

UNITARIAN DEDICATION SET TODAY

Official dedication of the newly-created Pacific Unitarian Church Society and installation of officers for 1957-58 will be held during regular church services today at 11 a.m. in the church building, 1610 Acacia Ave., Torrance, according to Dr. Harry Shuder, the Society's minister.

Dr. Mitchell Marcus, professor of English at Los Angeles State College, will conduct the dedication ceremonies and preside at the installation, Dr. Shuder said.

Dr. Marcus has chosen as his pulpit address for the dedication: "Why Unitarians Choose Liberalism."

Officers to be installed are William Martin, Palos Verdes,

Geissert Honored For Guard Service

William L. Geissert, 439 Castelana, Hollywood Riviera, has been cited for 15 years exemplary service to the California National Guard.

He received the citation from Maj. Gen. Earle M. Jones, state adjutant general of the National Guard.

Geissert is a Lt. Col. and is a 40th Armored Division engineer.

Fence Burned

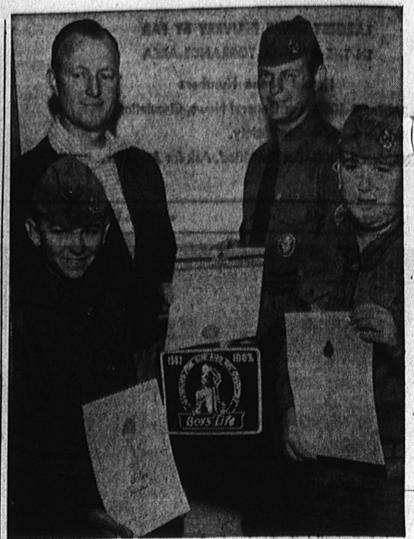
Some paint thinner accidentally thrown in an incinerator caused a fire which spread to the fence at the C. M. Bear home, 5025 MacAfee Rd., Wednesday, according to Torrance firemen.

chairman of the board of directors; Earl Fentin, Hawthorne, vice chairman; and John Doegey, Palos Verdes, treasurer.



GRAND OPENING . . . Shown cutting the ribbon officially opening the South Bay Center Thrifty Drug Store are, left to right, Sidney F. Brody, developer of South Bay Center;

Manny Borun, vice president of the drug chain; and Jack Mertz, manager of the new Thrifty Drug Store. Opening ceremonies were held Thursday, June 6th.



RECEIVE CHARTER . . . Boy Scout Troop 211 displays charter and awards given the troop at the recent Camporee at O'Neill Park. In front are Dale Ferchaud, (left), and Mike Powers, patrol leaders who are displaying the awards. In the back are J. V. Nielsen (left), institutional representative, and D. E. Cooke, Scoutmaster, displaying the charter. W. A. Walton, area commissioner, presented the charter to the new troop last Tuesday. Although operating for only six weeks, the troop has gone on two overnight trips, one day trip, had three ways and means projects, and another camping trip is set for June 22.

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Octogenarian Keeps Busy As Physician, Collector

By VONDA CARLTON
Herald Staff Writer

Practising his profession as a medical physician and maintaining his own museum, keep the days full for a Lomita Octogenarian.

Dr. F. H. Racer, 2186 West Lomita Blvd., started his hobby of collecting Indian relics when he was only 14 years old, nearly 70 years ago.

What started out to be a collection of Indian arrow heads, has turned into a full-scale collector's dream.

Dr. Racer has his museum building in back of his home, and every spare inch of space contains some rare item, most of which have been unearthed by himself or friends.

Among his prize possessions are clay bowls many hundreds of years old.

He estimates that many of the stone relics were made more than 1000 years ago.

The walls of the one-room museum are lined with trophies, including 100-year-old

bow and arrows, antique pistols, beaded work, moccasins, tomahawks, cutting and heaving stones, and bowls of all shapes and sizes.

Each and every item has been catalogued by the doctor. He also can tell the history behind most of the thousands of articles.

Countries Represented

In addition to the Indian work, he has samples of the early work found in South America, Europe, Philippine

Islands and Hawaii.

His garden is lined with stones used by Indians. The larger ones were used to crush corn. They are about 18 inches long and the center of the stone has been hollowed out.

