

VISIT PLANNED . . . Members of the Torrance Art Group will visit the Manhattan Beach studio of Artist Moni Gillett tomorrow night, where she will explain her techniques and work. Here, Mrs. Roy Seidler listens as Miss Gillett explains one of her works. (Herald Photo)

Artists Will Visit Studio Friday Night

The art studio of Moni Gillett, 605 Valley Dr., Manhattan Beach, will be the meeting place for the Torrance Art Group tomorrow at 8 p.m.

"A question and answer period will give the members of the Art Group an opportunity to gain an insight into Moni's approach to painting," said Bette Seidler, president. "Even though she has an extensive academic background, her work is purely creative, and will be of interest to all. Our tradition of discussion with coffee, always lends an informal note, and makes talking easier."

Miss Gillett is known to the Torrance area through her children's art classes currently in session under Torrance Recreation Department sponsorship. She came from Australia, via the east coast, where she earned a master of fine arts degree from Columbia University, and was art supervisor in Westchester and Long Island, New York schools.

Of special interest to the Art Group is her association with Hans Hoffman and Vaclav Vytlacil, outstanding American contemporary painters. Miss Gillett was awarded a research fellowship at Maitland, Fla. The artist's paintings have been exhibited in New York and Florida.

Since coming to the west coast, honors have been awarded her work at local exhibitions. She is a board member of the South Bay Community Art Assn., and has been made an honorary member of the Torrance Art Group.

This visit was arranged by Mark White, program chairman of the art group, who also extended an invitation to anyone who is interested in art.

Sewers Done In Hollywood Riviera Area

Sewers in the Hollywood Riviera District 2 were completed Monday, and some 600 residents may hook onto the lines at any time. Assistant City Engineer John R. Patrick informed the City Council Tuesday night.

Only uncompleted part of the system is that for residents whose homes back onto El Retiro Park, where new pumping facilities are being installed.

Residents may obtain a sewer permit from the Torrance Building Department and have a licensed contractor disconnect the lines from cesspools, he said. There is no time limit for residents to "hook up," he reported, but those with cesspool trouble will not be permitted to do any work on them.

Cost is undetermined at the present time, but is expected to be higher than the \$350 average for an adjoining district. A third sewer system for another section of Riviera now is being planned.

PEP BOYS NOTE 25TH BIRTHDAY

"Twenty-five years of service to the motoring public," is being celebrated by the Pep Boys, Manny, Moe and Jack of California, who this week are commemorating the 25th anniversary of the statewide supply company, as a new \$1,000,000 expansion program gets underway.

From two stores opened in February 1933, Pep Boys have grown to 40 stores throughout California.

Their local store is located on Redondo Beach Blvd., opposite the South Bay Center.

According to Murray Rosenfeld, general manager, the grand opening of store No. 41 will soon be announced, with plans for several more being finalized as part of the company's giant expansion program during the silver jubilee year.

Looking back to the birth of the company in California, Rosenfeld recalled the first nearly-catastrophic month of operation. On Feb. 15, 1933, the two original Pep Boys stores were opened at 1314 S. Figueroa near Pico, and at 5001 S. Vermont near Slauson.

"It was the absolute low point of the depression," Rosenfeld recalled, "and everyone who knew about our opening thought, to put it politely, that we were out of our minds. Within the first month of operation, on March 6, 1933, every bank in the country was temporarily closed by government

order, and four days later, on March 10, Southern California was shaken by the worst earthquake in our history."

Four Cases of Scarlet Fever Reported in Area

Four cases of scarlet fever led the disease list in the Torrance health area for the week ending Dec. 28, according to the County Health Department.

All four of the cases were in the city of Torrance. Other disease reported include tuberculosis, 3; epilepsy, 2; and gonorrhea and measles, each 1.

From The Mailbox

Chest Support

Editor, Torrance Herald: May I take this opportunity to extend to you and your colleagues on your newspaper my most sincere appreciation for all you did in connection with the Community Chest campaign this year, particularly in the Harbor area.

We have raised more than \$10,000,000 in the Los Angeles area, which marks another forward step toward more adequate support of 187 health, welfare and youth agencies in our federated campaign.

The support of your newspaper did much to assist and pave the way for the volunteers who worked in the Harbor area. Many of them have mentioned the effective and efficient way you helped present the Community Chest story and I do want you to know that I personally, and all Community Chest volunteers, are most grateful.

COURTLANDT S. GROSS, Chairman 1957-58 Community Chest Campaign

Fake Sidewalk Killing Fails As Big Joke

What started out to be a practical joke turned out to be not so funny to a trio of youths Monday evening.

Two 16-year-olds and a 22-year-old companion staged a gangland type shooting in front of a local dress shop, 1274 Sartori Ave.

One of the youths slumped to the ground after what seemed to be a gun shot, according to R. E. Moore, owner of the dress shop.

The fallen boy's "assailants" picked him up, put him in the car and sped away.

Moore called local police. Several units were alerted as well as those in surrounding cities. The trio was picked up a short time later by Palos Verdes police at Palos Verdes Dr. North and Hawthorne Ave.

The youths explained the "shot" was caused by intentionally retarding the spark on their car. The whole thing was a "joke," they declared.

Officers could see little humor in the whole incident and sternly advised the boys to try to improve their sense of humor.

Firemen Say Thanks

Editor, Torrance Herald, The Torrance Fire Fighters Assn., Local 1138 of the IAFF, has recently completed the 1957 March Against Muscular Dystrophy. Our door-to-door campaign, carried out within the City of Torrance, exceeded all expectations when more than \$5000 was received.

Such gratifying results could not have been attained without the splendid cooperation of the press. The Torrance HERALD is to be commended on the excellent coverage of the 1957 Muscular Dystrophy Drive. As a part of the team fighting against this child killer, may we extend our sincere appreciation to the HERALD staff.

B. C. SLONECKER, Secretary-Treasurer Torrance Fire Fighters, Local 1138, IAFF

Float Workers

Editor, Torrance Herald, Thank you for your fine coverage of the "Torrance Float."

I also wish to thank wholeheartedly each and every one who contributed their share of decorating the first annual Torrance float. It was a tremendous and very successful venture.

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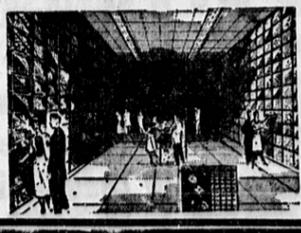
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