

Mothers..Here's How to Keep The Kids Busy This Summer

Mothers, if you're wondering how to keep the kids happy this summer, the Torrance Recreation department has the answer. A schedule of events geared to involve every youngster has been worked out by the department, with the cooperation of the Torrance Unified School district.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE: FA. 8-4108.

PARK AREAS:

The week of June 17, El Retiro, McMaster, Sea-Aire, Torrance and WALTERIA Parks will have a recreation program from 1 to 5 p.m. Starting June 24 and continuing through August 30, the program on all of these areas will begin at 9 a.m. and continue through the early evening hours.

SCHOOL AREAS:

From July 1 - Aug. 2, 1957, the following schools will be open for a supervised program from 1-5 p.m. Following the close of school summer session and continuing to August 30, the schools will have a program from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. These schools are Anza, Arlington, Carl Steele, Casimir, Carr, Cren-

shaw, Greenwood, Hillside, Howard Wood, Madrona, Meadow Park, Newton, Perry, Riviera, Seaside and WALTERIA.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Swimming Lessons will be held at the Victor E. Benstead Plunge. For more information call FA1rifax 8-5688.

DAY CAMP:

Day Camp for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 12 years of age will be conducted at El Retiro park, July 23-26 and from August 6-9; at Torrance Park from July 30 to August 2 and August 13 to 16. There is a \$4.00 fee for each child per session which covers the cost of a beverage daily, a special field trip, and craft supplies used during the week. Registrations are now being accepted at the Recreation Dept. although a maximum of 30 will be allowed in each session.

ART CLASSES:

A special summer series of Art lessons will be held at the old City Hall. (Turn to Page 19)



PUTTING IT ON CANVAS

Moni Gillett, noted South Bay artist, will instruct Torrance youngsters, such as Sigrid Thorsen, in the art of painting. Six lessons will be given during two sessions at the old city hall, sponsored by the Recreation Department. Children, 6 to 10 years old, will meet from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m.; 11 to 16 years old will meet from 10:30 to 11:50 a.m. Sessions will be held during July and August.—Press Photo



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Carson Civic Group to See Park Drawing

A map showing the location of a proposed 10-acre park has been received from the Regional Planning Commission and will be available for inspection at the next meeting of the Carson Civic Betterment Assn., according to J. Rome Gately, president.

Gately said the action was the result of a motion made at the group's June meeting to press for the recreational facilities.

If achieved the park would be under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department, he said.

Maps of freeway routes in this area also will be available for inspection by those whose questions on the subject were not fully answered at the June meeting, Gately added.

The next meeting of the association will be July 9 at 8 p.m. in the Stephen White junior high school.

Gaye Wilson In California Beauty Finals

Gaye Wilson, 19-year-old "Miss Torrance" will represent the All-America City in the State finals of the beauty contest to select "Miss California" it was announced today by President A. E. "Tommy" Thompson of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Thompson said that Miss Wilson will be one of 14 finalists in the Greater Los Angeles Press club sponsored event to be held at the Ambassador Hotel on July 28. The event will be televised on KTLA from 9-9:30 p.m.

Gaye, a beautiful honey blond with 37-27-35 measurements is just concluding her reign as "Miss Torrance." She has captured a number of awards throughout California and is a student at El Camino Junior college.

How Has the Cancer Controversy Affected Your Smoking Habits?

What effect has the controversy concerning the relationship between smoking and cancer had on people's smoking habits? The following attitudes are typical of those found in a Torrance Press survey.

CARL WAY, optometrist: "I'm still smoking. If I quit smoking, I'll gain weight in which case I might die of obesity, hypertension, and a heart attack. If I continue smoking, I'll keep my weight down and maybe die of lung cancer. If it isn't one thing that'll get you, it's another."

JIM LYNCH, city employee: General Petroleum smokes every day and GP doesn't have cancer.

FRANCES DIMITRI, real estate: "I don't smoke so this is one problem I don't have."

HENRY HALVERSON, funeral director: "I never smoked cigarettes. I do smoke a pipe and cigars but I don't inhale, so I don't think this affects me."

