

Lomita Chamber to Elect New Vice President

Lomita Chamber of Commerce will elect a new first vice president at the September meeting to replace Ray Ferrin, who resigned because of business commitments.

The board of directors also announced that Manager Kenneth Gibson has qualified as a deputy registrar of voters and will register voters at the Chamber office, 24814 Narbonne ave.

Acceptance of three new members, Harold L. Ritko of Alter Realty, Raymond Jackson of Reliable Window Cleaners and Steve Biloki of Steve's McMillan Service, has brought membership over the 100 mark.

City, Dominguez Water Service Hearing Opens

A hearing over rights to service a section of Torrance with water, will open before the Public Utilities Commission Monday.

The dispute is between the city and the Dominguez Water Co.

The private company wants to set aside an agreement it signed with the city over the right to service the area north of Del Amo and west of Hawthorne Blvd.

An agreement which would terminate Dominguez's service to the area in 1963, and let the city take over, is being challenged by the private water company.

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Atomic Energy Lecture
Atomic energy and its uses will be the topic of a discussion by Philip Brooks, Northrop engineer, before a sixth grade class at Carr School July 21.

Brooks, the father of a Carr School student, will appear as a resource speaker in the class's study of science. The teacher is Ralph Wilson.

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GERALD L. ALTER

Listings in "Who's Who in the West," "Who's Who in Commerce and Industry," "California Register," and "National Social Directory," are the result of the phenomenal business success of Gerald L. Alter.

Born in Indiana, Alter has been a resident of Torrance since 1936. After working with his father as a builder, Alter became a licensed contractor in '39 and a realty broker in '46 upon rejoining his father after his discharge from the Army.

In '47, he started the Alter Building Co., doing contracting and real estate business. He opened his first branch office at 1425 W. Carson St. in '48 with C. J. "Paddy" Ryan as manager. Ryan still manages this office but a new office is being built for him at the corner of Carson and Normandie.

There are now six branch offices and approximately 30 salesmen.

Alter Realty and Insurance

Trio Fined for Interfering With Sputnik 'Beeps'

A Torrance engineer and two friends were \$100 poorer today, but had the consolation that the U.S. government, which fined them is out at least \$5000.

Fred Walker Field Jr., 29, of 26228 Dejos Drive, and two Los Angeles electronics engineers were fined Wednesday in U.S. Court for operating an uncensored radio transmitter which interfered with beeps from Sputnik I.

The trio set up the transmitter in a remote area of Angeles National Forest shortly before Christmas.

The transmission interfered with 18 monitoring stations attempting to pick up signals from the Russian baby moon.

It took federal agents several days, including Christmas and \$5000, to locate the transmitter and track it to Field, Rulon Dale Jensen, 30, and Dean L. Hanson, 29.

Error Postpones Lincoln School Contract Award

All bids for Lincoln Elementary Schools, 166th and Arlington Ave., were rejected by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night because of a technical error.

Architectural plans for the building had an error in the designation of a part of the sprinkler system. Several bidders noticed this and based their bids on the correct part, but failed to tell the school district until bids were opened.

The county counsel's office ruled that all bids should be turned down since the bids did not cover the same material. School officials hope that new bids can be received and awarded within a month. The school is slated to open late next spring.

ARRIVALS

Torrance Memorial

JULY 6
DAVIES, Frances, 7 lbs. 2 oz., to Dr. & Mrs. Wm. A. Davies, 1220 Terl Ave.

JULY 7
CUNDY, Ruth N. 7 lbs. 4 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Cundy, 18802 Felbar Ave.

Weaver, Sheryl Lynn, 6 lbs. 8 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Weaver, 1319 Braeburn St., Anaheim.

JULY 8
JOHNSON, Paula Kay, 7 lbs. 4 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Johnson, 1408 Goodman Ave., Redondo Beach.

JULY 9
LUND, Jessie Lee, 7 lbs. 2 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Jack E. Lund, 1401 219 St.

VANNORSTRAND, Dale Brian, 7 lbs. 14 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. James Varnvorstrand, 21502 Jeky Ave.

TAYLOR, Clifford Payson, 7 lbs. to Mr. & Mrs. Payson C. Taylor, 1538 W. 247 St., Harbor City

MANCUSO, Kim Ann, 7 lbs. 7 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Robt. L. Mancuso, 5033 Jacques St.

CARVER, Mark Wayne, 7 lbs. 9 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Glenn E. Carver, 18616 S. Figueroa.

WILLET, Tina Louise, 7 lbs. 12 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Travis W. Willett, 2920 W. 168 St.

JULY 16
COLLINS, Christine Marie, 8 lbs. 7 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Colline, 3844 Newton St.

COOK, Robert Leroy Jr., 9 lbs. 1 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Cook, 25338 1/2 Oak St., Lomita.

