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# MAN, WIFE HELD FOR 'SURGERY'

## Hearing Set For June 30

A Burbank beautyshop operator and his attractive wife were ordered to appear here June 30 for preliminary hearing into charges that they have operated an abortion practice throughout the area.

Clarence E. Santee, 47, and his blonde wife, Blitz, 26, were held for the hearing after arraignment before Judge Otto B. Willett here Friday.

Santee is charged with six counts of abortion here and in Downey and Manhattan Beach, while his wife is charged with four counts.

TORRANCE detectives, led Sgt. Don Hamilton, arrested Santee at his Burbank home early last Saturday after officers staked out on a Torrance home and identified him as a man who entered the home to perform an abortion on a 28-year-old housewife.

Police had been tipped off that the illegal surgery was scheduled at the home.

Investigators said the surgery was performed on the kitchen table, and that the husband and a baby sitter were in the house at the time.

AFTER TALKING to the victim and her husband, detectives went to Burbank early Saturday and arrested Santee.

His wife was arrested later when she came to Torrance to get him out of jail. Both were freed on writs and returned here for arraignment Friday.

Hamilton said Santee had been convicted in 1948 and again in 1949 on the same charge.



TALL TOMATO . . . When T. B. Murphy, of 4202 W. 164th St., wants to pick tomatoes, he has to get out the ladder—and even this five-foot one will not let him get to the top of this 18-foot tomato vine which is growing in his back yard. The plant has yielded about 150 tomatoes for the Murphy family since it started bearing about a year ago and has more than 100 on now. Murphy doesn't know what he'll do if it reaches the top of the 25-foot pole he has erected for it. (Herald photo)

## Charles Woodcock Attends Convention

Charles A. Woodcock of 2410 Torrance Blvd is among the more than 400 members and their families throughout the state who attended the annual meeting of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants at the Santa Barbara Biltmore, Monday through Wednesday.

## AT CONVENTION

Johnny Johnson of 2709 Gramercy is attending the 44th annual convention of Kiwanis International at Memorial Auditorium, Dallas, Tex. More than 14,000 Kiwanians and their families are participating.

## Three Hurt In Accident

Three persons were injured in a two-car crash here Thursday afternoon at Del Amo Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave.

Sylvester H. McKeighan, 69, of Harbor City, told officers his car was struck from behind by an auto driven by Gary M. Little, 17, of 17407 Falda Ave. Both drivers and a passenger in the Little auto, Patricia Reynolds, 17, of 203 Via Pasqual, were treated by a private physician for cuts and bruises.



BUILDING START . . . Mayor Albert Isen (right) and the Rev. H. Milton Sippel (kneeling) start the first work on a new structure for the First Christian Church while the Rev. J. J. Walker, former pastor of the church, looks on. Others behind the Rev. Mr. Walker, from the left, include Howard Foster, building committee chairman; Roy Bayer, designer of the addition; and Louis Culler, superintendent of construction on this and former church building programs.

## Youth Band in 'Home' Search

Agreement to sell the Civic Auditorium to the Security-First National Bank this week brings up problems, Youth Band Director James Van Dyck reported yesterday.

For one thing, his band, which has practically lived in the auditorium during recent years, is suddenly faced with finding a new home.

"The Youth Band is heartily in accord with the city's decision to dispose of the Civic Auditorium," Van Dyck said yesterday. "Band parents along with members of the Artist Series Assn. will lend their support 100 per cent toward the construction of a new auditorium," he said.

THE YOUTH BAND is the only local organization permanently housed in the Civic Auditorium and consequently the only group whose activities will be seriously hampered if another place cannot be found, Van Dyck said.

The search was launched this week for a new rehearsal hall for the three band groups which comprise the Torrance Area Youth Bands. The groups will have about 90 days to find suitable quarters, Van Dyck said.

IN ADDITION to rehearsal space, room must be found for the music library of the group valued at \$5000 and for the uniforms, instruments, and other equipment valued at about \$20,000.

"We will need a rehearsal hall large enough to seat about 80 students at one time, with a high, acoustically treated ceiling," the director said.



SEEK RODEO TITLE . . . Five contestants have signed up for the contest to select a rodeo queen to reign over "Ranchero Days" here in July. Left to right are Sharon Burns, 17; Karen Husted, 18; Joyce Gordon, 17; Arline Whitman, 15, and Ruth Hones, 17. (Herald photo)

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"How do you plan to spend your vacation this year?" That was the question the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below.

Betty Dawson, 3109 Paseo del Campo, Palos Verdes Estates, office girl: "Water ski, f'n'g, boating, and a three week trip to Europe."

Jackie Adams, 305 W. 14 St., San Pedro, carpenter: "I'm on it. I came here last week from Oklahoma last week and will go back when summer's over. Sure, I like it!"

