



SQUARE DANCERS . . . Members of the fifth grade classes at Riviera School are becoming enthusiastic square dancers. The class, which is studying the "western movement and colonization," read about the folk dances of the early Americans and decided to give them a try. They liked them and now combine the dancing with their music and physical education classes.

Boys In Hot Auto Nabbed

Two young boys, one an escapee from a forestry camp, were nabbed in a stolen car by Torrance police officers Harry Owens and John Hahn last week. They were arrested at Senfield and Newton Sts. in south Torrance. One of the youths, a former Walteria resident was wanted in connection with four recent car thefts, officers said. The car they were driving had been stolen from Long Beach.

Square Dancing Popular Now at Riviera School

Members of the fifth grade classes at Riviera School have gotten into the swing of things. As part of a study into the "western movement and colonization," they learned that folk dancing was the highlight of the day.

Teacher Vic Kilburn decided to give the kids a chance to learn these dances themselves, just as the pioneers of America did in their westward expansion.

Another class, that of Mrs. Elizabeth Parino, joined in, and now the classes use their physical education and music periods on square dancing.

In just a few sessions, the youngsters were twirling and do-e-do-ing like professionals. Principal Robert Dexter, said. Other classes now have asked to participate in the program. Music is provided by phonograph records, and the activity takes place on a paved playground area.

Kilburn said he will teach the children new dances as their studies advance to modern times.

CHP Reveals New Number For Service

The California Highway Patrol emergency telephone number, ZEnith 12000, will be in practically statewide use by Feb. 1, according to an announcement released today by the Patrol.

"This special service is designed exclusively for reporting traffic emergencies outside cities to the Highway Patrol," declared Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell. "There is no charge for the service even when the Patrol office called is in a toll zone."

"In order to keep the ZEnith 12000 line open for real traffic emergencies, routine matters should continue to be reported in the usual manner using the regular telephone number assigned to the Patrol office in the area," Caldwell continued. "This will enable the Patrol to handle emergencies more expeditiously."

"Motorists are urged to carry the emergency number on their persons or in their cars for ready reference. Additional information concerning this program may be secured from any Highway Patrol office," the commissioner added.

Obituaries

John Arthur Walker

Final rites for John Arthur Walker, 79, a resident of Torrance since 1914, were held Friday in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Howard Rosine officiating. He died Wednesday.

A native of Canada, he lived at 2375 W. 231st St. He is survived by his widow, Melissa; a daughter, Stella Howard, of Wilmington, and two sons, Wilfred of Tupman, and Jack of Long Beach. He was buried in Green Hills.

Christine Thompson

Funeral services for Christine August Thompson, 93, of Wilmington, were held Saturday in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Bjerke officiating.

A native of Norway, she had lived in this area for 30 years. She died Wednesday. She was a member of the Lutheran Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Augusta Voien of Torrance, and Mrs. Maetha Smith of Wilmington. Burial was in Roosevelt Cemetery.

Carrie Parra

Services will be held at 10 o'clock this morning for Mrs. Carrie Gertrude Parra, 84, of 2071 Torrance Blvd., in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. P. J. McGuinness officiating. She died Friday.

She was a member of Nativity Catholic Church. She is survived by a son, Anthony, of Anaheim; a daughter, Beatrice Jaenes of Torrance; and five grandchildren. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Elizabeth Page

Final rites for Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Page, 67, of 2064 Brighton Ave., were held Wednesday in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. John Taylor officiating. She died Sunday.

A native of Texas, she lived in Torrance about two years. She is survived by a daughter, Margaret Rhoades, of Torrance; two sons, Jack Robert Page, of Torrance, and Ernest Ward Page, of Hawthorne; a brother, L. Carruthers, of Texas; nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Burial was in El Centro.

"California is the first state to offer a statewide emergency service covering traffic emergencies."

Janet Woodington

Funeral services for Mrs. Janet Ida Woodington, 88, pioneer Torrance resident, were held Tuesday in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Eldon Durham and the Torrance Chapter of the Eastern Star officiating.

Mrs. Woodington, who died Saturday, was a resident of Torrance for about 35 years before moving to South Gate, where she made her home with a son, H. R. Woodington. She was born in Canada. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the American Legion Auxiliary, and was a past president of the Torrance Relief Society.

Besides her son, she is survived by another son, A. W. Woodington of Phoenix, Ariz., and a brother, A. McFayden, who lives in Canada.

