

# Torrance Readys for Annual Ranchero Days Rodeo

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# RECORD CRIME INCREASES CITED

## FBI Report Lists Major Case Growth

While major crime in the nation was climbing up some 14 per cent during 1960 over the figures for the previous year, Torrance's major crime rate showed an increase of 41 per cent over 1959 in actual crimes committed.

Figures for Torrance show that 647 more crimes of a serious nature were committed during 1960 than in 1959. This is a 41½ per cent increase. Per capita increases were not available.

CHIEF OF POLICE Parker of Los Angeles and other California peace officers have pointed out that the increase in California is so great because of the state's system of reporting all crimes. They have indicated that other states are not so complete as California in reporting crime statistics to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Local police authorities have made no comment on the figures but it is assumed that they will also make the same defense for Torrance, although the city leads all the others in the area in percentage of increase in direct comparison. Aggravated assault saw the biggest increase, going up 77 per cent. Next in line were auto theft, up 66 per cent and forcible rape, 50 per cent over the '59 high. Burglary increased 45 per cent and robbery had climbed 44 per cent.

THE INCREASE in larceny over \$50 has risen 26 per cent and murder, the smallest percentage increase at 25 per cent, was still 11 per cent over the national average. The numerical increase follows with the 1960 figure given first as compared to those in 1959: Murder, 5-4; Forcible rape 9-6; Robbery, 46-32; Aggravated Assault, 48-27; Burglary, 1169-804; Larceny, 526-418; Auto theft, 340-206.

Nationally, according to the statistics released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a murder occurred every 58 minutes, forcible rape every 34 minutes, aggravated assault

every four minutes and robbery every six minutes.

According to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, crime showed a nationally disheartening increase of 98 per cent from 1950 to 1960.

## Chamber's Action Plan Given Test

In a participating demonstration of the type of program planning sessions to be held by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this month, a group of newspaper representatives and bankers Friday afternoon were "tested" to determine what they considered to be cardinal goals of service for the organization as it moves to meet new challenges during the next decade.

Individual opinions were correlated and condensed into a suggested action program that placed long range planning for industrial and other development toward a balanced community high on the list. Awakening the interest of every Torrance resident to an awareness that he is part of the community and cooperation with city officials and others in any movement for the general welfare of the community, also received top billing.

DURING THE so-called "pilot" session, Chamber Manager Don Reining showed color slides of typical industrial, commercial and residential developments in the city as well as views of street and

## Two-Day Celebration Highlighted by Rodeo

One of the west's oldest forms of entertainment comes to Torrance next weekend when the Torrance Mounted Police stage their seventh annual Ranchero Days and Rodeo. The festivities get underway at 10 a.m. next Saturday with a western parade as a prelude to the two performances of the R.C.A. Rodeo at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the Civic center.



ROBERT ATHA 1000th Camper

Captain Les Schmock of the Mounted Police and chairman of the event, said that this year's rodeo will be the biggest and best in the seven year history of the local event.

THE TORRANCE rodeo is one of more than 500 like events which the Cowboys Rodeo Assn. has approved. Point standings achieved at the local rodeo count in the national standings for determining national rodeo champions. Cowboys from all over the United States and Canada will be on hand to match wits and skill against outlaw livestock to be furnished by Andy Juarez of Newhall. Purse money put up by the rodeo committee will probably be doubled by entry fees paid by the cowboys.

Events slated for this year's Torrance Rodeo include trick riding, calf roping, bulldogging, saddle bronc riding, wild bull riding, barrel racing, and the crowd pleasing, but vitally important rodeo clown acts.

LT. D. C. COOK, rodeo coordinator, boasts the meanest group of broncs and bulls ever assembled for the annual Torrance event. Ranchero Days action begins (Continued on Page 2)

## New Social Security Office To Open Soon

A new Social Security Administration district office will be opened in Torrance in the near future, William L. Mitchell, Commissioner of Social Security announced today in Washington. The new district office will serve residents of Gardena, Harbor City, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lawndale, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach in Los Angeles county. This area previously was served by the district offices at Long Beach and Inglewood.

Mr. Mitchell said that the new office is designed to provide better service to persons covered by the old-age survivors and disability insurance program. Population growth and changes in its pattern were factors in deciding upon the location of this office. The decision to open a social security office in Torrance was based on a study of the population to be served, types of employment, numbers of those now on social security rolls, and related data.

In January of 1961, more than 22,000 residents of the area to be served by the Torrance district office were receiving social security benefits at the rate of more than \$1,485,000 each month.



RIDE 'EM COWBOY . . . Aristocrat of the rodeo arena, the saddle bronc is a powerful animal. Stock for the forthcoming RCA Rodeo in Torrance will come from the Andy Jauregui string from Newhall. Pretty Socks, shown here in action in one of the many rodeos in which he tests cowboys, will be on hand Aug. 5-6 for the Torrance Rodeo.

## Mayor Asked to Declare 'Anti-Communist' Week

Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance has been requested to join mayors of 18 other Los Angeles cities in proclaiming the week of August 28 through September 1 as "Anti-Communism Week."

The observance is to be held in conjunction with the Southern California School of Anti-Communism to be conducted during the week at the Los Angeles Sports Arena, according to A. E. Valle, who has written to Mayor Isen as a followup to an invitation of Mayor Duke P. Watson of Culver City.

