

Obituaries

Arthur Foerster

Final rites for Arthur Richard Foerster, Arlington, Calif., were held Saturday in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Paul Wonske officiating. He died Thursday.

He was a jeweler and burial was in Green Hills Cemetery. Survivors include his widow, Cathryn, and sons, Donald William, both of Arlington, and Arthur, Hollywood.

Susan Ann Hall

Graveside services for Susan Ann Hall, five-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel K. Hall, former Torrance residents, were held in Green Hills Friday, with the Rev. Milton Sippel officiating. She died Wednesday in Harbor General Hospital.

Her parents now live at 522 Realy, Wilmington. Stone and Myers Mortuary handled arrangements.

Other survivors include two sisters, Sherry Lee and Robin Lynn; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Hall, 21916 Hall-dale, and Mr. and Mrs. James MacDougall, 2616 Cabrillo; aunt, JoAnne Hall, Lomita; and uncle, James William MacDougall.

Mary Williams

Final rites for Mary Elizabeth Williams, 73, 821 Amalpa were held Saturday in the Church of the Nativity, with Father Thomas Glynn officiating. She died Monday in Harbor General Hospital.

Rosary was recited Friday in Stone and Myers Chapel. Survivors include a niece, Mrs. B. Noone, Torrance.

Infant Velardez

Graveside rites were held in Holy Cross Cemetery for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Velardez, 521 Neptune Ave., Wilmington. The day-old infant died Wednesday.

Other survivors include grandparents, Victoria Jimenez, Gardena, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Uribe, Redondo.

Max L. Herr

Max L. Herr, 48, of 20952 Shearer Ave., Torrance, a resident of the Harbor area for many years, died Monday at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Harbor City after a short illness.

He was a native of Colorado. A longshoreman, he was a member of ILUW Union, Local 13.

Herr leaves his daughters, Darla, Diane and Donna Herr, of Torrance; parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Burdea, of Escondido; sister, Mrs. Esther Neville of Lawndale; and brother, William Herr, of Gardena.

Services were at 1 p.m., Thursday, at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary. Cremation followed at the Pacific Crest Crematory.

Board

(Continued from Page 1) children. Van Bellehem said he would confer with the principal to speed work in putting up higher fences around the course.

Erection of "Dennis the Menace" playground equipment at the east end of Torrance Park also was suggested by Commissioner Sippel. He also urged the commission to consider recommendations for improvement of existing parks with \$1,000,000 if the Oct. 29 recreation bond election is successful.

The Council stated in approving a \$3,000,000 recreation bond issue, that \$1,000,000 of it would be used to improve existing park sites—Los Arboles, Paradise, La Romeria, El Retiro, Sea-Aire, McMaster, Watteria, Torrance, and some development in the civic center.

The commission agreed to study the operating budget to see how much money would be needed for parks.

Van Bellehem said he would recommend that school buildings be used for recreation wherever possible and to hold back on building construction.

Fancy

(Continued from Page 1) disappeared with the \$1000 for the job and hasn't been heard from since.

RESULT: The three property owners found themselves faced with \$800 in bills from the firm which sold the material to the builder. They are stuck for the money.

2. A widow was talked into giving her \$1500 savings to a salesman who contracted to remodel her garage into another room. He got the job half done, then disappeared.

RESULT: The lady was presented with bills for \$1500 in building materials. She also had a half completed building job and a huge mess.

3. A man hired a builder to build a block wall around his back yard. He neglected to check the man's credentials and, trusting, went on his vacation. When he came back he had a wall all right but it leaned and formed a serpentine pattern. The builder had disappeared and the man called the city.

RESULT: The man discovered that the builder had no permit and the city ordered the wall torn down as a safety hazard. The man was stuck for the cost of demolishing the wall and building a new one.

4. A lady was talked into recovering her couch by a sharp operator who quoted her a \$75 price. She signed a contract and handed over her couch. When she appeared to re-claim her couch it was pointed out to her that the contract called for \$150 in payments and the firm refused to give her the couch.

RESULT: She had no couch and was faced with a lawsuit.

These are only a few of the victims who willingly signed themselves into trouble without bothering to read what they were signing or to find out who they were buying from.

What can the average citizen do to protect himself? One of the best insurance policies against being gyped is to buy from a licensed, well-known firm or individual, making sure that you are not dealing with a fly-by-night outfit.

Most door-to-door salesmen are honest, but it is the few dishonest ones who give the whole profession a bad name. Ask For License

When a solicitor knocks at your door, ask to see his license from the city of Torrance to do business.

