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HEROISM HONORED . . . Mr. and Mrs. Max O. Judge, 2433 W. 236th St., receive the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Military Merit Medal on behalf of their late son, Pfc. Mark W. Judge. The presentation was made by Lt. Gen. Lewis W. Walt, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, in ceremonies at the Long Beach Naval Base. Pfc. Judge was killed in action in Vietnam when he elected to stay behind and provide cover fire while his comrades regrouped during a fire fight. Mr. and Mrs. Judge earlier received the Navy Cross for their son's heroic action.

Developers Fined \$500; Get Five Days in Jail

Stay Approved For Appeal to Supreme Court

Land developer Kenneth Battrum and three of his business associates were each fined \$500 and sentenced to five days each in the county jail yesterday on the charge of contempt of court. The sentences, however, were stayed until April 1.

In addition to Battrum, the sentence named Richard Leonard, Teruyuki Fujii, and Robert Schulman. The four were found guilty of contempt Feb. 20 in Superior Court for failing to appear and testify in the city's Civil Service Commission hearings against suspended City Engineer Walter M. Nollac.

Dudley Gray, attorney for the four convicted developers, said he will appeal the case to the State Supreme Court. Two previous petitions for appeal were denied.

BATTRUM is the land developer who formerly owned a boat in common with the suspended city engineer. In the case against Nollac, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro contends that Nollac accepted favors from Battrum in the maintenance of the boat in exchange for favors to Battrum's land interests.

Nollac is accused of improperly lowering soil compaction standards in Battrum's tracts, issuing Battrum grading permits before bonds were filed, and improperly reducing drainage fees for Battrum's subdivisions.

NOLLAC is also charged with failing to obey a directive of the city manager and finance director regarding competitive bidding requirements in connection with public improvements by private companies.

Ferraro claims that Nollac failed to tell him information concerning the lack of performance, nonpayment of inspection fees, and the unauthorized granting of occupancy permits

to Jewell Land Co. at a time when the defendant recommended a six-month extension of time to complete requirements within a tract.

Other charges against Nollac stem from alleged false testimony Nollac made at the first hearing against him last August.

AT THAT time, the Civil Service Commission found him innocent of wrongdoing, but slapped his wrist for "poor judgment" in his co-ownership of the fishing boat.

Nollac, on the other hand, has said the charges stem from the city manager's "personal animosity" against him.

The Nollac hearings continue Monday at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall. The hearings are expected to conclude March 31.

New Peace Corps Head Tells Ideas

Joe Blatchford, who recently accepted a Presidential appointment to head the Peace Corps, wants recipient governments to become more involved in the program. Blatchford disclosed his views Wednesday after a personal conference with President Nixon.

The 34-year-old attorney said he feels the Peace Corps will be more effective if foreign governments have more to say about the selection, assignment, and training of volunteers for their countries.

The San Pedro resident formerly headed ACCION, a "private peace corps" serving South America. He ran unsuccessfully for Congress recently against Rep. Glenn Anderson.



DEDICATE SHELTER . . . A picnic shelter constructed at Victor Park through the aid of the Victor Women's Club will be dedicated tomorrow at 11 a.m. The club donated \$5,000 for construction of the shelter. Here, Mayor Albert Isen presents a plaque recognizing the club for its efforts to Mrs. Wally Polloc (right), past president of the club, while Mrs. Herbert Coe, current president, recalls the groundbreaking ceremonies some months ago. (Press-Herald Photo)

Youth Selected for Washington Project

Thomas M. Somers, a senior at Torrance High School, will participate in the 1969 "Presidential Classroom for Young Americans," a non-profit, non-partisan educational program in government to be held in Washington, D.C. The program begins tomorrow and will continue through March 29.

Coordinating the activity locally is City Treasurer Tom Rupert, acting on behalf of Congressman Glenn Anderson (D-17th District).

Tuition for the local participant will be paid by the combined Lions Clubs of Torrance. Transportation will be provided by courtesy of the Torrance High School Associated Student Body.

PURPOSE of the program is to give high school seniors an opportunity for in-depth study of the United States Government at the nation's capital through personal involvement.

Classes will be held in government branch and agency offices. Curriculum will focus on the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government. Teaching will be supplemented by lectures, seminars, and meetings with key government officials.

Somers has attained both academic and athletic distinction at Torrance High. In addition to being on the principal's honor roll for the past three years, he has earned letters in varsity cross-country and varsity track.

In his junior year he served as class president for the first semester and as commissioner of activities during the second semester.

HE IS a recipient of the Harvard book award, has served as Boys' State representative, and has attended communications, arts, and sciences summer institutes at Willamette, Ore. He has also been a member of the California Scholarship Federation since his sophomore year.