Maurietta Vaverka

Mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock Thursday in St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church, Lomita, for Maurietta Louise Vaverka, 43, of 3820 W. 242nd St. She died Wednesday.

She had been a postal clerk in the Walteria post office for ten years, and a member of St. Margaret Mary's Church. She is survived by her husband, Joseph; daughter Mary Jo Hillman, of Monte Vista; father, Kilian Jarosch, elder, Mrs. Mary Ann Monches, both of Duluth, Minn.; and two brothers, James Jarosch of Wilmington, and Oliver S. Jarosch of Minneapolis, Minn.

Rosary was recited Wednesday in Gamby's Chapel. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery.

John Johnston

Friday services were held for 90-year-old John Thomas Johnston, of 1851 W. 216th St., in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. John L. Taylor officiating. He died Wednesday.

A native of Canada, he had lived with a son, James Henry Johnston, here for 11 years. Besides his son, he is survived by three brothers—William of Hawthorne, and David and Fletcher, both of Canada.

Cremation services were held in Inglewood Park.

Lost Youngsters Found In Big Packing Carton

Two small boys and a little girl who were listed as missing from downtown Los Angeles were found huddled in a packing crate at the rear of a downtown store, one night late last week.

Found by Jimmy Salisbury, of 2906 Opal St., a HERALD circulation department worker, the children were taken to the police station where they were held for their parents.

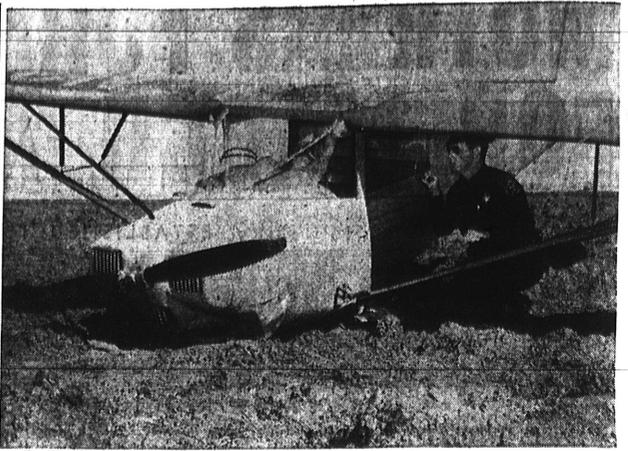
Police said the youngsters, Alonzo Ponce, 11; Kenneth Yamagata, 11; and Christine Yamagata, 9, were reported as missing from Georgia St. juvenile bureau. They lived on Exposition Blvd. in Los Angeles.

Apparently they had gone for a walk, and wound up in Torrance.

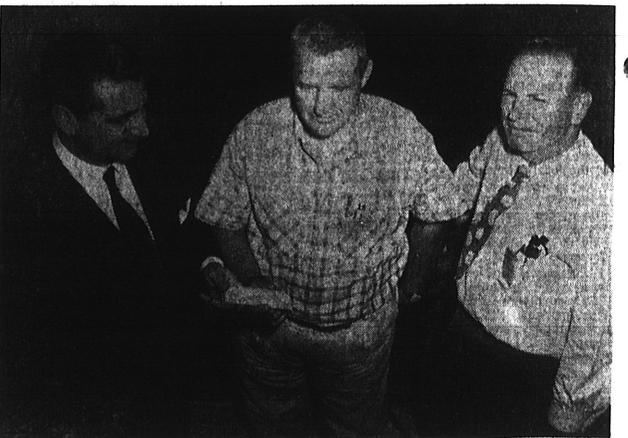
'Friend' of Blind Man Takes \$\$\$

An acquaintance who befriended a blind man and accompanied him to his home made off with a portable radio and \$40 in cash, according to police.

Victim of the theft was Don Miller, of 1443 Post Ave. He said he met a man named "Joe" at a downtown cafe, and asked the man to accompany him home. He later found that the radio and money had been taken.



(See Story, Page 1) HERALD photo FORCED LANDING . . . An airliner spotted this wrecked plane from the air Friday morning, and radioed information about an air crash. Deputies came on the run, only to find that the plane had crash-landed 12 hours earlier. Pilot Gerald Erdman's ship developed engine trouble and he dumped it in the field. Deputy George A. Cooper, of Lennox station, looks over the damage.



