



HARRY M. ABRAMSON
... Leukemia Victim

Pioneer Businessman Succumbs

Harry M. Abramson, 54, pioneer Torrance business man, resident, and well known community leader, died Sunday of acute leukemia (cancer of the blood.)

Mr. Abramson, who lived at 1603 Post ave., died at Cedars of Lebanon hospital in Los Angeles 12 days after he was admitted.

Born in Duluth, Minnesota, February 24, 1901, he and his family moved to Lomita and later to Torrance, where he opened and managed the Star Furniture Co., in 1932.

At the time of his death he was owner of National Home Appliance Co., 1267 Sartori, which he opened in 1934.

Mr. Abramson was past president of the Torrance Rotary club; charter member of the local B'nai B'rith; and a member of the Moose lodge.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Hillside Mausoleum in Los Angeles, Dr. Ernest Trattner officiating. Instead of flowers the family requested that sympathy cards be sent or donations be made to a cancer or leukemia organization of the individual's choice.

Mr. Abramson is survived by his wife, Sabina; son, Fred, 21; daughter, Mrs. Eunice Balmuth of Sherman Oaks and two grandchildren, Stephen and Robbie; brother, Samuel Abramson of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and sister, Mrs. Myrtle Jacobs of Los Angeles.

Narbonne To Register Sept. 6-8

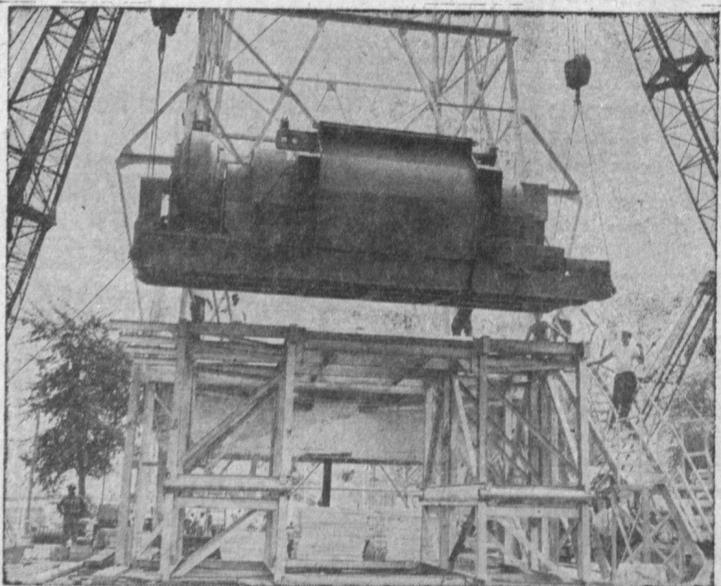
Narbonne high school, which is part of the Los Angeles city school system, will open September 12, while students new to the school may preregister September 6, 7, and 8.

The school is located at Walnut and 254th. Those unable to register on the days indicated may register on the opening day of school, officials stated.

Children who have graduated from local elementary schools will be transferred automatically and need not preregister, it was pointed out.

An enrollment of 2400 students is expected, about 200 more students than were enrolled last year. Narbonne will continue on double sessions until the new high school, to be located on Western ave. near Lomita Blvd., is built.

Completion is expected by next fall.



DRAW WORKS... This is a section of a draw works of a Type 130-E Rig made at the Torrance plant of The National Supply company. It is being hoisted onto the substructure in

preparation for the General Motors Powerama, taking place at Chicago from August 31 through September 25. The rig will demonstrate regular oil field operations.

CITIZENS' GROUP CIRCULATES PETITIONS FOR RABIES LAW

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Much-Needed Municipal Courthouse Stalled

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

It's been two years now since Torrance has been eligible to have its own municipal courthouse.

But the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, in whose power it lies to bring such a courthouse into being, have let the issue slumber peacefully these many months.

During those two years, Torrance's population has increased from 45,000 to 65,000. Torrance has passed bonds for the construction of a new civic center which will be completed in eight months and which has been designed with a courthouse in mind.

The Torrance City Council has gone on record a number of times favoring such a courthouse, the last time being April 5, when a resolution was passed to that effect and sent to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

A steering committee was formed to "expedite" the matter. But except for the usual assurance of "cooperation" from Supervisor Burton W. Chace little that is significant has been done.

Where's the Survey? Chace, and his field deputy Richard Newton, who both declined to serve as ex-officio members of a courthouse steering committee appointed by Mayor Albert Isen, stated that a survey would have to be made first to see how much Torrance business is transacted in the South Bay municipal court.

