

'Y' Chief Squelches 'Hidden Army' Rumors

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The Stuff Goes for Pancakes

Dr. Rollin R. Smith acted today to squelch rumors to the effect that a secret army was in hiding in Torrance. Smith stated that rumors arose probably because of the huge quantities of food arriving daily at the YMCA. He reported that 500 pounds of flour, 500 pounds of link sausages, 50 pounds of coffee, 75 gallons of milk, 50 gallons of orange juice, and 25 gallons of maple syrup had arrived in recent shipments at the YMCA, along with 5,000 paper plates, cups, napkins, and about 15,000 plastic forks, knives and spoons.

However, Smith sought to ease the fear of all citizens by announcing that these supplies are being gathered in preparation for the 17th annual YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, on the new "Y" property at 2850 W. Sepulveda Blvd., from 6:30 until 11:30 a.m.

Smith stated that the huge quantities of food will be needed to feed the thousands of people who attend the breakfast, the ground breaking ceremonies for the new YMCA youth building; and, to see the spectacular high wire aerial show by the Winn Troup.

Smith, chairman for the 10th year of the city's oldest and largest community breakfast, invited all citizens to send nomination letters naming any person giving quiet service to others.

The YMCA Board will carefully judge these nomination in their selection of the 1964 YMCA Good Neighbor. The person selected will be honored in a surprise ceremony at the huge charity event.

Nomination letters should be mailed to Dr. Smith in care of the YMCA, Post Office Box 33, Torrance.



ENJOYING DANCE . . . Several couples enjoy the first dance of the evening during a recent dance-orientation held at the Torrance Recreation Center. The dance, under the direction of the Co-Recreation Clubs, followed an all-day carnival at the Recreation Center. Shown here are Cheryl Voorhees and Gordon Mathews and Linda Scott and Jerry Smith. The photographer could not get names for the third couple!

Not College Material

Counselors Help Jimmy Choose Right Programs

Jimmy X wasn't making good grades; but he figured he would take a college preparatory course when he entered high school. His eighth grade report card showed a C in arithmetic, another C in spelling and a D plus in reading.

When he was asked to fill out his pre-registration form for high school last Spring, he checked off the college-bound column and elected to take Spanish which he thought he'd need to get into college.

Jimmy's teacher was concerned. She felt he was getting in over his head. To help him and his parents get a realistic picture of what he was up against, she asked the high school counselor to set up an interview with Jimmy, his mother and his father during the summer.

His counselor feels confident that he'll complete his education and succeed in his plans.

JIMMY IS just one student. But his story isn't unique. Last summer hundreds of students just like Jimmy sat around desks with their parents and counselors at the four high schools in Torrance discussing their goals in terms of their abilities. And the results in most cases were every bit as gratifying, according to Robert Dollarhide, guidance consultant.

Of 790 students who participated in summer interviews, 327 had goals which were too high for their apparent ability, Dollarhide said. Other interviews concerned students who had ability but were not achieving the results they were capable of, students who needed remedial reading help, students who had been receiving failing grades, and students who have had problems which could benefit by counseling assistance.

More boys than girls took part in the program, Dollarhide stated. Interviews were conducted with 467 boys and 323 girls. Some came with one parent, and some with two. Of the 907 parents who participated, there were 698 mothers and 209 fathers. In addition to 662 freshmen who were interviewed help was given to 71 tenth graders, 32 eleventh graders and 25 twelfth graders.

Plan New Land Sale

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District will put one and one-half acres of surplus land in Walteria up for sale. The land is a part of the original Walteria School site.

During discussion of the proposed sale Monday evening, the trustees considered asking for a rezoning of the land to bring more money. A controlled commercial zone was considered, but board members voted not to become involved in the rezoning of the site.

A minimum price for the land will be set when the trustees meet Oct. 19. The formal resolution to sell the property is expected to be adopted at that meeting.

Willard Bloodworth, president of the Walteria Civic Organization, said his organization was opposed to rezoning the property.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Elections are on everyone's mind right now, so the Pennies photographer asked several area residents to comment on political polls.

Mrs. Wayne Schafer, 5042 Carmelynn St.:

"I hope the polls are right this year. I don't think we can rely altogether on the polls. They have been proven wrong before. I just don't think that a lot of the people tell the truth when they are asked questions in a poll."

O'Rey Davis, 5102 Carmelynn St.:

"I think the polls are interesting, but not very reliable. They are interesting because they show how different sections of the country stand and how opinion changes. The average voter doesn't make up his mind until time to vote."

Mrs. Donald Smith, 5019 Carmelynn St.:

"I've made up my mind who I'm going to vote for, so the polls don't sway me. They are interesting to read. I do feel that some people are swayed by the results of the polls. What I don't approve of is the use of computers to tell us who won before the election is over."

Mrs. B. H. Alexander, 5039 Carmelynn St.:

"Polls don't mean very much to me. I read them, but I've made up my mind about who I will vote for, and the polls won't change it. I imagine some people are swayed, but they can't make up their own minds."

