

GRID STAR BREAKS NECK IN GAME

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'Syncopated Circus' Op ens Tonight for 'Y' Benefit

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(Herald Photo) FRANCES WHITNEY AND DATE ... mark your calendar, she says

15th Annual Police Show Set for Nov. 1

It's 84 days until Christmas, but it's only 30 short days until presentation of the 15th annual Torrance Police Show, Sgt. Bill Evans said yesterday.

Evans, who regularly heads the department's traffic division, has taken on the added responsibility of compiling a cracker-jack stage show to be held at the Torrance High School auditorium Nov. 1.

A benefit performance, the show is held to help finance the activities of the TAPS-Torrance Auxiliary Police, an organization of teenage boys and girls.

Evans is an old hand at lining up top talent for police benefit shows. He started 50 months ago when the department presented its first public show.

Tickets for the performance are now being printed, and Evans said that sale will start within a week or two. Performers signed for past shows all ways have played before a full house.

Retroactive Pay Checks Due at Columbia Steel

Wage earners and salaried personnel at the Columbia Steel Co. plant here will receive retroactive back pay in a lump sum along with their regular pay checks tomorrow, it was learned yesterday from informed sources.

Total amount of the pay due workers at the local plant could not be determined, but one source said most of the checks would total at least \$200.

Building Total Nearing 1950 All Time Record

Torrance drew within throwing distance of the all-time building record during September and should pass the 1950 record before the end of October, the city's building department reported yesterday afternoon.

September building valuations totaled \$2,262,242, according to records of Walter C. Bradford, while the total for the same month last year was \$1,117,906. The yearly total now stands at \$15,194,458 — just \$806,215 short of the all time record established in 1950.

And that is being cut in half today. Permits for 43 homes for Truman Browne valued at \$417,800 were being prepared yesterday for immediate issuance.

Building department officials were free with predictions yesterday that the 1950 record of slightly more than \$16,000,000 would be topped by the end of this month.

New Telephone Directory Has Editor in Stew

The new telephone directories are swell, and no doubt will prove to be helpful on many occasions during their plotted lifetime of one year.

City Editor Dick Friend, of the Torrance Herald, however, looked at his new copy with a raised brow Monday, a few minutes after the directory was delivered to his desk.

Friend tried to call a doctor in Manhattan Beach to ask about an accident.

The phone buzzed and buzzed—no answer.

Friend called the doctor's home and was told that there is always someone at the office to answer the phone.

A check of the phone number solved the problem — the new directory had the wrong number.

Soldier Wounded In Korea, Army Notifies Wife

Reports that Cpl. Roger G. Laws, whose wife, Barbara resides at 18095 Prairie Ave., was wounded in action on the Korean battlefields was received this week from the Department of Defense.

Cpl. Laws, 21, a member of the 7th Infantry Regiment, has been in the battle zone since April. He went overseas three years ago, soon after he was married.

Mrs. Laws, formerly a student at Torrance High School, has resided at the Prairie Ave. address for ten years. Her husband spent most of his life in Washington, and met his wife soon after he entered the service.

Extent of his injuries are unknown.

Long Beach, ECC Okay Free Student Exchange

El Camino College recently entered into a contract with Long Beach City College for the free exchange of students taking part-time program, according to Forrest G. Murdock, president.

Sirens, Horns Will Test Warning Today

"Red Alert—Test Red!"

Sometime today air raid warnings throughout all the towns and cities of Los Angeles County will wail the grim reminder that "it could happen here."

For today, the area's first test of all civil defense and disaster facilities will be put through the paces in a drill planned to show what is needed to bring warning systems up to snuff.

Horns will blast and sirens will scream a three-minute signal indicating that the county-wide drill is under way. Five minutes later, three one-minute blasts of the sirens interrupted with two one-minute intervals of silence will signal termination of the drill.

Listen for Alarm

Citizens are asked to do only two things—listen for a signal that the drill is "on," and follow any instructions which might be given over the radio.

