Name Winner of Baby Contest Consolation Prize

The parents of Karen Marie Schulz, of 4135 Paseo de las Tortugas, can claim another benefit beside an income tax deduction.

As parents of the last baby born in Torrance in 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schulz, are winners of the consolation prize, offered annually by Allen Jewelers, 1321 Sartori Ave. in the Torrance Press "First Baby" contest.

Karen Marie checked in at Riviera Hospital at 10:09 p.m. Dec. 31, and was declared the winner of the consolation prize because she was the last baby born in a Torrance hospital in 1958.

The consolation prize consists of a six-piece children's silverware set.

Housewives Tell How Market Shutdown Affects Shopping

With the current market strike-lock-out now in its 22 day, how is the local housewife making out? Is she faced with jacked up prices and discontinued sales or is the strike just a matter of inconvenience?

Torrance homemakers were eager to tell how they were being affected.

Here are some of the opinions they expressed.

"I think the whole strike is just a mess, and I for one am sick of it," said Mrs. George Fennell, 20832 Halldale Ave. "It's terrible for anyone with an average income. You are forced to buy groceries at the little stores and they are much more expensive."

"I pity the women without transportation, there is nothing open in Torrance," she added. "Last week I had to go all the way to Vermont to shop and the week before I went to Wilmington.

Meat High

"Meat prices are sky high and with three little girls I find 43c for three oranges more than unreasonable. If the clerks are going to strike they should at least go back to work while the matter is being settled," she said.

Just the opposite opinion was expressed by Mrs. John Thuss, 1957 Middlebrook Rd.

"I have always traded at a small local market. They haven't raised their prices and I can't say I have been affected at all. They held their big sale like they always do at the end of every week . . . "There are a few more people in the stores but they have hired extra help to take care of it. I haven't seen any price changes. I don't believe it either."

Not Bothered

"The strike han't bothered me too much," seconded Mrs. Robert Shimmin, 18705 Florwood Ave. "The little markets don't carry the large sizes but I haven't seen any change in prices. I am spending less now than before. The supermarkets have so many more temptations, like tea towels and fancy items that get added on the food budget."

"Prices on meat went up a week before the strike," points out Mrs. Adam Sumowski, 803 Cota Ave. "I've gone out of Torrance to shop but other than a few crowds, I've been satisfied and able to find all I want. The smaller stores are keeping pretty well stocked and there is no shortage. It's mostly a matter of inconvenience."

At least one housewife disagreed with her.

Know Prices

"Most prices are up," said Mrs. Jack Dean, 22034 Ladeene Ave. "I know my prices and I hate to pay more. Soups and baby foods are about the same but other can goods are up four to five cents higher. There isn't much selection but the service is good usually," she added. "I'll go back to the places where they are keeping in line but I'm pretty disappointed in some of the stores that have discontinued their weekend specials for the duration and hiked prices.

Stocking Up

"Though some of the small stores are helping by laying in more goods, and the liquor stores are stocking on bread and milk, their prices can't equal the closed supermarkets. I'm just surprised though that it is not much worse than it is."

But Mrs. Rupert L. Buckalew, 1711 W. 236 St. had a different thought on the subject.

"I think the retail merchants can take most of the blame. The workers didn't strike really, they were locked out.

"I certainly agree," she added "that the stores should be open while the arbitration is going on. I think it was unfair for butchers, office workers and all the others to be affected too.

"It is inconvenient, but some of the larger stores are running good specials and I think they will keep a lot of their customers. There is no shortage, I don't think anyone other than the locked out employees is suffering a bit," she said.

LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTERS

Registration date for the North Torrance Little League has been set for Jan. 31 from 9 p.m. to 3 p.m. at McMaster's playground for boys 8 through 12 years. An adult must accompany each boy. Birth certificates or other proof of birthdate is required for each boy, regardless of whether he has played prior to this year.

