



"HER DREAM" . . . Mrs. Cleo Hernandez proudly displays her painting, "Dream," the idea for which came to her in a dream. She won a special award at the recent Los Angeles Hobby Show with her work, in which the facial features and the background are painted in oil and the clothing and drapery are of real cloth.

Dreamer's Dreams Come True with Award for Her Painting, 'Dream'

Mrs. Cleo Hernandez is a dreamer, but she made her dreams come true by winning a special award at the recent Hobby Show at the Shrine Auditorium with a painting entitled "Dream."

The young mother, who lives at 1421 W. 215th St., created an oil painting which has real clothing on the main figure, a Spanish senorita, garbed in black velvet. A drape by the side of the figure also was made of real material, and a bullfight scene is painted in the background.

It was the only painting of its type in the show, Mrs. Hernandez said.

"The idea came to me one morning as I was getting out of bed," Mrs. Hernandez said. "I guess I dreamed it. My husband thought I was crazy, because I had never done an oil painting before. I decided to paint it on a bed sheet. My husband told me it had better be good if I was going to rip up our sheets."

Anyhow, Mrs. Hernandez worked on the painting in her spare time, taking about two months to complete. She had never done an oil painting or taken art lessons before, although she liked to do sketches. She has a sister who is an artist.

When she entered her work in the hobby show she was

asked the title of the painting. She had picked no name for it, but after she explained the circumstances, the judges tagged it "Dream."

Although she originally painted the work to hang over her fireplace, she has since gotten new furniture which doesn't harmonize with the painting and is now undecided as to what to do with it.

Mrs. Hernandez' life is exciting, she says, partly because "I have a big imagination."

She was one of the first brides to be married by proxy during World War II. Although she was born in Texas, she was raised in Monterrey, Mexico, and met her husband in San Antonio, Texas.

They set up a wedding date but his leave was cancelled suddenly and he asked her to come to California to marry him.

"My father was from the old school and he wouldn't let me go all that way unless he knew I was married, so we had to be married by proxy," Mrs. Hernandez explained. "His father stood in for him."

During their engagement period Mrs. Hernandez never had seen her fiance in a uniform. When she arrived in California he had on his uniform and came running to

Signals Set on 208th At Vermont, Main Aves.

Plans and specifications for installation of traffic signals on 208th St. at Both Vermont Ave. and Main St. at an approximate cost of \$38,000 were approved today by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Simultaneously, the board of supervisors called for competitive bids for construction of the badly needed control devices. Chace indicated that schedules call for completion of the project in approximately 90 days.

Riviera School Open House Set Two Nights

Open house will be held on two nights at Riviera School as part of the Public Schools' Week observance, according to Principal Donald Duncan.

Parents of afternoon session and all-day students will visit the school this Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30, while morning session students' open house will be on Thursday at the same hours.

Jan Nincevic Heads Sister Kenny Drive

Miss Jan Nincevic, 634 Sartori Ave., has been appointed volunteer Torrance city chairman for the Sister Kenny Foundation's annual May fund raising campaign for operation and maintenance of the Sister Kenny Memorial Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in El Monte.

In accepting this appointment Miss Nincevic emphasized the fact that the Kenny Foundation has assumed a vastly increased financial obligation by expanding facilities at the hospital in order to help victims of all types of neuromuscular diseases, as well as polio.

"One hundred cents out of every dollar raised here stays here—to help those needing help," Miss Nincevic stated, "and this hospital which is OUR hospital and these patients who are admitted regardless of their race, creed, or financial status are the responsibility of the community. We must lend our support."

As Torrance city chairman, Miss Nincevic will contact civic and club leaders in this area to enlist their support for the May fund raising drive, as the success of the campaign is directly dependant upon the number of volunteers devoting their time and efforts to it.

Anyone with a few hours to spare is urged to call Miss Nincevic at FRontier 8-8135 and enroll for volunteer service. One block worker may provide days of care for a stricken human being.

Plans Under Way For Town Hall Meeting in June

Plans are under way for a city-wide "Town Hall" type meeting of all organizations in Torrance it was announced today by officials of the Torrance Coordinating Council.

The meeting scheduled for June 5th at a site to be determined will be for the purpose of determining the problems, present and future that face the citizens of Torrance. In addition to determining the problems in a most democratic fashion, plus will be formulated as to how to best solve them.

Council President Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, stated that a famous speaker will deliver a brief speech on civic responsibility, followed by a "buzz session" designed to allow everyone to express his opinion in an expeditious manner. Major problems will then be determined and the meeting will split-off into smaller group discussion on specific problems in the fields of education, youth, health, safety, culture, etc.

Committee chairmen for the event are Joni Vanderpool (arrangements), Mervin Schwab (program), Betty Seidler (invitations), Dorothy Stoeckle (hostess and refreshments), Mary Potts (finance), Marilyn Scharf (telephone), Tom Potts (seating), Mary Ochial (decorations), Sara Kaliner (advisory), and Dick Fitzgerald (publicity).

School Head 'Improving'

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance Unified School District, is now convalescing at his home and doing satisfactorily, according to his physicians.

Dr. Hull says he is feeling fine and now it is just a matter of resting until the heart

repairs itself. If this is done, he can again assume full duties in the school district. His illness will occasion no delay in the progress of the building program, and the school district will continue to function as usual, he said.

He and Mrs. Hull expressed appreciation to all the organizations and individuals for the flowers and cards, and many acts of kindness.

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