

Here's Your Gift Number-Save It!

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22 valuable prizes are awaiting ADULT claimants at local stores tomorrow (Friday) night!

For list of participating stores and other details see big double-page ad inside.

Walterians Planning Big Christmas Party

Plans were started late last week by the Walteria Civic Association for the best Christmas party ever held in that community.

Arrangements for the party were considered Monday night by a committee at the recreation hall with John Minor in charge.

Duke Riley, Torrance recreation director, met with the group and announced some changes in the Walteria program.

Walteria boys who would like to become Scouts should see Mrs. Lyla Hansen after the meeting coffee and cake were served.

Breaks Probation Terms, Fined \$10

Altho his wife withdrew her complaint that he beat her up last Friday afternoon, H. Hastings, 34, of 621 Amapola avenue, was found guilty by City Judge Robert Lessing of violation of probation and was fined \$10 which he paid.

Hastings was arrested on his wife's complaint and when he was booked at the police station it was discovered that he had been granted probation Sept. 12, 1938, after he was charged with intoxication and disturbance of the peace.

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SANTA DUE TOMORROW NIGHT!

FINAL ZONING HEARING SET FOR DEC. 11

The second of a series of three public hearings on the proposed city-wide zoning ordinance was held at the city council chamber Monday night by the Planning commission with only a few residents attending.

The third and last hearing before the proposed ordinance, which the Planners assert will control and regulate all types of building in the city according to a definite plan, is scheduled for Monday night, Dec. 11, at 8 o'clock.

It is most important that all residents who favor zoning as well as those who may oppose certain parts of our proposed ordinance be present Dec. 11 to offer their testimony for the record.

Officer Evans Thrown for Loss in Spelling Bee

Just ask Officer Bill Evans how to spell "jardiniere."

He knows how it goes—now. But he didn't last Sunday afternoon when, with the whole Pacific Coast listening in, he misspelled it and thus was eliminated in a spelling bee program broadcast from Los Angeles.

Evans lost out on the third round. But managed to get in a few good words about Torrance and its police department when he was introduced on the program.

Local Realtors Join So. Bay Association

Members of the South Bay Real Estate association at a dinner-meeting at La Venta Inn in Palos Verdes Monday night, installed new officers and welcomed the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board as a member-unit.

New officers were inducted by Clarence Urban of Los Angeles, state real estate commissioner, who also gave an instructive talk on the history of the real estate business and its scope in California.

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Fire Truck Survives Third Debate; Probe by Feds is Denied

For the third consecutive council meeting, that much-debated Mack fire truck again was the subject of prolonged talk Tuesday night at the regular municipal board meeting but it still remains in possession of the city and will probably stay here until its bright red paint is dulled by time.

Even the statement, pronounced in a dramatic manner by E. M. Prewett that "this fire truck is now under investigation by the United States District Attorney and postal authorities and the council, if it persists in buying the truck, will be charged with accessory to the act of using the mails to defraud taxpayers," failed to impress the council.

"That's news to us," Mayor William H. Tolson said, "but I guess we can let our city attorney handle it."

Feds Not Interested

Inquiry at the office of the United States District Attorney's office in the Federal building, Los Angeles, Wednesday morning resulted in the statement that no investigation, such as Prewett announced, was in progress by Federal agents and furthermore that no complaint or charge had been filed with either the Complaint department or with Ben Harrison, the U. S. District Attorney.

"I don't see now the U. S. District Attorney's office can be interested in the matter inasmuch as no Federal funds are involved," declared Harrison's personal secretary. "We have nothing here to indicate that we've been asked to look into your fire truck deal."

Because the county constitution prohibits spending any money for "a purely local matter," the board of supervisors denied the city's request for the services of the county safety engineer and county master mechanic to appraise the fire truck. Such expert opinion was desired by Councilman George V. Powell and critics of the fire truck's purchase had approved the move.

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Stroh Remains Police Chief As McMaster Upped

In seven motions John Stroh's resignation as director of public safety was accepted, the department of public safety was abolished, John E. McMaster was made fire chief, Stroh's salary was set at \$230 a month and he emerged as this city's police chief with a civil service rating of captain at Tuesday night's city council meeting.

It really only took four motions by councilmen to make those changes but two were nullified by a third when Councilmen John V. Murray and George V. Powell questioned the abolishment of the public safety department and the council had to start all over again to effect the changes.

Stroh remains as police chief at a \$10 reduction in monthly salary from that ordered paid him July 1 because he was appointed to that position last January. His pay when the department of public safety was created to manage both police and fire departments was \$225.

Mayor William H. Tolson said the public safety department was only "coined" to combine administration of the police and fire units without a head when former Fire Chief A. B. Stevenson was discharged and former Police Chief G. M. Calder was demoted to captain.

Dedicate New Pulpit Sunday

A new pulpit, designed and made by the donor, C. R. Smead of Hermosa Beach, will be dedicated at the First Christian church next Sunday morning.

It stands 41 inches high and is carved and paneled in an unusually fine manner. Smead, who is a member of the local church, is a retired druggist.

REDWOOD MEMORIAL

The state of California has received a contribution of \$20,000 from U. S. Senator Jesse H. McClell of Rhode Island and his wife for purchase of a memorial tract of redwoods in this state.

The average price of an automobile today is one-third that of 33 years ago.