SOL YOUNG, merchant: "I don't take it seriously. This controversy has been going on for years. It's just statistics—there's no definite proof."

ARTHUR STRUMWASSER, merchant: "I did smoke but I cut down a whole lot. I'm only smoking one-fourth of what I used to and I'm going to cut it out altogether. After all I want to live. I took the advice very seriously. Whom are we to believe if we don't believe the scientists?"

DR. A. P. STEVENSON, 72, physician: "I've smoked for 50 years. I wouldn't say it's the thing to do. It doesn't help any of us. As to the findings, there are thousands of people who develop cancer of the lung and have never smoked."

(Editor's note: How do you feel on this matter? The Torrance Press invites your written opinions which will be published in the Dear Editor's column. Address your cards or letters to: Editor, Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens ave., Torrance, Calif.)

Anti-City Forces in Lomita May 'Secede'

A new threat to incorporation loomed on the Lomita horizon this week as opponents discussed the matter of geographical exclusion.

Members of the Lomita Civic League and Lomita Property Owners and Voters heard Robert T. Anderson and Gordon Nesvig, Los Angeles county officials, discuss the exclusion method.

Officials referred to the recent Rolling Hills incorporation where residents living on the fringes of the proposed city asked to be excluded.

This request was granted by the Board of Supervisors, thus cutting the city of Rolling Hills down to about 1500 people.

"It's a postage stamp city," L. E. Ross of Lomita stated.

Ross, who has been one of the leaders in the anti-incorporation fight, said that the two Lomita groups opposed to incorporation now have to decide whether it will be best to stick it out and fight incorporation at the election or

whether to ask the supervisors for exclusion.

A joint decision will have to be reached in about two weeks, Ross figured.

He stated that the board must be notified by August 8, which is the boundary hearing for incorporation.

It was also pointed out at the meeting that figures used by proponents of incorporation regarding anticipated sales tax were way out of line.

Proponents mentioned \$9 per capita. In Torrance, for instance, the figure stands at \$4.41 per capita as of the last census, Ross said.

It was also mentioned that a new State law has been passed, making incorporation and annexation proceedings uniform by requiring petitions to be signed by individuals owning 25 per cent of the property in the areas involved.

Until now, this was true regarding incorporation. Annexation only required signatures of 25 per cent of the registered voters.

Merit System Questionable, School Official Reports

There's no proof that the merit system for paying teachers is better than the present one where salaries are based on the amount of preparation and experience.

That's the conclusion submitted to the Board of Education by Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent, educational services.

Posner's opinion was based on a 50-year study made by the research department of the California Teachers Assn.

The study reveals that there is little evidence that the educational service would be improved by changing to the merit system.

There is little evidence furthermore that the system is being employed successfully in business or industry.

In most cases, employees are paid standard rates depending on the job, with pay differences based on position or length of time on the job, rather than output.

Posner pointed out that among self-employed professionals plays a significant role as the amount or quality of his services, provided that the service rendered is basically good.

He had reference to such fields as medicine, law, dentis-

try, and other service occupations.

Posner indicated that basically the problem is one of competition versus cooperation.

"It will need to be decided at some point whether the principle of competition is more essential than the principle of cooperation in school service," he said.

He pointed out that merit rating proposals proceed on the assumption that the majority of teachers are "mediocre" or average.

He suggested that one answer to the whole issue is to concentrate on bringing borderline teachers up to par, and having the courage to fire the failures, using "due process of law."

EDUCATORS RECEIVE SC DEGREES

Warren Wilson Hamilton, director of special services Torrance Unified School District, and Walter H. Rehboldt, former director of instructions here, received their doctorates of education Saturday in ceremonies at the University of Southern California.

Their doctoral studies were based on the "Little Red School House" experiment involving certain classes at WALTERIA elementary school.

The underlying idea of the experiment is that children learn more from each other through individual differences rather than likenesses.

Class-levels were combined in a single classroom (like the old-fashioned little red school house) with modern methods and facilities applied to an old idea.

The study indicated that this multi-grade classroom system was better than the single grade system.

