

Kids Greet Summer at Plunge, on City Playgrounds

Thousands of Torrance youngsters moved from the classroom to the playground yesterday as the city's recreation department kicked off its summer program.

Biggest item on the agenda was the opening of the plunge at Torrance Blvd. and Madonna.

The pool will be open daily from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Sundays noon until 6 p.m.

Special evening sessions for adults are planned Thursday and Friday evenings throughout the summer. Learn-to-swim and other safety courses are being scheduled. Admission is 20 cents for children

under 13; 25 cents for others.

THE CITY'S six parks and 15 school playgrounds to be used this summer are the centers of much planning. Parks will be open every day and the school playgrounds each week-day from 1 until 5 p.m. The school playgrounds will be opened June 29.

Other programs in the playground areas include story-telling sessions by Mrs. Elsie Pestoff, talent shows, field trips, golfing lessons, day camps, movies, and the popular "fun with music" program conducted by Jim Davidson.

VARIED activities for children, teenagers, and adults is

being planned at the Arts and Crafts Center, 1511 Cravens, and an open house at the center will be held next Friday evening from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9 p.m.

A busy season is planned at Sea-Aire Golf Course with tournaments and other activities sponsored by the teenage and women's clubs.

A camping trip to a resort near Big Bear Lake is set for the week of Aug. 22. Boys and girls from 10 through 12 years of age will be eligible for the week-long outing.

DANCING instruction will be given at the Civic Auditorium by Judy Weiss and Joan Tewkesbury, starting June 22.

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healthful activities for all ages and preferences," Harry Van Bellehne, director of the recreation department, said yesterday in announcing the summer activities.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

With Little League and Babe Ruth baseball in full swing the Penny For Your Thoughts photographer asked five players on the Stars this question.

"Do you think Babe Ruth competition will make better future professional baseball players?"

James Evans: "Yes, I think playing on one of these teams will make a better future professional player. With the many teams all over the country almost every boy has a chance to play and get experience."

Dennis Casson: "I believe these teams will make better future players and I think the public interest has helped major baseball. These teams give us a chance to play and also learn sportsmanship."

Joe Scirica: "Yes, I think playing Little League baseball and then on the Babe Ruth teams will train better players for semi-pro and pro ball. Then as practice makes perfect we are bound to play better later on."

Bill Engstrom: "I think so. We are learning a lot of ball as we have good managers who have played themselves. This makes us feel that we are learning to play the right way."

Leon Carpenter: "I know this program will make me a better future ball player and I am sure all of the others feel the same way. The practice is good for us and it keeps us off the streets."

Heads New Firm

Frank L. Bailey of 114 Calle de Arboles has been named president of the newly-organized Chemical Milling International Corp. of El Segundo. Bailey is a member of the Sales Executives Club of L.A., the Masonic Order, and the Redondo Beach B.P.O.E.



TESTING THE WATER... Seventeen-year-old Betty Baker, holder of the "Miss Torrance" title, tests the temperature at the city plunge prior to its opening yesterday. The pool opened yesterday for general swimming and will be the scene of learn-to-swim sessions, lifesaving, and other safety programs through the summer.



BLOND INDIAN... Patsy Roach, 7, is making a beaded necklace in an Indian lore class which will meet at the Arts and Crafts Center, 1511 Cravens Ave., during the summer. This class is one of several which will be offered at the center during the summer, city recreation department officials report.

Thompson With GP 25 Years

A. E. Thompson, 2717 Via Elevada, Palos Verdes Estates, marks 25 years of service with General Petroleum Corp. this month.

Thompson has been manager of General Petroleum's Torrance refinery since 1949. He joined the company as a junior inspector at Vernon after graduating with a chemical engineering degree from the California Institute of Technology.

He advanced to the post of senior inspector in 1935, junior chemical engineer in 1936, senior chemical engineer in 1940, refinery engineer at Torrance in 1943, and was named assistant manager of the Torrance refinery in 1945.

He is a past president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Rotary Club, and is a member of the Palos Verdes Breakfast Club. He is active in the Community Chest, Red Cross, YMCA and Boy Scouts. He is a professional engineer, registered in the State of California.

Thompson will receive the commendation of the board of directors of General Petroleum and a diamond lapel emblem.

Terrorists Hit In Wide Area

Sheriff's deputies intensified the search for alleged goon squads roving the area this week after one Torrance home and several in the South Bay were victims of oil and acid throwing terrorists.