Local Man Gets Dismissal of 2 Serious Charges

Jailed by San Pedro officers Monday night, Robert L. Paul, 26-year-old local steelworker who gave his address as 4518 West 168th street, faced two felony and two misdemeanor charges when he entered Judge Ida May Adams' court Wednesday with his attorney, John P. Shidler of this city.

He was accused of attempt to commit robbery, attempt to commit grand theft of an Army officer's car, drunkenness and disturbing the peace. Paul pleaded guilty to the minor charges and after hearing testimony, his attorney moved for a dismissal of the robbery and theft counts.

Originally booked on a drunk charge and released on \$20 bail, Paul came to court Monday to answer the complaint and was arrested and booked on suspicion of auto theft and disturbing the peace. Paul was initially arrested by San Pedro officers who answered a call to the home of Col. N. V. Rycroft in that city.

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Gets Prison Term for Attempting to Kill Wife

Benjamin Franklin Hunt, 34, was sentenced to serve one to 10 years in Folsom prison Tuesday for shooting his 20-year-old bride of four months in one eye and partially blinding her.

He was given only \$1.57 since he was married, the wife, Katherine Hunt, told Superior Judge A. A. Scott.

BUMPER BEET CROP

Favorable weather conditions resulted in an all-time record harvest of sugar beets in California.

Parade Into City at 7:30 to Greet Kids and Reveal Gift Chest Plan

Making an extra-special flight direct from his North Pole workshop to Torrance, Santa Claus in person will positively arrive here tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 o'clock to usher in this city's holiday season!

Here's his latest radio-gram received by The Herald just before press-time today:

THE HERALD TORRANCE, CALIF. PLANE TAKES OFF IMMEDIATELY AFTER I SEND THIS. HAVE THAT FIRE TRUCK READY FOR ME TO RIDE INTO YOUR CITY FRIDAY NIGHT, HAVE I GOT ANY LETTERS THERE? WILL COLLECT THEM AND TELL THE FOLKS ABOUT MY BIG GIFT CHEST. I WANT TO SEE EVERYBODY.

Bail Fans Stymie Train, One Gets Ticket

Some fans attending Sunday afternoon's ball game at the city park stymied a Santa Fe train by parking their machines so close to the railroad tracks that the locomotive could not proceed.

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Despondency Leads Resident to Take Life

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He was found slumped over dead in his car, whose engine was still pumping the lethal fumes into the interior through a suction hose from a vacuum sweeper connected to the exhaust and inserted in the right front window.

W. C. Haydon of 1914 Martina avenue found the body and notified local police who, in turn, called San Pedro officers to the investigation because the suicide occurred in Los Angeles city territory.

Mr. Moeck who was employed as a pumper by the Getty Oil Company of Long Beach, had threatened to take his life numerous times, according to friends. He grieved almost continually following the death of his wife and attempted to find solace in liquor. He lived with the M. McAnally family on Cota avenue.

SANTA CLAUS

Everything is ready for his reception here. The fire truck has been specially oiled and greased to give Santa the "ride of his life" and there are hundreds of balloons being inflated for presentation to youngsters when the truck brings the old fellow to the triangular park in front of the Torrance theatre on Sartori avenue.

Be There Friday Night!

The Torrance Municipal band will escort Santa into the city. The uniformed musicians will meet him at Torrance boulevard and Sartori avenue and parade him down Sartori to the park. There the white-whiskered old gent will collect his mail from his own special mail box and distribute balloons to youngsters.

So plan an early dinner tomorrow night and bring the youngsters to see Santa Claus—right here in Torrance!

Six Events On Aud Calendar

Schedule of Civic Auditorium events for the remainder of the year, as obtained from the calendar kept at the city clerk's office, will be as follows:

Saturday night - private wedding party dance for Ernest-Vilpalando.

Dec. 14 - Southern California Edison employees' dance; 3:00 expected to attend.

AGED MAN INJURED

Both legs badly fractured as result of being struck by an auto in Redondo Beach, Charles Roe, 70, of that city was received for emergency treatment at Torrance Memorial hospital last Saturday night.

Three Building Permits Issued

Three building permits were issued this week from the city engineer's office. Mrs. Bertha Pursell of 809 Arlington is building a three-room frame stucco house with garage attached at 745 Border for \$2,250; Mae Smith is adding a washroom and re-roofing her home at 1423 Post for \$100, and the LeBow-McNee Oil company is installing two 2,500-barrel corrugated iron oil tanks on the Kettler Ranch at 23740 Walnut street for \$100.

TO SEE ROADS

With the aim of speeding construction on their west coast link of the International Pacific Highway, a group of Mexican Federal highway engineers and officials will come to Southern California in January to inspect low-cost, oiled surface roads in this region.

Write a Want-Ad Rhyme - Win Weekly Prizes!

Herald Contest is Open To All; Easy Rules Given

The Torrance Herald invites every man, woman and child over 15 years of age in Torrance, Keystone, Moneta, East Torrance (Shoestring strip) and immediate surrounding area served by these two papers to participate in its joint Want Ad Rhymes Contest. There will be weekly and

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cost or obligation.

Sample Rhyme Given

Here is an example of classified ad rhyming which may start your muse working:

Read these few simple rules:

1. Write a four-line rhyme based on some classified advertisement which appears on the regular classified pages of The Herald and News. Your verse must concern some particular ad - not classified ads in general. (Be sure to see rule No. 5.)

Want Ad Rhymes CONTEST STARTS!

\$125 In Cash and Merchandise In Prizes...

See Front Page Story for Details!