Unlike the Good Housekeeping seal of approval, this license does not mean that the city guarantees the man's product or vouches for the truth of what he will tell you. It merely assures the homeowner that the solicitor has no previous criminal record and that his firm is licensed to do business in the city of Torrance.

By rulings of the courts, the city cannot deny licenses to anyone engaged in a legitimate business. Therefore, according to Whitacre, the city cannot be responsible for actions of solicitors.

The City License Bureau can, however refer the public to persons who could give accurate information about the operation.

The Chamber of Commerce maintains a service by which it checks on solicitors who apply and gives them letters stating that their operations are reputable. This is not an endorsement, either of the product or the sales talk.

Buyer Responsible

Thus, the responsibility for protecting himself against unscrupulous salesmen falls on

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High School Gets Somebody's Goat Right at Start

Torrance High School got somebody's goat Thursday morning.

School officials arrived bright and early for the first day of classes and discovered to their amazement that someone had decided to bring a goat to school.

Police couldn't decide who was more perturbed about the whole matter—the administrators who found broken cement benches, scattered garbage and damaged lawns, or the goat who was vainly but loudly protesting the fact he was housed in a locked stolen car.

Police returned the car to Mrs. Patricia Rudnick, 1635 Maple Ave., who had reported it stolen—and the goat found a new home with the South Bay Humane Society—and school went on as usual.

New Schedule Set for Fall At City Pool

The Torrance Plunge, 3031 Torrance Blvd., will be open for public swimming after school and on week ends as long as the weather permits, according to Joe Rode, aquatics director.

The pool has been open full-time this summer, but will go on a limited schedule effective immediately. From 9 to 2:30 daily until Nov. 15, it will be used for South High School swimming classes.

It will be open to all swimmers from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on Saturday from 9 to 12 and 1 to 5:30, and on Sunday from 1 to 5:30. Two family nights will be held each week—on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. A whole family can swim for \$1.

At other times, the pool will be available to groups who wish to use it for special parties. The First Baptist Church started the special events last night with a camp reunion.

Swim teams and a canoe club are planned as special activities for the fall months. Further information can be obtained at the Recreation Department.

the shoulders of the buyer. If he can prove that the merchandise he received for his money was faulty or not as specified in writing, he may have cause for a lawsuit. If he can prove there was fraud involved in the sale, then he may call the police for criminal action.

Sometimes, however, it's too late for either criminal or libel action. A Torrance resident was hurt recently when a block wall fell on him. The wall had been built by a contractor who failed to take out a city building permit. The owner had failed to check on the firm that built the wall and more than a monetary loss resulted.

Why be a sucker? Don't gamble with your money or your life. It only takes a little while to find out just what you are buying and who you are buying it from.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

Eying the crowds of people dutifully dropping pennies into parking meters in downtown Torrance, The HERALD'S inquiring photographer this week posed this question: "Do you believe parking meters are easing the parking problem in downtown Torrance?"

Richard Oliver, 1814 Middlebrook Rd., retail salesman:

"No, I really don't think so. I keep going around looking for a place to park all the time. I think they should make more parking areas."

Richard Ruffell, 2016 Casson St., student:

"Sure I do. There is not so much confusion. People just can't take all the time in the world with parking meters."

Wesley Lindsay, 22229 Denker Ave., aircraft worker:

"I don't know where I often leave my car at home and walk to town because of the parking problem."

Mrs. John Black, 22523 Kathryn Ave., aircraft worker:

"Frankly, no—I don't think so. I drive along and just can't hardly find a parking place. I think they should make more municipal parking lots."

Lois Finley, 1695 Gramercy Ave., clerk:

"No, they aren't. They need more parking spaces, but at the present time, I don't know where I often leave my car at home and walk to town because of the parking problem."

Local Chest Group Scores Three Firsts

Central Torrance has three firsts to its credit in the enrollment of volunteer works for the 1957-58 Community Chest campaign, Paul Mendel, Resident Chairman, announced today.

Mrs. Frank R. Weston, 2326 Sonoma Ave., Torrance, is the first section chairman in the Harbor Area to have 100 per cent enrollment of her residential workers, far ahead of the deadline for enrolling residential workers, which is Oct. 16.

Mrs. Bertha McNeill, 3313 Sonoma, as the first in Torrance to achieve 100 per cent enrollment of section chairmen in her district.

