

Miss USA at Coronation Saturday



CROWNING OF Miss Jackie Laughery as Miss United States of America took place at Miss Universe Beauty Pageant held in Long Beach. Now it is Miss Laughery's turn to place a crown. She will appear at the coronation ball of Miss Torrance of 1952, and will place the crown on the head of Miss Shirley White, who won the title in a recent beauty contest. Coronation will take place Saturday night at the Palos Verdes Country Club. Seen crowning Miss U. S. A. is Rosemary LePlanche, star of screen and TV, who was Miss America of 1941.—(See story on page 2.)

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LOCAL CLIFF CLAIMS 2ND VICTIM IN WEEK

Man's Body, Car Found on Ledge

The 200-foot cliff at Rocky Point in Palos Verdes claimed another victim this week. The battered and crushed body of Fred Glen Landreth, 35, of 2219 Voorhees Ave., Redondo Beach, was found Tuesday morning beside his overturned automobile on a shelf 75 feet down the cliff.

The body of an 18-year-old girl, Darlene Bogardus, was found battered and barely alive last week by David Scholl and Kelvin Figgins. The girl was taken to Harbor General Hospital where she is reported in satisfactory condition.

Two Torrance boys, Stanley Welpton, 13, of 720 Portola, and Robert Little, 15, of 725 Portola, noticed skid marks on a dirt road that leads to the point of the bluff, where Landreth's car apparently plunged off.

When the boys spotted the overturned car on the ledge, they informed nearby residents who summoned police and lifeguards.

Skid marks indicated that, after her discovery by two Torrance boys, state that she claims to have no recollection of how she fell, jumped, or was pushed from atop the sheer cliff.

The girl evidently had plunged 100 feet straight down, struck the cliff side where it slopes slightly to the water's edge and rolled another 100 feet down the steep pitch.

Landreth was living with his mother, Mrs. Alice Landreth. She said he had been despondent since he and his wife Margaret separated. The wife lives at 718 1/2 N. Ave. 53, Highland Park, with their two children.

Scholl said he and Figgins were diving off Resort Point in the Palos Verdes area, when he came across Miss Bogardus sitting on a piece of driftwood.

The girl was barely conscious, and very badly battered, he stated. "I asked her if she needed help," Scholl said, "but she only asked me for the time."

Both Scholl and Figgins were uncertain of how she happened to (Continued on Page 5)

Burglary Case Dismissed Here

Charges of burglary against Donald LeRoy Campbell, 22, were dismissed by City Judge Otto B. Willett last Monday.

Victims of the alleged burglary were Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Duer, 917 Sartori Ave.

Lynn to Fight City on Land Use Violation

Claims that the City has assumed a "holier-than-thou attitude in a suit filed against the Lynn Brick Co., were last week leveled by Bert Lynn, one of the defendants in the suit.

Lynn entered a plea of not guilty to charges of 16 counts of violation of land use variance and conditional permit, Thursday when the case was arraigned before City Judge Otto B. Willett.

The City alleges in its suit that for 16 days Lynn wilfully and deliberately violated the provisions of an original variance granted at the time of construction of a medical center at 2406 Torrance Blvd.

The violation occurred when Lynn began the construction of an addition to the existing facility. Lynn states that he proceeded with the addition only after he had obtained a permit from the City. The City alleges that the building permit was issued inadvertently, and that Lynn was bound by the provisions of the original variance, which prohibited further construction on the lot, unless additional parking facilities were provided.

Lynn has indicated that he intends to retain an attorney and fight the charge.

Maximum penalty is a fine of \$300 for each count, and possibly a jail term.

Jury trial on the case has been set for September 5, in City Court.

City Sells Bond Issue

A syndicate headed by the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles, was awarded the bid for the purchase of \$2,000,000 water bonds voted by the public last January.

One other bid, that of the Bank of America, was received.

Under the terms of the syndicate's bid, the first block of bonds, \$325,000, will bear an interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent. Other blocks of bonds will bear rates of 2 1/2 per cent and 2 3/4 per cent.

Interest will be paid semi-annually.

Carson Area Told Cost of Joining MWD

A special tax of 9 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, sufficient to raise \$31,412, will be levied against Keystone, Avalon-Carson, and Dominguez on annexation of the area to the West Basin Water District.