Short Story

C. A. Horner, 2359 248th st., Lomita, had a trailer for sale.

He placed an ad in the Torrance Press:

14-FT. ALUMINUM travel-trailer, DA. 6-4337.

He had 20 calls. He sold the trailer.

MORAL: Call FA. 8-2345 for best results.



SURF-RIDING IN WAIKIKI

Winners of the free trip to Hawaii will be lodged in one of the attractive hotels on Waikiki beach.

MERCHANTS OFFER FREE 7-DAY TRIP TO HAWAII

Some lucky couple will be the recipient of a trip to Hawaii lasting eight days and seven nights.

Sponsoring the trip is the Downtown Merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The winning couple will travel via Trans-Ocean Airlines to Honolulu on a four-engine plane and will be lodged either at the Reef or the Edgewater hotel on Waikiki beach.

Included is transportation to and from the airport, tour of Mt. Santalus, lunch at Waloli tea room, a luau at Queen Surf, tour of a pineapple factory, outrigger canoe ride, a visit to the Eastman Kodak Hawaii show, and an Aloha dinner at the International Sky Room.

Tickets to be eligible for the trip may be obtained and filled out now at any downtown Torrance store which is a member of the Retail Merchants Assn. No purchase is necessary.

The winner will be announced at the Chamber of Commerce, Monday, July 11, 11:45 a.m. Winner need not be present.

McVICAR ISSUES WATER WARNING

Torrance residents have been asked to go easy on the water during the heat spell.

This request comes from Angus McVicar, city water superintendent.

The situation is not critical, McVicar stated, but there is the tendency to go overboard on water consumption during the heat, which lessens water pressure.

In order to keep the water pressure high, McVicar asked local residents to go easy on the water during the hot part of the day and do their lawn sprinkling, for instance, early in the morning or late at night.

Part of Hollywood Riviera was without water for a few hours during the hot spell and the water pressure was extremely low in an area south of Sepulveda and west of Crenshaw, affecting about 100 homes.

None of the other areas, he said, were hard hit.

NEWS BRIEFS

TRAILERS: City councilmen declared a trailer-war Tuesday night. Affected are trailers being used illegally for living purposes in back yards. Ten individuals have already been called to the council's attention. They will receive a final warning. If not heeded, the matter will be taken to court.

HOGS: They're gone.

BUDGET: A final public hearing on the city budget will be held Tuesday, June 25, at 8 p.m. The adjusted budget amounts to \$3,500,240. The original figure was \$3,957,057.

RAISES: City employees will receive a 5% per cent pay increase, according to the proposed new budget. Some special adjustments will be made where salaries are "considerably out of line."

LIBRARY TAX: The library tax (Torrance) has been increased from 4.5 cents to 6 cents. This will permit construction of a branch library in Hollywood Riviera, among other improvements.

CITY TAX: The proposed city tax will come to \$1.22 per \$100 of assessed valuation as opposed to last year's \$1.18. The general tax has been increased from .98 to \$1 and the library tax from 4.5 cents to 6 cents.

REFUSE COLLECTION: A \$1 monthly refuse charge will be made by the city for all residential units (one apartment building containing 156 dwelling units will be charged \$156; till now it paid \$17.50). Minimum commercial charge is \$2 a month, with 50 cents additional charge for each cubic yard over 9 cubic feet.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: George Stevens, city manager, will get a second administrative assistant. He is Robert K. Rogers, who will concentrate his efforts on a safety program and airport matters, for the time being.

SCHOOL BUDGET: The Torrance Board of Education adopted the tentative \$8,184,026 budget. Last year's budget was \$6,668,000.

SCHOOL SITES: Purchase of two school sites—Calle Mayor and Hamilton—were approved by the Torrance school board.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS: The Torrance City Council passed resolutions congratulating Christa Volkman, of Austria, and Carl Hoybye, of (Turn to Page 19)

EDITORIAL

City of Hope—Deserves Our Support

"The song of hope can be played on many strings... There is no profit in curing the body if in the process we destroy the soul."

This is the underlying principle of the City of Hope, whose realization is due largely to the efforts of Sam Golter, author of the above words.

Starting Saturday evening, a 10-hour telarama will be held to raise funds for this hospital in Duarte, California, where "nobody has ever paid a cent."

