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BABY ABANDONED ON DOOR STEP

Woman Thought Box Contained Kittens

A new-born baby, described as a "pretty little child," was abandoned Tuesday morning in front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, 1529 W. 213th st.

The child was wrapped in bath towels and placed in a small plain carton box.

Mrs. Annie Moore, 56, who discovered the child called police who transferred it to Harbor General hospital.

The attending physician stated that the baby, a girl, weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and was in "excellent condition."

Baby Normal

It was apparent that the unknown mother of the child did not have professional care while giving birth. The physician described the baby as a "pretty little child, probably blonde or red head," stating that it reacted normally and that it will be kept at the hospital for a while under observation.

After that it will be transferred to the Los Angeles County hospital and turned over to the Superior Court for placement in a foster home.

Woman Started

"I almost went all to pieces and had a fit," Mrs. Moore declared, describing her reaction when she first found the baby.

"I was putting the milk bottles out and saw this box. It looked as if it contained some rags. Then I saw something wiggle and I thought someone was playing a joke on us and had dropped off some kittens. When I lifted the rags and saw the baby, I grabbed it and ran all over the house with it. I was so excited I didn't know what to do," Mrs. Moore said.

"It's an awfully cute baby," she continued. "I would like to have kept it."

Her husband, Robert, had also seen the box before her when he put the trash out. Thinking that it contained his grandsons' toys, he thought no more of it.

The box was just big enough for the baby which was wrapped in bath towels but had no clothes on.

Good Baby

"The baby didn't cry," Mrs. Moore said. "But I was scared to death, and let out a yell when I first saw it."

The Moores have two children, Mrs. Ruth Molampy of Long Beach and Sgt. Don Nash of the Torrance Police department.

Los Angeles police officers, Harbor division, were notified and took the child to Harbor General hospital.

Attempts are being made to locate the mother of the child.



ABANDONED BABY ... didn't cry

Honors Set For Annual CC Banquet

Everything is in readiness for the largest annual banquet in the long history of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, it was announced today by Chairman Dick Pyle. The affair will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at the Civic auditorium.

With a complete sell-out assured many days ago, Pyle stated that interest is high for the affair.

The Rev. Robert E. Richards of La Verne, California, will be guest speaker. The 31-year-old minister and two-time Olympic champion is rated as one of the nation's most inspiring speakers.

Sharing the spotlight with the "flying parson" will be the presentation of the William I. Laughon-Grover C. Whyte Memorial Trophy to Torrance's "Distinguished Citizen of 1956."

Chairman Mervin M. Schwab, himself the first recipient of the award for 1953, announced that competition is livelier and there were more nominations than any time since the award was started in memory of the two civic leaders.

Another "first" will be the presentation of plaques to 1956 presidents of 14 Torrance service clubs for dedicated community service. John A. Ebbinghouse, 1956 president of the chamber, will bestow the honor upon the following:

Walteria Kiwanis club, Joe Bellante; Lions club, Abe Robinson; Business and Professional Women's club, Muriel Whiting; Civitan club, Tom Ward; Exchange club, W. K. Stanford; (Turn to Page 15)

EDITORIAL LET'S DEFLATE THE TAX BUBBLE

Taxes keep going up, and up, and up. City taxes, school taxes, county taxes.

The Torrance City Council is planning to raise taxes. So is the Torrance Unified School District. So is the county of Los Angeles.

All of us have to pay these taxes. That's why the Torrance Press would like to praise and endorse the stand taken by Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn who has put his foot down on county government spending.

Supervisor Hahn came out strongly in opposition to hiring 1829 more county employes as recommended by County Administrator Arthur J. Will. We believe that Superior Hahn's opposition to the increase is justified.

The addition would add \$7,000,000 to the salary budget which was \$123,000,000 last year, and account for a 10-cent increase in the county tax rate—one-third of the proposed tax increase.

As more and more sections of Los Angeles county are incorporating, fewer and fewer county employes will be needed to handle county services.

This is no time, therefore, to hire additional personnel which would mean more salaries, more facilities, and more equipment—all of which cost money.

We believe that the county should offer county services, but once communities set up their own government they should assume their own responsibilities.

Noted Minister Keynote Speaker at C of C Banquet

Rev. Robert E. Richards will be the keynote speaker at the annual banquet of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce tonight in the Civic Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

As minister, amateur athlete and teacher, Rev. Richards of La Verne, California, exemplifies youth with a purpose.

In his talks with the youth of America and throughout the world he has inspired youngsters to deeper moral and religious values and to the satisfaction of athletic competition and other outlets for the enthusiasm that sometimes leads to juvenile delinquency. In his overseas activities he is recognized as a good-will ambassador of the American way of life.

