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POLICE ARREST TRIO WITH DOPE

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What have you been doing with your vacationing school-children this summer to keep them occupied?"

With summer almost half over, that was the question the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked several experienced mothers in Torrance this week. Their pictures and answers appear below:

Mrs. David Morrison, 214 Via Mesa Grande, housewife:

"This has been a busy summer for my 11-year-old daughter. She has been taking horsemanship riding lessons, had a session away at camp, and has been getting in all the swimming possible, both at the beach and at a pool."

Mrs. David Brandwein, 5041 Willow Road, Rolling Hills, housewife:

"Our eight year old has been attending Summer School. As soon as classes are over, he plans to take swimming lessons together with our three and four year olds. He has also spent time working on model dinosaurs and helping with the household chores."

Mrs. Albert Carmona, 21401 Ladeene Ave., housewife:

"My children have been participating in the recreation program at Jefferson School every afternoon and have been regulars at the Torrance plunge. Next week they'll be accompanying my husband and myself on a trailer trip up North."

Mrs. Earle Sumpter, 21509 Ladeene, housewife:

"My six-year-old son has been away at camp for the past six weeks. It has proven an ideal time to teach my 11-year-old daughter to crochet and knit. In addition she goes daily to the Torrance Plunge and has found time for extra picnics and shows."

Mrs. Joseph Di Luzio, 5409 Calle Mayor, housewife:

"Johnny, my five year old, has been attending summer school. In addition there have been occasional side trips and beach outings. We plan to take him and his little sister to Las Vegas shortly."

Celebration Ends Tonight

Torrance's third annual Ranchero Days, which winds up its four-day run here this evening, is being hailed by community leaders as the best ever.

Opening Wednesday evening with midway concessions, mechanical rides, and a free wild animal show at frequent intervals, the celebration has attracted thousands of Southlanders to the grounds behind the city hall.

HIGHLIGHT of the celebration was a snappy parade last evening and performances of

TODAY AT THE FAIR

- 1 p.m. Midway Opens
- 2 p.m. Rodeo
- 2:30 Free Circus
- 4:30 Free Circus
- 7:30 Free Circus
- 9:30 Free Circus
- 11 Fair Closes

the rodeo yesterday afternoon, and a repeat performance scheduled for 2 p.m. today.

Scheduled to lead off last evening's parade was Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson of Hawthorne, and a parade of early U. S. Flags carried by Scouts of the city. Following were some of the Southland's top parade horses, local float entries, and other attractions.

TODAY'S activities will get under way at 1 p.m. with the opening of the midway. The closing performances of the championship rodeo will be started at 2 p.m., and the free animal acts will be presented

at 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, and at 9:30 p.m.

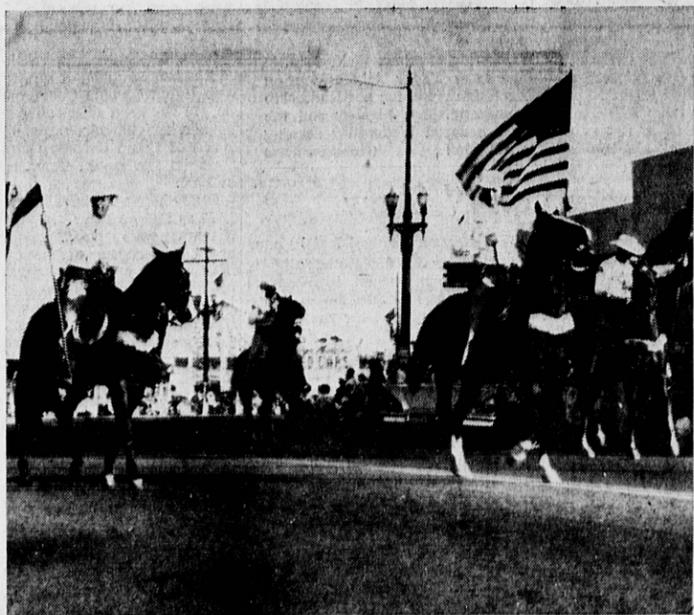
Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and local service groups, the Ranchero Days celebration will provide funds for the city's entry in the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena next Jan. 1, and will provide funds for the philanthropic work of the clubs and organizations manning the midway concession stands.

