



NECK AND NECK in the Lawdele Optimist Midget Track race are Tommy Campbell of Torrance, in Number 75, and Charnel Bishop of Long Beach. Campbell went on to win the event. The races, held Sunday, saw two new records set. Ronnie Marr of Torrance, established a new Class B quarter midget mark when he turned in the fast time of 7.95 seconds. The Class A record of 7.71 held by Jackie Hase of Torrance, was trimmed by Robbie Nord who set a new standard of 7.68.—Photo by Swan

Install Wetzel As Head of Carson Assn.

By J. R. GATELEY
At an action packed session of the Carson Civic Betterment association last week, Ray Wetzel took office as the new president. Installing officer was L. O. Griffiths, president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce.
The association gave final approval to the latest plans submitted by the Los Angeles County Highway dept. for the on and off ramps for northbound traffic of the Harbor freeway at 220th st. A pedestrian cross walk is to be constructed from the parking lot of the Junior high school across Figueroa and the freeway.
The meeting went on record as urgently requesting a hand ball diamond at Scott park, with an eight-foot fence around the field.
Bn. Chief A. K. Hamlin and Capt. Paul Schneider, Los Angeles County Fire department, 404 E. Carson st., were guests and spoke about the importance of cleaning up rubbish as a fire-preventive.
Upon assuming office, Pres. Wetzel appointed the chairman of several committees: Zoning, Theo Bredahl; parks and recreation, E. J. Benda; membership, Bill Hodges; streets and lights, J. K. Ihrig, and publicity, J. Rome Gateley.
Other business transacted was a request for the extension of Bolsa st. and 216 st. to Carson st. alongside Carson Street school, and a request that Sepulveda Blvd. be widened at Figueroa to provide an extra lane for left hand turns for east and west bound traffic onto Figueroa st.
The association adopted a resolution regarding subsidence in the harbor area. The resolution to be sent to Gov. Knight with a request that he place the matter of subsidence on the agenda of the coming session of the legislature.
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Chamber Sets Mexican Tour

Over fifty reservations have already been received for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce "Friendship Tour" to Mexico, April 18 to 27, it was announced.
Chairman J. H. Paget said his group is holding space for 150 people, but that those considering making the nine day tour should call the chamber office soon for a free brochure.
The low price of \$279 per person includes round trip air transportation from Los Angeles International air port to Mexico City, deluxe hotels in Mexico City, Taxco, and Acapulco; all meals except four breakfasts and one dinner, plus tours to the Floating Gardens of Xochimilco, Palace of Fine Arts, Cuernavaca, Taxco, University City, the Pyramids and many other points of interest.
Officials said that special arrangements are being made with Chamber and governmental officials in each community to meet with tour members at "surprise" events.



EXAMINING A MODEL of the Navy's Terrier Missile is Charles Nance, Aviation Mechanic's Mate Second Class. Charles re-enlisted in the Navy last week at the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, 16422 So. Vermont Avenue, Gardena, and is now attending the Advanced Aviation Mechanic's School, in Memphis, Tenn. He was recently married to the former Miss Karen James also of Torrance. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Nance of 237 st. Another Torrance man who entered the Navy last week is Gerald Englis, Electronics Field Seaman Recruit. Englis is now in training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Englis, of 18820 Cordary ave.

Dr. Stanley Wright Will Speak Here

Tuesday, January 28, Dr. Stanley Wright, of the UCLA staff, will address the Adult Group of the Torrance Point 2 Unified school building, 2335 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, at 7:30 p.m.
On Thursday, January 30, Dr. Symon Tucker, superintendent and medical director of the Fairview hospital at Costa Mesa will discuss the opening of the hospital this fall. This meeting will be at the Long Beach Exposition Children's Foundation, 4519 E. Stearns St., Long Beach.

Kiwanis to Hear Talk on Blind

Kenneth Anderson, president, Torrance Kiwanis club, announced a discussion on modern methods to aid the blind will be heard by the club at its dinner-meeting, 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 27, in the American Legion building, 1109 Border ave.
John Popovich, program chairman, says the speaker will be Frederick J. Pymm of the Braille Institute, Los Angeles.
Pymm will explain how all services at the institute are free to the blind, as it is maintained by philanthropic contributions and bequests.
These services are recreation, education, vocational rehabilitation, job placement, social welfare, printing, home teaching and library of Braille and "talking" books.
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Carl Kennedy, Realtor, Dies

Services for Carl Andrew Kennedy, 56, a real estate salesman, who had moved to Torrance three months ago, were held Wednesday in the Colonial Chapel of the Hardin and Flanagan Mortuary.
A native of Los Angeles, Kennedy died suddenly Saturday in his home, 18507 Dorman Ave., Torrance.
Rev. John Burberry, pastor of Lennox Bethany Baptist Church officiated. Interment was in Inglewood Park Cemetery.
Survivors include his wife, Fern E., two daughters, Betty M. Kelle, of Reno, and Jeanne Dorene Parks, of Torrance, and four grandchildren.
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Children Must Be Warned of Poison Danger

