Plaza del Amo and Western avenue as "an orderly and well-controlled cut and cover operation" which was being conducted for the economical benefit of the city.

Stevens, who had promised to supply the City Council with a map of proposed dump sites which can be utilized for cut and cover, and also for incinerator purposes, declared that the recent criticism of the dump by residents of the Kettler Knolls area was "not in the best interests of the city," since the dump as now operated had saved the city a large amount of money, quoting the saving at \$61.12 per day over private operations.

He said that the average number of loads dumped amounts to 57 per day. Commercial dumps would charge \$1.50 per load, he declared.

Stevens declared that he is looking for a dump site in an M-2 zone, and that the present dump could be converted into a park or recreation area when it is closed.

Councilman Nick Drale, who has supported the efforts of residents of the area to bring about closing of the dump, challenged Stevens' statements, stating that the city should not wait until a week before the dump must be closed before taking action to find a new site. "Now is the time to start thinking about either an incinerator or a new dump," Drale declared.

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THREE JUDGE COURT HERE IS BANNED

It appeared in Torrance this week that the fight to get a Municipal court in Torrance might be renewed.

This is due to the fact that the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday refused to approve the bill adopted by the Assembly in Sacramento to create 84 new Municipal courts under the new law.

This would have allowed the South Bay area, including Torrance, three judges.

However, the plan reverts now to the original one offered by Chief Justice Phil Gibson and concurred in by the Board of Supervisors, giving the area only two judges.

Senator Jack B. Tenney, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said that an attempt would be made to work out a compromise, and local interests intended to renew their campaign to have a court in Torrance, it was said.

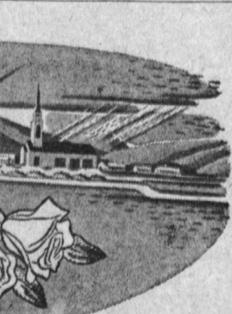
City to Open Service Center Next Week

Official opening of the Torrance Service Center, 1754 Torrance boulevard, which will house the Office of Civil Defense and the Red Cross will take place next week, announced George Powell, assistant director of civilian defense. Exact date for the opening has not as yet been set.

Powell said that the Red Cross is expected to move its facilities to the new office immediately. It is hoped that canteen workers will serve doughnuts and coffee to help celebrate the official opening of the center.

ON TELEVISION

Powell and Mrs. Don Hyde, of the Red Cross, appeared on television at noon Monday on the program, "Instruction for Survival." This program was sponsored by the Red Cross.



MEMORIAL DAY

On this day we pay tribute to those Americans who have fought, and yet fight to the death, to preserve the most treasured heritage of our nation - our liberty! To those who have valued honor above death - freedom more than life - we dedicate this day!

They have not died . . . for those who live in the memory and hearts of those they leave behind . . . never die! May the spirit of their worthy cause, devotion to God and country, forever be the inspiration of our nation, now and always dedicated to the pursuit of liberty.

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BOOMERANG DOLLARS (An Editorial)

Every resident of Torrance, whether a home owner or a renter, has a tremendous "stake" in our city. That stake is a healthy community in which to live, work and play.

By shopping in Torrance for everything, residents can make our city a healthier, more prosperous community, because every dollar spent here "boomerangs" right back to you in the form of better schools, better playgrounds, better recreational facilities, better streets, a better library, better churches and better municipal services.

Retail merchants of Torrance are required to collect a city sales tax as well as the state sales tax.

This amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. The city sales tax "STAYS HOME". Torrance gets its share of the state sales taxes originating on dollars spent here.

The city sales taxes paid on purchases in Los Angeles or other nearby communities "NEVER COME BACK". They make other cities more prosperous.

The profit on the dollar spent in Torrance STAYS HOME, and it is spent over and over again as long as it stays in Torrance, creating more and more funds to make your city a better community.

These are "boomerang dollars". They come right back to you.

These "boomerang dollars" can do a lot of things that residents of this city would like to see accomplished. But, the dollar spent out-of-town never returns, nor does the profit on that dollar, nor does the municipal tax on that dollar. It is GONE FOREVER.

The goods, merchandise and service available in Torrance are as good as you'll find anywhere, and they are available at competitive prices.

We challenge anyone to tell us of an essential or semi-luxury item that cannot be found in Torrance at a price that is just as low as in out-of-town stores.

True, other fields always look greener. Shop at home and make Torrance fields greener. Save time and money. Make your dollar a "BOOMERANG DOLLAR"—make it help make Torrance a better city.

SHOP IN TORRANCE.