PISNEY, Karen Marie, 7 lbs. 4 1/2 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. James J. Pisney, 2009 Vanderblt Lane, Redondo Beach.

LEOPOLD, Jay Scott, 8 lbs. 6 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Leopold, 152 Via Los Miradores.

FREDERICKSON, Maria Jan, 8 lbs. 9 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Robt. A. Frederickson, 22826 Marjorie Ave.

BROPHY, Steven Daniel, 8 lbs. 2 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Bro-



BUDDY PROGRAM—Three Torrance youths will go through basic training together after enlisting in the Navy's Buddy Program recently. They are from left, Donald Matthews, of 23633 Park St., Fred Acosta, of 23632 Park St., and

Gary Economy, of 2001 W. 181st St. Matthews graduated from Torrance High School, Acosta from North High and Economy from Mira Costa.

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Driver Beated by Bottle When Party Called off

A Lomita man was struck with fists and a bottle during a dispute over the division of beer when a party failed to materialize.

Thomas Jeffrey Boyd, of 1924 W. 262nd St., told deputy sheriffs that he picked up two hitchhikers and drove them to Lomita. On the way, he said, they stopped to buy some beer for a party to be held at one of the hitchhiker's trailers.

When they arrived at their destination, the hitchhiker called off the party. Boyd said that suddenly he was struck several times and pommelled with a beer bottle.

Mayflower Skipper Visits Torrance

Major Warwick Charlton, modern-day Pilgrim under whose direction the famed Mayflower II was designed, built and sailed to America last year, was in Torrance Friday for a series of personal appearances during which he showed a film of the historic voyage.

Charlton was the guest of Torrance Van & Storage Co., 21809 S. Western avenue, which is joining with other agents of Aero Mayflower Transit Company in this area in bringing the renowned Englishman to these cities.

Aero Mayflower, leading nationwide moving firm, was one of the sponsors of the Mayflower II voyage.

Major Charlton conceived the idea of the Mayflower II while serving with the British Army during World War II. He saw this modern replica of the first Mayflower as a dramatic symbol of goodwill between England and the United States.

The war over, Charlton set his project into motion. He raised the necessary money, contracted for construction of the tiny ship, supervised agents and dispatched the thousands of details that arose and, finally, sailed aboard ship when the Mayflower II set out from England for Plymouth, Mass. it was his first voyage under sail.

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HER EXCELLENCY—Pat Reynolds, who was elected lieutenant governor at Girls' State, was presented with a scroll Monday by the Torrance Education Advisory Committee. Miss Reynolds, 16, of 203 Via Pasqual, will be senior class president when she returns to North High School in fall.

Press Photo

Police Trio Receive Back Pat for Kidnap Arrest

Two patrolmen and a sergeant received commendations from Police Chief Percy Bennett this week for their alertness in capturing a man for a brutal kidnaping of a young couple.

Officers Ronald Nicolai and Robert Jones received praise for their alertness and cool-headed handling of the arrest of Norman F. Gagnon, 30, in downtown Torrance last Saturday.

Gagnon, a former Air Force sergeant, has since been charged with kidnaping, assault and grand theft. Det. Sgt. Don Hamilton was praised for recognizing

him as the suspect in the Lawndale kidnaping from his physical description and a composite drawing.

Nicolai and Jones nabbed Gagnon in the 1300 block of Cravens Ave., after they noticed the license number of his car was listed on their "hot sheet."

When they searched the car, they said they found an Italian automatic on the front seat, concealed in the cushions.

Lennox sheriff's detectives said that the victims of the kidnaping, Charles H. May, of Lawndale, and Theresa Roghon of Los Angeles, identified Gagnon as their abductor.

Crystal Lake

They reported that they were forced at gun point to drive to Crystal Lake, after the suspect accosted them in the parking lot of a Lawndale cafe July 5.

At Crystal Lake, Mrs. Rochon, a divorcee, was attacked, while May was pistol-whipped into unconsciousness. After the act, the suspect took May's car and drove it to downtown Los Angeles where he abandoned it.

HEBSON, Mathew James, 7 lbs. 5 1/2 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Vincent K. Hebson, 155 Via La Ciruela.

JULY 11
PEYTON, Jeffrey Kent, 4 lbs. 1 1/2 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Peyton, 19722 Ronald Ave.

SIXBERG, Steven Craig, 7 lbs. 13 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. L. A. Sixburg, 15523 1/2 W. 226 St.

HOLCOMB, Jeannette Louise, 6 lbs. 14 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Holcomb, 5011 Marlowa Dr., Rolling Hills Estates.

MICHALACK, Julie Ann, 6 lbs. 15 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. John S. Michalak, 5103 Cadison St.

JULY 12
ALEXANDER, twins, Karen Ann & Sharon Lee, 5-5 lbs. 2-3 oz., to Mr. & Mrs. James W. Alexander, 2110 Ruhland Ave., Redondo Beach.

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