Last semester he held down both the office of student body president and senior class student court representative.

For Long Service

Kiwanis Club Honors Doctor

Howard Wood, M.D., a resident of Torrance for more than 25 years, has been honored by the Torrance Kiwanis Club for "his service and dedication to Kiwanis and to the community."

An engraved plaque was presented to Dr. Wood by Dean Sears and Dr. Aiden Smith at a meeting of the local club this week.

Dr. Wood came to Torrance in 1942, moving his medical practice here from Beaumont, Calif. He joined the Torrance Kiwanis Club the same year.

In 1947, he became a charter member of the Torrance Board of Education and served as the first president of the board.

School, dedicated in 1954, was named for him.

He served as president of the Kiwanis Club in 1949 and in 1951 was appointed Harbor Area District Chairman for the Los Angeles Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

DR. WOOD was elected lieutenant governor of Kiwanis Division 19 in 1952. He also was elected to the Torrance Memorial Hospital board of directors in 1955.

He was named Citizen of the Year for 1957 by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

Now retired from his private practice, Dr. Wood continues to serve as medical director and consultant to the Torrance Unified District.

His wife of 46 years, Jessie, died April 8, 1968.



HONORED . . . Dr. Howard Wood (second from left), holds a plaque presented to him by the Torrance Kiwanis Club. Dr. Wood was honored for his service to the Kiwanis Clubs and for service to the community. On hand for the presentation were (from left) Dean Sears; Logan Cotton, past district governor of the Kiwanis Clubs; and Dr. Aiden Smith. Sears and Dr. Smith served as program chairmen for the evening.

Data Position Upgraded; New Department Eyed

City Councilmen have taken the first step toward establishing a new Data Processing Department within the city and removing processing functions from the Finance Department. In a 6-1 vote, councilmen voted to create a new position of data processing manager at a salary range of \$1,195 to \$1,318 per month in lieu of the existing position of data processing supervisor.

HOWEVER, THEY decided not to create a new city department at the present time, postponing the decision until budget hearings.

The question of a new department came up when the data processing supervisor resigned last December. When a high-level position becomes vacant, it is customary to initiate a study to see if any changes should be recommended.

Both City Manager Edward J. Ferraro and Finance Director William Dundore recommended the formation of the new department.

CASTING THE sole "no" vote on the question of hiring a new manager was Councilman Orin Johnson. Johnson said that there was a need for increased data processing activity, but that the city should continue to rely on outside sources for the work until it has created and

its own. "This will grow into a big ball of snakes, I can assure you," Johnson said.

Councilman Donald E. Wilson disagreed with Johnson, saying that a computer department might streamline city functions.

COUNCILMEN also came close to approving a site for the proposed Southeast Torrance Branch Library, to be located at the corner of Arlington Avenue and 231st Street.

However, they referred the plan back to the Library Commission for further consideration when Councilman Johnson proposed that the city purchase a 3/4-acre site for the library instead of 1/2-acre site okayed by the commission.

Seminars On Drugs Continue

A series of seminars on drug abuse is currently underway in this area. Known as South Bay Project, the seminars are conducted by Thomas Drucker, a Ph.D. candidate in educational psychology at UCLA. Drucker is presently employed as a psychological tutor at the Brentwood Educational Center.

Seminars will be held on the next two Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Place is the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Redondo Beach. The seminars are not church-related.

Both drug users and non-users may attend the seminars. Programs consist of a one-hour lecture followed by an hour of free discussion.

South Bay Project was arranged by Bruce Donley of Torrance, who does voluntary work in rehabilitation and job placement of drug addicts.

Chamber Sponsors Guatemala Visit

Plans for a Sister City delegation to visit Guatemala City, Guatemala, under the sponsorship of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce were announced here this morning.

The seven-day, six-night tour will depart from Torrance Thursday, May 29, and return here Wednesday, June 4. Air fare and hotel accommodations are included in the \$400 tour package.

Members of the delegation will meet U.S. government officials and businessmen stationed in Guatemala and also be guests at an official reception to be hosted by the mayor of Guatemala City.

TOURS of the capital city, the Indian Village of Dantiago

de Atitlan, and Chichicastenango are planned, as well as visits to historical monuments, the National Palace, and other places of interest.

A day for individual members of the delegation to visit firms, institutions, or government agencies of special interest to them also has been planned.

A tour of the colonial capital of the Kingdom of "Antigua Guatemala" also is scheduled.

THE CHAMBER tour is open to any resident of the city. Details can be obtained from the Chamber, 1510 Cravens Ave.

All persons taking the tour must have proof of nationality or a valid passport, a certificate of smallpox vaccination which is not more than three years old, and a tourist card.