By Roy O. Gilbert, M.D., Los Angeles County Health Officer
Many of the most common plants and shrubs that grow in Southern California are poisonous if eaten, or can cause a severe contact dermatitis in some individuals. Because fatalities in children have occasionally occurred after ingestion of some such poisonous substance, the question of legislation to eradicate certain poisonous plants and shrubs has arisen.
Several weeks ago a child in Oxnard died as the result of eating oleander leaves, and since that time the authorities of this city have outlawed these shrubs within the city limits. At best, however, such regulations are of limited value and offer no permanent solution to the general problem of this type of poisoning among children.
There will, for example, always be the ubiquitous toadstool, regardless of legislation. And children at play have been known to pretend that these pretty but often lethal fungi were ice cream cones.
Included among the more common plants and shrubs which can be fatal if eaten, or which may result in skin irritations through contact, are: amaryllis, iris, narcissus, wild garlic, the berries or seeds of common privet, Jerusalem cherry, lupine, holly, maiden-hair fern, the yew tree, castor bushes, delphinium, English ivy, larkspur, and poison oak. This incomplete list emphasizes the fact that oleander is only one of the deadly or at least highly dangerous flora that are extant.
ADULT PROBLEM
The general problem of permitting poison to exist where young children live or play involves a sizeable number of tragic deaths. But plants do not rate a place near the top of the deadly list. Most children obtain their poisons from the family kitchen, laundry, and medicine cabinet without ever going out into the garden.
The long term solution of how children may live safely surrounded by the poisons of the garden and those found inside the home lies in the education of adults to these dangers.
In the final analysis, it is up to parents to impress upon their children that they must never eat or even taste the leaves, berries, or fruits found in neighborhood yards, in parks, or in a wild state in the deserts and hills.
Furthermore, adult leaders who teach groups of children in fundamentals of survival without a regular food supply would do well to reconsider this type of education in the light of its inherent dangers.
Legislation concerning poisonous flora can never take the place of good parental supervision in the latter of preventing poisoning among children.

ODE TO TREE

Editor, Torrance Press:
"The All America City, Has been cursed I see, Because some Department won't remove a tree.
It's branches are reaching Toward Heaven on high, But the clock can't be seen When the motorists pass by.
They crane their necks, The time to check But now we learn It's broke by heck.
The people in power Ignore every plea, Of this pitiful citizen To remove a tree.
The phone calls were made The letters were sent The council was told Says this irate gent.
But the tree still stands With its branches spread wide In all its splendor The clock to hide.
What manner of man, Can this mortal be, Who will make such a fuss To remove a tree?
The seed was sown The shoot it grew Into a beautiful tree To please me and you.
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Letters to the Editor

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Editor, Torrance Press
The "Open Forum" for discussing the problems of juvenile delinquency has been the basis for much conversation in our home, and we would like to share with others our feelings in this matter.
"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.
This quotation is taken from the Bible, a book which while it is familiar to most Americans, the familiarity comes not from having read its sacred pages, but more that the Book has a place in our tradition... a part of our glorious past. In this field as in many others we Americans seem to be "resting on our laurels."
We enjoy the better things of life in these United States without ever giving a serious thought as to how or why we should be so lucky much less striving to secure a like future for our children.
This brings us to the point in question. The persons instrumental in establishing our country were well aware of the foregoing quotation from the Bible as is evidenced even in the very laws which they formulated and which are still actively securing peace and protection in our daily lives.
Moreover, it is sincerely believed by the writers that our forefathers must have followed the instructions found in the New Testament which were given to guide parents in establishing a home life suitable for "training up a child..." There are many scriptures given, but one which perhaps deals more specifically with this problem is found in Ephesians 5:22-25. Herein wives are admonished to "submit unto your own husbands"; in other words, let the men wear the pants.
The accompanying directions for how the pants are to be worn are far from dictatorial in essence as can be seen in this quotation: "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it."
Much could be said about producing fine men and women to carry on the dreams of our country's founders — dreams which in practice God has richly blessed — but one thing is basic, we as individuals, as families, as a people must turn again to the God of our fathers.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Max
2217 West 179 st.
Torrence Press

QUIET WEEK-ENDS

Editor, Torrance Press
Some time soon, the Torrance city council is expected to take the final step to cancel a contract between the city and the airport manager. For this cancellation, the city will pay Mr. Dietrich about \$17,000. Then the council must appoint an airport manager, and choose three civil service men to assist him. Municipal operation of the airport, to quote a local paper, "would bring enough into the city to pay the \$1000 a month to Dietrich and leave a little extra over current receipts."
Operating an airport is certainly earning money the hard way—hard on South Torrance that is. A pilot may base his plane at the field for \$10 per month. If he flies only two hours every Saturday and Sunday he's getting quite a bargain.
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How long has it been since you've had a quiet weekend? If it's so important that these people learn to fly, why couldn't they do it during regular working hours throughout the week. Then they could stay at home in Pasadena, Culver City, etc. and enjoy a quiet weekend and we could do the same down here.
It would be worth your trouble to support a move to stop this unnecessary flying. A letter would help. We, who live near the airport have a right to a certain amount of peace and quiet. The pilot, like the automobile driver, is operating by privilege. It's just silly, one man in the air claiming a "right" to annoy five-hundred people below. It will take heavy and steady pressure to help us any way it can be done and it's worth the trouble.
But next time you jump as a plane roars over, be consoled by the thought that, after about 200 more such trips, the city will have made \$10.
Vincent Lechner
2441 W. 259th St.
Torrence Press

Research Grant For Muscular Dystrophy Made

A research project at the University of California, Los Angeles, directed by Dr. William H. Bland, has received renewed support in the form of a \$19,698 grant from Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc.
Dr. Bland, Chief of the Radio-isotope Service at L. A. Veterans Administration Hospital and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCLA, is investigating the metabolism of amino acid and other agents in primary muscle disease.
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