

### Lomita Park Plans Teen-Ager Dance

A dance for teen-agers will be held at the Lomita Park gym, September 3 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

There'll be dancing to the rhythm of a local teen-age band, Shades of Rhythm, led by Jim Balcon.

Henry Brink, ex-member of the Keynotes, is featured as drummer. This is a try-out dance. If this one proves successful, there'll be many more, it was announced.

### City to Buy Park Site

Five acres of land for use as a recreational park will be purchased by the city, according to a resolution passed by the City Council Tuesday.

The land is located in Seaside Ranchos adjacent to the elementary school. Cost of the area is \$19,000. The land is to be purchased from Arcadia Savings and Loan Association after it comes out of escrow.

### Girl, 3 1/2, Kept From Drowning

Debora Foley, 3 1/2, of Torrance was saved from drowning Sunday when she fell into the bay at Newport Beach.

Debora was staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Areal Foley of Los Angeles. The Foleys jumped into the water but could not reach her.

The little girl was rescued by E. A. Riches, of 307 Grand Canal. The child gulped a large quantity of water. Because the tide was running strong, Riches reached her only with great difficulty. He applied artificial respiration until firemen arrived and took over.

### Fire Threatens Two Garages

Black smoke and leaping flames rose between two garages located at Carson st. and Greenwood ave., witnesses reported.

Two fire engines raced to the scene training their hoses effectively on the tires and lumber stacked between the garages.

Mrs. M. I. Overland, 2671 Carson, owner of the one garage, stated, with tears in her eyes, that a neighbor, Mrs. Nancy Hartell was the first to notice the fire. On being told of it, Mrs. Overland rushed across the street to a telephone and called the fire department.

Cause of the fire had not yet been detected.

### Commission OK's Shopping Center

Approved by the Planning Commission last week was a variance for creation of a neighborhood shopping center along Palos Verdes Blvd., south of Sepulveda Blvd. The area is proposed for development by the Allied Building Corp., subdividers of a near-by housing tract.

### Talent, Awards Featured At Annual Open House

The Recreation Department will hold its Annual Open House tonight at the Civic Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. to climax the activity on the various playgrounds during the summer. A very entertaining program has been planned which will include the crowning of the King and Queen of Health. The boy and girl chosen to be King and Queen will be selected from representatives from all the summer playgrounds. They will be crowned by Darwin Parrish, chairman of the Recreation Commission.

All playgrounds will participate in a display of summer crafts and ribbons will be awarded for the best items on each playground. The playground having the most attractive display will be awarded a certificate. Over one thousand items have already been classified for this event.

Talent Show In addition, a talent show will be part of the program and will include: Penny Chill, Linda Baker, Shirley Hinesley, Alice Mewborn, and Julie Widmark who will all render a few songs; Gus Stinnett who will play a trumpet solo; Mary Payne and Patsy Kelley who will do a tap dance; and De-

lores Jones who will do a Hula. A large group from the "Specialty Club," a new addition to the Recreation Program this summer, will do a tap dance; and several children will give a baton-twirling exhibition.

Awards Also included in the program will be the awarding of certificates to those who passed the swimming tests held recently at Alondra Lake. Charles Ragsdale, president of the Kiwanis Club is expected to present the certificates for the swim program which was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club for the third straight summer. Awards will be given to the winners of the summer softball leagues following this ceremony.

The doors to the auditorium will be thrown open for the program to begin at 6:30 p.m., and the judging of the King and Queen contestants will start at that time. Crowning of the King and Queen will take place at 7 p.m. and the talent show will begin immediately thereafter. The Arts and Craft show will be on display during the course of the entire evening. Jay Rees will act as master of ceremonies.

### Cheer Enters Mother's Dark, Unhappy Hours

While misfortune has hit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Smith pretty hard lately, a warm ray of light did look into the lives of the Smiths this last week.

The Smiths, who live at 3514 Crickwood st., Pacific Hills, have been in the news in recent weeks because of two-year-old little Charles, their son, who had to have his right eye removed because of a tumor. Only tests will tell whether the tumor was malignant and whether the little boy's life can be saved.

The heaviness of this situation was temporarily relieved when Mrs. Smith was informed last week that she was the winner of three automatic gas appliances of her choice.

Tenny Gray, Southern California Gas Company's dealer representative, called on Mrs. Smith this week to tell her that she was the grand winner of the "Magic Key" Gas Serval Campaign.