Carl Fossette, secretary of the water district, said the total figure represents the cost that would have been paid to the district by the communities if they were members of the district when it was formed in 1948.

The special tax is in addition to the \$3,834,000 in back taxes the areas will pay to the Metropolitan Water District, parent organization of the West Basin Water District, on annexation to that body, Fossette said.

The \$3,834,000 will be paid by Dominguez and Keystone property (Continued on Page 5)

Slate Official Opening

Moose Inspect New Adult Play Center

Officers and members of the Torrance Lodge Loyal Order of Moose, led by Governor Marvin P. MacArthur, made a formal inspection tour of the Torrance Adult Recreation Center Monday evening, August 11.

The tour was the first such inspection made by a local service organization, according to club officials.

Endorsement of the center by Governor MacArthur and the Torrance Moose was witnessed by Mayor Mervin Schwab and George Powell, Assistant Director of Civil Defense.

The Recreation Center is to be officially dedicated by the city on Sunday, August 17th.

Open house will be held from 12 noon to 2 p.m., when the dedication ceremony will begin.

Participating in the program will be Paul Roettger, master of ceremonies; J. A. Beasley, member of the Recreation Commission; Mayor Mervin Schwab; Frank Carpenter, recreation director; Vic Benstead, council chairman of the Recreation Committee; George W. Stevens, city manager and A. J. Patrosky, Recreation Commission chairman.

Exhibition shuffleboard will be shown at 3 p.m. by players from Long Beach, Santa Monica, Glendale, and Torrance. At 4 p.m. the Long Beach Horseshoe Club will present exhibition horseshoe.

Refreshments of punch, coffee, and cookies will be served.

Other officials to be present during the day are Paul Gruendyke, superintendent of Parks and Recreation of Los Angeles County; Ferdinand Baker, representative of the State Recreation Commission; Bart Anderson, superintendent of recreation at Glendale; Leonard Bright, superintendent of Parks and Recreation at Santa Monica; and Ray Goates, superintendent of Parks and Recreation at Inglewood and president of the California Recreation Society.

Chamber to Expand Trip Guide Service

As a result of record requests this year for vacation pamphlets, printed matter and time tables, President Robert I. Plomert, Jr., announced a 100% expansion in the future of this already popular service of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

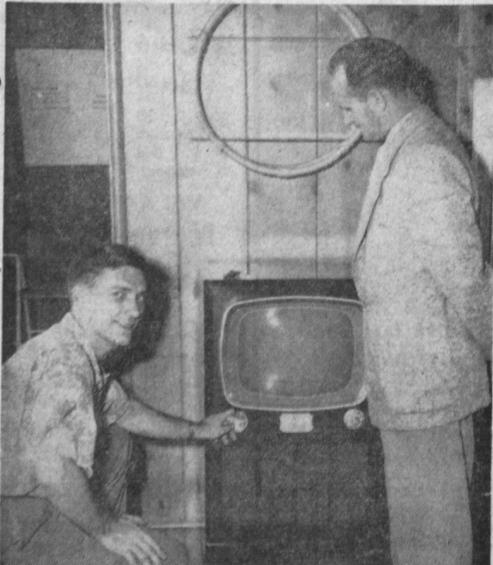
Citizens have fast taken advantage of this popular service which provides up to the minute data about vacation areas, pleasure trips and surrounding interesting country. Control of this printed matter is exercised by Chamber employees in that printed matter is checked periodically to insure correct information, it was reported.

Executive Secretary Dale Isenberg stated that "citizens or organizations may obtain specialized data regarding any contemplated trip, upon request or application to the Chamber offices. Since the Chamber of Commerce is the clearing house for practically all inquiries we are happy to expand

Man Faces Charge of Wife Beating

Preliminary hearing in the case of Leonard H. Patrick, 25, of 16925 1/2 Halldale, on a charge of wife beating, was continued from Monday until this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the court of City Judge Otto B. Willett.

Patrick is charged by his wife, Phyllis Jean Patrick, of inflicting a beating upon her on August 7.



INSPECTION TOUR—Joseph Platt (left) and Dan Desmond complete tour of the new Adult Recreation Center by testing television set in the main lounge. The Moose Club, in which both men are officers, staged an official tour of the building Monday evening.



