

Tall Torrance Beauties Vie for 'Tip-Top' Title



TALL BEAUTIES — Among the 15 contestants competing for the title of "Miss California Tip-Topper" are (left) Miss Mary Beth Meacham, 23034 Kathryn Ave., Torrance, and Miss Phyllis Anne Koppen, 3123 W. 180th Pl., Torrance. Contest will be held Saturday, May 19, at the Sheraton-West Hotel.

Two Torrance girls are among the 15 "over-six-foot" beauties competing in the "Miss California Tip-Topper" contest being sponsored May 19 by the California Tip-Toppers Club.

Nineteen-year-old Phyllis Anne Koppen, 3123 E. 180th Pl., Torrance, is a security receptionist. She is a blue-eyed blonde who measures 37-24-38 and is six feet tall.

The second Torrance contestant, also six feet tall, is Mary Beth Meacham, 23034 Kathryn Ave. Employed as a PBX-receptionist, Miss Meacham is a brunette with hazel eyes. Her measurements are 36-24-37.

SIX FEET
The annual contest, sponsored by CTC, requests that contestants be members of the club, and be at least

six feet tall in their stocking feet. It will be held at the Sheraton-West Hotel by the poolside. Public is invited to see the bevy of tall love'ies ranging in height from six feet to six foot three inches.

Contestants will be judged on the basis of beauty of face and figure, personality and poise. They will model Tall fashions and bathing suits during competition. Following the crowning of the queen, a buffet dinner and dance will be held at the Blair House in Los Angeles.

The reigning queen will be eligible to go on to nationwide competition for the title of "Miss Tall America," which is held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Pilot Program Plans Early Operation of Solar Energy-Activated System

Eighty radio call boxes activated by solar energy will provide instant notification of trouble on the freeways as part of a pilot program planned for operation near downtown Los Angeles this summer, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today.

The boxes, developed by Hoffman Electronics Corporation, will be on a 24-hour hookup with the Los Angeles Police Department communications center.

Briefly, their operation will be as follows:

The motorist will push a red button which will pass a signal to the police radio center and bring immediate response from a patrol car or motorcycle.

"When the officer arrives," Supervisor Hahn said, "he will be able to summon other emergency vehicles by use of other buttons in the call box."

"Rays from the sun will provide the energy for the signals and there will be no wires," Hahn pointed out.

Supervisor Hahn said the call boxes will be placed at quarter-mile intervals on downtown area freeways.

Twelve will be put on the Harbor freeway between the

four-level interchange and Olympic boulevard.

Fifty will be placed on the Hollywood freeway between the interchange and Highland avenue.

Fourteen will operate on the Santa Ana freeway between the interchange and the San Bernardino freeway, and the San Bernardino will have four boxes between the Santa Ana and Golden State freeways.

Decrease Noted In Accident Casualty Report

For the first time in seven years, the total casualties from motor vehicle accidents over a calendar year decreased with a slight drop noted in 1961, according to a report released today by Travelers Insurance Companies.

Injuries dropped a little less than 1 per cent to 3,057,000 and deaths by about the same percentage to 37,600, a spokesman for the 97-year-old insurance company said.



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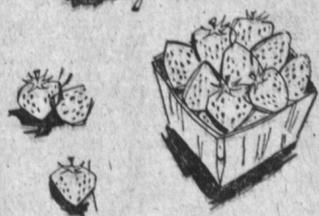
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