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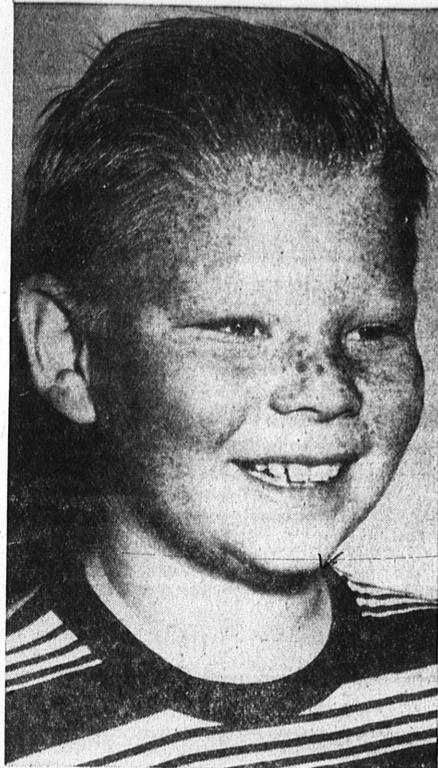


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JAMES "RICKY" BOUCHER
... Wins Ticket Selling Honors

Ricky Boucher Named YMCA Ticket Champion

Top honors as a ticket salesman for the YMCA "Good Neighbor" breakfast went this week to 10-year-old James "Ricky" Boucher, of 1618 Crenshaw boulevard.

Ricky, who has been a member of the YMCA here for two years, collected \$41 while selling 44 tickets for the breakfast last Saturday morning. Second prize winner is still undetermined among several young ticket sellers.

A fifth grader at the Greenwood Elementary School, Ricky had a choice between a camper-ship or a jeweled, waterproof, shockproof watch. He took the watch.

Chest Workers Report Torrance 'Over the Top'

Torrance is "over the top" in the 1951 Community Chest campaign, it was reported yesterday by Jack Dabbs, city chairman.

As of noon Monday, a total of \$12,032.50 had been collected and the city's goal was \$12,020. "We still have some reports due from the Commerce and Industry Division," Dabbs said. He indicated that the mop-up would continue throughout the week until the final report was in.

"In going over the top this week, Torrance became the third Harbor Area city to meet its goal. Lomita and Palos Verdes Estates each collected its 1951 goal ahead of Torrance.

Junior Woman's Club to Drop Queen Contest

The Torrance Junior Woman's Club this week relinquished its right to hold the annual Queen Contest in the spring, at which time "Miss Torrance" is elected.

In a letter to the Torrance Herald, Inez E. Clayton, corresponding secretary of the club, said her club had "enjoyed and profited by this yearly project."

"Since the goal we wanted to reach has been accomplished," she wrote, "the Junior Woman's Club wishes at this time to relinquish its rights to hold the annual Queen Contest."

Indications that the Torrance Area Youth Band might put on a queen contest in the spring were voiced recently by James Van Dyck, director of the band.

Robert Russell, Veteran City Employee, Dies

Death this week claimed the life of one of Torrance's veteran employees when Robert Taylor Russell, a member of the city street department for 27 years, died at Harbor General Hospital after a short illness.

Russell, who had lived in Torrance for 28 years, died Sunday. He lived at 1735 Date avenue, and was a native of Maryville, Tennessee.

He leaves his widow, Tennie, at the Date avenue home, and a son, Earl Richard, at 1735 Date avenue, and a son, Elton Robert, with the 40th Division in Japan. A daughter, Mrs. Lola Evelyn Eastman, lives in San Rafael.

Also surviving are five sisters, Mrs. Mamie Duke, of Ashville, North Carolina, and Mrs. Della Ferguson, Mrs. Annie Wilburn, and Mrs. Marie Phillips, all of Maryville, Tennessee. Six brothers also survive. They are Tom, Brack, Ernest, and Floyd Russell of Torrance; Paul of Maryville, and Charlie of Los Angeles.

Rev. C. J. England, pastor of the First Christian Church here, will officiate at the funeral services at the Stone & Myers Chapel, Wednesday afternoon, at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Green Hills Cemetery.

North Torrance Group Plans Saturday Dance

A town and country dance will be held Saturday night at McMaster hall, 174th street and Yukon, by the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association.

Music for the dance will be recorded. Costumes for the night will be jeans and cottons, or sport clothes. Admission will be by a donation at the door.

Herald Offices To Be Closed For Two Days

To enable employees of the Torrance Herald to be with their families, the Herald offices will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. It was announced this week by Grover C. Whyte, publisher.

This week's issue was printed two days early because of the Thanksgiving holiday, but next week's Herald will be out at the regular time Thursday morning.

