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THE LUCK OF THE IRISH... Torrance police woman Marylou Holdsworth gets pinned with 343 years of Irish luck by four of the oldest Irishmen now living in Los Angeles County. The men are (clockwise, from lower left) Patrick O'Neill, 72; Oliver Porter, 91; Robert Irwin, 87, and Charles Joseph McCorry, who will be 93 next June 8. McCorry will be honorary grand marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade here Saturday and the other three gentlemen will serve as honorary marshals. (Press-Herald Photo)

Irish to Take Over The City Saturday

The oldest Irishman now living in Los Angeles County and an actor who is the seventh son of a seventh son of an Irishman will share the places of honor Saturday for the city's first St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade, which includes some 140-plus units, will move west along Torrance Boulevard from the Downtown Torrance area, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The oldest Irishman born in Ireland and now living in Los Angeles is Charles Joseph McCorry, who will be one of

several honorary grand marshals in the parade.

THE ACTOR is Barry Sullivan, star of the television series "The Road West."

McCorry, who will be 93 come June 8, was born in 1874 in Silverwood, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1894. He was 10 years old. A corporal in the 4th Wisconsin Infantry during the Spanish-American War, he now lives in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Los Angeles.

Three other elderly Irish

men turned up in a county-wide search will serve as honorary marshals of the parade. They include Oliver Porter, 91, of San Pedro; Robert Irwin, 87, also of San Pedro; and Patrick O'Neill, who will be celebrating his 72nd birthday on St. Patrick's Day.

SULLIVAN, who will be grand marshal of the parade, will head a contingent from Hollywood who trace their roots back to the Emerald Isle.

The seventh son of the seventh son of a County Clare Irishman, Sullivan was born Aug. 15, 1912, in New York City. He first got the acting bug while in college and landed his first speaking part in 1937 on Broadway.

Sullivan since has appeared on stage, in numerous motion pictures, and on television. His current series, "The Road West," is the third television (See PARADE on A-2)

Police Log 25 Crashes Here on Rainy Weekend

Soldier Cited in Vietnam

A Torrance soldier this week was cited for heroism in a Vietnam war operation which resulted in 117 Viet Cong dead and the capture of 16 prisoners.

Spec. 5/C Ronald H. Davidson, 22, received the Distinguished Flying Cross at Tan Son Nut, Vietnam, last Jan. 20. Army officials announced this week.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barton W. Davidson Sr. of 3629 Michelle Drive.

THE CREW chief of an armed helicopter of the 120th Aviation Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, Spec. Davidson was engaged in a search and destroy mission near Saigon last Jan. 20-22. He and other gunners in his unit accounted for 74 of the enemy dead in the action.

Spec. Davidson aided in capturing the 16 prisoners by pulling them aboard the helicopter as it hovered over the area, it was reported. The action placed the helicopter in an "extremely vulnerable position," army officials said, "but intelligence information obtained from the prisoners made the risk worthwhile."

A 1962 graduate of North High School, Spec. Davidson entered on active duty in August, 1965, and was sent to Vietnam in February, 1966. He attended Pepperdine College.

Spec. Davidson's wife, Barbara Ann, lives in Hermosa Beach.

Commends City

SACRAMENTO—The state senate has adopted a resolution by Senator Ralph C. Dill, D-Gardena, which commends the city of Torrance for its first St. Patrick's Day parade, scheduled for March 18.

The resolution also commends the Irish Club of Torrance, sponsors of the event.



READY FOR PAGEANT... Aspirants for the title of "Miss Torrance" and a shot at the "Miss America" title meet to get ready for the April 1 pageant at which the winner will be selected. Seated from left are Diane Kurlow; Sandy Walters, Marcia Reich, Gloria Steward, and Lynda Reyes. Standing from left are Sue Foster, Gale Lamm, Sharon Florez, Juanita Weiss, Judi Rynhart, and Patricia Opeil. (Press-Herald Photo)

4 Hurt In One Smash

Four persons escaped with only minor injuries Monday afternoon when the car in which they were riding was involved in a three-car collision.

Torrance police said the crash occurred on Western Avenue at 208th St. just before 4 p.m.

The accident was just one of 25 reported throughout the city during a three-day period in which intermittent rains kept the streets damp and slippery, police said.

NONE OF THE crashes resulted in serious injuries, it was reported.

Treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital following the 4 p.m. crash Monday were: Delores A. Cobos, 21, of 137 E. R St., Wilmington, whom police identified as the driver of the car; Felipe Gonzalez, 43; Cruzita Gonzalez, 37, and Rudolph Cobos, 19. All four were released following treatment.

Drivers of the other two vehicles were identified as Will H. Gay, 88, of 21119 S. Harvard Blvd., and Stanley J. Uniak, 51, of Pomona. Gay told police he would seek private medical attention. Uniak was uninjured.

A **FIFTH** person was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital about 6 p.m. Monday after a crash at Hawthorne Boulevard and 182nd Street.

Fritz Furer, 34, of 3922 (See TRAFFIC on A-2)

Help for Downtown Business Area Set

Torrance councilmen last night exempted the downtown business section from provisions of the city's off-street parking requirements.

Councilmen also ordered the city's Planning Commission to make a thorough study of parking problems connected with changes in the use of older buildings in the city.