EVERYTHING is available to the fair goer from dart games to pizza pie, and from snowcones to a roller coaster.

Attendance at the celebration has been high and a large crowd was present for the first events at the rodeo yesterday afternoon.



UNHORSED . . . Gary Lee parted company with his mount Midnight and decided to walk back to the chutes. This was the Bronco Bustin' event at the Ranchero Days Rodeo held at Civic Center yesterday afternoon. Rodeo will be held again today at 2 p.m. (Herald photo)



RANCHERO HIGHLIGHT . . . Last night's parade, designed as the fastest moving, "snappiest" parade in recent years here, was a highlight of the Ranchero Days celebration. Here, units of the parade are shown near the starting point of the 6 p.m. event. (Herald photo)

17-Year-Old Girl Nabbed

Two men and a 17-year-old girl were held by Torrance police yesterday after their arrest here for possession of narcotics, and for suspicion of being under the influence of narcotics.

Delmar Leslie French, 19, of 4536 Narrot St.; Albert

Tony Alameida, 20, 1323 W. 168th St., and the girl were arrested by Officers Charles Oates and Paul Singleton early Saturday at 174th St. and Prairie. The officers said they followed the car for several blocks trying to stop it after observing that it was being driven in an erratic manner.

IN ADDITION to being booked for possession and being under the influence of narcotics, Alameida, identified by officers as the driver, was booked on a charge of driving while under the influence of narcotics.

Unidentified pills and drugs were found by the officers and have been turned over to the Sheriff's narcotics bureau for laboratory testing.

Police said both Alameida and French had been arrested several times previously on violation of narcotics laws.

REALTORS HOST DISTRICT MEET

Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors was host board at a meeting of the 21st district held at the local board office Monday. In the absence of the president, S. R. Farnsworth, regional vice-president, presided.

Presidents of boards from the South Bay, San Pedro, Gardena, Inglewood and Hawthorne and their guests attended the meeting.

On 101

HC Man Killed By Car

A Harbor City man died early yesterday at Harbor General Hospital several hours after he was struck by an auto at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Frampton in Harbor City.

Killed was Demetrio Ponce, about 50, of 1127 W. 255th St. He was struck by an auto driven by Loree Arnold, of 1806 Cabrillo Ave., Harbor Division police reported. Arnold was not held.

Ponce's body was turned over to Stone and Myers Mortuary, where funeral services are pending.

Declares Dividend

The board of directors of Union Carbide Corp. today declared a cash dividend of 90 cents per share on the outstanding capital stock of the corporation, payable Sept. 1 to stockholders of record July 31, 1959.

The last quarterly dividend was 90 cents per share, paid June 1.

CHP Officer Hit by Auto

Officer William Box, Jr., member of the California Highway Patrol, was painfully injured here yesterday when his motor bike was struck by an auto at 190th St. and Crenshaw.

Police said Box received a compound fracture of the left leg in the accident. He is in St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood.

Witnesses told investigating officers that an auto ran through a red light into the intersection before hitting the highway patrolman.

New Tent Players Set Show

The Tent Players are the most recently organized theater group in Southern California.

"Also, the whackiest," says their business manager, LaVada Weir. "However," she adds, "they are established and talented actors and actresses from this area and they are getting ready to go 'on stage' in a Tent Theater—the exciting and unique Theater-in-the-Round that spells magic to theater-goers."

Junne Roisman is directing the first show with Warren LaVender, Dick Schneider, Ethel Dugan, Margaret Walker Patterson, Rita Thompson, Gene Knight, Dick O'Neil and others in the cast.

The title of the first play is "Clerebard," which doesn't mean anything as it is the only name of the leading character. If Playwright Marcel Ayme would have entitled it "The Monk or The Prostitute," prospective ticket buyers would know more about the play.

It is just a risqué, French farce scheduled to open officially Sept. 4.

The Tent raising is scheduled for Aug. 29 and the announcement of the location will be made officially next week. The most desirable location in WALTERIA is being sought.