The management and staff of the Herald extend to the community their best wishes for a "Happy Thanksgiving."

DEDICATION SERVICES HELD AT NEW YWCA

With a snip of the scissors charming Pat Merola, "Miss Torrance" for 1951 and Mayor Bob L. Haggard officially opened the new YWCA building at Carson street and Plaza del Amo Sunday afternoon while civic leaders of the area crowded the lawn in front of the beautiful new building.

On hand to witness the dedication ceremonies were Supervisor and Mrs. Raymond V. Darby.

Sam Levy, who had supervised the construction of the building, spoke to the wellwishers at the ceremonies thanking all of the individuals and firms in the area who had participated in making the building possible.



URNS OVER KEY . . . Mrs. C. E. Wallace, (left), turns over key to the new YWCA building to Mrs. Lee Stamps at dedication ceremonies Sunday afternoon. At far right is Mrs. Lee A. McCoy, chairman of the YWCA Building Committee. (Herald photo).

Harvey to Construct New Factory In Montana Soon

Torrance Firm Joins Anaconda

Announcement of a joint venture into the field of raw aluminum production by the pioneer Torrance Harvey Machine Company and the Anaconda Mining Company of Montana was hailed by Harvey officials here as "a clear cut victory for the nation's independent aluminum fabricators, most of whom were facing industrial extinction because the future held no promise of adequate supplies of raw material."

"The non-defense need, it was said, is more than three billion pounds of aluminum a year—more than three times the present production capacities.

Harvey spokesmen said that construction will proceed immediately on the plant at Kalspell, Montana, site of the Hungry Horse Dam, which is expected to be completed about September, 1952. Expansion of facilities, if needed, was given careful consideration in all planning by Harvey engineers, it was disclosed.

The plant, which will be under the direction of Harvey Company trained technicians, will be confined to the production of primary aluminum, and will not in any way be connected with the fabricating facilities of Harvey or any other company.

"In fact," the spokesman said, "the Kalspell plant is entirely free of any relationship with any other primary aluminum producer, a fact heartily welcomed by independent fabricators, many of whom can be classified as small manufacturers."

Improvements On 'Murder Mile' Intersection Due

Improvements designed to cut down the increasing number of accidents at the intersection of Pacific Coast highway and Newton street in Waverly will be made within the next two months, the California Division of Highways has announced.

Channelizing strips and better lighting units will be installed at the busy intersection of "Murder Mile" soon at a cost of \$9500. The money has already been appropriated by the state.

The channelizing strips will be placed to give cars making turns at the intersection better protection against the fast-moving traffic of Pacific Coast highway. Torrance city council and other civic groups requested the state to make the much-needed improvement.

Local Soldier Wounded, Cousin Killed in Korea

A Torrance soldier was wounded and his cousin killed on the same day in Korea, according to a Department of Defense announcement yesterday.

Wounded was Pvt. Leroy Parr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parr of 1725 Greenwood avenue. Killed was his cousin, Charlie Parr, of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Father of Five Loses Battle With Polio

Friends and relatives paid final tribute last Saturday to a 30-year-old North Torrance father of five who lost a 12-day battle with polio.

Dead was Charles Rickabaugh, 30, of 3219 West 186th street.

An employee of Northrup Aviation, Rickabaugh became ill two weeks ago with what he thought was flu. Later in the week he was rushed to General Hospital when paralysis set in, and doctors at the hospital diagnosed his illness as polio.

He was placed in an iron lung after a tracheotomy had been performed, but he fell victim to the disease last Thursday.

Final services were held in the Calvary Baptist Church at Gardena last Saturday morning. Dr. O. E. Fords, of the Sunnyside Baptist Church, and Dr. James Forrester, of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiated at the funeral.

Burial in Roosevelt Cemetery followed final rites.

He leaves his widow, Arlene, who is expecting her sixth child at any time, and five other children, Carl 10, Chloë 9, Catherine 8, Cherie 6, and Hugh 3. The four older children attend the new Crenshaw elementary school.

Civil Defense Week Set

November 26 to December 3 has been set aside as Civil Defense Week in Torrance, according to George Powell, the city's assistant director of Civil Defense.



THANKSGIVING TREAT . . . Ready for their Thanksgiving Day dinner already are Bobby Galligher, 4 of 25036 Oak street, and Frankie Hardy, 5 of 23308 Huber street, Kettler Knolls. The boys sized up the turkey and figured that the drumsticks would be just about right for the two of them. (Herald photo).



BIG SMOKE, LITTLE FIRE . . . Torrance firemen under Captain Gene Walker had their hands full for a few minutes last Saturday extinguishing an oil blaze atop the trestle on Torrance boulevard. Sparks from a passing train ignited the oil which had been spilled on the right of way, officials said. (Photo Arts Studio).