

New Dial System Nearing Completion



BUSY OPERATORS SPEED CALLS from Pacific Telephone office at 1266 Sartori avenue, Torrance. Standing at right is Chief Operator's Clerk Lillian Faulkner, who has served local telephone users since June, 1924.

Pay-Hike Raises Dispute

Board of education members tangled Tuesday night with Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, over the way certain salary recommendations should be made by the superintendent.

The issue arose in regard to a \$1000 hike intended for the assistant superintendent which would raise Emmett Ingram's salary to \$10,500.

It was the method more than the nature of the recommendation with which Board members took issue. William Tolson, Board member, declared that such recommendations ought to be discussed previously with the Board in private meeting or be presented to the Board at one agenda meeting to be acted upon at the next.

Judge John Shidler, president of the Board, favored Tolson's idea stating that it must not be forgotten that the Board is the final authority in such matters. He did state, however, that he appreciated the somewhat embarrassing nature of Hull's responsibility of having to recommend, not only the assistant superintendent's salary but also that of the superintendent.

Dr. Hull, even after favorable action had been taken on his recommendation, wanted the Board to take time out till the next meeting to study the matter. He agreed that this was the procedure he would have used and declared that he wanted to use it in the future.

2 Candidates Elected to College Board

Hilas C. Ashley and Melvin R. Allen were elected to the El Camino Board of Trustees last week May 15, it was revealed.

Melvin R. Allen, representing Inglewood, was re-elected for a new three-year term commencing July 1. He is a veteran member of the Board, having served on it for the last six years. Allen ran unopposed, obtaining 1,940 votes. It was announced.

Hilas C. Ashley, of El Segundo and a chief engineer at the El Segundo refinery of the Standard Oil Company, defeated Ronald Hartman, the opposing candidate, by a vote of 554 to 220. Ashley sought the seat which was occupied by Dr. Ernest E. Lyder who signified his intention to retire as Board president this year, it was reported.

The Board of trustees is composed of five men representing five communities in the junior college district, including Torrance.

PLYE, NEW MANAGER, EXPLAINS SWITCHOVER

More than seventy telephone operators in the Torrance central office at 1266 Sartori avenue this week are handling some of the last calls for local subscribers. After May 31, brand new automatic dial switching equipment will start handling most calls placed by Torrance telephone users, it was announced.

Automatic Message Accounting is what the new procedure is called. What happens is that a code is punched out on a wide continuous tape. The beginning, the answering, and the completion of the phone call are recorded on this tape. Such is the efficiency of these machines, that only three tapes are needed for all of Torrance. One machine can handle 100 subscribers simultaneously, and it is seldom that 300 people phone at the same time. Richard S. Pyle, manager of the Torrance exchange, explained.

Three Steps
"All calls actually require three processes under the new set up. First there is the recorder, which machine takes down the information mentioned above. Then there is the translator which separates the chargeable from the non-chargeable calls. Finally there is the coder which prepares this coded information so that it becomes readable for billing purposes," Pyle stated.

New Manager
Richard S. Pyle, the new manager, has been with the telephone company since 1925, working his way up gradually from the time he was a clerk. For the last 13 years he has served in a managerial capacity with the company in San Pedro.

Pyle is married and has a daughter, Nancy, 17, who attends San Pedro high school. His son, Richard, 12, goes to Dana junior high. Pyle replaces A. B. Smith who will retain the Lomita-Wilmington, Avalon exchanges. Smith, who recovered recently from a prolonged illness, is expected to return to work in the near future.

Mitschrich, Self-Taught Lawyer, Dies

Charles Mitschrich, the well-known local attorney, died last Friday at the Seaside Memorial Hospital in Long Beach. Mitschrich, who lived at 1533 W. 218th St., was 85 years old.

Funeral services awaited the arrival of relatives from Texas and Oklahoma. Mitschrich was a self-educated man and came to Torrance in the mid-thirties. What he knew of law he picked up around the law office for which he worked. He was self-taught and one of the few to pass the bar examination without a college education.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters.

Performance Slated for Monday Night

Rafael Mendez will return Monday night to satisfy all those who came to hear him play Tuesday evening. Both the audience and Mendez were sorry that the trumpeter had to announce his inability to play that evening because of an infection of the mouth. He promised that he would be back Monday night, at 8:15, together with his musical twin sons. Tickets which were refunded, will be good that evening, it was declared.

Additional tickets will be on sale also. W. E. Bowen, president of the Torrance Area Youth Concert, said that the auditorium held the largest crowd he had ever seen. He declared that the audience accepted the sudden news gracefully and reacted quite favorably to the idea of Monday night's "repeat" performance.

Bowen stated that J. Lask was also in the audience keeping his eye open for talent to be used in his forthcoming motion picture, "The Big Brass Band."

Open Bids For School Structure

Bids have been advertised, El Camino college Business Manager Carl Arfwedson disclosed, for a proposed Commerce building expected to cost approximately \$400,000.