HERALD photo AN ELEPHANT WAS HERE . . . Harvey Aluminum officials inspect a bone which Museum officials believe is that of an elephant which lived at least 20,000 years ago. The bone was found in the course of digging a 110-foot hole at the plant. Shown in front of the hole are George Buckley, vice-president of the Vinnell Construction Co.; Rea B. Wiekler, general superintendent; and Lawrence A. Harvey, executive vice-president of Harvey Aluminum.

Ancient Bone Unearthed in Digging Here

More evidence that mammoths or elephants once roamed this area was found recently in construction work at the Harvey Aluminum Co. here.

In digging a 110-foot hole for a new quenching tank, workmen at the plant found an old bone 86 feet down, when Dr. Theodore Downs, curator of vertebrate paleontology at the Los Angeles County Museum, identified it as that from an elephant or mammoth of the Pleistocene period, some 20,000 to 40,000 years ago.

The mammoth, which reached a height of nearly 14 feet, lived in the temperate parts of the northern world during the ice age.

The hole is reportedly one of the deepest in this area and will be used as a quenching tank for heavy press aluminum extrusions.

Argument Leads to Hit on the Head

Lester F. Inman, 44, of 2431 Cabrillo Ave., was taken to Harbor General Hospital last week suffering a head injury. He told police he was hit with a hard object following an argument in a downtown bar.

Leontyne Price To Appear Here On February 21

Tickets for the Leontyne Price concert on Feb. 21 will be on sale to the public at special "guest night" prices, Chairman Eichel Derouin announced yesterday.

The concert, sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands, are usually open to season ticket holders only. However, 300 seats will be sold to the general public for \$1 each. Performances are at the Civic Auditorium.

Miss Price, a soprano, sang the title role in "Porgy and Bess" on Broadway last year. Last Sunday, she sang the title role of Puccini's opera, "Tosca" on the NBC-TV Opera Theater. She is married to William Warfield, prominent entertainer, and toured Europe with "Porgy and Bess" for two years. Her Torrance appearance is part of her first west coast tour.

The Torrance Area Youth Band will play selected numbers for the first half of the concert.

Five Buddies Are Together In Air Force

Five Torrance High School graduates who were buddies during their school days probably will remain together a while longer, under the Air Force's "buddy" system.

All were sent to Parks Air Force Base for basic training, and will probably stay together at least until that is completed.

They are Ronald Turner, son of Mrs. Bobbe Turner, of 1820 Arlington Ave.; Dan Desmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Desmond, of 2412 Andrea Ave.; Jim Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Payne, 18404 Mansel Ave.; "Ike" Ueda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hidetaro Ueda, of 18335 1/2 Western Ave., and Don Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin F. Johnson, of 2621 Martha St.

All except Johnson are 1953 graduates of Torrance High School, while he finished in 1954.

Thief Takes Hub Caps

Hub caps were taken from his auto while it was parked near Cabrillo Ave. and Carson St., Chester J. Woods, of Pasadena, reported to police.

Newton Bid Is \$304,000

The bid for construction of Newton School, at Newton St. and the Hudson Construction Co. with a low bid of \$304,000, school officials announced Tuesday.

Officials hoped to have the building ready in September. It will contain 16 classrooms, a double kindergarten, shop and home economics facilities, administration offices, and lunch patio. It was designed by Thomas Russell of Long Beach. Bids for Steele School will open on Feb. 3.

Father-Son Team To Lead EUB Meetings

A father-son team, the Rev. Roland Myer and his 14-year-old son, Daniel, are conducting preaching and musical services at the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, 1543 Marcelina Ave.

The services will be held every night at 7:30 except Saturday, until Feb. 13. They will also conduct Sunday morning services.

The boy will lead musical services with selections of the trumpet, trombone, concert accordion, harmonica, and piano. He will also introduce "Beze," a puppet clown, who plays the trumpet, and "Little Oscar," a one-inch harmonica.

Rev. Myer opens each service by singing a solo, accompanied on the accordion. Services will close each night at 8:45 p.m.

Six Pigeons Turned Loose

Six show pigeons, the pets of Dale, Don, Kent, and Freddie Ferchald, disappeared from their pens at the boys' home at 2403 W. 237th Place, their mother reported this week.

All but one strutter, two of the birds were white, two gray, and one brown and white and one black and white. One of the spotted ones was such a strutter he had been seen to fall over backwards, the boy's mother reported.

Someone, apparently entered the yard and unlatched the doors on the pens to release the birds. All were banded.

CANNED SHRIMP About one-fifth of the United States shrimp catch is canned.

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