

## Talking About The Weather

**BY MARK EUBANK**  
 March came in like a lion and seemed to leave like a lamb. The beginning of March, if you will remember, was a little wet with over a half an inch of rain in one day. The middle of March was windy with gusts reaching the 40's occasionally. March left us with pleasant balmy days and with the mercury climbing for the 80's. The highest temperature recorded last month was 84 which was recorded last Thursday. The lowest temperature was 36 recorded on March 23 and 24. The rainfall for

March was 1.32 of an inch. Wind plagued residents of Southern California last Monday with gusts reaching 60 mph in the San Fernando Valley. Gusts in Torrance reached 30 mph and occasionally a very strong gust would reach 10 mph. The visibility was reduced by blowing dust and debris almost all day. The month of April, as far as the weather is concerned, is usually very odd. Some days are so cold that they seem to be left behind by winter, and then again there are some days

that are so hot that they seem to be advance-couriers of summer. The most distinctive feature of April is its showers. Changes from flashing sunlight to pouring rain are very frequent in April. If you have ever been in an April shower you know that it can rain pretty hard in a short time. However, it is hard to believe that at Porto Bello, Panama, November 29, 1911, 2.47 inches of rain fell in three minutes which is the World's record. In two hours of the same day the rainfall measured 6.31 inches. The highest temperature last

## CHEST BOARD TO INSTALL OFFICERS

A gala "let's get acquainted" dinner will mark installation of new officers of the Harbor Area Welfare Federation board (Community Chest) at the board's annual meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m., at the Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro. Invited to install the new of-

ficers and welcome other board members is Harry Masser, long-time volunteer with the Welfare Federation of the Los Angeles area, past president of its board of directors and chairman of the Federation's Board of Governors. Heading the Harbor Board as its chairman this year will be Jay Albert Robinson. Other officers to be installed are first vice-chairman, General H. T. Miller, and second vice-chairman, Thurman Crosswhite. Why worry about getting tenants, finding a buyer, or securing workers when Torrance Press Classified Ads will bring 'em fast! Dial FA 8-2345.

## Ambulance Collision, Two Hurt

Two men were injured last Wednesday, when a truck and ambulance, carrying a heart attack victim, collided. Involved were a fuel-laden tank truck and an ambulance operated by the Hardin-Flanagan Mortuary of Inglewood. Thomas E. Kelley, 30, ambulance driver, and his attendant, Joe Gallagher, 29, of Inglewood, were taken to Daniel Freeman hospital with possible internal injuries. Their patient, Ralph Eastin, 69, of Lennox, was taken to Harbor General hospital, where he was admitted for a serious cardiac condition. The tanker was driven by Elige B. Tisdale, 42, of Lakewood. Kelley told officers that he had his red light and siren in operation.

## Boy Scouts Celebrate Birthday

Fern-Greenwood Cafeterium was packed to capacity when Boy Scout troop 728 celebrated its third birthday with a pot luck dinner, Thursday, March 21. A Court of Awards was held and entertaining skits presented by the various patrols of the troop. Scouts receiving the 100 per cent camping award over a period of two years were: Kenneth Smith, Dennis Albright, and Larry Reintsma. Those receiving the 100 per cent camping award for one year were: Mike Gibson, Donny Baker, Kenneth Neal, and David Cooper. The rank of Star Scouts was given to: Kenneth Smith, Charles Gibson, and Larry Reintsma. Scouts to receive the

rank of 2nd class were David Cooper, John Sandstrom, Robert Murphy, and Kenneth Neal. Merit badges were awarded to: Dennis Albright, LeRoy Wood, Mike Derouin, Robert Murphy, Larry Reintsma, Charles Gibson, and Kenneth Smith. Best Patrol award went to the patrol of Mike Gibson with the award of Best Patrol Leader going to Mike Derouin. Donnie Baker received the Service Award. Highlight of the evening was the award of the best scout of 1957 to Dennis Albright who also received it last year.

## Red Cross Fund Raising Drive Report Made

Reports on the American Red Cross 1957 Fund campaign finds the Torrance Red Cross branch barely inching into the upper one-third of the fifty-two branches in the Los Angeles chapter with a collection of \$6,849 or 57 per cent of its goal. This showing is due to the excellent collections of the commerce and industry committee under Scott F. Albright of National Supply Co. Albright's committee has turned in more than 70 per cent of its quota. Other reports show the Lomita branch of the Red Cross with 78 per cent of its quota collected, and reports from Gardena indicate that they have over 98 per cent of their quota and will be over the top in another day. Emphasizing the need for a stepped-up tempo in the current Red Cross drive, Chairman W. Lühring revealed receipt of an "all-points" bulletin from General Alfred M. Gruenther, president of the American National Red Cross in Washington, D. C., urging all chapters to push for "over-the-top" standing to "insure a steadily expanding blood program."

Anyone in Torrance who has been missed by the Red Cross volunteer workers is urged to mail a check to the American Red Cross, Torrance; or telephone Mrs. John Stoddard, residential chairman.

## Open House Slated at Torrance Hi

Open house will be held at Torrance High school Tuesday, April 9, enabling local residents to inspect school facilities, shop classes, the arts and crafts display and science fair, as well as be entertained by the modern dance class and the high school band. So stated Marc Caldwell, assistant principal, who invites the public to attend this event. Visitors will assemble in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m., where they will be entertained by the high school band under the direction of James Nichols. Carl Ahee, principal, will welcome them. The public will visit the classrooms, displays and see the entertainment from 8 to 8:30 p.m. Starting at 9 p.m. refreshments will be served in the cafeteria by the PTA.

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