Rev. Richards won the pole-vault competition in both the 1953 and 1952 Olympics. The 31-year-old minister is a three-time champion of the NCAA decathlon, was named to the Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1955 and received the Sullivan Award as outstanding amateur athlete in America in 1951.

At the request of the U.S. State Department he made more than 250 speeches in the fall of 1954 on a two-month good-will tour of Asia. He is constantly in demand in all sections of our country as a speaker and accepts all the engagements his time will permit.

In addition to serving his own church, he travels throughout the country conducting week-long community inter-church meetings and is recognized as the top evangelist in the country for the Methodist Church.

Applying his deep faith in Christianity and respect for America's competitive way of life to athletic demonstrations, he has inspired American youth and increased understanding among people of the world.

A. E. THOMPSON ... to be installed



Ryan Aircraft To Locate In Lomita

Ryan Aeronautical co., San Diego, has acquired an assembly plant and 27-acre industrial site adjacent to the Municipal Airport, according to T. Claude Ryan, president.

The plant will be used primarily for assembly operations on such major projects as the Douglas DC8 commercial jet airliner power packages and pylons, and the Ryan Firebee jet drone missile. All engineering and fabrication work on these projects will be done in San Diego.

The factory is located on the north side of the airport at 2730 W. Lomita Blvd. The 27-acre site offers a potential for expansion which could more than double the present plant capacity, Ryan said.

Fire Ruins Home

A family lost all its possessions Tuesday when a fire wiped out everything they owned.

Overcome by grief was Mrs. Florence Torres when she was summoned to her home at 4046 W. 182nd st. only to find that the small frame home where the family was renting was burned out, a gaping hole left where the real wall had been.

The rest of the house was blackened by the intense heat.

"It took us a long time, to make our home here," she wept. "We didn't have any insurance and now we have no place to go but the street."

Mrs. Torres, who works in a Redondo Beach lingerie mill, her husband, Manuel, an employe at a Torrance industrial firm, and their two sons, Henry, 14, and Manuel, 15, were all away when the fire occurred.

"I was so afraid Henry was still home," Mrs. Torres sobbed. "When he sleeps nothing wakes him up. Thank God he went to school on time."

The fire was discovered by a neighbor, Mrs. Alice Jones, 4046 182nd st. She called the Torrance Fire department and then ran to the house to see if anyone was inside.

When she kicked open the door a billow of smoke rolled out.



MRS. FLORENCE TORRES ... overcome with grief

TENTATIVE

\$8,102,175 School and \$3,957,057 City Budgets

CITY BUDGET

This year's proposed city budget is about one million dollars higher than last year's. The big question, however, is: Where will the \$821,511 come from which represents the difference between the proposed \$3,957,057 budget and the \$3,135,546 which the city can expect in revenues.

A tax increase is expected to take care of the additional revenues needed, but the extent of the increase has not yet been set. A 30-cent increase per \$100 of assessed valuation was recommended by the city manager's office.

Members of the City Council will sit down and discuss the budget with City Manager George Stevens and the various heads of departments Tuesday, at 2 p.m. in the council chamber.

The meeting is open to the public.

The budget for 1956-57 amounted to \$2,845,551.

A number of departments show a considerable cost increase in the present proposed budget, as follows: engineering, from \$113,548 to \$147,390; finance, from \$10,000 to \$44,000; fire, from \$445,143 to \$759,243; health and sanitation, from \$98,200 to \$131,841; park, from \$249,128 to \$371,992; police, from \$317,216 to \$682,964; recreation, from \$166,932 to \$266,260; street lighting, from \$60,768 to \$77,488; Chamber of Commerce, from \$14,000 to \$16,000.

Anticipated revenues show some strong increases and decreases as follows:

Increases—current taxes from \$1,188,951 to \$1,307,846; court fines, vehicle act, from \$120,000 to \$144,000; Motor Vehicle license fees, from \$373,800 to \$460,300; franchise earnings, from \$115,000 to \$140,000; sales and use tax, from \$350,000 to \$650,000.

Decreases—building permits, from \$90,000 to \$42,500; plumbing, from \$44,000 to \$20,000; electrical, from \$20,000 to \$12,000; sewer, from \$13,000 to \$8000.

SCHOOL BUDGET

The proposed tentative school budget for the coming year is almost one-and-a-half million dollars higher than last year's budget and may require the levying of the full 75-cent override tax if additional State funds are not forthcoming.

Possibilities that the State Senate will make more money available look favorable, however, Acting Superintendent Sam Waldrip stated.