Only then might the matter be taken to the County Board of Supervisors. (Turn to Page 3)

Man Buried By Landslide, Saved By Fellow Workers

Digging frantically, workers on a construction job at Crest rd. and Crenshaw Blvd. managed to save a fellow worker after he and his tractor were buried by a landslide while smoothing out a cliff Monday afternoon.

Rushed to Harbor General hospital by Wright's ambulance was Marshall Neff, 59, of 2447 Amhurst, West Los Angeles, who suffered back injuries and was said to be in "fair" condition.

Workers had extracted Neff when Torrance police and Wright's ambulance arrived, according to Officers "Tiny" Thompson and Jim Davis who responded to the call.

A Torrance Fire Department resuscitator squad accompanied the ambulance to the hospital, administering oxygen to Neff.

Stores To Be Closed Monday

Banks and local businesses will be closed this coming Monday, September 5, because of Labor Day, it was announced by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The Torrance Press office will also be closed. Advertisers and publicity chairmen are asked to submit copy by Saturday for next week's publication.

California Bank and the Bank of America will observe two legal holidays next week—Labor Day, Monday, September 5 and Admission Day, Friday, September 9, bank officials announced. The banks will remain open Thursday, September 8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Training

Major Joseph M. Campazzio of Torrance is currently engaged in two weeks summer training at Fort MacArthur, Calif., with the 6220th Army Reserve School unit. This is a command and general staff unit composed of over 200 officers and men from localities throughout California.

The Major and his wife, Mary Edna, reside at 2763 Sonoma St., Torrance. Reservations may be made by calling FAirfax 8-2814.

CHAMBER BREAKFAST Off-Street Parking to Be Discussed

The all important problem of securing additional parking in the downtown business section will be the subject for discussion at the next regular breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, according to A. E. (Tommy) Thompson, chamber director in charge of the program.

Date of this breakfast is Tuesday morning September 20, 7:30 at the YWCA building.

Action necessary to be taken to create the Off-Street Parking Assessment District will be set forth. Probable cost to property owners and others affected by the creation of this district will be given.

The Chamber's traffic and parking committee, Dean L. Sears, chairman, last week discussed these matters in a meeting with city officials.

In the meeting were City Manager George W. Stevens, City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop, and a representative of the legal firm of O'Melveny and Myers which is handling the legal matters for the city.

Property owners will receive special invitation to attend and participate in the breakfast meeting. Tenants of downtown property will be encouraged to invite their landlords as their guests.

Other members of the Chamber's traffic and parking committee which have been working in close cooperation with the City on this are: Dick Felker, C. T. Rippey, and Arthur O. Otse.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS: Contract for traffic signals to be installed at 174th st. and Crenshaw Blvd. and also at Casimir, as well as at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast highway was awarded to Ed Seymour, according to the State Department of Public Works.

SIGNS: Protests by homeowners against directional signs in Hollywood Riviera pointing to the Harry Kissell tract caused the council to order removal of signs on city property and notifying Kissell to complete a road which would eliminate needless traffic through Hollywood Riviera. An ordinance...

Man Commits Suicide As Police Enter Home

Despite attempts by police to stall a man from committing suicide, a 72-year-old man managed to swallow a bottle of insecticide which proved fatal Friday. Seconds later, police rushed in but were unable to save the man.

Dead shortly upon arrival at Harbor General hospital Friday was Tom Watson, 71, of 2805 Olive, Torrance.

Following a tip from a neighbor, Officer H. B. Ingram was dispatched to Watson's home. Watson, according to police, was trying to drive away in his car but ran inside the house and locked himself in when Ingram arrived.

Upon determining the contents of the bottle, Ashton mixed a strong solution of salt and milk and with the aid of other officers forced Watson to drink it. However, the solution...

Enters Home Detectives arrived shortly after. Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton stated that he rang the doorbell twice and when no one answered, he looked through the window and saw a man standing in the kitchen swallowing the contents of a bottle.

Ashton found the front door open and rushed in, only to have Watson throw the empty bottle at him.

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COMMERCIALS, COMMERCIALS... Impressed with the amount of advertising done by American television are Gloria Mantosinos from Madrid, Spain, and Adriaan Willemsen of the Hague, Holland, who are here on American Field Service scholarships. Gloria is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane, 1531 El Prado; and Adriaan is living with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, 2612 West 175th st.

—Press Photo

What's in a Name? Foreign Students Typical Teenagers

By NORALEE BENEDICT

Except for superficial language barriers, people throughout the world are pretty much the same. Latest proof of this came with the arrival this week of Gloria Mantosinos, 16, from Madrid, Spain, and Adriaan ("Arry") Willemsen, 18, of the Hague, Holland.

They are foreign exchange students who will attend school in Torrance for one year, having been brought here through American Field Service Scholarships.

