

OBITUARIES

Rites Slated for First Hospital Superintendent

Funeral services for Miss Esther Maxwell, first superintendent of the Torrance Memorial Hospital, will be conducted at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Westminster.

Miss Maxwell, who was 86, died early Friday morning at her Leisure World home.

A native of Iowa, Miss Maxwell came to Torrance in February, 1925, to become the first superintendent of the newly built Torrance Memorial Hospital, a post she held for some 20 years. She later served on the board of directors of the Torrance Hospital Association.

Miss Maxwell was the night supervisor at Long Beach Community Hospital when she was named to the Torrance position. She supervised the preparations for the opening of the new hospital in May, 1928.

Services will be conducted at the Peek Family Mortuary Chapel at 7801 Bolsa, Westminster. Miss Maxwell is survived by a niece, Phoebe Leverenz.

Friends may make donations to the hospital fund.

Emilie Kirk

Private funeral services for Emilie Anna Kirk, 78, of 1219 Portola Ave., were conducted at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with burial following in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Mrs. Kirk, who was born in New York, had lived in Torrance for 17 years. She died Tuesday.

Surviving Mrs. Kirk are a daughter, Anne Day of Torrance; a son, Allen J. Kirk of Rolling Hills; a sister, Elsie Merriman of New York, and five grandchildren.

Albert Gray

Requiem mass for Albert Godfrey Gray, 51, of San Luis Obispo was celebrated yesterday morning at the Church of the Nativity. Rosary was said Friday evening at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel.

Mr. Gray, who was born in Massachusetts, had lived in California for 40 years. He died Monday in Ontario.

Surviving are his widow, Reatha; four sons, Jerry of Wilmington, Ronald of the city of Industry, Gene of the U.S. Air Force, and Allen of San Luis Obispo; two brothers, Paul of Palos Verdes and Ralph of El Monte; a sister, Ruth Miller of Los Angeles, and eight grandchildren.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Percy Smith

Funeral services for Percy Wilson Smith, 78, of 740 1/2 Sartori Ave., were conducted yesterday at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Walter Stanton of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church officiating.

Mr. Smith, a resident of the area for the past 44 years, died Tuesday. He was born in Canada.

Surviving are his widow, Eva of Torrance; three daughters, Gladys Bellocchi and Marie Diehl of Torrance and Maisie Hawker of Long Beach; three brothers, Ben of Torrance, Norman of Lomita, and Leonard of Canada; two sisters, Jean Smith of Florida and Bessie Kehoe of Lynwood, Calif.; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

M. E. Villarreal

Requiem mass for Miguel Esquer Villarreal of 20416 Catalina Ave. was celebrated Thursday morning. Rosary was said at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel Wednesday evening.

Mr. Villarreal, who was 31, died last Monday in a Torrance hospital. He had lived here all his life.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Villarreal; five brothers, Angel, David, Raymond, Tony, and Alfred, and four sisters, Lupe Ulloa, Carmen Gonzales, Ynes Bares, and Virginia Villarreal.

Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Margaret Felker

Funeral services for Margaret Felker, 80, a resident of Torrance for more than 50 years, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Walter Stanton, pastor of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, officiating.

Mrs. Felker, the wife of pioneer industrialist Dick Felker, died Friday at the age of 80 while visiting in the couple's desert home near Twenty-Nine Palms. The family home was at 1527 Post Ave.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Felker is survived by a son, Max N. Felker; and two granddaughters, Andrea Felker and Sharon Hayden.

Interment will be in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Mrs. Huartson

Funeral services for Janette Bont Huartson, 70, of 1559 W. 205th St., will be conducted at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Torrance Ward.

Mrs. Huartson, who was born in Michigan, died in a Torrance rest home Thursday. She had lived here for about six years.

Surviving are her husband, James; a daughter, Phyllis Parker of Torrance; a son, Raymond Huartson of Michigan; two sisters, Mina Miller and Mae Siebers, both in Michigan; five grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Cypress, with Halverson-Leavell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.



TEACHER CORPS DAY ... Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (seated at left) will be featured speaker in a program at the University of Southern California tomorrow as part of National Teacher Corps Day. Richard A. Graham, director of the National Teacher Corps, will deliver the principal address. Seated with Hahn is Miss Annette Gromfin, associate Teacher Corps director for USC. Also pictured are Dr. Donald E. Wilson, director of the corps at USC and a member of the Torrance Board of Education, and Don Hodges, assistant superintendent of schools of the Enterprise City School District. USC is one of 50 universities participating in the program with emphasis on the Willowbrook, Enterprise, and Garvey school of the Enterprise City School District. U

Ferraro

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some minor inflation because of "zooming costs of labor."

