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Local Red Cross First to Go 'Over the Top'

Torrance was the first Red Cross branch in the Los Angeles chapter to meet its quota in the current fund campaign. It was announced yesterday by Lester King, chairman of the local drive.

With receipts totaling \$11,262.28 as of yesterday, Torrance topped its goal of \$11,100. King reported, to become the first incorporated city in the Southland to go over the top.

The first Torrance phase of the drive to fill the quota was the residential section, led by Mrs. Don Hyde. That section now has attained 120 per cent of its goal.

King expressed his gratitude to the volunteers who put Torrance on the Red Cross map. He reminded those who had not yet contributed that donations could still be mailed to the Red Cross, 1784 Torrance Blvd.

Driver Injured In PCH Smashup

One motorist was injured in a traffic collision at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hawthorne Blvd. early yesterday morning, according to Torrance Police records.

Frank L. Alvarez, 22, of Redondo, was taken to Harbor General Hospital suffering minor injuries after he allegedly crashed into a car driven by James L. Kanney, 28, Manhattan Beach.

Witnesses told investigators that Alvarez may have run the red stop signal and plowed into Kanney.

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FOR HER MAJESTY . . . Shirley White, first girl to enter the 1952 Miss Torrance contest, gets a look at the 550 Rose Marie Reid bathing suit, which is one of the prizes to be given to her majesty, the Queen of Torrance. Modeling the suit is blond and pretty Fat Gikesson. Entering Shirley's name is George Post, chairman of the queen contest. Miss Torrance will be chosen in mid-June during a beauty contest to be staged by the Torrance Area Youth Band as a fund-raising project.

Pacific Hills Woman Wins Flower Show Grand Prize

Mrs. Jerry Bowen, of 3329 Danaba St., Pacific Hills, was the grand prize winner of the Waleria Flower Show yesterday as she walked off with two first prizes and a special prize for her entries.

The show, sponsored by the WSCS of the Waleria Methodist Church, was hailed a success by all who attended during the day and throughout the evening. Free-will donations accepted during the show will be used in the building fund.

First-prize winners in Section I (arrangements), included Mrs. Elsa Stone, Mrs. Tweeddale, Mrs. Olding, Mrs. Joan Hardcastle, Mrs. Margaret Archer, E. R. Shurgot, Mrs. Mildred Bain, Mrs. Nita Ferriole and the Waleria Elementary School staff.

Winning blue ribbons in Section II (children) were Cynthia Jansson, Elaine Harvey and Carol Beasley.

Blue ribbon winners in Section III (cut flowers), included Susan Boettcher, Mrs. E. R. Anderson, Mrs. Loughridge and Mrs. Croft.

First-prize winners in Section IV (potted plants) included Joe Taylor, Betty Borchard and Emma Wittse.

The show had more than 80

Careful, G-Day Is Here, Fire Chief Reminds

Tomorrow is G-Day. Grass fire season officially gets under way at the stroke of 8 o'clock in the morning, according to a memo handed to fire captains by Fire Chief J. J. Benner, Torrance Fire Department.

This means that firemen will be working a little harder each day as grass fires keep them hopping from one vacant lot to another. The smoke men advised residents to use special care when burning in incinerators or doing outdoor burning this year, because winter rains have brought a bumper crop of now dry weeds.

Piastro Guest Conductor at June Concert

Joseph Piastro, a noted conductor, violinist and composer-teacher, only recently appeared in a tour of recitals in Chicago and the East where he was acclaimed by newspaper critics. His brother, Mischel, is conductor on the Longine Symphonette, of radio renown.

Also featured in the June 6 concert will be Werner Gebauer, violinist, who will play the Wieniawski Concerto for violin and orchestra.

MOTORBIKE RIDING COUPLE IN CRASH

A young man and his wife riding on a motorbike received minor injuries Friday night when they collided with a car at a San Pedro intersection. Injured were Gerald Crafton, 24, and his wife, Melba, 23, of 1634 W. 213th St., Torrance. Police said driver of the car was Joe Lopez, 25, of San Pedro. The Craftons were treated for cuts and bruises.

Judge Releases Four Nabbed in Vice Raid

Four persons nabbed by vice squad men when they raided a cafe on Redondo Beach Blvd. two months ago, were freed Friday evening following a day-long trial which featured a parade of nearly 20 persons taking the stand.

Judge Samuel Austin, who allowed the case to drag on until several minutes after 5 o'clock in the evening, returned a verdict of not guilty on the grounds that the prosecution was unable to establish guilt beyond any reason of a doubt.

Released on charges were Dora Reyes, 23, 2329 W. 203rd St.; Sammy Uniguez, 19, 19331 Crenshaw Blvd.; Jose Velardez, 23, Redondo; and Tony Gardelians, 50, manager of Tony's Cafe, where the mass pinch took place.

Another Torrance minor, arrested with Uniguez during the raid, appeared in Los Angeles Juvenile Court and was found guilty of purchasing beer, and was placed on one year's probation. He also reportedly served a two-week jail sentence.