Gloria and Arry are very much like the typical American teenager. Their dreams and their interests are like the dreams and interests of most youngsters.

Both Gloria and Arry are fond of sports. Gloria prefers bowling, tennis, and swimming while Arry enjoys bike riding and swimming.

Loves Jazz In addition, he is a great jazz enthusiast, and while he has discovered that his style is slightly different from the American style, he is already making every effort "to do as the Romans (or, as the case happens to be, the Americans) do."

There were a number of American customs, however, which seemed strange to them such as the overwhelming number of commercials on TV and radio; cars passing on both the left and right of each other; electric eye doors in supermarkets; garbage disposals; tall buildings; watermelons; marshmallows; and the amount of makeup worn by American movie stars.

New Homes Arry lives with Mr. and Mrs. (Turn to Page 3)

SEPULVEDA SNIPER SOUGHT BY POLICE

A sniper who has been taking pot-shots at passing automobiles on Sepulveda Blvd. west of Hawthorne ave. is being sought by Torrance police.

Four motorists have informed police that their cars have been shot at, the latest victim being Ray "Thunder" Stern, popular Southland wrestler.

Stern, and his passenger, George "Great" Scott, were driving west on Sepulveda near Ocean on their way back from San Diego last week Wednesday when a bullet or piece of buckshot crashed into the right side of the car's windshield and shattered the glass.

Other victims of the sniper included Joseph Darata, 5516 Rockview; G. L. Hoyle, 4604 Milne dr., and Gertrude Hawkins, 2601 Stonbridge, Long Beach.

Mrs. G. L. Hoyle reported her husband was driving west on Sepulveda near Anza at 2:20 a.m., last week Wednesday, when the right window of his 1948 model car was broken and two dents put in the right side of the vehicle by the flying missiles.

Hit Three Times The car was struck three times, according to Mrs. Hoyle. The sniper struck again sometime between 2:30 and 2:40 a.m., this time hitting the right side of Darata's car. He was driving west on Sepulveda, near Anza. His car was in almost the same spot as the Hoyle's vehicle when hit.

Mrs. Hawkins said her automobile was hit by the sniper around 6 p.m., Wednesday. She was going east on Sepulveda at the time of the mishap, she said.

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3 South Bay Cities Pass Rabies Law

As of this week, Torrance is the only city in the South Bay area which does not have a rabies law. And, as of this week, a Torrance citizens' committee has gone into high gear circulating petitions asking the Torrance City Council to reconsider its stand and pass the rabies law.

These petitions will be presented to the City Council shortly, spokesmen for the group announced.

The group, known as the Committee for the Control of Rabies, organized when the Torrance City Council defeated the rabies law several weeks ago by a vote of 3-2.

Anxious To Sign "We've had no difficulty getting signatures. People are anxious to sign," Mrs. Ruth Vaughan stated.

Since Torrance first considered the rabies law and turned it down, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and now Redondo Beach have passed such a law.

Redondo was the latest city to join the security chain against rabies, when a Redondo councilman who originally voted against the law switched his vote Monday night and voted for it.

In Torrance, Councilmen Mervin Schwab, Nick Drane, and Willys Blount voted against the law. Voting for it were Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Victor Benstead.

Petitions Members of the Committee (Turn to Page 3)



DR. JOSEPH P. BAY accepts post

Bay Given Community Chest Post

Dr. Joseph P. Bay, 2723 High-cliff drive, has accepted the post of advance gifts chairman for the 1955-56 Torrance Community Chest fund-raising campaign, it was announced this week by Phillip Lisman, city chairman for the Red Feather appeal.

Through a committee of twenty volunteer workers, Dr. Bay will handle special individual contributions, those ordinarily received from members of professional groups, in the city. Kick-off on advance gifts solicitation for the Community Chest is slated for early in October.

Dr. Bay, an optometrist with (Turn to Page 3)

Bumper Crop of 15,000 Students Anticipated

An estimated 15,000 pupils will enroll in the elementary schools and high schools of Torrance on Wednesday, September 14, 1955. This is an increase of approximately 3,000 students over last school year, school officials disclosed. Over the past eight years there has been a 700% increase in total school population. The enrollments for each school year since 1947 are shown as follows:

School Year	Enrollment
1947-48	2,000
1948-49	3,247
1949-50	3,975
1950-51	4,838
1951-52	6,231
1952-53	7,569
1953-54	9,780
1954-55	12,000

1955-56 15,000

The teaching staff of the Torrance Unified School District has shown a corresponding increase. In 1947 sixty teachers and certificated staff members were employed. On hand to greet the students for the 1955-56 school year will be 582 teachers and certificated staff members. Torrance teachers have been recruited from almost every state in the United States, as well as Canada, Puerto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands.

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