Among his collection are bowls that the Indians used to bury the ashes of their dead; pitchers with two separate compartments—one used by the bride, the other by the groom.

His guest book has been signed by the many hundreds who have come from all over Southern California to view the relics which have been on display since 1937.

During World War I, when he was an Army doctor, he added another hobby . . . collecting insects and butterflies. These too are mounted in glass boxes in the museum.

Each morning the grey-haired but still active doctor goes to his office and maintains regular office hours.

Despite the fact that he is in his eighties, Dr. Racer says he has no intention of retiring. He has some difficulty in walking around and uses a cane. "But that's my feet, not my head," he declares.

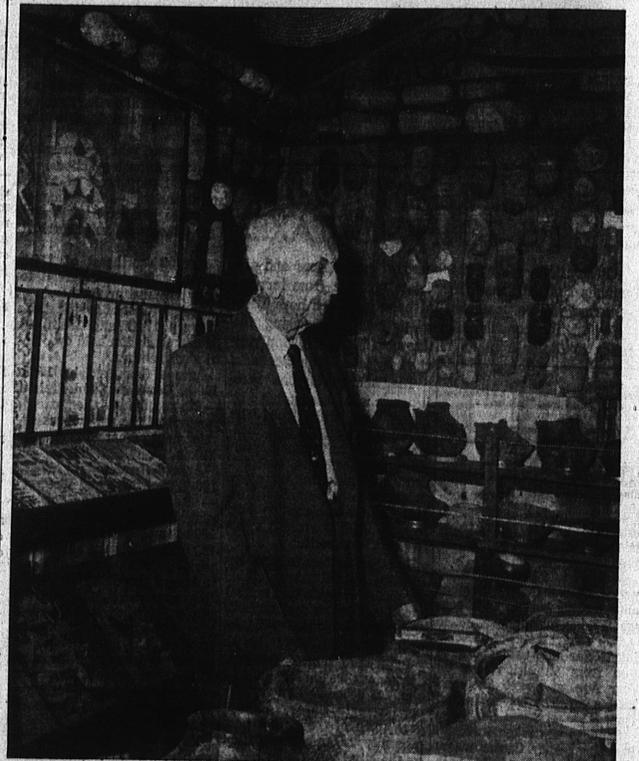
During his 65 years as a physician, Dr. Racer has seen tremendous advances in the field of medicine.

"Since the last World War, progress has been the greatest," he said.

To prove his point, he thumbed through some of the medical literature in his office telling of new drugs.

"Look at the names of the drugs—and most of these have been developed in the past 12 years," he said, shaking his head in amazement.

Keeping abreast of these new developments and working in his museum keep Dr. Racer a busy man who isn't content to sit at home with his memories.



HIS OWN MUSEUM . . . Dr. F. H. Racer of Lomita is shown looking at some of the thousands of items contained in his museum. Mostly Indian relics, some of the treasurers are 1000 years old. Although he is in his 80's he also continues his medical practice.

Advertising Agency Adds Staff Member

John Popovich and Associates — Advertising and Public Relations — of Torrance, announced today that Mrs. Stewart Boyd Sanders has joined the staff.

Mrs. Sanders studied advertising at Columbia University and is a member of the Advertising Club of New York. She previously served with Wildrick and Miller, Inc. an advertising agency in New York.

Much Smoke, No Fire

An overheated TV set caused lots of smoke, but no fire at the James Hurst home, 5120 Pacific Coast Hwy., late Wednesday, Torrance firemen reported.

360 Students Set to Tour White School

Steven M. White Junior High School will host 360 elementary graduates from eight schools Tuesday at an orientation meeting.

Buses will bring students from Carson, Catskill, DeJ Amo, Dolores, Halldale, 186th St., and 232nd Pl. Elementary School. They will be welcomed by members of the student council, who, under the direction of Mrs. Lola Watkins, will take them on a tour of the school.

Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria and a program will be presented in the school auditorium. The senior orchestra, directed by Julius Cochran, and the senior glee club, led by Fred Wilkins, will play. Principal Albert Cartwright will address the

new students. Mrs. Ruth V. Ervin, counsellor at White School, arranged the visit.

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