Linda Wicker, 1319 Kornblum St., secretary: "I plan to go to Frisco and Lake Tahoe with a girl-friend who just got a new M.G."

Mrs. Barbara Sanok, 239 E. 184, Gardena, housewife: "We're taking the baby and the baby-sitter to Las Vegas for a week this summer. I love the weather and my husband loves the gaming tables."

Clifton Manning (and Wade, 2 1/2), 1834 1/2 W. 209th St., leadman: "We took it already. Went to Arkansas and saw Grandma."

## New Library Serves 1000 First Month

El Retiro Library in the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance is celebrating its first month with 1000 people applying for membership and over 9000 books on its shelves.

On exhibit at the new library is a collection of art books on Japanese, Chinese, Mexican, French and Indian Art. Also included in the exhibit are books on architecture, art masterpieces, antique jewelry and Russian ballet.

Among the new fiction recently received are: "The Crown and the Cross" by Frank Slaughter; "The Scientists" by Lipsky; "Dr. Zivago" by Pasternak; "The Ugly American" by Lederer; and "Breakfast at Tiffany's" by Capote.

The recent shipment of non-fiction books includes: "I Wanted to Be Somebody" by Althea Gibson; "Twixt Twelve and Twenty" by Pat Boone; "Christian Dior and I" by Christian Dior; "The Affluent Society" by Galbraith; "The Marlborough Duchess" by Louis Kronenberger; "Memoirs of the Second World War" by Winston Churchill; "Profiles in Courage" by John Kennedy; "Live in Peace with Your Nerves" by Alvarez; and "Pat and His Pistols" by Perry.

## Dr. Spurr Memorial Rites Set

A memorial service for Dr. Robert A. Spurr, outstanding space-age scientist who died Thursday of brain cancer following a nine-month illness, will be held at the Pacific Unitarian Church at Sonoma and Acacia at 3 p.m. today. Dr. Spurr was active in the founding and work of the church.

Considered one of the nation's brightest young scientists, Dr. Spurr, who lived at 2725 Via La Selva in Palos Verdes Estates, was a protege of Physicist Linus Pauling, and had been slated to direct the activities of the new Hughes Aircraft research laboratory.

A graduate of Harvard University, he received his doctorate at Caltech, and had published 20 articles concerning various fields of infrared spectroscopy and molecular structure.

He is survived by his widow, four children, and four brothers.

## Ex-Rotary President Dies at 67

Funeral services for Robert McCallum, 67, former owner of the Torrance Sheet Metal Shop and a past president of the Torrance Rotary Club, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. The Rev. A. Diconoff will officiate.

Mr. McCallum died in Palo Alto this week. He had been making his home at Los Gatos.

He is survived by his widow, Mildred McCallum of Los Gatos; a son, Irving, of San Gabriel; and a daughter, Edith Watson, of Duarte. Six grandchildren also survive him.

Members of the Torrance Rotary Club will serve as pallbearers at tomorrow's rites. Burial will be in Green Hills Memorial Park.

## New School Work Voted By Trustees

Bids for construction of Adams Elementary School, 238th and Arlington Ave., and for rehabilitation of Fern Elementary School, 1314 Fern Ave., were approved Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education after considerable study.

Approval of both bids had been held up for several weeks because bids were somewhat higher than expected. However, study showed that the figures were not out of line with prevailing costs, officials said.

The \$461,000 bid for Adams School was awarded to Vance Beard Co., lowest of 12 bidders. Contract for the Fern rehabilitation was given to Hight Construction Co., lowest of seven bidders.



HOMELESS? . . . Members of the Torrance Area Youth Band organization pose to indicate the plight they face if they don't find a suitable home soon. They are losing the Civic Auditorium, which has been their permanent headquarters for several years. From the left are Tim Westergard, Sandra Bramlett, Ronald Bauer, Donald Brunet and David Beerboer. (Herald photo)

## Three School Officials Accept Jobs Elsewhere

Three Torrance school officials Tuesday night submitted resignations to the local board of education. All three have accepted promotions elsewhere.

Dr. Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the Torrance schools for the past five years, will return to his old home town, Yellow Springs, Ohio, to become superintendent of schools.

Dr. Max Appleby, curriculum consultant, has accepted a post as assistant superintendent of the Acalanes Union

High School District at Lafayette.

Dr. F. R. "Ted" Cyphert, curriculum consultant, has been named associate professor of education at Ohio State University.

While in Torrance, Dr. Hamilton was co-author of a study of Torrance's "Little Red Schoolhouse" program at Walteria School. With Dr. Walter Rehwoald, now assistant superintendent of Barstow schools, he made the project the basis of his doctoral study at the University of Southern California.

Active in civic affairs, he has been president of the Torrance Lions Club, First District Welfare Council, Torrance Case Conference Committee, and a district officer of Kiwanis International.