

### Councilman Receives National Publicity

Councilman Victor E. Benstead is getting a little national publicity this week. Benstead, a rigger in the maintenance department of the Columbia Steel plant here, was elected to the City Council last April and the October issue of USSteel News, distributed throughout the nation, contains his picture and a story of his city post. Before his election to the council, Benstead was chairman of the local Civil Service Commission.

### NORTH TORRANCE TATTLER

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MEMO 4-2430

Cub Scout Mothers Club (Troop 761C) held its October meeting at the home of Scoutmaster Bill Halstead this week to elect officers for the coming year. Those elected to serve were president, Margaret Bee; vice-president, Jacqueline Bildeback; secretary, Agnes Halstead; and treasurer, Caroline Schrader. This group will aid in raising money to supply the tools required in the essential crafts offered by the Cub Scouts. To become a member of the Mothers Club, you need not have a son in the organization—all are welcome. The next meeting will be held Nov. 6 at the home of Mrs. Barbara Walker, 3417 W. 175th, at 8 o'clock.

The Alpha Society wishes to thank the many who attended the shower given to add articles to go on sale at the bazaar Dec. 6. Approximately 60 persons were present enjoying the refreshments offered by the society and also bringing many articles to add to those already made to be sold on the above mentioned date. Pillow-cases, pot-holders, and various other linens will be on display, so keep this date in mind. The proceeds will go to the building fund of the newly proposed Evangelical United Brethren Church to be erected in this area in the near future.

It was standing room only at the home of Mrs. Vera Wright, 1828 Roslin, Friday when the enchilada luncheon got under way. An estimated 40 persons were served by Mrs. Wright and her two assistants, Mrs. Edna Rusted and Mrs. Gloria Carlstrom. This was a benefit for the Children's Halloween Party at McMaster Hall.

The "Fidels," a club formed 14 years ago of Fremont High School students meeting twice a month since (that is some record), held a steak-fry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McDonald, 17419 Falda, last Saturday. Highlight of the evening was a fencing exhibition by Mr. and Mrs. Darce Mitchell of Highland Park. A lecture was given by Mrs. Mitchell on her

experience at the Olympic matches in Finland this summer. Mrs. Mitchell is a national fencing champion. Those gathering around the bonfire with old friends were Sandy Sanders, Miss Marion Leader, Mr. and Mrs. George Christofferson, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nisbett, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fraker, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brunick, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Christofferson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Grunhoff, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Olsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cortez, 17516 Cerise, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Avalos of Lakewood attended the football game at the Coliseum between SC and Cal and cheered for SC. The four some later attended the semi-formal home-coming dance at the Del Mar in Santa Monica.

Also football fans are the Reese Hobbrooks, 17812 Cerise, who attended the game between the Rams and the Bears Sunday.

We welcome into our area the Gerald McQueen family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. McQueen and 9-year-old son Gerald Jr., formerly of New Kensington, Pa. They have purchased the home at 17008 S. Glenburn Ave. Having lived all their lives in Pennsylvania, the McQueens decided to move to California where they have friends who enjoyed living in this district and passed the word along. McQueen is employed at Mission Bros. Appliances. Another member of the family, a foster son, Donald Arvin, 19, is in the Navy and is stationed in Maryland. Mrs. McQueen has been home-town and also is a member of the Dames of Malta, having served as president of the Past Prctors. They attend the First

Lutheran Church on Crenshaw. Welcome once again to our neighborhood and we hope your new home will also bring new friends!

To those of you who have been concerned about the prolonging of the Evelyn Carr Elementary School to be erected in our area, let me say that I talked with the superintendent of schools and learned that the plans had been delayed in Sacramento due to the priority of other essential buildings, but would be released in the next three weeks, thus permitting the actual work on the buildings to begin when the bids have been considered. I hope this answers some of the questions that have arisen of late.

A Brownie Scout troop has been organized in our area under the leadership of Mrs. Ruth Cumming and Mrs. Marion Ross, meeting Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. at 17412 Delia Ave. This group includes Judith Anderson, Mary Jan Bates, Victoria Ann Cumming, Marilyn Low, Mary Louise MacDonald, Janie Tussing, Jennifer Ross, and Anna Beth Blount.

The Kickin' Chickens had a big Halloween whoop-to-do at Swimm's Barn this week-end and the costumes were really something! Walking away with a habit) was Dave Dyer, 17030 Crenshaw, who was dressed as a clown in bright red long handles and a pair of trousers borrowed from Willys Blount—if you can imagine Dave in Willys' trousers! The square-dancers really enjoyed the festivities and refreshments that followed the dancing. Those of North Torrance attending were Mr. and Mrs. Lou Simon, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Collins, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dyer.