Described as a campaign of terror against employees of a Los Angeles aircraft plant who are working in defiance of a union strike, the attacks reached into Torrance Thursday night with heavy damage to the home of a lathe and honing expert for Parker Aircraft, now being picketed by Local 311, International Assn. of Machinists.

MARVIN Farrington, 39, who lives at 18322 Prairie Ave., told Torrance police he and his wife were asleep in the rear bedroom of their home late Thursday when they were awakened by the sound of glass breaking in the house. Investigators found that drinking glasses had been filled with ammonia and diesel oil, sealed with coded tape, and thrown through living room windows at the home. One intended for a bedroom

hit the window frame and splattered the side of the house.

The crudely constructed missiles did heavy damage to carpeting and furniture in the Farrington home.

FARRINGTON said he had returned to work at the Parker plant about two weeks ago along with several others who had been striking, and had since been crossing the picket line regularly to get to his job. Investigation of the attacks, both here and throughout the area, have been turned over to Los Angeles County Sheriff's officers, police said. Other homes in Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach received similar damage, and one automobile was reported destroyed.



OFF TO CAMP... Part of the 25 area youngsters who left for Shadlow Lake, Y.M.C.A. Base Camp, at 5 a.m. yesterday are pictured loading camping equipment and food into truck at local Y. Group will return after a week of camping, hiking and swimming in Sierras. From left are Brad Thompson, Ronnie Dutton, John Clemons, Richard Broos and Jim Campbell. (Herald photo)

Beauty Operator Jailed On Charges of Abortion

A Burbank beauty shop operator was jailed here early yesterday on a charge of performing an illegal abortion on a Torrance housewife.

Booked on the abortion charges was Clarence Eugene Santee, who police said performed an illegal operation on a kitchen table here Friday night. He was arrested at his home early yesterday after police had checked with the victim and her husband.

ACTING on information they received from an undisclosed source, police detectives Ralph Walker and Lee Ashman staked out on the home and reported that they watched Santee arrive at the home in his Cadillac convert-

ible, enter the house with a doctor's type kit, and emerge 45 minutes later.

The two officers called Det. Sgt. Don Hamilton and Special Investigator Bob Truitt of the California Medical Board, who interviewed the victim and

About 20,000 Parents At School Confabs

A total of 18,338 parents, representing 95 per cent of the students in Torrance, attended parent conferences at 27 elementary schools this spring, according to school officials.

Twice a year, parents are invited to local schools to discuss their child's progress with his or her teacher.

later made the arrest of Santee in Burbank.

Name of the victim was not disclosed by officers.

TRUITT TOLD the HERALD yesterday that the abortion had been performed on the kitchen table. The victim's husband and a babysitter were apparently in another part of the house.

Police said the beauty shop operator had been convicted twice before on similar charges, once in 1948 and again in 1949. He served six months in jail on the 1948 charge.

Santee has not admitted his part in the illegal surgery, officers said. Police will seek a complaint getting forth formal charges of abortion tomorrow.

Remodel Job Set At Fern

Rehabilitation of Fern Elementary School, 1314 Fern Ave., was approved by the State Allocations Board Tuesday, Torrance school officials said yesterday.

As a result of the state action, Torrance officials will recommend that the Board of Education accept a \$281,000 low bid for earthquake-proofing and modernizing the 27-year-old structure, Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said. If the board approves the bid, work will start almost immediately, he said.

THE BOARD had delayed action on the bid, because it was nearly \$45,000 higher than the state-allowed cost. However, study showed that cost of replacing the Fern School building would be much higher.

Low bidder for the work was Hight Construction Co., Los Angeles. The work is expected to take at least eight months. The building will be strengthened to make it earthquake-proof in accordance with Field Act requirements. Modernization will include installation of new lighting, heating, floor covering, acoustical tile, louvers and other facilities.

IN OTHER action, the state board approved preliminary plans for Towers Elementary School, to be located at Towers and Ronald, and Madison Elementary School, planned at 176th and Doty Ave. Construction work on both is slated to start this fall, after final plans are approved. Both schools will contain 12 classrooms, administration, and music facilities. Madison will have one kindergarten unit, while Towers will have two.



SUGGESTIONS HONORED... Joseph Bray, Torrance mailman, was honored with a certificate and cash award for suggestions on how to eliminate a safety hazard with the department vehicles. Here he receives the certificate and check from Postmaster Clara Conner while local postal executives look on (from left): Ray Wyatt, assistant postmaster; Leroy Backlund, assistant superintendent of mails; and Herb Stullenberger, superintendent of mails. (Herald photo)