

A Letter... ... To My Son

By Tom Rische

High School Teacher and Youth Worker

(Bruce, the 20-month-old usual recipient of these letters, will take a temporary back seat, as Rische addresses a letter to members of Rische's Raiders, a Senior Hi-Y club of which he is sponsor).

Dear Johns, Mikes, Bruce, Chuck, Duane, Jeff, Chris, Gary, Jim Rusty Bill Jack, and Steve,

After 13 years of school, you're graduating. You guys will be scattering to various places — schools, jobs, and/or the service. You're men, or almost so.

Three years ago, when I became your sponsor, I found a shrimpy bunch of guys, talking in squeaky voices, tapping their feet nervously, and murmuring "Stoke!" whenever something pleased them. Since then we've had weekly meetings, more or less, with programs that were serious, silly, weird, or sometimes just chaotic. You argued over who'd paid his dues and who hadn't and what to do if they hadn't, as well as where to go on our next trip.

There were trips to the mountains, the beach, the desert, Mexico, Catalina, swimming pools, television shows, and even the county jail. We stuffed envelopes, marched against leukemia, Christmas-caroled for shut-ins, moved chairs, refereed for small fry sports, and helped out at various YMCA events.

We talked about who you are, and who I am, and parents, and adults, and teenagers, and God, and dope, and cars, and motorcycles, and jobs, and school, and sports, and all sorts of important and unimportant things. You asked me all sorts of questions I found hard to answer, sometimes at odd hours and in odd places. You made me think, and sometimes I stood a little straighter because I knew you were watching.

There were times when I could have machine-gunned the whole bunch of you, but now that you're graduating, I think I'll miss you guys. It's been fun watching you grow—in body, mind, and spirit—and feeling me grow some too.

I'll resist the temptation of most adults at graduation time and not offer unwanted and unheeded advice. If I've made no impression on you

Obituaries

Rachel Severance

Memorial services were held Monday at Roosevelt Memorial Park, Rev. Arthur Nagle officiating, for Rachel Severance who died June 9. She was born March 27, 1907 to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Severance III, 1303 Date St.

She is survived by her parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vance of Redondo Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Severance Jr. of New York.

Stone and Myers Mortuary was in charge of funeral arrangements.

T. E. Asperen

Funeral services for Theodore Eugene Asperen Sr., 619 Acacia Ave., were held at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel Tuesday with Pastor William Roleder of the First Lutheran Church of Torrance officiating. Mr. Asperen died Friday as the result of burns he suffered in a home fire.

A native of New York, Asperen was a veteran of World War II military service and had lived here for 14 years. He was employed at Douglas Long Beach.

Surviving are his widow, Evelyn; two daughters, Penny Clark of Torrance and Lorylle Parovel of Riverside; a son, Ted Jr. of Torrance; his father, William, three brothers, and a sister.

Interment was in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Cletus McLean

Celebration of requiem mass for Cletus William Mc-

Lean, of 1028 Arlington Ave., was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. today at Nativity Catholic Church and interment to follow in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Mr. McLean, who was born July 19, 1916, died here Sunday. He was a veteran of World War II service, a member of the Redondo Beach Elks Lodge, and had been employed at Soule Steel Co. here. He had resided in Torrance for 43 years.

Surviving are his widow, Marguerite; three sons, Bill, P. D., and Jerry, all of Torrance; a daughter, Georgiann Moltmann of Monrovia; three brothers, and four sisters. The rosary was recited at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel Tuesday evening.

O. E. Ball

Funeral services for Orbra Edward Ball, 17217 Ardath Ave., were scheduled in the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel at 1 p.m. today with the Rev. Joe Young of the First Christian Church officiating.

Mr. Ball, a foreman for Shell Chemical Co. here before his retirement, was born in Illinois on Nov. 9, 1901. He died in a Gardena medical center on Sunday.