The first to have 100 per cent enrollment of the Division Chairmen for her section was Mrs. Mary Pagac, chairman of the Central Section of Torrance.

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According to the new law, first offenders on drunk driving charges can get fines ranging from \$250 to \$500 and/or 30 days to six months in jail. Second offenders face an even drearier future, with mandatory five-day jail terms, fines of \$250 to \$1000, and automatic suspension of their drivers' licenses. Subsequent offenses bring even stiffer penalties.

Convicted persons who do not pay their fines must serve out their terms in jail at the rate of \$5 a day. This is an increase of the old amount of \$2 per day in jail, a concession to the inflationary spiral.

Inflation also raised its head in small claims court, which now will handle matters in amounts less than \$150, a \$50 increase. Before 1949, small claims court handled matters less than \$50, but the legislature then increased the amount to \$100, but the cost of living has gone up again.

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COUNCIL HONORED . . . Members of the City Council got a free steak dinner at "City Council Night" at the Torrance Elks Lodge Wednesday night. Shown are Acting Mayor Robert Jahn; Elks Exalted Ruler Ralph Jakubowski, City Manager George Stevens, and Dinner Chairman "Ace" Littleton.

2 ARRESTED AFTER TIFF OVER AUTO

A car firm employee's attempts to repossess an auto Thursday resulted in a sprained wrist for a woman and the arrest of a couple wanted by Los Angeles Police for questioning on grand theft and forgery charges, according to sheriff's deputies.

Arrested were William Merle Bell, 30, and his wife, Sandra Mae Bell, 34, Rolling Hills. The firm employee, F. Sanford, Los Angeles, was not arrested.

According to the Bells, they were accosted at Torrance Airport by Sanford, who demanded the return of the car they were driving. They refused and Mrs. Sanford drove off down Pacific Coast Hwy. Sanford hopped in his car and followed her.

Mrs. Sanford said he bumped the other car once at a stop sign and then swung in front of her, causing her to hit his car at Pennsylvania Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita.

Witnesses reported that a struggle ensued in which Sanford finally got possession of the Bell car and drove off.

Later, deputies learned from Sanford that the Bells were wanted by Los Angeles Police and arrested them, after treating Mrs. Bell for a sprained wrist.

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LAUNCHING CHEST DRIVE . . . Fred King and George Bradford, Torrance commerce and industry chairmen for the current Community Chest campaign, display some of the posters which will be used in the solicitation drive among business firms.

Chest Chairman Predicts City Will 'Go Over Top'

George Bradford, Torrance commerce and industry division chairman for the current 1957-58 Community Chest campaign, told his committee members, "Torrance has always gone over the top," at a briefing meeting held at noon today at the Palms restaurant, 1925 Carson St.

"The campaign slogan is 'Give the Most Where You Get the Most Out of Giving,'" he said.

He informed them that the Chest supports 167 health and welfare services. Its campaign is conducted more economically than any other, for it costs a little more than 8 per cent of the funds solicited, and 80 per cent of its funds are used to help children."

Chairman Named

Bradford owns and manages Bradford Machinery Co. Serving as the other division chairman for Torrance is Fred King of the General Petroleum Corporation.

Committee members were informed of three aspects of the Chest campaign—the pro rata share plan, the voluntary pay roll giving plan, and the schedule of generous giving.

The pro rata share plan points out a firm's responsibility of the Chest goal, or determines the fairest amount that a firm as a whole may be expected to give as its firm gift. It is based on business trends, profits, previous giving and employment.

Payments Spread Out

The voluntary pay roll giving plan provides the individual employee with the opportunity of spreading his contribution to the Chest out over several pay periods, extending over as much as a year's time.

To inform the individual giver what his fair share

should be, the schedule of generous giving has been developed. This schedule resulted from a study of 23,000 contributors who were asked by community leaders to give the amount of their gifts last year and the size of their incomes. Nearly 7000 replied, and the results were tabulated by the Los Angeles branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

The first step of the committee in their work to provide for solicitation in the firms, they were told, will be to contact the chief executive and have him in turn appoint a Chest chairman from among his employees who will conduct the actual solicitation.

Census Bureau Seeks Employment Figures

Facts on employment and unemployment will be collected from a number of families during the week of Sept. 15 in the Current Population Survey, according to Supervisor Leonard C. Iley of the Census Bureau's regional office in Los Angeles, which will participate in the survey.

Information collected locally is combined with facts obtained in other parts of the country to provide national statistics.

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