Three Wishes Mrs. Smith's three wishes were answered and she now possesses a new 11 1/2 cubic foot Serval gas refrigerator with automatic icemaker, O'Keefe & Merritt automatic clock-controlled high oven CP gas range, and a Hamilton automatic gas clothes dryer.

### Residents May Enter Essay Contest

The Chamber of Commerce Essay Contest is running strong with 200 essays already submitted, Dale Isenberg, executive secretary, announced.

"Why I Like the Torrance Shopper's Guide and Business Directory" is the topic in 50 words or less.

Judges for the contest which will close August 31 are: Judge John Shidder, Judge Otto Willett, Reverend Cecil England, and Mrs. Grace Wright, vice president of the Board of Education. Gift certificates totalling \$100 and redeemable at wholesale prices are being given.

### In Spite of Self

The ironic part of the story is that Mrs. Smith had won in spite of herself. It was her mother-in-law who had noticed a key mailed to them by the gas company as was the case all over the gas company's system. Her mother-in-law simply took it upon herself to take the key and coupon to their local Serval dealer, the Torrance Plumbing Company, 1418 Marcelina ave. Since that key fit the box in the local store, Mrs. Smith qualified as a finalist for the appliances. The utterly remote possibility of winning proved not so remote after all.

### Nursery School May Get One More Director

With several mothers indicating a desire to enroll their children in the Torrance Cooperative Nursery School, the board of directors has presented the following plan:

The enrollment at present is sufficient for one director, however if enough mothers register their children to warrant it, an assistant director will be hired.

Applications are being taken by Mrs. James Kahow, 804 Maple ave., FA. 8-1638.

The director met with the president recently, and it was indicated that a very inspiring program is scheduled for the coming term. An orientation meeting for new members is slated for Tuesday, September 8.

X-Ray Required All mothers who have children attending the school are required to have a chest x-ray. The mobile unit will be at the Jim Dandy Market on Torrance Blvd. at Crenshaw today from 1:30 to 7 p.m. Members are urged to take advantage of this free service.

### Registration

Anyone wishing to register as a voter in the Avalon Village-Key-stone area may do so at the home of Mrs. William Doyle, 515 East 238th place, Avalon Village, TE.

### Trial Date Set for H. Tidwell

Haskell Tidwell was ordered last week to stand trial on three misdemeanor charges in the South Bay Municipal Court, October 2.

Tidwell, ousted secretary-treasurer of the San Pedro Retail Clerks Union, asked for a jury trial.

At last Friday's court appearance, Tidwell asked for the dismissal of the charges through his attorney, Alexander Schulman. The court denied the motion of dismissal.

The ex-union official is charged with assault, exhibiting a gun in an angry and threatening manner in the presence of witnesses and carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.

The complaint against the former leader of Local 905 of the Retail Clerks Union which has jurisdiction over clerks employed in Torrance was signed by Wally Elliott, president of the union. Elliott charges that Tidwell threatened him in his home last June during an argument over union affairs. Elliott was one of several union officials which brought charges against Tidwell. Tidwell was subsequently dismissed by international officers.

### High School Counseling Office Open

New students who were not programmed last spring and students who have just moved into the city may now go to the Torrance high school counseling office for registration, Advisor Ivan Malam announced.

Students are requested to bring transfers or report cards from other schools when they come to the high school to register.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

### Discontinue Classes

All organized classes held at Avalon-Sepulveda Park will be discontinued from August 31 to September 21. The program for the fall semester will be announced previous to September 21. Then the classes will be for all interested people and will be free.

### OIL DRILLING PERMISSION REQUESTED BY COMPANY

A petition requesting permission to drill for oil in the vicinity of the Torrance Airport has been requested of the Planning Commission by the Revo Oil Company. The request was referred to a committee for further study.

The Revo Oil Company asked for a variance and conditional permit for the erection of a derrick and other facilities needed for the oil operation on a tract located between 236th St. and Highway 101.

Planning Consultant Earle Lloyd said that he thought the Commission should require additional safety measures in addition to those called for by the city Ordinance if the petition is granted.

Land Use Investigator George Powell underscored Lloyd's advice by stating that Oil Ordinance No. 440 is not adequate because it does not give the city proper protection against brine sumps, the type of guard rails to be placed around moving machinery, or the type of motor-driven equipment to exclude the possibility of using gas engines. He suggested that

the Ordinance be reviewed for possible recommendations to the City Council.

J. M. Jensen, attorney for the Oil Company, said that the Civil Aeronautics Commission has given tentative approval of the plan.

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