Inspired by the City of Hope story, over 500 Torrance residents have pledged their efforts Saturday and Sunday in an all-out effort to assist the telathon.

They will man switchboards, solicit house to house, pick up pledges, play benefit ball games, and hold a fund-raising dance.

Their efforts are being coordinated by Mrs. Virginia Stoddard, of Torrance, founder of Volunteers for Children at Harbor General hospital.

The non-sectarian City of Hope—dedicated to treatment and research of cancer, leukemia, tuberculosis and heart disease—has been called "America's happiest hospital."

This is so because of the hospital's basic belief that "the dignity of the individual is the most precious thing on earth."

Treatment is absolutely free and the word "charity" is never used. Only two classes of patients are not accepted: 1) cases beyond medical help, and 2) wealthy individuals who can pay for treatment elsewhere.

This noble effort deserves the support of all of us. Let's ALL help.

Clubs Go All-out in City of Hope Drive

Torrance groups are going all-out to help the City of Hope drive which kicks off with a giant telarama Saturday night, lasting through Sunday.

Coordinating the local campaign is Mrs. Virginia Stoddard, active in local philanthropic work.

In conjunction with the telarama, a switchboard will be held open at the Torrance Medical Center, 1104 Sartori, from 11 p.m. Saturday night until 1 a.m. Sunday morning, and again from 9 a.m. Sunday until 5 p.m.

Members of various local clubs will man the 5-phone switchboard.

Oscar Maples Ford agency has made cars and drivers available to pick up all pledges phoned in to the local "City of Hope" switchboard, FA 8-2904.

A benefit dance will be held at the Torrance National Guard armory, Lincoln and Cabrillo, (Turn to Page 19)

SHOPPING CENTER REVEALED

Plans for a shopping center on the southwest side of Pacific Coast highway at Crenshaw Blvd. were revealed at the City Council meeting Tuesday.

A lease by Shoppers Markets has already been signed subject to obtaining an access road, which matter is before the Planning Commission.

So stated Daryl Anderson, leasing agent.

In addition to the 32,000 sq. ft. market located on a 750 by 200 ft. site, there will be a variety store (60 by 120 ft.) drug unit (60 by 120 ft.) and a number of smaller shops, Anderson said.

A \$5,050,000 annual volume is anticipated. Construction can start within 60 days after the access road matter is cleared up, with completion set for 90 to 120 days thereafter.

What's the Story on Taxes?

Taxes, taxes, taxes. What are they all about? Who's asking, who's getting, who's paying—and how much? For a clear break-down of the city, school and county tax picture presently under study, see the article on page 23.

Press Offers Evening Classified Ad Service

Classified advertisers are being offered a new evening service.

When you call after regular business hours when the office is closed, you may leave a message with an electronic ad-taker.

You will be given 30 seconds to leave your name, address, telephone number and message.

By writing down your classified ad in advance, you will have sufficient time to dictate it to the machine.

If there are any questions about the ad, a classified girl will call you back in the morning.

Should you desire help in wording your ad, just leave your name, address and telephone number and a classified girl will call you back at any time you designate.

Cost of a classified ad is \$1.30 for 15 words.

The Hogs Are Gone But Now it's the Garbage!

Having—if you'll pardon the expression—licked the hog problem, the city finds itself faced this week with another stinking situation—garbage dumping.

Involved is the Francis Foley ranch at Madrona and Spencer, long a source of annoyance to the city, and the original cause for the hog-war which ended this week with the last of the hogs leaving town forever.

A criminal complaint against Foley charging him with disposing of garbage contrary to city laws was to be filed yesterday, according to City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier.

Several dump loads of garbage have been seen on

his premises, George Powell, Planning Commission director, told the City Council Tuesday night.

It is suspected that Foley is running a garbage transfer point at the location, having small trucks bringing garbage collection there, which, in turn, is loaded onto larger trucks which haul the stuff away.

The garbage, it was pointed out, is being dumped in plain view.

Foley already has a court action pending which comes up today. It involves the removal of manure which has been stacked in large piles along Madrona ave.