Miss Reyes and Gardelians were charged with serving beer to minors. Uniguez with purchasing beer, and Velardez with disturbing the peace after police claimed he interfered when they attempted to arrest the other suspects.

Officers testified that Velardez, employed as a slugger at the cafe, swore at them as they attempted to shake down several possible juvenile suspects and later took a poke at Sgt. Charles Ellis, leader of the five-man raiding crew from the downtown sheriff's anti-vice detail.

Ellis told the court that he grabbed Velardez' arm after the youthful crooner used foul language at him and then the suspect tried to fight him off. He missed Ellis in the poke try.

At this point Dpts. Harold Schwartz and Jerry Blum came to Ellis' aid and after considerable scuffling, slapped handcuffs on Velardez, the court was informed.

Velardez, as well as a handful of others, including Miss Reyes and young Uniguez, testified that Velardez used no foul language and only attempted to learn what was going on when he was knocked down onto a nearby table by the raiders.

Defense Attorney William McFaden and Deputy District Attorney John Thorp brought white-haired Judge Austin to the edge of his judicial bench when Thorp attempted to introduce a Board of Equalization "on-sale" beer license as evidence.

Plant 'Taxis' Set for Visit Of Bloodmobile

Taxi service for employees to and from the bloodmobile has been set up by several industries here for "Operation Blood Bank," scheduled for Monday, June 2.

Longren Aircraft has announced plans to "taxi" 150 employees from the plant to the Civic Auditorium to donate blood during the afternoon.

The bloodmobile will be at the Civic Auditorium from 2:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. June 2.

Individuals or groups who wish to donate should call the Torrance branch office of the Red Cross at Torrance 3447 or 3448 in order that their appointments may be made.

Only 1316 Visit Poll During Day

Overwhelming endorsement of the present board of education was shown Friday by Torrance voters as they returned the three incumbents to the board by a substantial margin. Voters also approved the request of El Camino College for an extension of the override tax to finance the pay-as-you-go building program on the campus. Torrance carried the measure nearly three-to-one while the rest of the district appeared to carry about two-to-one.

Voting in Torrance was light—1316 turned out to the polls in the eight combined precincts during the day.

Leading other candidates in the Board of Education race was Carl Steele, member of the board since the inception of the Torrance Unified School District. He polled a total of 854 votes.

Following with a total of 828 votes was Dr. Rollin R. Smith, appointed to the board following the resignation of A. H. Jackson last year.

Mrs. Grace Wright, the third incumbent, was reelected with a total vote of 785.

Trailing in the contest was J. A. Beasley with 550, and Mrs. Kathryn Matson who polled 437.

Wilford E. Walton, an announced write-in candidate, polled only 271 votes. Other wrote in votes went to Dr. Howard A. Wood, 1; Albert Isen, 1; a Mr. Watson, 1; and a Mr. Sclaratta, 5.

Voters in the El Camino Junior College district gave of a healthy 2-0-1 stamp of approval to the proposal that the pay-as-you-go building program be continued with a special 20-cent override tax levy. A special 25-cent levy now in effect will end June 30.

Muriel Gately Wins Scholarship For Journalism

Seventeen year old Muriel Gately, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gately, 22935 Vermont Ave., has been named to receive a journalism scholarship to the University of Southern California, school officials announced Friday.

A Narbonne High School coed, Miss Gately currently is editor of the school newspaper, the Green and Gold. She is a life member of the California Scholarship Federation; an Ephebian; and a member of the Guilders and Jane Addams honorary organizations.

She was selected from among eligible high school students throughout the southland—the only girl chosen for the journalism scholarship. She plans to enter USC next September.

Ready to Start Construction On New Home Tract

Continuing of the home building boom in Torrance through May was assured this week when the City Building Department began to prepare permits for nearly \$1,000,000 new home construction by the January Co. at the southwest corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Blvd.

Applications for permits to start construction on 131 new homes costing a total of \$901,733 this week. Added to the nearly \$500,000 in permits issued to the Stoll Investment Co. for construction in their tract at the west end of Sepulveda Boulevard, the present totals now indicate that May will be a "very good month" in the city's building parade.

Expected soon are applications for the new 56-home tract approved last week by the Torrance City Council for Truman Browne. This new tract will be constructed adjacent to the Perry Elementary School.

But other areas will see a high near 82 degrees, he said, with lots of sun.



CARL STEELE . . . 854 Votes



DR. R. R. SMITH . . . 828 Votes



MRS. GRACE WRIGHT . . . 785 Votes

Wrong Witness Brothers Meet Double Trouble

Two brothers who were stung in their light airplane over the Keystone area Thursday afternoon met with double bad luck.

1.—They piled up the craft near an oil tank farm at Avon Blvd., near Del Amo St.

2.—Witness to the entire fracas was the sheriff's airplane flying traffic cop, Capt. Sewell Griggers.

After they piled into the field, Capt. Griggers landed at a nearby airfield, drove to the scene and cited the pilots for reckless and low flying. Neither crash victim was badly hurt.

Capt. Griggers named the pilots as Cleo and James Lee, Cleo lives in Long Beach, James in San Pedro.