NEW SHOES—for new Queen, Shirley White, Miss Torrance of 1952, is first customer at the new Lee King Shoe Store at 1319 1/2 Sartori Ave. Co-owner of the store, Jerry Mazur, smiles as he slips new shoe on Miss White's foot. Shoe store will open in the near future, Mazur said. His father and business partner, King Mazur, operates another Lee King Store in San Pedro.

'Kissless Marriage'

Millionaire Sheds 'Cinderella' Bride

The brief, stormy marriage of a Torrance high school girl to a foreign millionaire ended with annulment in a Riverside court Monday.

Martha Morris, who married Swiss industrialist Roland de Vigier after a whirlwind courtship last Nov. 14, is going to resume the life of a school girl, her mother announced this week.

Mrs. Charles R. Morris said that Martha, now 17, is staying with friends and plans to resume her high school education when school begins next month. She will not enroll at St. Anthony's High School in Long Beach, however, which she attended prior to her romance with the 28-year-old manufacturing executive. She has spent most of the summer with relatives in Oklahoma.

de Vigier filed suit for annulment last May 16 in Riverside County Superior Court.

He came to court with three attorneys and marched into the office of Superior Judge O. K. Morton. His suit was heard in the judge's chambers and all testimony and exhibits were sealed at the young husband's request.

The annulment was granted, however, on the grounds that the marriage was "induced by fraud" (Continued on Page 5)

Angel Stars Umpire Local Ball Game

Six Los Angeles Angel baseball stars and an audience of more than 200 persons were on hand last Monday evening when the Torrance Little League team from Greenwood recreation center defeated the Gardena Parkettes, 6-5, at the Gardena Recreation Park.

Alternating as umpires throughout the game were Angel pitchers Ralph Hammer, Doyle Lade, Bill Moisan and Eddie Chandler, and outfielders Les Layton and Ron Northy.

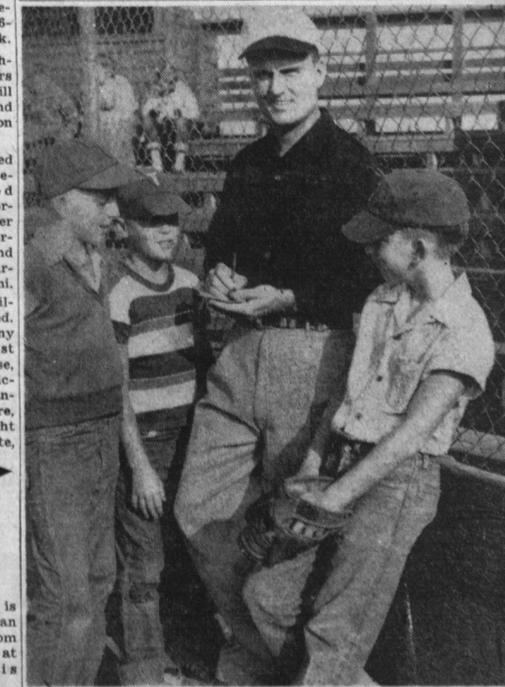
The Torrance team was invited to play by the Gardena "9" because of the outstanding good sportsmanship shown by the Torrance boys during the summer games, according to Van Venderpool, playground director and coach of the "Greenies." The Parkettes are coached by Al Paliani.

Kenny Bowers pitched a brilliant game, Venderpool reported. Other Torrance players are Kenny Gates, catcher, Butch Kulp, 1st base, Tommy Hammack, 2nd base, Russ Venderpool, 3rd base, Mickey Babbitt, short-stop, Ray Venderpool, left field, Butch Moore, centerfield, Donny Lathan, right field, and substitutes Butch White, and Don Maxwell.

Judge Willett On TV Show

City Judge Otto B. Willett is slated to appear on the Freeman Lusk television program "Freedom Forum," tonight on KLAS-TV, at 10 p.m., it was announced this week.

Judge Willett has been selected to represent the Redondo Beach Elks Lodge, No. 1378, in a short talk on "Why I Am Proud to be an Elk."



STAR PITCHER—Los Angeles Angels pitching star Eddie Chandler signs autographs for Tommy Hammack, Kenny Gates and Mickey Babbitt, stars of Torrance's Little League. Five Angels players were guests at a match between the Torrance Greenwood "9" and the Gardena Parkettes.