Proclamations for the event already have been issued by the Mayors of Anaheim, Burbank, Covina, Glendale, Inglewood, La Mirada, La Puente, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Montebello, Pico-Riviera, San Fernando, San Gabriel, Santa Ana, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica and Whittier.

Included on the steering committee for the program are Robert Boron, president Thrifty Drug Co.; John R. Clark Jr., president of Technicolor; Justin W. Dart, president of Rexall; Rev. Charles S. Casassa, S. J., president Loyola (Continued on Page 2)

## A Penny for your Thoughts

At a bridge tournament held last week at the Torrance YWCA, the Pennies Photographer approached five of the players and queried, "What do you like most about playing bridge?"

Answers and pictures of the five appear below:

C. C. Soeten, 1914 E. First Street, Long Beach: "I like bridge tournaments for the people that I meet. I really don't care anything for bridge, although I have been playing since it was Wisk. I play for the interesting people and the long time friends that I have met."

Jim Davis, 637 No. Hanford St., San Pedro: "I like the challenge to do something that other people can't do. There is a lot of math and psychology in the game and that makes it a game that is unsurpassed by any other intellectual game."

Mrs. Rogers Miller, 5102 Newton St., Torrance: "I have been playing for six years, and I have never enjoyed myself any more than when I am playing bridge. It is the competition with me. I like to compete, and I think that bridge is one of the most competitive of games."

Mrs. Frank Zboyan, 1402 Cota Avenue, Torrance: "I think it one of the most intelligent games to play. The competition is stiff, but then that's the fun of bridge. The people are also very interesting, and you often make life-long friends while sitting across the bridge table."

Mrs. Gwyn Jo Faught, 7820 E. Fourth Pl., Downey: "I like the challenge of the game. Every board is a challenge in itself no matter how long you have played. The competition not only among each other, but with yourself to make the right moves is the most interesting feature of the game to me."

## YMCA Camps Report Big Area Turnout

Robert Atha, 11, of 5407 Via Del Valle, became the one thousandth Torrance youngster to complete registration for YMCA camp this summer. He will attend an eight day session at Round Meadow Camp on Saturday.

Atha has earned most of his way to camp by selling YMCA peanuts to neighbors and friends. Torrance YMCA officials report the largest local camping program in the history of the youth-serving agency. Nine different sessions of camp have been completed for boys and girls in the area, and prospects for a full schedule during remaining summer months are good.

The youngster will join more than 250 boys and girls at Round Meadow Camp and Mozumdar Camp for the eight day outdoor session next weekend.

## Marineland in Mourning for Whale 'Buttons'

Buttons, one of the four whales at the Marineland Oceanarium in Palos Verdes, died Friday of an unknown cause, report Marineland officials. She was nine feet long and weighed more than 900 pounds. The whale shows continued without interruption with Bubbles, star of the sea circus, and Bimbo, her 3400 pound boy friend, doing six performances.

A post mortem examination will be conducted on the whale to determine the cause of death. She will be replaced by another whale which has been in captivity for some months undergoing training for the show.

## Where the Money Goes

## Yugoslavia Given Aid; Say They are Neutrals

(Editor's Note: King Williams, co-publisher of the HERALD, recently completed a tour with American Newspaper Study Missions to the Middle-East and Southern Europe. Today he continues with a report on Yugoslavia.)

Our "pay as we go" relations with Yugoslavia are an enigma to Americans concerned and confused by the king-sized magnitude of our foreign aid program, the spaghetti-like ramifications of which are as puzzling and befuddling as a carnival hall of mirrors. So complex and so varied have been the mechanisms set up to give away the American taxpayers' dollar, that even the government expert can at best give an estimate that is a little more accurate than the guesses by amateurs who resign themselves in futility and say:

"Oh, what's one more billion or two!" Since 1948 United States has, as near as it is possible for an outsider to find out, given or loaned to Yugoslavia some millions less than two billions of dollars. In return it has had the rather sporadic good will of Marshal Josip-Broz Tito who currently seems to be beaming his brighter smiles, on the Soviet Union. The Yugoslavs tell you they neither import nor export their political philosophies. They are content to follow what they call their "Socialist Alliance" composed of members of mass organizations such as youth, veteran and women's organizations which are secondary only to the trade unions. THE SIX socialist republics making up Yugoslavia are Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia. They have a common (and it appears to us to be unbreakable) bond of interest with the Russians in language and appearance. The old saw "that blood is thicker than water" seems to us to be (Continued on Page 10)

## Retiring Librarian Honored

Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, who recently retired from her post as the librarian here in Torrance, was honored by city-county library officials and civic functionaries at a dinner Thursday evening.

Plaques from the City Council, and the Library Commission were presented to Mrs. Jamieson during the dinner program. Mrs. Jamieson became librarian at the Torrance Branch in 1935. She has served with the county library system for 30 years, the last four as regional librarian.

Among those attending the dinner were Mr. Jamieson; Mayor Albert Isen; George Kurtz, Library Commission president; William Hanson, past commission president, and John Henderson, county librarian. Also attending were city councilmen and members of the local library staff.



RETIRING . . . Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, retiring librarian of the city's library, was honored at a dinner Thursday evening by members of the Library Commission and city functionaries. She became librarian at the Torrance branch in 1935 and has held that post for more than 25 years. She had served as a regional librarian for the past four years. Shown here with her husband, Nate Jamieson, as they paused for a moment to reflect on the past years. (Herald Photo)