Mrs. Ralph Woodard, 20017 Hawthorne Ave.:

"Political polls don't mean a thing. I don't decide how I will vote because of what some poll says. It would be nice if all the poll takers were given useful jobs so they would do some work that would mean something."



HONORED . . . Billy G. Geller, a precision inspector for The Garrett Corp. AirResearch Manufacturing Division, was recently honored for 15 years of service. Geller resides at 18123 Regina Ave.



MUSIC MAKERS . . . Selecting dance records for the Co-Recreation Club dance are Denise Dossi, Woody Tiernan, Lorna Long, and Karen and Sharon Smith. Tiernan is the Recreation Department leader for the Co-Recreation Clubs. The group was in charge of providing music for the dance which ends the summer calendar for the two clubs. Membership in the club is for 7th and 8th grade students.

Don't Leave State Economy-Minded Board Denies Travel Request

Torrance schools will not be represented at the American Association of School Administrators Conference this year.

A request for authorization to attend the conference—to be held in Atlantic City, N.J., Feb. 13 to 17—was denied by the Board of Education Monday evening.

The debate on attendance at the numerous conferences for school district officials began when Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, asked for authorization to send an assistant superintendent to Philadelphia, Pa.

DR. HULL wanted Dr. Robert Morton to attend the annual conference of the American Association of School Personnel Administrators at a cost of \$450. Trustee William Hanson moved to deny the request, commenting, "The only real way to keep expenses down is to cut expenses, and this is a real good candidate." The motion was seconded by Albert Charles.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts said she felt all traveling by



APPOINTED . . . Robert M. Moyer, 2207 Marjorie Ave., has just been named sales representative for Allstate Insurance Companies and will work from the Sears Torrance store.

Space Fair Wins Board Approval

High school science students in the Torrance schools may attend a Space Fair at the Pacific Missile Range Saturday, Oct. 17.

A bus trip for high school students under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce has been approved by the Board of Education.

Ann Landers Says It's Just His Way Of Getting an Ear

Dear Ann Landers: What can be done with a belligerent man? No matter where we go my husband manages to stir up a violent argument. This has been going on for thirty years and it's getting worse.

His pet subject is politics. When he exhausts that he picks a fight about religion. I am embarrassed by the fierceness of his attacks and his refusal to let others speak. Once the hostess asked him to please drop the subject but he ignored her and continued to rip into the guest of honor. We were never invited to that home again.

It is awful to see the pained looks on the faces of those who have been listening too long. Why does my husband continue to argue and bait people even though he knows it has made him thoroughly despised?—G. D. B.

Dear G. D. B.: Arguing is your husband's method of attracting attention. He'd rather be despised than ignored.

Civilized people can make a point, adroitly and effectively without ripping the opposition to shreds. A dissenting opinion is rarely resented if the dissenter attacks the ISSUE and not the person who presents it.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a G.L. stationed in a foreign

country as you can see by the envelope. Back home I was never a hotshot with the girls. Here I can have my pick of the lot. These females go big for Americans. About four months ago I met a beautiful girl who treats me like a king. She wants to marry me and I think I want to marry her but I'm not sure.

The girl has a child but was never married. All this probably sounds terrible to you but over here they look at it differently. In fact, the government helps these girls out and nobody thinks anything of it.

I have not written to my folks about my feelings. All they know is I met a girl and I like her a lot. My father has hinted that I had better "put on the brakes" and not get "involved" with anybody.

Do these marriages work? Can you give me some advice? Your column is my best link with the U.S. I never miss it.—BRINK

Dear Brink: Have you considered how this girl will fit into your home environment? You see her now in HER environment. And consider, too, how you will look to her out of uniform.

Make no commitments. Buster. If it's love it will keep till you get home and can look at this relationship through state-side.



Ann Landers

COUNT MARCO SAYS

Skip the Rhino Steaks; Concentrate on Romance

Listening in on your conversation is always enlightening, sometimes even entertaining, depending on my mood and viewpoint. It gives me much insight into the workings of your mind.

One recent day, for instance, I saw a tour bus full of widows, sporting basic black and pearls, unloading at the curb.

One extolled the virtues of rhino steaks but prepared "medium, never well done."

The second shook her head and said she preferred snake steaks "served so deliciously in that delightful little cellar place in something or other Africa."

The third, not to be outdone, said excitedly, "Oh, but you really haven't lived until you've eaten rhino steaks raw!"

Standing at the curb waiting for a taxi were two local women about the same age as their compatriots.

One mumbled to the other: "If I had the chance to trip around the world it wouldn't be snake and rhino I'd be discussing but the men, honey, the men!"

And isn't this why most women alone take a trip to a foreign land? You hope against hope that away from the prying eyes of relatives, neighbors and friends you can let your hair down and have *une grande affaire*.

So, my dear, why don't you? Instead of rushing about looking at ruins, scenery and museums, and being a museum piece yourself, read up on the men. Study them beforehand: their habits, habitat and the like.

As I have told you, don't travel in groups with other women. If you behave with dignity and show a positive interest in what's around you, you never need fear being a loner.