HE SAID events in Vietnam are likely to play a major role in the Southland's economy but said any "major changes in the coming year will be largely, if not completely, absorbed by our peace oriented (research and development) and manufacturing industries."

Ferraro predicted the "tight money" situation will be eased and that new demands for housing will result in new momentum for the building industry.

The need for new housing in Torrance, coupled with the rising values and low availability of land will result in a strong trend toward high-rise and high density residential developments. A special census in March is likely to push the city's population to 145,000 or 150,000, he said.

EMPLOYMENT, he said, will continue to be high and predicted that the outlook for 1967 "is even brighter" than in 1966 when some 114,000 new jobs were created.

Rising labor costs, Ferraro said, and increased unionization of government and civil service employees "is going to place a more constant demand on the tax dollar."

He also predicted significant cutbacks in state programs — especially in the welfare programs — by the new Republican administration. Such reforms, he said, "could possibly have serious effects on our local government operations."

"Discontinuation of the sales tax, for example, would delete one third of our city's total revenue."

FERRARO ALSO said the city has been attempting to get away from a dependence on property taxes for revenue. He cited the cigarette tax and service charges for city services.

But, Ferraro added, "you can expect 1967 to be a fiery year in the debate of tax reform."

The strong economy and new increases in population, will create demands for new services, Ferraro said. "Citizens are rarely willing to finance new services until the need becomes critical," he said. The result, he added, is that government is usually several years behind in providing the services.

BUT, HE said, the city has been able to accommodate its "fantastic progress to date."

"With our community about to ascend to new summits of expansion, government action this year may well set the pace for the next decade and beyond," Ferraro said.

Judge Named For Contest

George L. Graziadio, president of Imperial Bank, has been selected as a judge for a public speaking contest to be conducted by the Harbor District Chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

The contest will be held Feb. 14 as part of the chapter's February meeting. The topic for the contest is "The Marketing Responsibility of Bank Management."

BENSON IS a member of the First Methodist Church of Redondo Beach, where he is a M.Y.F. counselor, Sunday school superintendent in the high school division, and a lay reader.

He was born in Flint, Mich., and attended schools in Indiana and Michigan. He received his law degree in 1957 from the University of Michigan.

Library Sets Three Films

Three films will be shown at 10:30 a.m. next Saturday in the children's room at the Torrance Library, 1345 Post Ave. There is no admission charge.

The films are "Cattle Ranch," "Autumn," and "Harold and the Purple Canyon."

Area Man Found Dead In Truck

A Wilmington man found slumped over the steering wheel of his truck Friday afternoon apparently died as the result of a heart attack, Torrance police said yesterday.

Shirley Omar Reed, 54, of 553 W. 238th Place, Wilmington, was found in a pick-up truck at Sepulveda and Crenshaw Boulevards at 2:45 Friday afternoon. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital.

Police said the dead man was found by Irwin R. Pittler of Los Angeles. Pittler was in his car at the Sepulveda-Crenshaw intersection when it was struck from behind. Pittler saw Reed slumped over the wheel when he turned to see who had hit his car, police said.

Carpeting Firm Gets \$220 Fine

Delco Carpet Co. Inc., a Los Angeles firm with outlets in the southwest area, was pleaded guilty Tuesday by its president in Long Beach Municipal Court on a charge of false advertising.

The firm was accused of advertising a less expensive grade of carpeting as "Dupont 501," a specific quality grade established by the Dupont Co.

The charge grew out of an investigation by the Better Business Bureau of the South Bay and Greater Long Beach areas. Tests made on carpeting purchased from the firm's Harbor City store showed the carpeting not only failed to meet the specifications for "501" but was not even manufactured from Dupont fibers.

Mistafa Meskin, president of the firm, appeared on behalf of the corporation and entered the guilty plea. Municipal Judge Charles T. Smith fined the firm \$220.

The prosecution is the second brought against carpet firms in the area during the past six months. E. W. Cummings, president of the Better Business Bureau, said.

Brothers Held for Burglary

Two brothers were arrested Friday on suspicion of burglary following a week-long investigation into the theft of tires from a Torrance firm.

Arrested were Joe Rivera, 20, of 2130 Del Amo Blvd., and Rudy Ralph Rivera, 22, of 21314 S. Vermont Ave. They were taken into custody about 1:15 p.m. Friday.

The brothers are suspected of burglary in connection with the theft Jan. 14 of 65 tires and other property from the Nassour Tire Co. at 807 Van Ness Ave.

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