Assistant Director of Civil Defense George Powell announced yesterday that Torrance citizens will not be asked to seek shelter, or to leave their autos, should they be driving down the street.

"We are asking the citizens to observe, and report to us at Civil Defense headquarters any suggestions which they might want to make regarding the coverage of our signal system," Powell said.

"The city is well aware that only 30 per cent of the area is covered by our present warning devices, and we want this test to show us which areas need more noise makers," the CD man reported.

Prepare Headquarters

Headquarters for the drill will be at the Torrance Fire Station headquarters where all communications emanating from the Los Angeles Area control center will be received. A new defense radio installation has been completed, enabling Torrance to contact most of all other jurisdictions by radio.

Mobile radio units are being installed in the autos of George Stevens, city manager and director of civil defense; John Stroh, police chief, and J. J. Benner, fire chief. Benner is an alternate director in the disaster set-up.

All Torrance municipal buses, as well as all buses traveling throughout Los Angeles County, will be halted when the alert



IN SERIOUS CONDITION . . . William Moore, about 55, address unknown, (Photo By Allan Risk Jr.) received a fractured leg, head injuries and multiple lacerations late Tuesday night when he was struck by a car while crossing Redondo Beach Blvd. near Crenshaw. Driver of the auto, Mrs. Terese Scanlon, 57, of Redondo, was not held, according to the Highway Patrol. Moore is at Harbor General Hospital.

'Your Right to Know' Theme Of National Newspaper Week

The right of American people to have free and unrestricted information is the 1952 theme of National Newspaper Week to be observed throughout the nation through the following week.

"Your Right to Know—A Constitutional Guarantee" is the phrase which is being stressed in a series of events highlighting all aspects of the newspaper industry celebrated by newspaper people across the country.

In California, special tributes during the week will be made to John B. Long, the founder of National Newspaper Week. Long currently is general manager of the California Newspaper Publishers Assn., Inc. with offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Observance of a free press in this year's celebration stems from the following statement:

The People Benefit
"It is extremely important for the American people to realize that freedom of the press is

Truck Spins On Side In Wreck

Escaping serious injury when his truck zoomed out of control and flipped over, spilling paint, ladders and plastering equipment all over the pavement, yesterday afternoon, was Leland Specks, 27, of Manhattan Beach.

He told Torrance officer Don Nash that he collided with a light truck at Sepulveda Blvd. and Maple Ave., and lost control. Driver of the other truck was George Mullinos, of Manhattan Beach.

Specks was to be treated by a private physician.

Officials Hint That Off-Color Plug's No Good

In Checktowaga, N. Y., city water company officials politely informed a couple that, regardless of whether or not the color clashed with nearby homes, every fireplug is painted yellow.

This particular homeowner decided that the yellow didn't match his house and had painted the fireplug a beautiful chartruese and black.

Maybe that was so it wouldn't show when he parked in front of it.

While on the subject, here's a little plug for the Torrance Herald Want Ads. They combine speedy action at reasonable cost to make them favorites with thousands who want prompt selling, renting, trading, or locating results like this:

NEW 2-bedroom home, lot 50x150 all fenced in redwood, in Fern Ave. district \$1900 down. Phone Torrance 1787-M.

Mrs. Stella Frohlg, 1024 Sierra Pl., says: "The calls began at 7 a.m. and by 8 a.m. I had sold my home. In all, I received 25 calls. 'I'm thrilled with the marvelous results.'"

Phone in your action-ad now. Just call Torrance 444 for a courteous ad-writer.



NOT CARGO . . . Excited residents, scorched trees and a road full of rubbish were the products of this smoky blaze at Cota Ave. and Sierra St. Tuesday noon, when a city-owned rubbish truck dumped its load which had just burst

into flames. With no fire extinguisher, the trash men stood idly by pending arrival of fire engines as the smoke billowed high. The truck was not damaged. Neighbor women uttered un lady-like words about the smelly mess.