RIVERIA GROUP PLANS BUS SUIT

Hollywood Riviera residents, angered at the "brush off" accorded them by the City Council in their effort to have bus service restored to the wealthy residential section, declared Tuesday night that they are considering court action to require the city to reinstate the line.

Service was cancelled about two months ago, on motion of Councilman H. Spelman, neighbor of the Riviera group, and numerous meetings have been held in an effort to have the Council renew the service. The line was cancelled even though it was costing the average taxpayer only about three-fourths of a cent per month.

Frank Brennan is chairman of the Riviera group backing restoration of the service. He said that if other means fail, the group will go to court on the grounds that they are being discriminated against in being denied bus service for which they pay taxes.

Councilman W. Blount Tuesday night said he had not had a chance to talk to other members of the city transportation committee about Brennan's letter regarding service needs for the area.

The city is considering buying eight buses, some of which could be assigned to the Hollywood Riviera service.

Former Narbonne Student Killed In Korean Action

Reported killed in action in Korea was Pvt. Gerald Lowe, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lowe, 1710 W. 252nd street, Lomita, according to the Department of Defense.

The young soldier attended Narbonne high school in 1948 and 1949 and was serving with the 23rd Infantry division.

30% of City Signed for Bond Drive

With 30 per cent of Torrance business and industrial employers already signed up on the United States Bond Payroll plan, Torrance Jaycees, sponsor of the campaign here, aim on attaining their 80 per cent participation goal by the end of this month, it was announced by George Post, general chairman.

The various committee heads met at noon Monday to discuss the drive. Emphasis on the em-

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Officials Should Run Drive--Drale

In an effort to thwart a drive by private and outside interests to "take over" promotion of the \$1,500,000 water bond issue needed to expand Torrance municipal water system, Councilman Nick Drale Tuesday night urged the appointment of City Manager George Stevens, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and Water Superintendent William Stanger to manage the campaign.

Jacob Joseph Employed as City Engineer

The City Council Tuesday night employed Jacob Joseph as City Engineer, effective June 1, 1951, at a compensation of \$550 per month. City Manager George Stevens has been acting as City Engineer for Torrance.

Also employed Tuesday night by the Council was J. R. Stroh, son of Chief of Police John Stroh, to serve his probationary period as police officer, effective May 16, 1951. He was appointed at a compensation set forth as the first step for the position. Bruce Gooler was temporarily employed as a police officer, effective May 1, 1951 at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position.

J. J. Benner, acting Fire Chief, was appointed to serve his probationary period for that position effective May 8, 1951.

PLEA REJECTED

Vetterli to Stand Trial For Perjury

Clarence H. Vetterli, 41, former El Camino College journalism instructor accused in connection with a communist spy probe, tried Tuesday to plead guilty to one count of a federal indictment.

But the judge refused the plea when Vetterli read into a record an elaborate explanation. Instead the teacher was ordered to stand trial.

Vetterli was accused in an indictment voted by a grand jury May 2 on two counts of perjury.

Full text of statement made Monday, May 21, 1951, in Federal Court by Clarence H. Vetterli in answer to perjury charges as follows:

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Prudential to Move Offices Here in June

Expanding to larger headquarters, the harbor area office of the Prudential Life Insurance Company will move into its newly acquired Torrance office at the corner of Cravens avenue and Marcellina street about June 10, it was announced by William Hanger, assistant manager. The building that will house the company's office here was the former State of California Social Welfare office.

Hanger said that Torrance was chosen to be the central office for the area which includes Westchester to Wilmington due to its central location. The office is now undergoing conditioning work to ready it for use by the firm.

The 38 agents, now working from the San Pedro office, will be located at the Torrance office, as well as the office force of which there are about ten persons.

Manager of the San Pedro office is William Harper.

Deadline for May 31 Press Issue Is Noon Tuesday

Commemorating Memorial Day, Wednesday, May 30, the Torrance Press announces a deadline for all advertisement and editorial copy to be 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, May 29, instead of the usual 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

Although the office of the Torrance Press will be closed on Memorial Day, Wednesday, May 30, the regular Thursday edition of the paper will appear, as scheduled, on Thursday morning, May 31.

SELLING TACTICS . . . Cubie Bohannon, of 2202 Arlington avenue, and chosen Queen of the U. S. Defense Bond campaign in Torrance by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the local drive, illustrates some of her selling tactics to Columbia Steel employees. Cubie is also the accounts payable clerk at Columbia Steel. Workers being sold on the employees payroll U. S. bond savings plan are, left to right, E. W. Hippik, electrician, 1442 West 215th street, and John R. Welch, electrician, 1634 W. 214th street.

—Torrance Press photo

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