HEROIC ACT—Policemen Gerald Snyder, left, and Thomas Wooldridge inspect the plaque with which they were presented by the City Council for their heroism in saving the lives of two motorists in a traffic crash Dec. 31. The officers pulled the drivers out of their cars only seconds before the fire would have engulfed them both. Press Photo

Torrance Bus Lack Rapped

When the Metropolitan Transit Authority took over the Los Angeles Transit Lines, the people of Los Angeles County were assured that better public transportation would be provided, but to date there has been no improvement in services.

So declared Supervisor Kenneth Hahn as he urged the Metropolitan Transit Authority to provide improved bus services on existing lines, expansion of routes and creation of new routes to serve the Torrance-Gardena area.

In a letter to Ralph P. Merritt, president, MTA, Hahn emphasized the need for better bus service on such important streets and highways as Century blvd., Imperial hwy., El Segundo blvd., Rosecrans ave., 174th st., Hawthorne blvd., Western ave., Vermont ave., and Figueroa st.

"For several years, I have been concerned with the need for a mass public transportation system which would adequately and efficiently serve the entire Los Angeles County Metropolitan area," he stated.

"I believe that ultimately there must be developed a network or grid system of public transportation which will make it possible for the public to have speedy, inexpensive access to any section of this area," he added.

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FLIP FLOP—Driver Chuck Hoy, 20, of 1818 W. 260th St., managed to get out with only minor injuries after his auto flipped over on its top at 228th St. and Western Ave., Monday afternoon. Firemen are washing down the gas to prevent an explosion. Press Photo

Plans for New Industry OK'd

Establishment here of a $2,500,000 industrial firm moved a step closer this week after the City Council agreed to settle for a 50-foot buffer zone south of Monterey St.

The as yet unnamed cold-rolling metal firm, now located in Detroit, had anounced interest in a site south of Monterey St. between Crenshaw Blvd. and Maple Ave.

The office building is to be constructed closest to the street, while the manufacturing plant will be at least 210 feet south of the street.

Walter Mitchell, a spokesman for the firm, said it will have an annual payroll of over $3,000,000.

In other actions, the City Council told Don Wilson, West Torrance subdivider, that it prefers to receive two sumps and $7600 in preference to a flat $38,950 fee for park development in the area.

Proposed rules of order for councilmen came under discussion ,and with a number of suggestions, were referred back to City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer for rewriting.

Teacher Confabs Well Attended

Parent-teacher conferences in Torrance schools were attended by about 96 per cent of the parents, according to a report made Tuesday to the Board of Education.

This semester, some 17,820 parents of a possible 18,350 showed up at local elementary schools to discuss the progress of their children.

In 80 per cent of the conferences, the mother alone came to meet the teacher, while the father alone came to five per cent of the conferences. Both mother and father attended 15 per cent of the meetings.

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Officers Elected

Officers will be elected at a meeting of the Torrance Boosters Club, Monday at 1751 Andreo St., President Don Fulton announced.

He said the club meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m.

WINS ARCHITECT PRIZE

A design for Grandview Palos Verdes created by Los Angeles Architects Harris, Rice & Campbell, A.I.A., has won one of the home building industry's top national prizes—the Award of Distinction of American Builder Magazine.

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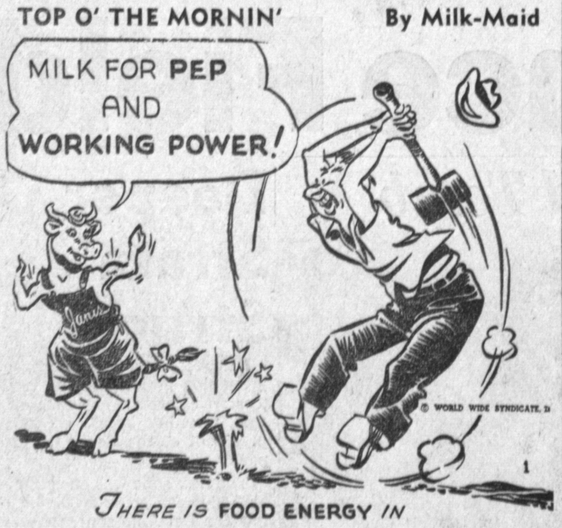

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