Fire Hero Honored By Gas Co. Man Pleads Guilty To Assault Charge

Eugene C. Deppe of 4304 W. 229th St. was honored this week by Southern California Gas Co. Vice President R. I. Snyder for his outstanding work during the recent Laurel Canyon fire.

Deppe was part of a group of gas company distribution and customer service department employees who worked with firemen in the heart of the blaze in order to maintain uninterrupted service to all occupied homes in the canyon. In addition to praise from Snyder he received special letters of commendation from R. F. Ogborn, manager of customer service, and G. G. Dye, manager of distribution.

A probation hearing and sentencing has been set for Aug. 14 for a 28-year-old Wilmington man who has admitted that he tried to run down his girl friend with an auto after beating her this week.

Jailed in lieu of bail was James William Chason, of 23303 Delores St., who was arrested by Sheriff's deputies Tuesday at a Vermont Ave. steel plant here after inflicting facial injuries on Esther Detige, 21, and three employees of the Russel H. Roemisch Steel Fabricating Co.

CHASON PLEADED guilty to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon when he appeared in court in Compton this week.

The victim of his assault, who is the mother of a 1-year-old daughter and who is expecting another child, was treated at Harbor General Hospital and then released. It was

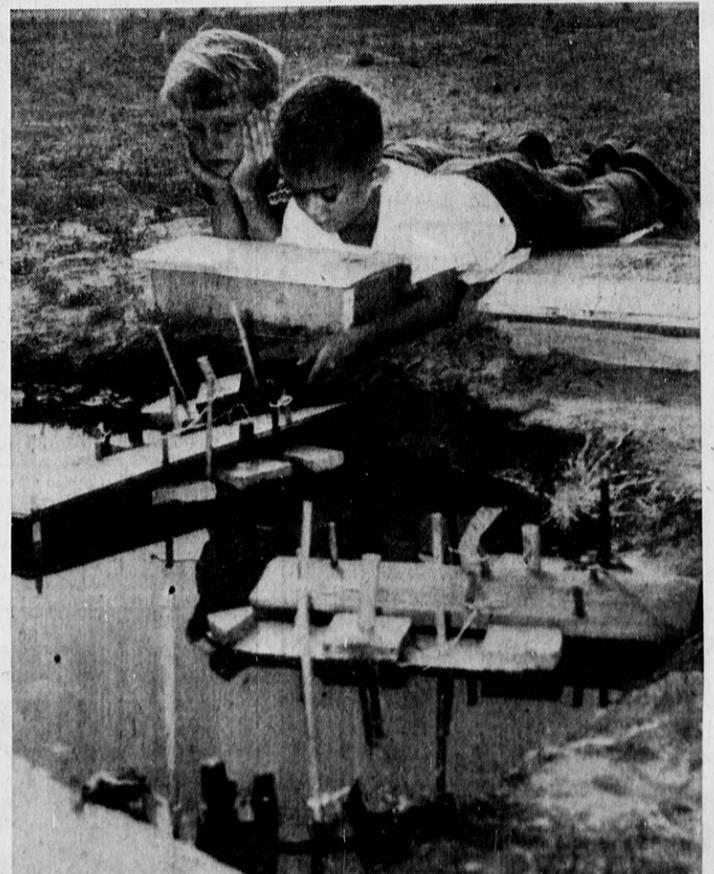
feared at the time that she might lose the child she is expecting.

FOLLOWING THE probation hearing Aug. 14, Chason will be turned over to authorities to face hearings on a nonsupport suit filed last month by his wife, Anita, who lives at 21224 S. Main St.

Chason had been sought by deputies on the nonsupport suit warrant, and had not been located until his arrest on the assault charge here last Tuesday.

AS INVESTIGATING officers reconstructed the incident, the car chase began Tuesday after Miss Detige making an argument in which she was struck several blows. The couple had been enroute to Harbor General Hospital where she was scheduled for a prenatal checkup.

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THE FLEET'S IN . . . Since Hubert Brier's first and second graders at Wood Elementary School, Torrance, have been studying about the world's harbors, the class decided to build its own small boat harbor outside the classroom. They lined the "ocean floor" with a thin layer of cement, and built docks, ships, and other buildings. Shown looking over their fleet are Fred Feisl and Andrew Marzullo.