The council first approved the exemption, as an emergency measure, but rescinded that action when it was explained and then approved the measure as a regular ordinance by a 5-2 vote. It must be approved on a second reading to become law. Councilmen described

the downtown area as "unique" and said the new ordinance is designed to assist in the development of the business area.

Ken Miller said he felt the city was justified in exempting the area from the off-street parking requirements since merchants in the area have spent some \$250,000 to form an assessment district and provide some parking in the area.

The study was ordered as a result of a request by a beauty college owner to be exempted from off-street parking requirements.

COUNCILMEN did not act on the specific request, which

involved property in a shopping center at the southwest corner of Sepulveda and Hawthorne boulevards.

But councilmen noted the building which the beauty college has proposed to use was first built as a furniture store. (See COUNCIL on A-2)

First Pledge Recorded

The first official pledge to be received in a \$2 million public subscription campaign for Torrance Memorial Hospital was received from the hospital's Women's Auxiliary yesterday. The auxiliary voted to pledge \$100,000 during a regular business meeting Tuesday, Mrs. James Kimble, president, announced. There is no time limit on the pledge, hospital officials said. A grant of \$2.2 million has been received from the federal and state governments for the new hospital, which is to be built on a 10-acre tract near Hawthorne and Lomita boulevards.

Slate Set for Election

Six Republicans and five Democrats will be on the ballot April 11 as voters in the 46th Assembly District begin the process of selecting a replacement for the late Charles E. Chapel. Republicans include the Assemblyman's widow, Dorothy. Other Republicans are Robert G. Beverly, Manhattan Beach mayor; Howard Kessler, Hermosa; Michael O'Neill, Hermosa Beach teacher; Boris S. Woolley, Torrance attorney; and Kenneth Woodsey, Los Angeles. Democrats include Joseph Amato, Palos Verdes Peninsula; Paul P. Kamm, Los Angeles; Owen A. Silverman, Torrance; Redondo Councilman J. O. Lee Solomon; and William A. Ross, Manhattan Beach.

Three Men Rob Small Market

Three men who entered a neighborhood market at Torrance Boulevard and Anza just at closing time Tuesday night fled with about \$175 in cash after threatening their victim with a handgun and a pocket knife. Alphonse Hazboun told police one man entered the store and bought a package of gum just before he closed. As he closed the door, the man returned for a package of cigarettes. When he was admitted, two more men entered the store and held Hazboun at gunpoint while taking the store's receipts from him. The victim said the three men, each between 25 and 30, fled from the area on foot.

State Watching Race in 46th

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SACRAMENTO—A battle of some statewide significance in the Republican party may be shaping up in the special election campaign to fill a vacancy in the 46th assembly district, created by the recent death of Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel, R-Palos Verdes Estates.

The election will be held April 11, with a runoff on May 9 if none of the candidates in the first receives a majority of the votes cast. In case of a runoff, the top vote-getter from each party will run.

Names of some of the leading candidates are familiar. One, of course, is Mrs. Charles E. Chapel, a Republican, who is seeking to fill out the unexpired term of her late husband. Another Republican is Robert Beverly, mayor of Manhattan Beach, who was Chapel's opponent in a free-

swinging primary campaign last year.

On the Democratic side there is J. O. Lee Solomon, of Redondo Beach, who was defeated by Chapel last November.

Thus none of these three should be a stranger to the voters. With such a short campaign, it normally would be expected that Mrs. Chapel would hold a considerable advantage because her name is well known through Chapel's representation of the district for 16 years. So one question is how much of a name carry-over will there be from last year because of the campaigns of Beverly and Solomon.

In Sacramento, something more is being read into the race than merely filling a vacancy in the 80-member assembly. At first glance is the philosophical difference between Mrs. Chapel and Beverly. Mrs. Chapel, like her late

husband, is considered a conservative. Beverly is a law partner of former Senator Richard Richards, liberal Democrat from Los Angeles county. He also has been active in the California Republican League, a new group which backed such candidates in 1966 as George Christopher in his unsuccessful primary campaign against Governor Ronald Reagan.

But, in the assembly itself, where a number of members are taking sides, some see the 46th assembly district seat as a significant one in the continuing moves of some members to wrest the party leadership from Assemblyman Robert T. Monagan, R-Tracy, a moderate. One of Mrs. Chapel's main supporters is Assemblyman Robert E. Badham, R-Newport Beach, who often has been rumored as a challenger to Monagan.

Chapel had been considered a Badham supporter.

The election of his wife to the assembly would not enhance Badham's chances, not considered too probable at the time, but would hold his position. Gaining of the seat by a candidate of the moderates would make Monagan's tenure more comfortable.

Badham, who confirmed he had been among Mrs. Chapel's early supporters, noted that he never had announced his candidacy for the minority leader although he had heard his name mentioned. Badham said he was flattered that some Republicans were reading a leadership battle into the coming election.

There's some question how far some Republicans will go in opposing Mrs. Chapel. They realize, through her association with her late husband, she has a better than average working knowledge of the legislature. The hawks want to oppose her openly but the (See ELECTION on A-2)



THEIR LEADER... Actor Barry Sullivan, whose roles on the stage, in movies, and on television have made him a popular favorite among millions, will be at the head of the line of dignitaries Saturday as Torrance and the Southland join in a salute to St. Patrick here with a parade and day-long celebration.