The new commerce building, Arfwedson said, will be a single-story structure on the contemporary modern design typical of other new buildings on the campus. It will be built with a double-level corridor with ample light and ventilation provided in each classroom.

A special feature of the new building, he added, will be a retail store layout in one room which will be used as a demonstration store by merchandising students. The "retail store" will be used for advertising displays, for sales planning, for merchandising, and for other retail selling problems, such as the taking of inventories.

Robbery Suspect Returned

Don Madlung, one of the suspects in the recent \$30,000 robbery here, was returned to this area Friday by Detective Captain Ernie Ashton of the Torrance police force.

Madlung, together with \$4500 was arrested recently in Sedro Wooley, Washington, where he was held for extradition proceedings, it was disclosed.

So far he has refused to say anything in connection with the robbery on the advice of his Seattle attorney. A letter was addressed a week ago to a Los Angeles attorney who is expected to advise Madlung. The suspect comes up for his preliminary hearing Tuesday, May 28, at 9:30 a.m.

The former National Supply Co. welder was recognized by a file clerk in a small town in Washington, when she saw his driver's license. She had seen his name on an FBI wanted list.

Madlung, who tried to buy a night club in Washington under a false name, was exposed when he gave his right name in applying for a driver's license, it was reported.

The total money so far recovered amounts to \$12,135. Recently \$7635 were recovered from William McNally who comes up for entering a plea Tuesday, May 26, it was stated.

Joe Aiden, the credit manager who was jailed on embezzlement charges and who was the victim of the \$30,000 robbery, will appear for sentencing June 4.

South Shore Motor Co. In New Home

Moving from their former location at the corner of Torrance Blvd. and Engracia, South Shore Motor Co. began operation this week in their new home at 1336 Post Ave. (Across from Roth Market.)

Occupying the former Post Ave. Motor location, South Shore Motor Co. will be the authorized sales and service headquarters for Lincoln and Mercury.

According to Jess Dean, manager, the agency is equipped with all the latest type repair equipment, and will have complete facilities for repairing all makes of cars.

Elementary School Kids Visit College

Some 67 eighth grade students from Torrance elementary schools visited the El Camino college campus yesterday, Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel, announced.

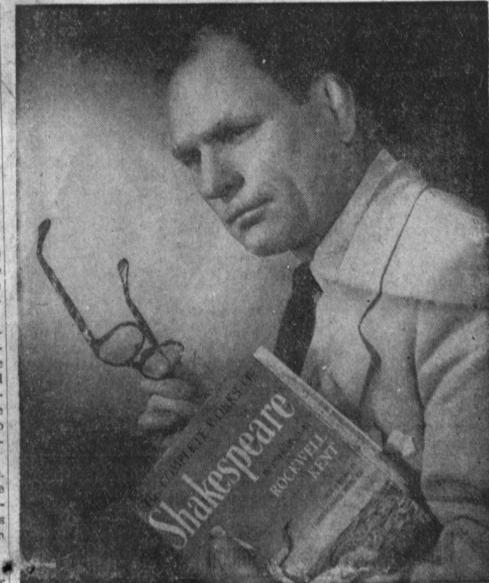
Visits by 8th grade students to the campus is a regular procedure, Sloan said.

Blood Wanted!

A Red Cross bloodmobile will be in town again at the Civic auditorium Monday, June 8 from 3 to 7:30 p.m., according to W. A. Felker, chairman of the drive.

Felker has urged all local citizens to sign up now for appointments to meet the mobile. The blood is intended for the wounded of Korea and for local civilian hospitals.

Appointments to donate blood can be made by calling Torrance 3447 or 3448, or by filling out the following coupon and sending it to the American National Red Cross, Torrance Branch Office, 1754 Torrance Blvd.



THOSE WHO LOVE HIM AND THOSE WHO DON'T will have a chance to see Wild Red Barry this Saturday at McMahan's furniture store between 3 and 4 p.m. Wild Red Barry will appear in conjunction with McMahan's annual Kitchen Carnival to be held this Friday and Saturday.

Attention Ladies! Kitchen Carnival Event at McMahan's

This week-end will be give-away time at McMahan's when the store stages its annual Kitchen Carnival. The days for this gala event have been set for Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23, according to O. R. Trueblood, manager.

Two grand prizes will be given away. Friday's grand prize will be a diamond ring ensemble while Saturday's will be an O'Keefe and Merritt gas range. They will be given away at 7:30 p.m. Registration for both drawings will begin Thursday morning, however, grand prize winners need not be present when the results are announced, it was disclosed.

Hourly prizes on the hour will be given away as well. Winners for these must be present at the time the awards are made, Trueblood stated. These prizes will be given away from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Demonstrators from the various manufacturers will be on hand to display their merchandise. There will be representatives from Kelvinator, Speed Queen, Lewyt Vacuum, Crosley, Columbia Sewing Machine, Sunbeam, Amama Freezer, and O'Keefe & Merritt, it was reported.