Surviving Mr. Ball are his widow, Eva; a son, Eugene, of Lee Vining, Calif.; a daughter, Betty Anderson, of Buffalo, N.Y.; six brothers, two sisters, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Interment has been scheduled in Green Hills Memorial Park.

before this, it's a bit late to begin. So I'll just say thanks for some of the finest moments of my life. Be good guys. Walk proudly. May God grant you the serenity to accept the things you cannot change, the courage to change the things you can, and the wisdom to know the difference,

OLD MAN RISCHÉ

Contract Awarded

A low bid of \$1.16 million has been submitted for construction of the San Pedro County Courts Building, according to County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The bid, submitted by the Coast State General Engineering Co. of Long Beach, was the lowest of eight bids. The high offer was \$1.21 million.

The two-story facility at 505 South Center Street, San Pedro, will be built from funds provided by the Board of Retirement and repaid by the county over a 30-year lease-purchase agreement.

Plans call for the erection of a two-story building housing three municipal courtrooms. Offices for the District Attorney, Marshal, Probation Department, Sheriff's Department, Public Defender, and Municipal Clerk are included.

The construction timetable calls for completion of the project next summer.

Shuffleboard Competition

Senior citizens are practicing daily for the fourth annual countywide shuffleboard competition to be held between June 20 to 22, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The preliminary matches will be held at Southwest Sportsman's Park, 9637 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles; Torrance Adult Center, Lennox Park; Leuders Park in Compton; and Houghton Park in Long Beach.

Finals are set at Southwest Sportsman's Park June 22. The event is being co-sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and the communities of Torrance, Compton, and Long Beach.

Group to Meet

Martin Reiter, professor of geology at Harbor College, will address members of the Palos Verdes Gem and Mineral Society Tuesday, June 20, at 8 p.m. at Dapplegray School, 3011 Palos Verdes Drive North. He will speak on volcanism and show slides.

'Real Estate' Is Sermon Subject

"Your Real Estate" is the subject of the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services today at the Church of Religious Science, 907 Knob Hill Ave. The Rev. Dr. Frank E. Richelieu will discuss real estate in terms of "state of mind," rather than land or property.

Win Battle Of the Bands

The band The Royal Teens was judged winner of the Battle of the Bands sponsored by the Downtown Torrance Lions Club June 3 at the Torrance Y.M.C.A.

Over 2,500 spectators ate a pancake breakfast and listened to the "big beat" music provided by the twenty bands who competed for recording contracts.

The Royal Teens, Dave

Travis Extremes, Symbol of Tyme, and Full House battled it out in the 2-hour finals. The Royal Teens were accorded tremendous audience approval.

The winning band consists of four local boys: Sam Chirico, whose mother manages the group, guitar; Evan Zang, drums; Joe Campo, bass; and Jim Whittle, lead guitar.

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try adjoining the subject property, Mrs. Turner said she had a restaurant client awaiting the outcome of the hospital application.

Councilmen heard discussion on noise and odor problems, and were assured by the project architect that the structure to house the hospital would be constructed of solid masonry and would be relatively odor and noise free. Because the animal hospital would be located in the airport flight path, the operators would be as anxious to keep noise out, the developer said.

Only Mayor Isen opposed approval of the petition.

A petition for a conditional use permit for a nursery school to operate at 3668 Newton St. was granted over objections of nearby residents and property owners. The school is scheduled to operate only from 9 a.m. until noon, councilmen were told.

Hahn Asks More Judges From County

At the suggestion of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, requests from Municipal Court Districts in Los Angeles County for additional judges will be referred to the recently reactivated County Commission on Judicial Procedures.

"I expect this commission to carefully screen these requests and advise on the necessity for adding new judges," Hahn said.

As chairman of courts for the County, Hahn has emphasized the expense of adding new judges and has pressed for legislation to equalize the workload in each of the 23 Municipal Court Districts.

He says each new judge costs the taxpayers approximately \$100,000 annually (salary, supporting staff, etc.) in addition to approximately \$30,000 construction costs if a courtroom has to be provided.

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