

Moose Lodge to Burn Mortgage at Celebration

Governor Fred Lydy of the Torrance Moose Lodge, this week announced the appointment of several committees to complete arrangements for the lodge's 34th birthday party and "mortgage burning" ceremony to be held on Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m., at the Moose Hall, 1744 W. Carson st.

Garys Coffey, William Griep, Edward Price, H. B. Casson, and Harlan Foulter were named by Lydy to serve on the entertainment committee. Planning the refreshments phase of the program will be Douglas Dixon, Carter Dow, Dan Hutchinson and Mike Cicero.

The lodge and the Women of the Moose activities will be coordinated by a committee consisting of Mrs. Cora Bowers, Mrs. Joseph Platt and Mrs. Carter Dow.

The Moose leader also announced that a message of congratulations will be delivered by Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance. Representing the city council will be Nick Draie. Both city officials are members of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Returns from invitations mailed last week indicate that at least seven Moose lodges in the greater Los Angeles area will be represented at the Torrance Moose Lodge birthday party.



NEW SALES APPROACH—Mickey Walker, right, owner, and E. C. (Mac) McKleaven, general manager of Hollywood Park De Soto-Plymouth, 830 S. La Brea ave., Inglewood, discuss their new sales program, which will bring car to customer, rather than customer to showroom. Beginning next week, their salesmen will come to prospects' homes for demonstration of new cars. They announced that customers can telephone firm, and a salesman will come to house to show their cars. In addition to this new service, showroom will remain open until 10 o'clock seven nights a week.

Youth Talent Show Sponsored by Kiwanis Club

Roy Gordon, long associated member of show business, will produce the Kiwanis Kalycade of Youth show May 2nd and 3rd at the Torrance Civic Auditorium. The show will be comprised of approximately 250 talented youngsters from the Torrance area and will feature a number of guest acts and T.V. celebrities.

Gordon, has spent most of his life traveling vaudeville circuits. After serving two years in USO shows, he returned to Hollywood where he entered radio and later television. He has had his own television program for the last four years.

The Youth Show is being produced for the benefit of the Kiwanis Youth Foundation of Torrance. There will be tryouts for specialty acts, singers, dancers and musicians and all children interested in appearing in this production will be rehearsed and trained free of charge.

STUDENT HONORED

Aaron B. Jacobs, son of Mrs. Pearl H. Jacobs, of 2004 Mariposa st., a senior in civil engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y., has been given recognition for excellent scholarship.

Judy Garland, Mickey Rooney and many other stars of today have appeared in Gordon's early productions and we may find another potential star, thanks to the opportunity of the Kiwanis Club.

The first audition will be held at 4:00 p.m., March 27th, at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

County Health Officers Report Vaccine Near for Venereal Disease

Roy O. Gilbert, M.D., L.A. County Health Officer

The long-sought-for vaccine that will protect individuals against syphilis and gonorrhea may be closer to realization than was thought possible a few years ago. Indeed, although the vaccine may not be "just around the corner", the possibility of its successful development is no longer merely a matter of conjecture.

For some time the problem of a vaccine for the two most common venereal diseases has been receiving the close attention of medical scientists, and at a recent conference of VD specialists the director of the U.S. Public Health Service Experimental Laboratory was most optimistic concerning the ultimate success of the project.

However, even if this group of experimental scientists were able to successfully develop a VD vaccine as of this moment, a considerable time lag would be inevitable before the product could become generally available. A vaccine developed experimentally and most promising in the laboratory may be ineffective in field trials on human beings—and may possibly be dangerous. For that reason success at the experimental laboratory must be backed up by extensive field trials conducted through the Research Laboratory and VD control field services.

In many respects, the significance of this vaccine would actually rank with the Salk vaccine. Physical damage from undiscovered or neglected syphilis and gonorrhea is probably far more common than from certain other diseases that may leave residual effects. Also, damage from the venereal diseases is often progressive and can result in insanity or death. And, unlike most other diseases, the ill effects may be passed on to the offspring of the infected individuals.

At the present time venereal disease control has again come to the fore as a critical national health problem. Experts of the U.S. Public Health Service estimate that somewhat more than 50 per cent of all venereal

disease infections is occurring among individuals under 20 years of age, and that the number of cases in this broad age group is increasing faster than the pace in case finding, diagnosis, and treatment. The danger in this situation lies, of course, in the fact that young people comprise the age group also responsible for the highest birth rate.

Furthermore, there is substantial evidence that not all the VD cases are discovered and treated. On a national basis, the index which measures the degree that case finding is effective now stands at less than 1.0. It is called the contact index, and since each individual with an infection of syphilis or gonorrhea has usually had at least one contact to have the disease, the battle of VD control is obviously losing rather than gaining ground.

