

A Housewife's Report

Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching . . .

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Concerned because Torrance hasn't received mention in the current 50-mile walk epidemic, five West High School 15-year-olds started out at 6 a.m. last Saturday (Feb. 23) to bring Torrance into the act.

Here are a few details. I'm sending this to you being sincerely touched when I saw those sunburned, dirty, youngsters limp in at 6:15 p.m., and think such boys deserve what pat on the back we can spare.

Mike Phillips, Jeff Johnson, Bob Golden, Mike Lewis, and Ken DeGroot completed their planned loop (of 45 to 50 miles) in exactly 12 hours and 15 minutes, including a "hamburger break" on the Santa Monica Pier.

The boys travelled light and suffered no ill effects except blisters and aching muscles, but said they had not realized before-hand it would be such a grueling ordeal.

Well-wishers shouted encouragement to them, but there was an element of danger added when two cars tried to "near-miss" them while the boys were confined to a narrow walkway.

This happened while de-

touring inland at El Segundo.

One of the misses was fractional.

The boys credited their success in finishing to a group effort. One would falter, the other four would prod him on.

"It's our march for school bonds," one of the boys said.

"We hope we'll get a gym at West High this year," said another.

All mentioned how much more you see and notice when walking instead of riding.

All said that of the communities along their route, none could match Torrance as a place to live.

The route was along the coast to Santa Monica and return, with detours and jaunts adding to the required mileage.

Other comments from the bone-weary youths were:

"I'll hand it to the Marines, if they do this carrying a pack."

"If the Angels had to walk instead of riding bikes, there would be only nine teams in the American League."

"All a 50-mile walk takes is 10 percent physical fitness, 10 percent guts, and 80 percent stupidity."

Another one of the boys added, "Boy, what a dumb thing to do — but we're plucky!"

All agreed, "never again."

Editor's note: We're calling this "A Housewife's Report." If any of you housewives have something to report, send it in. We'd like to see it and, perhaps, so would our readers.



TWIN MANNIKINS are played by twins (left to right) Jane and Judie Allen, 804 Maple, Torrance, in the one-act play festival now being rehearsed at Torrance High School. One of two schools in the nation carrying out such a creative program, Torrance High's students write, direct and produce the plays. Judie is the author of "Alter Ego," the play the girls are appearing in, which is about a mannikin with a split personality, each "split" depicted by an Allen twin.

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NOTE BIRTHDAY

A foursome enjoying dinner together at The Pen and Quill hotel-restaurant in Manhattan Beach recently were Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Craig of Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. Gene McMillan of Miraloste, who gave the party in celebration of Mrs. Craig's birthday anniversary.

Nebraska Pastor to Speak At Church in Torrance

Hope Evangelical United Brethren Church at 3343 W. Artesia, North Torrance will be presenting Dr. Ivan E. Olsen of North Platte, Nebraska in a series of prophetic lectures beginning next Sunday, March 3 and ending March 10.

Dr. Olsen has been pastor of the Berean Fundamental Church of North Platte for

Thoughts for Lent

Faith of Our Fathers

By JOHN ADAMS
October 17, 1756

I sometimes almost sink under the weight of woe.

Shall I censure the conduct of that Being Who has poured around me a great profusion of those good things that I really want, because He has kept from me the other things that might be improper and fatal to me if I had them?

He has made me an erect figure, and has placed in the most advantageous part of my body, the sense of sight.

And he has hung up in the heavens over my head, and spread out in the fields of nature around me, those glorious shows and appearances with which my eyes and my imagination are extremely delighted.

He has made my mind capable of receiving an infinite variety of ideas . . . Our thoughts rove beyond the visible sphere, range through the immeasurable

regions of the universe, and lose themselves among a labyrinth of worlds.

And not content with knowing what is, they (our thoughts) run forward into futurity, and search for new employment there.

There, they (our thoughts) can never stop. The wide, the boundless prospect, lies before them!

Here alone they (our thoughts) find objects adequate to their desires.

Shall I now presume to complain of my hard fate when such ample provision has been made to gratify all my senses and all the faculties of my soul?

God forbid I am happy and will remain so, in spite of all the other adverse circumstances that fortune can place upon me.

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