In addition to refreshments including coffee, cookies, and ham, which will be served all day, Wild Red Barry will be on hand from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday to meet the public, give autographs, and accept whatever devotion or affection will come his way, it was announced.

Harpers Go On Vacation

Off on a two-week vacation flight are Harry C. Harper, district manager of Prudential Life Insurance, and his wife. The Harpers will leave for New York, Washington D. C., Denver and San Francisco starting June 1, it was revealed.

The Harpers, who live at 2712 Via Elevado, Palos Verdes Estates, have two children. Their son, David, is studying architecture at the University of California at Berkeley, while their daughter, Marilyn, is working for United Airlines.

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TRAGIC FALL ENDS IN DEATH TO TEENAGER

Emergency Aid Tried for Hours

A gay teen-age outing ended in tragedy this week with the untimely death of 13-year-old Carolyn Jackson of 16926 Elgar Ave., Torrance. Carolyn died Sunday of injuries which she received when she slipped down a steep slope and plunged to her death over a 15-foot embankment at Glen Ivy, near Riverside, it was reported.

OUTING
The North Torrance elementary school student had gone on an outing with Job's Daughters. She was part of a well-supervised group when the unexpected accident occurred. Another girl, Joan Thomas, 14, of 17326 Elgar ave., had also begun to slide. She managed to catch on to a bush and even held on to Carolyn's coat for a moment but was unable to maintain that hold, it was disclosed.

The girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jackson, never regained consciousness. She stopped breathing six hours before she was pronounced dead.



CAROLYN JACKSON... fall proves fatal

Police Hold Bike Contest For Kids

There is a \$5 prize available to a boy and a girl at the police station. All you have to do is own and ride a bicycle in addition, of course, to the following:

To be eligible you must be under 16 years old and have a 1953 bicycle license issued by the city of Torrance.

The rest is just as easy—almost. Simply go to the police station on Cravens ave. near Post and get the bicycle safety book. Color the pictures, read the book, and write a 100 word essay on it. The best essay and the best colored book among the girls and among the boys will receive the prize.

Judges have been chosen from the staff of the Torrance Press and the Torrance Herald.

All entries must be in by August 1, 1953. Sign and address your book and return it to the police station.

The contest is sponsored by the Torrance police officers association. Gus Rethwisch, president.

Press Leads In Results, Man States

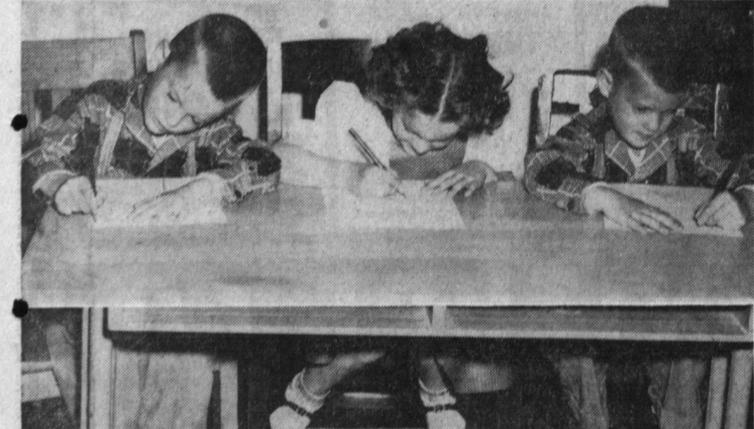
"I advertised with the Torrance Herald and the Redondo Daily Breeze, but it was the Press that did it," declared Gerald Young of 1014 Fonthill.

"In addition to selling my car to a Press reader," continued the satisfied advertiser, "the Torrance Press actually produced the greatest number of calls."

"This is just another example of what the people here are experiencing. Torrance Press Classifieds are first in bringing in results whether compared with weekly or daily papers."

Young's effective 75c ad read: 1950 FORD Tudor, "6" New Tires, Battery, Brakes, 8850, Priv. Prty. 1014 Fonthill, 3493 M.

Why not try an ad yourself—so simple, so swift, so successful!



TRIPLETS JODY, JANET, AND MARK MUSSO (from left to right) actually hold a triple record. They are the first triplets to enroll in a Torrance school, they are reported to be the first children to enroll in a Torrance school for the coming year, and they are the first triplets born at the Torrance Memorial hospital. All were born on January 24, 1948. Mr. and Mrs. Glen L. Musso, the parents, live at 1810 Schillinz drive. The father is employed at National Supply Company.



COUNCILMAN VICTOR BENSTEAD is the first to sign up in the membership campaign slated for this week by the Torrance Post of American Legion. Gordon Arnold, first vice-commander and chairman of the membership drive, seated on the left, sees to it that the papers are in proper order. Looking on approvingly are, from left to right, standing: Robert J. DeIniguez, past commander; Robert Faren, junior past commander; Councilman Nick Dralle; Harry Green, present commander; Tommy Babbit, past commander, and Clarence Brown.