Fortunately, the Los Angeles County Health Department has jurisdiction over one of the areas in the United States where the line is at least being held. The local contact index for syphilis stands at 2.0 per case, although it is slightly less than the acceptable 1.0 in gonorrhea.

Experts in VD control are concerned, for although there has until recently been a steady decline in the venereal diseases since World War II, the downward trend nationally and locally has at least temporarily halted and reversed itself.

A VD vaccine would answer many problems in VD control, but even if such a vaccine becomes available within a few years, it is likely that problems of an entirely new nature will develop. Unlike the almost universal acceptance of the need for the Salk vaccine, the use of a VD vaccine may conceivably carry a social stigma in the minds of the general public, and this might easily inhibit the applicability of it. And, whether or not the protection would increase promiscuity is an issue that will have to be faced.

However, without doubt, the widespread use of a vaccine would protect a great many individuals who would otherwise suffer both emotional and physical damage from the venereal diseases.

Law Student Addresses Demos

John McDonnell, SC law student, spoke on separation of church and State at the meeting of the North Torrance Democratic Club held last week at 3938 W. 176th st.

The club completed plans for an April 12 dance to be held at Higgins Brick Yard.

Reports were presented by John Anagnostis, Rose Hinkel and Thirvin Fleetwood.

Desert Nomads Speakers for Gem Society

Verl, Donna and Kathy Martin, known locally as the Desert Nomads, will be guest speakers March 18, for the Palos Verdes Gem and Mineral Society at California Hall, 1932 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita.

They also showed a personally taken film, "Desert Panorama."

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Faculty Wives to Model in Fashion Benefit

Latest styles in spring fashions will be on display tonight at 8:30, when Faculty Wives of El Camino College present their annual fashion show in the Campus Center.

Proceeds of the show will go to the Faculty Wives club welfare fund, according to Mrs. William T. Mooney, Jr., chairman of the show committee. Information regarding tickets for the show, a traditional sell-out, is available by calling Mrs. Mooney at DAVIS 4-0635.

Theme of the 1958 style event will be "Geophysical Year of Fashion." Assisting Mrs. Mooney and her committee in staging the yearly presentation is Mrs. Edward Swartz, a faculty wife affiliated with a Torrance department store.

Faculty wives who will serve as models will be Mrs. Lloyd L. Brown of Redondo Beach, Mrs. Fredryc R. Darby of Torrance, Mrs. Terrel L. Dalton, Hermosa Beach; Mrs. Edward E. O'Neill, Long Beach; Mrs. John de la Haye, Torrance; and Mrs. George D. Watt, Torrance.

A Mother-daughter combination will be seen in this year's event as Mrs. Jackie Friedman of Inglewood, daughter of Mrs. Watt, joins the parade of stylists. Mrs. Friedman, a PBX operator, is on the staff at El Camino.

Miss Nancy Young, an El Camino student from Gardena, who has won a number of honors in recent beauty contests, will also appear on the modeling platform.

Supervisor Hahn Against Drain Bond Issues

Although approved by the voters in 1952 as a few year program, the \$179 million bond issue program is still 30 per cent from being completed. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn warned this week in announcing his skepticism of the wisdom of submitting another bond issue for storm drains.

The 1952 program included a total of 140 projects, of which 76 have been completed, and 20 are now under construction. Contracts completed or awarded represent \$95.5 million of the total program.

The estimated construction costs of the drains not yet built amount to \$70 million. This figure includes 45 projects and 6 partial projects.

The partial projects, Supervisor Hahn explained, resulted from splitting up some of the large jobs into two or more projects.

"I am very doubtful of the advisability of asking the people to vote approval of a \$217 million bond issue where there still remains so much to be completed under the 1952 program," Supervisor Hahn declared.

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We have become a city of homes, churches, schools and beautiful residential areas. Our new civic center and swimming pool are dreams come true. Garden clubs, art, drama and music groups have added to the community's cultural life.

The years to come hold even greater promise. Our low tax rate will continue to attract new and diversified industry, providing jobs for an ever growing population. And the substantial sales tax revenue derived from the huge shopping centers now under construction should make our tax outlook even more favorable.

In serving the City of Torrance for the past four years, it has been my constant objective to maintain and improve our efficient city services while holding the line on taxes, and to give the needs and requirements of all groups and sections equal consideration. As far as I am concerned, there is only one campaign issue—good city government.

I hope I have merited your continued confidence.

Sincerely yours,

Albert Isen

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