



ALWAYS FAITHFUL, Salvation Army major Rose Kirchner took up her place next to the Salvation Army's Christmas Bowl in front of the Main Post Office on Marcelina st. this week. For as long as our citizens can remember, Major Kirchner has patiently conducted the Army's Christmas collection beside the post office.

RIVIERA CHILD BADLY HURT AS CAR STRIKES SCOOTER

Driver Did Not See Boy In Street

A five and a half year old boy was critically injured Friday when he scooted out of a driveway along Paseo de Los Reyes right into the path of an oncoming car.

The boy, Clifton Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton W. Reed, of 331 Via San Sebastian, was taken to Harbor General Hospital where x-rays indicated that he suffered a possible concussion and injuries to his arms and legs.

The child was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Marga Simons, 34, of 634 Calle de Arboles. Mrs. Simons told Torrance police that she did not see the boy coming down the driveway and into the street until it was too late.



Harry A. Lintz

State Leader To Address City Chamber

Harry A. Lintz, district manager of the California District of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce will be featured speaker at the December membership breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Co-Chairmen Glen Koger and James Hall said the meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 17, at the Torrance YWCA building, 2320 Carson ave., at 7:30 a.m.

Prior to coming with the National Chamber in 1946, Mr. Lintz spent 23 years in Public Administration. He holds two degrees from the University of Southern California.

Since joining the National Chamber staff, Lintz has served in the following capacities: national affairs advisor, program advisor, district manager of the Pacific Northwest, and now district manager of the California District.

He is currently helping local Chambers of Commerce in the field of education and congressional action committees.

PTA Observes Bill of Rights Anniversary

The importance of freedom of education was stressed this week by Mrs. Everett M. Findlay, president, 33rd District, California Congress of Parents & Teachers, in calling attention to the 166th anniversary of the signing of the Bill of Rights which will be observed this year the week of December 9-15.

"Of the many freedoms which preserve the rights of the individual and the progress of our society, none is more essential than the freedom of scholars to search for the truth and make it known," Mrs. Findlay said. "In this way we foster the open mind and critical inquiry — primary ingredients for responsible citizenship."

The Bill of Rights Commemoration committee, of which Mrs. Findlay is a member, believes that there is greater need now than ever before to educate the citizenry in an understanding of and responsibility for their government's basic laws, the Constitution and particularly the first 10 amendments thereto.

"We preserve our liberties when we permit our scholars to continue unhampered in their search for wider areas of cultural, economic, political, scientific and religious freedom," Mrs. Findlay continued.

"Given such a broad range and climate, academic freedom will serve as the open sesame leading to all other essential freedoms—not only here, but in other countries as well.

"I can think of no better words than those of the Greek Philosopher Epictetus: 'The rulers of the State have said that only free men shall be educated; but Reason has said that only educated men shall be free.'"

Town Topics

PRIZE FOR THE MOST unusual burglary in Torrance goes to whoever ripped up the ceramic tiles in the shower of Alvin Decker, of 18331 Felbar ave., and carted them off. Decker reported the theft to Torrance police who were amazed over the audacity of the tile burglar. The thief worked for several hours Friday afternoon ripping out the tiles on the shower floor and took them all with him when he went out the window.

TORRANCE STREET DEPARTMENT workers were up for two straight nights manning the pumps in the Hollywood Riviera during the rain storm last week.

STOCKINGS WILL BE STUFFED by the Walteria Businessmen's club on December 19 in preparation for the club's annual children's party to be held in Walteria park from 2 to 3:30 p.m. December 22. President Don Matthews said several clown acts and performances by local children will be presented at the party. Fred Kita and Loring Bigelow will award each child with a nut and candy filled stocking.

DISTRICT SCHOOL BUSES move into a new maintenance building this week. The building, 60 by 120 feet, is described in superlatives by John Mock, transportation supervisor for the Torrance Unified School district. It's the most modern in the Southland; it has the most powerful hoist, one that can lift a bus six feet off the ground; it's fireproof, clean, roomy and airy.

TWO POST OFFICE employees escaped injury when a Post Office truck rolled over several times in one of those freak, one in a million accidents. George Overdorf, 33, of 2321 W. 179 st. was taking the truck to a repair shop to have the brakes adjusted when the brakes locked. The truck swerved off the road at Sepulveda Blvd., skidded on wet ground, and then flipped over several times.

Sitting Pretty, Thanks to Ad

Do you need help in a hurry? Then you can profit from the experience of Mrs. Olive Lovelady of 1556 W. 227 st., who advertised for a baby sitter in the classified section of the Torrance Press.

Mrs. Lovelady was able to fill the position quickly and easily with one of the many applicants who called in answer to her ad.

If you have a baby that needs a baby sitter or a garden that needs a gardener, call FA 8-2345 and place an ad in the Torrance Press classified.

School District Seeks \$6 Million from State

Six million dollars in state aid will be requested by the Torrance Unified School District to construct seven elementary schools needed to match the growth in school population in the next three years.

The Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing the request for state funds after Superintendent J. H. Hull said the rising birth rate and influx of new residents in Torrance indicated that school rooms for more than 4,600 elementary students will be required by 1961.

Scheduled for construction, if the state approves the fund request, are: 12 kindergartens, 116 classrooms, six music rooms, seven multi-purpose rooms, four shops, and the rehabilitation of 11 rooms at Fern Avenue school. Elementary schools proposed for construction are: Adams, Columbia, Franklin, Madison, Magruder and Yukon.

In a recent statement, Dr. Hull explained the need. His statement follows:

"A recent application sent to the State for the Torrance Unified School District building program required a projection of three years for the elementary school and four years for the high school. The Torrance Unified School District now has in operation 875,384 square feet of floor space from the kindergarten through the 8th grade. This number of square feet will house on single sessions 15,553 pupils.

"Within three years Torrance pre-school children and those who move into new houses will require the district to house a total of 20,159 in the elementary schools. This will require a total of 1,200,025 square feet. The difference between 1,200,025 square feet and the 875,384 we now have is 324,641 square feet of floor space which must be built just for grades kindergarten through 8th.

"In one year the District's elementary projection totals have increased from 17,987 to 20,159.

Lions to Hear Rabbi's Views On Mid-East

Rabbi Isaac E. Bloch, who was visiting Israel when Egyptian President Nasser seized the Suez Canal, will give his first hand impression of "The Middle East Crisis" when he speaks before the Torrance Lions club Tuesday.

Rabbi Bloch, a member of a distinguished English Rabbinical family, was educated in England and the Holy Land. In World War I he served on the staff of General Allenby, with the British Army in the Middle East. Later he held office in the British Mandatory Government of Palestine, while studying for the Rabbinate. He was ordained in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Bloch served as Auxiliary Chaplain to the United States Air Force in World War II, and is presently serving as Jewish Chaplain to the men and women in the Armed Forces at Vincent Air Base and the Army Test Station at Yuma, Arizona. He is the only Circuit Rabbi serving on the West Coast, and covers an area of approximately 4000 square miles.

Last summer, while visiting Israel, he was honored by an audience with Honorable Izak Ben Zvi, president of Israel. Rabbi Bloch was in the area at the time of President Nasser's seizure of the Suez Canal, and saw the events leading to the Sinai Campaign.

20,159. The comparable square foot figures have increased from 1,049,458 to 1,200,025. The high birth rate for the past few years is reflected in the number of pre-school children. Birth rate figures shown in pre-school children outnumber the people moving into new houses.

"The high school enrollment in the three high schools is now 3800 and within four years it is expected to reach 6207. It appears that funds currently available at the high school level will provide housing for 4400 students. To house the additional 1800 students will require additional funds from some source.

"This means developing each high school to full capacity plus the construction of the first increment of West High School, which will be Torrance's fourth high school.

"The statistics on costs and the need for additional funds for this building program are easy enough to work out, but when the portion that comes from state loans and the portion that will be taken from existing district assets are matched against an unknown rate of increase in assessed valuation for

the next few years, it is difficult to see just exactly how soon new funds will be necessary.

"The crux of the situation lies in the fact that the District can only be eligible for State funds already voted as long as it is bonded to capacity. The last bond issue of \$10,000,000 voted by the people by a ratio of 11-1 is being used as fast as additional bonding capacity becomes available. There is \$3,000,000 remaining of the \$10,000,000, about half of which will have to be sold during this school year and half during next school year.

"The State program requires that the District put any of its own funds available into a project before approving any application for state loans. Therefore it appears that the District will lose its eligibility for State funds for school construction during the 1958-59 school year unless additional funds are voted so that it can continue to remain bonded to capacity. This program will not increase the tax rate but will tend to keep it more or less stable during the balance of the construction program, after which it will be rebonded."

El Camino Yule Concert To Be Presented Dec. 15

Two performances of El Camino College's eleventh annual Christmas Concert will be presented in the College Campus Theater December 15. The stagings will open at 4 and 8 p.m.

Performing in the concert will be the capella choir, community choir, vocal ensemble and the orchestra, under the direction of R. Neil Hill and I. Calvin Greer, college music instructors.

This year's presentation is a recitative cantata composed by Heinrich Schultze, "The Christmas Story" is described as the achievement that suitably crowns the long life of one of music's greatest masters.

Soloists to be featured in the presentation are Robert Hill, Evangelist; Patt Doffing, Angel 1; Shirley Barnes, Mavis Ricketts and Peggy McKnight, Shepherds; Jean Herman, Larry Schenck and Bill Horst, wise men; Norman Collins, Sherman Tiernan, Louis Higginbotham and Jack Vaughn, priests and scribes; Bruce Stelner, Herod; Marjorie Gibson, Angel 2; and Lynn Rupert, Angel 3.

A recitative sung by the Evangelist will precede each intermedium, and the interludes



MIDDLE EAST CRISIS will be discussed by Rabbi Isaac E. Bloch, right, in a speech before the Torrance Lions Club Tuesday. Rabbi Bloch is shown with President Izak Ben Zvi, of Israel, whom he met on his tour of the embattled nation during the summer.

