

TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR

PLAYERS GROUP MAY BE FORMED HERE

Civic Leaders Will Hear Plans Monday

Shall a Torrance Community Players group be organized here? That will be the question put before a representative group of civic leaders, club and organization officials next Monday night, Feb. 6, by a committee studying such a project.

If there is enough interest to warrant the formation of a "Little Theatre" group here, an advisory council will be chosen and efforts made to obtain financial backing from the city council. There appears to be a demand here for such a community enterprise, judging from the support given preliminary discussion by members of the Coordinating Council, school principals and others.

City Subsidy Asked Several months ago the city council was asked to subsidize a theatre group and the matter was referred to the Chamber of Commerce. Recently, Councilman Tom McGuire was asked by Mayor William H. Tolson to learn what progress was being made. McGuire interested several other well-known residents and the result was the calling of the Monday night meeting.

Assisting the councilman are such men as Principal Thomas "Son of the high school" D. Sears, president of the Kiwanis club; John Shidler, Coordinating Council, and L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

To Develop Local Talent Letters sent to heads of a number of civic, service, fraternal and social groups here this week pointed out that the purpose of the meeting would be to "formulate guidance policies" and "fix in the minds of our people the cultural benefits and entertainment to be offered" by a Community Players group.

"As a means of developing local talent, of encouraging our youth into channels of clean and wholesome opportunity for self-development and expression, the program is offered to our people for recognition and support," the letter concluded.

Traffic Deaths In State Show Drop

California's death total resulting from motor vehicle accidents during 1938 will be approximately 353 below any year since 1933. Figures revealed that the previous estimate in reduction of 300 deaths for the year just closed as compared with the year 1937, would be exceeded by approximately 53 on the basis of latest figures compiled by the Bureau of Statistics.

The estimated number of deaths for 1938 were 2786, with 3139 for 1937. This is the lowest annual total of fatalities in California since 1934, when 2403 persons were killed.

STUDENT LEADER Francis Murphy, popular B12 student, was this week elected president of the Narbonne high school student body at Loma for the second semester. He is serving as head of the Hi Y club at the present time and is a football letterman.

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Hit-Run Victim Among Patients at Hospital

Ten patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. William E. Schrader, Los Angeles mechanic, is recovering from a compound fracture of his right leg, suffered early Monday morning when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver at East Road and Main street.

Schrader, accompanied by a friend, had stopped to make an adjustment on his automobile motor and hearing another motorist approaching thru the heavy fog, grabbed a nearby road lantern and waved it to warn the on-coming driver. But the motorist continued to bear down on him and he jumped. The lamp failed to clear him from the path of the car and he was struck.

Other patients at the local institution this week are: Anita Bone, 16, of Manhattan Beach, who was received Friday for an emergency appendectomy.

Boydhood Dream Trips Man, 84, on Bicycle. ABSECON, N. J. (U.P.)—Neal Larson felt much younger than his 84 years and borrowed a boy's bicycle for a ride.

Human Behavior Held Ruled by Six Urges. NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (U.P.)—Six urges govern the human behavior, according to Dr. Lester Kirkendahl, Connecticut Teachers' College psychologist.

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Radio Actors Await Call for Walkout



Here are a few of the many radio and cinema stars who appeared at a Hollywood meeting and decided to strike for higher pay scales for radio work unless demands are met by program producers.

Boulevard Deed Said Due Here 'In Few Days'

"The Pacific Electric railway expects to hand over to us the deed to Torrance boulevard in the next few days," City Attorney John E. McCall informed the city council Tuesday night.

Medical treatment. Mrs. Vera Schudick of San Pedro is recovering from an operation after she entered last Friday. Mrs. Agnes Wright of Redondo was received Monday for medical care and Horace Yeaman, 79-year-old Hermosa Beach resident, has been undergoing medical treatment since Tuesday.

GROUP TO FRAME MWD QUERIES HERE

Representatives from each major local industry, service clubs, several merchants and city officials have been invited by William H. Stanger, superintendent of the municipal water district, to meet with Metropolitan Water District engineers in the near future to ascertain "just what can be expected in the way of taxes and distribution of Colorado River water in Torrance."

Stanger has written these civic-minded residents, proposing a preliminary meeting to formulate a series of questions to be asked M.W.D. engineers relative to the reception of a quoduct water. These queries will then be forwarded to the M.W.D. office in Los Angeles for preparation of answers to be given at the general session here.

"It will only be a few months now until the water from the District will be ready for delivery to Torrance and other M.W.D. cities," Stanger said this week. "Most everyone seems to be in the dark concerning the policy of the district. The city council asked me to invite representative citizens to meet with M.W.D. engineers to find out just how we stand in this matter. Our representative on the District board is C. T. Rippey, who has agreed to assist the citizens' group in arriving at the information we need."

VETS' CO-OP TO REOPEN

As result of an effort to reopen the Veterans' Cooperative canning plant, located at 1920 Border avenue, G. L. Comer was elected manager, possession of the plant was taken Tuesday and an inventory begun under state supervision.

It is hoped that the cooperative concern will be in full operation in time to put up sauer kraut before the cabbage season is over. Twenty members of the Veterans' Co-op met Sunday to see what could be done to reopen the plant. It has been closed for the past seven months for the first time in the four years it has been operating.

The members decided to return to the old manager form of administration and a motion to declare the offices of manager and board of directors vacant was adopted. Comer was then unanimously elected manager. He is now at the plant and those interested in its work may see him there.

Those who participated in the Sunday meeting were Virginia Anderson, J. Hamlet, C. Kernan, L. Topping, W. Russell, G. L. Comer, Ted C. Andrews, J. D. Jones, Harry Anderson, D. McAllister, J. Seward, B. Johnson, O. McCoy, F. Road, N. Martz, P. Higgins and Messrs. Rose, Vaughn, Reeves and Mellette.

3 More Metal Thieves Nabbed

For the third time in as many weeks, police arrested three more young men on charges of petty theft of scrap metal from the Columbus Street dump pile last Sunday. They were: John Shelby, 23, Los Angeles; Edmund Anderson, 20, and William Hay, 20, both of South Gate.

Shelby was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail while Anderson and Hay received 30-day sentences. Last Friday, Charles Schuyler, 30, and Edward Barlake, 28, also of South Gate, were given suspended sentences for the same offense.

Local police are cooperating with the management of the steel plant and watchmen to bring to a halt the periodic raids on the huge scrap metal pile which is proving attractive to those who would "cash in" on the unusually high prices offered for such material at the present time.

Local Girl Ending College Training

Miss Millicent Lincoln, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lincoln of 1027 Arlington, was named on the list of February graduates released this week by Santa Barbara State College.

Miss Lincoln, a graduate of Torrance high school and of Compton junior college, will graduate in the kindergarten-primary department of the college. She has been active in extra-curricular as well as scholarship activities on the campus.

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