The tentative budget was submitted to the Board of Education Tuesday night. The budget totals \$8,102,175 as compared with last year's \$6,668,000.

If the full override tax is invoked, district taxes (secured) will be \$2.40 per \$100 of assessed valuation, bringing in \$3,264,000. Unsecured district taxes would bring in \$106,800 at a \$1.78 rate.

The budget was based on an estimated assessed valuation for the city of Torrance of \$142,000,000.

Largest expenditure is for teacher salaries amounting to \$4,614,854. Other large items include operation of plants, \$869,281 and capital outlay, \$563,560.

Teacher costs per student have increased over last year from \$188.59 to \$213.65, and operational costs per pupil have increased from \$34.50 to \$40.25.

The budget reflects an increase per pupil costs of about \$28, of which \$25 is attributable directly to instructional salaries.

Courthouse Construction To Begin

County Supervisors today commended the city of Torrance and its officials for their "Forward-looking policy" in providing a site free of charge in their new Civic Center for a branch of the South Bay Municipal court.

The Board, on the recommendation of Supervisor Burton W. Chace accepted with thanks, a gift deed for the Courthouse site located on the North side of Torrance Blvd. between Madrona and Maple avenues.

Chace disclosed that preliminary plans for the courthouse are now being checked by the office of the County Engineer for presentation to the Board of Supervisors on May 28.

Following approval of the preliminary plans, the architects estimated that final working drawings would be submitted to checking within 90 days and presented for Board approval in mid-September.

According to Chace's office, a contract could be awarded next October, with construction time estimated at nine months.

ONLY MIRACLE CAN SAVE MAN IN COMA

It is now over a year that William Oates Skipper, a handsome 25-year-old youth, has lain absolutely motionless at Bel Vista hospital in Long Beach.

Skipper, who lived with his married sister, Mrs. Mary Evans of 2435 Cabrillo, was seriously injured while trying to rescue an employe at the Union Oil co. in Los Angeles.

Skipper, as well as others in the rescue party, were gassed during the process. While the others recovered, he went into a coma from which he has not yet regained consciousness.

Prior to his local employment, he was with the US Army in Korea where he was wounded, recovering in Japan.

Skipper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Skipper, live in Haloburg, Alabama.

Doctors, according to his sister, say that it will take "an act of God" to bring him out of the coma. Medical science has given up the fight and physicians say he will never regain consciousness.

However, Mrs. Evans, and her husband, Bob, still go to the hospital regularly—practically every day—hoping and waiting for a miracle.



BILL SKIPPER ... in coma over a year

Women of the Year Announced Today

In today's issue of the Torrance Press, the winners in the First Annual "Women of the Year" contest are announced on page 21. Five women were selected for their outstanding contributions in one of the five fields: Social and Philanthropic, Civic and Cultural, PTA, Business and Professional and Church activities.



PREVIEW OF THINGS TO COME

Acting Police Chief Percy Bennett and Police Matron Maxine Herman visited Inglewood this week to look over the city's Meterettes. The Torrance Police Department is going to hire its own Meterettes now to patrol downtown parking meters. Women between the ages of 21 and 30 may now apply at the city hall.—Philip Wilson Photo

Results Are the Greatest

"I always use the Torrance Press because I have such good results."

So stated Mrs. Metha Riley of 1638 249th st., Harbor City, after running the following ad:

2-BEDROOM duplex. Garage. Close to stores. 1666 250th, Harbor City. DA 6-2662

Mrs. Riley had about 20 calls, renting the duplex right off the bat.

For quick, inexpensive results, place your classified ad with the Torrance Press, FA 8-2345. Fifteen words cost only \$1.30. If paid at the time of placement, there's a 30 cents discount.

OSCAR MAPLES FORD OFFERS FREE MOTOR CIRCUS TICKETS

The "Motor Circus" is the first show of its kind ever to be presented in the United States. It combines the most thrilling auto stunt show feats with the best of the classical American and European circuses.

Performance will be held in the largest stadium and ballparks available starting in the Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California, May 30, touring the larger

market areas from coast to coast until October.

In the all new circus, Fords have replaced the horses as the "Star of the Show." Top acrobat and trapeze acts will perform on, around and over moving '57 Fords. Circus rings featuring elephants, lions, tigers, kangaroos, plus tumblers and jugglers, high acts, circus band, calliope and all the other acts

will perform on top of moving '57 Ford trucks.

In addition, automobile ballet number, precision drives, two wheel ski balance and 85 ft. jumps through space will be performed by top stunt drivers from all over the world.

Free tickets are available at either Oscar Maples Ford locations in Torrance. Tickets must be picked up before May 27.