Juvenile Officer Completes Special Police Training

Juvenile Officer H. B. (Buck) Ingram of the Torrance Police Department Crime Prevention Bureau, was among the 25 stud-

ents graduated from the Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California, and will return to his job highly trained in the most modern methods of combatting and preventing juvenile delinquency.

Single Court System Urged For County

The taxpayers of Los Angeles County can be saved at least \$40,000,000 and the administration of justice can be improved, speeded up and made more effective through the establishment of a single trial court system, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn declared this week.

Municipal Judge Byron J. Walters, Chairman, Courts Committee, Municipal Court Judges' Association, presented Supervisor Hahn, who is chairman of the Board of Supervisors committee on Courts, with a detailed study of the courts and how the Municipal, Justice and Superior Courts could effectively be consolidated into one Superior Court system for the entire County.

It was pointed out that the single court system would require the initiation of a Constitutional amendment by the Legislature which would then be submitted to the people for approval.

Putting the consolidated court system into effect would make it possible to eliminate 19 court buildings, projects proposed for the next 10 years which would cost \$27,378,400, based on today's construction costs.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that this did not include the cost of furnishing the additional courthouses or of the additional personnel needed to operate the proposed courts.

"The use of the present Municipal Court and Superior Court quarters for the consolidated court, and the halt in the creation of new branches, would stop the increasing need for new buildings throughout the County for many years to come," Judge Walters reported.

Additional savings could be obtained by the elimination of duplicated and overlapping services to the three court systems now in existence, Supervisor Hahn declared.

Simplification of the court systems would also eliminate the long waiting periods for attorneys and witnesses who are called for trials, Supervisor Hahn said.

Ingram of 2122 Gramercy ave. has been a juvenile officer for the past 14 months and his past experience has included various aspects of police work including four years in traffic enforcement and accident investigation. He studied police science at El Camino Junior College. He formed the Torrance Police Car Club Association and served as a director for three years. He is active in P.T.A.

Because of the concern of a group of big businessmen in the problems of juvenile delinquency, police and juvenile officers from all over the world are now receiving this training on a scholarship basis. Supported by contributions from Farmers Insurance Group Safety Foundation and the Hollywood Turf Club Associated Charities, the Institute since its inception in 1946 has graduated 404 officers from the United States and 11 other nations.

In addressing the graduating class, Thomas E. Leavey, president of Farmers Insurance Group, commented, "As an insurance company, we feel that we should contribute something to the civic welfare and benefit of the community and we know of no better way to aid the future of our country and the world than by combatting juvenile delinquency."

Institute Director Dan G. Pursuit said that this year's class includes representatives from Missouri, Utah, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Texas, Tennessee, Iowa, Florida, Washington, and California.

Screened from a large group of applicants by a special committee at the University, the students selected undergo an intensive 12-week study course in social treatment for delinquency, police techniques, prevention, legal aspects and speaking.

Mother of City Manager Dies

The mother of George Stephens, city manager, passed away on Friday, December 6, in Santa Barbara.

Services for Mrs. Brance Stephens will be held in that city, on Monday at 1 p.m., at the Welch and Rice Mortuary.

Mrs. Stephens is survived by two other sons, Albert, of Houston, and Lawrence, of Santa Barbara.

'Madonna Row' To Be Ready December 15

A colorful new brochure is serving in a two-fold capacity as an informational publication about El Camino College and an invitation to the public to view the 1957 presentation of Madonna Row.

The Row, a nine-year tradition of the El Camino art department, will consist of nine famed oil paintings of the Madonna and Child. Seven of the eight by 10 foot reproductions are executed in oil, one as a mosaic, and one as a stained glass window.

Miss Mildred K. Walker has spear-headed the El Camino effort to present the annual Christmas display at 16007 So. Crenshaw boulevard. Miss Walker is a member of the college faculty. The display will be erected December 15.

Anyone within the college district desiring copies of the brochure for presentation to friends or for distribution at P.T.A., civic, fraternal, church or other organizations within the area may obtain them in quantity by writing or telephoning W. A. Kamrath, coordinator of public relations, El Camino College.

EC Pool Open To Public

Swimming pools at El Camino College will be opened to the public for an additional hour each Friday evening, Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel, announced this week.

As a result of the schedule change, two family hours will be available for free use of the pools. They are scheduled from 6 to 7 and from 7 to 8 p.m. each Friday.

"The change is the result," Mr. Sloan said, "of public demand." He indicated that capacity crowds have used the facilities during recent weeks.

Swimmers must furnish their own suits and towels; those under the age of 18 must be accompanied in the pool by their parents. Pools are opened to the community by the college as a public service, with qualified life guards on duty.

Postpone Gee Trial

THE TRIAL of Jack T. Gee, former Torrance warrant officer, was put off until January 23 because the Los Angeles court calendar was overcrowded. Gee, charged with six counts of embezzling approximately \$350 in ball money, appeared in court Friday to stand trial.