Friends of Mr. Ed Gillham, 4243 W. 178th, will be glad to know that he is doing nicely after an appendectomy performed at Magnolia Hospital in Long Beach this week. He wish Ed a speedy recovery.

Sorry to hear that the Kern family, 18211 Prairie, have been ill. We hope that Karen, Dennis and Sandra are much improved at this reading.

A new twist in parties came to the neighborhood this week when Mrs. Virginia Morgan and Mrs. Barbara DeCamp held a hair analysis gathering and I hear all the bubble bath and cologne will be found in most every home! The various types of hair were discussed by Mrs. De Hoag and what could be done to make it more beautiful was demonstrated. Those determined to appear more attractive in the future included Mesdames Laura Tesolin, Marilyn Smith, Kay Smith, Vi Gilbert, Louise Nickolson, Jean Young, Mary Carol, Roberta Ross and Viola Scribner. Mrs. Morgan was co-hostess to the ladies in her home at 17002 Glenburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brewer, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allison of Glenburn Ave. attended the annual Bank of America Halloween Dance held at the Hollywood Country Club last Saturday evening.

The carnival sponsored by the Perry School PTA is to be Nov. 7; don't forget the date. Mrs. Emmy White, FR 2-4568, is accepting donations of bulbs and started plants to go on sale at her flower booth. Cut flowers also will be sold. Everything from a shoelace on up will be found at the handicraft booth being operated by Mrs. Vera Wright.

November 4 is the big day in the lives of our citizens who have the privilege to vote for their candidate. In this area the larger percentage is registered to exercise this coveted right, so let's vote! It isn't the button you've been wearing that counts; it's that ballot that you mark! See you at the polls!

### City Officials Endorse Flood Control Measure

Next Tuesday, Nov. 4, citizens of Los Angeles County will have an opportunity to vote on Proposition "B," a 179-million-dollar bond issue to provide a vital county-wide system of storm drains.

Proposition has been endorsed by Mayor Mervyn M. Schwab, City Manager George Stevens, and local Council members. Endorsers also include the councils of over 40 cities, the Chamber of Commerce, the A. F. of Association, C.I.O., County Council of Real Estate Boards, and many other business, labor, civic, and professional organizations.

"Floods of last winter demonstrated the need for a coordinated, unified, county-wide system of drains. The cities of the county cannot do the job individually," Stevens said.

"Many authorities have stated that the single, most important proposal on the ballot is Proposition "B" because it affects the health and safety of all of us," he revealed.

City of Torrance has been allocated projects totaling \$1,535,500, to be distributed in the north, central, and southern sections.

"While construction of these drains will by no means solve all of the city's drainage problems, they will form a basic system which can be extended to most sections of the city," Stevens said.

### Supervisors Approve New Court Wing

Plans and specifications were approved for the proposed addition to the South Bay Justice Court Building at Redondo Beach by the Board of Supervisors at Tuesday's meeting. It is estimated that the new wing and additions will cost \$64,000.

According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the additional space is for a second courtroom—since there will be two judges when the Municipal Court System goes into effect on Jan. 10, 1953—judge's chambers, Marshal's office, and conference room. These will be constructed on the north side of the building.

Rearrangement of the present Constable's office on the south side of the building will increase the space for the County Clerk and permit establishment of a branch office for the District Attorney.

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Land, buildings, livestock and equipment comprising the U.S. farm plant is worth about \$91 billion.

### Here's A Twist College Study Of Students Planned At EC

Preparations were under way this week at El Camino College for making an extensive study of the entire student body. Dr. William H. Harless, Director of Instruction said yesterday. The study got under way yesterday.

"We have planned this study in order to find out some extremely important information concerning our students which we cannot get in any other way," Dr. Harless said. "We need this information so that we can plan the future offerings of the college and keep them in line with the needs of the students and the community."

The use of an electrical tabulating IBM machine is planned, according to Dr. Harless.

A seven-page questionnaire was distributed to students to obtain information concerning the background of students, their future objectives, the courses they are now taking, outside employment, place of residence, and preferred major fields.



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### Order Bans Use Of City Autos

A crackdown on after-hours use of city-owned cars, has been ordered by City Manager George Stevens. A memorandum has been sent to all departments reminding that cars must be left at the city hall or at the city garage after working hours.

Exceptions are made, it was indicated, for those who are on 24-hour call at home in an emergency service capacity.

Stevens said there had been "a few incidents" where city cars had been taken home by employees.

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