

DEAR EDITOR...

(Editor's Note: The following letter was received from Harry Van Bellehem, director of recreation for the City of Torrance. Mr. Van Bellehem has proved himself a very fine and conscientious administrator since his appointment to the recreation post in August, 1953.)

Editor: Torrance Press One of the important things I want to do in starting off the New Year is to thank you and the Staff of the Torrance Press for the very fine cooperation shown the Torrance Recreation Department since I came on the job last August. It is only with such wonderful assistance that we can hope to do the job that needs to be done to provide a public recreation program fitting the City of Torrance.

We have a long way to go before we reach our goal of a good recreation program, but with your continued help we will get the job done. I, particularly, want to express my high regard for Mrs. Mary Louise Owens and Mr. Ralph Gompertz; and for the wonderful support they have given me and the Recreation Department for the past months. It has been extremely gratifying to work with these two fine people.

Very truly yours, (signed) Harry B. Van Bellehem Director of Recreation

Editor: Torrance Press As retiring President of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, I wish to thank you and your staff for your cooperation with the Chamber during my term of office the past two years. I realize that your support has contributed much toward making my term of office pleasant and I know you will continue the same friendly cooperation with Mr. Paul Lorange, the newly elected President, and the officers and directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Yours very truly, (signed) R. I. PLOMERT, JR.

'Affairs Of State' Under Preparation

The Hampton Players are now starting a brisk rehearsal schedule on their next production, "Affairs of State" by Louis Verneuil, which is to be presented at Redondo Union High School the first two weekends in April, the dates being April 2 and 3, 9 and 10.

Director Bob Farnsworth has announced that the cast will include Mary Woodson, as Irene, Carl and Pat Rogers as Philip and Constance, Jim Reeves as George, Bruce Sutton as Winkler and Frank Callahan as Lawrence. This is a witty comedy set in the Washington political scene.

To Stage Comedy

"Arsenic and Old Lace," will be presented Saturday night, February 6, at 8 p.m. in the Torrance High School auditorium, it was announced this week.

The comedy, this year's senior play, is under the supervision of Louis Bereskin, drama teacher.

Members of the cast include: Joan Leech, Suzie Synder, Barbara Heger, Norma Quine, Lynn Lorenz, Doralee Chaffin, Ralph Clifford, Bob Hopkins, Richard Knappenberger, Larry Radickey, Joe Lafferty, John Pennington, Louis Holtorf, Allen Lazar, John Morrison, Bob Shankin, and Lee Roy Golden. The director is Florence Luongo and the producer is Nancy La Duke. Technical director is Delores McCollum assisted by Sally Hickman.

Sepulveda To Be Paved

Paving of Sepulveda boulevard from Hawthorne avenue to Arlington will start soon following the awarding of a contract for the project to the Sheets Construction company, by the City Council.

Cost of the project was set at \$53,020 in the contract. Sheets was low bidder of eight bids submitted to the city council. The east-west avenue is in extreme disrepair, it was reported, and portions of the street will have to be rebuilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Y. Hanson announce the birth of a son, Michael Irvin, born on Jan. 7, weighed 6 pounds and 5/8 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Gray announce the births of daughters, Kathleen Alice, weighed 4 pounds and 3 ounces, and a son, David Allen, weighed 5 pounds, both born on Jan. 10.

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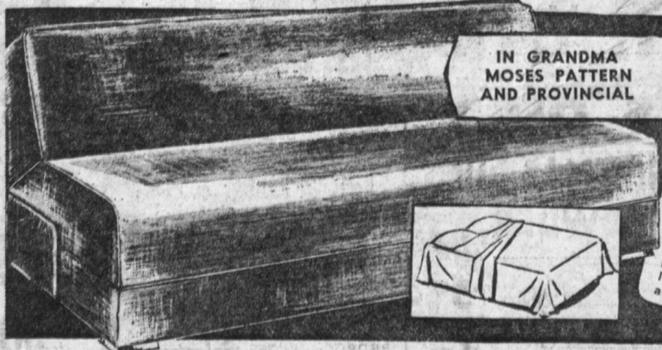
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