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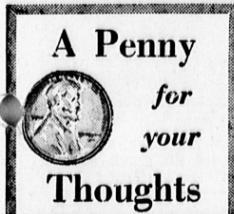
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Goodwin J. Knight has announced his candidacy for Governor. The Pennies photographer asked Torrance shoppers "What they think about Knight's announcement and what kind of governor he would make if elected?"

William Dickson, 1438 W. 214th St.

"I think Knight was a good Governor and would be a good future one. He was really for the sportsman and Brown isn't. I am a Democrat but I'll split the ticket and vote for Knight."

John Orazen, 15105 S. Verdadera

"In view of the fact Knight has already proven he can be a good governor there's no reason to think he can't do a good job again. He'll definitely do a good job if elected."

Ray Bryson, 2509 Via Pinala, Palos Verdes

"Although I am new to the State, and looking for work as a bowling instructor, I'd be for Knight especially if Nixon runs. I don't think Knight would do any better a job than Brown has done."

Paul Esparza of Hawthorne

"I think Knight could do a much better job as governor than Brown has done. He and Brown are what you might call local boys in comparison to Nixon who has been in national politics."

Gordon Voelker, 22429 Shadycroft Ave.

"I think Knight is a responsible person and would do a much better job as governor than Brown has or ever will do. Knight did a good job when he served as governor the last time. I hope Nixon doesn't run against Knight because I think Nixon would be better in federal government."

Douglas Payroll Reduction Slight

Proposed closing of Douglas Aircraft's Co.'s El Segundo plant will require a layoff of about 1650 persons, but will mean a net loss in Southern California employment of less than 250 persons, a high Douglas official said yesterday. Jackson R. McCown, vice president and general manager of the firm's aircraft division, said rehiring at Long Beach would greatly reduce the net loss of employment.

Mother Says She Feared For Daughter

A 37-year-old Torrance housewife, accused of strangling her five-year-old daughter with a nylon stocking Wednesday afternoon, has been returned to Torrance jail from the County General Hospital and is being kept under 24-hour watch for her own protection, police reported yesterday.

Mrs. Matilda Clemensen, of 19316 Donora Ave., was hospitalized Wednesday after telling police she strangled her daughter, Beverly, who was scheduled to enter kindergarten at Flavian Elementary School that day.

THE MOTHER, who, police were told, had been released as a mental patient the previous week, told of being haunted by a vision in which her husband and older daughter, Carol, 14, were killed. Police were called to the home by a neighbor, Mrs. Robert Peterson, of 19320 Donora Ave., who told officers Mrs. Clemensen came to her home and said: "I've just killed my baby."

Methodists to Set New Cornerstone

Cornerstone of the new \$150,000 sanctuary of the Torrance First Methodist Church will be laid in ceremonies next Sunday at 10 a.m. between the two regular Sunday morning worship services.

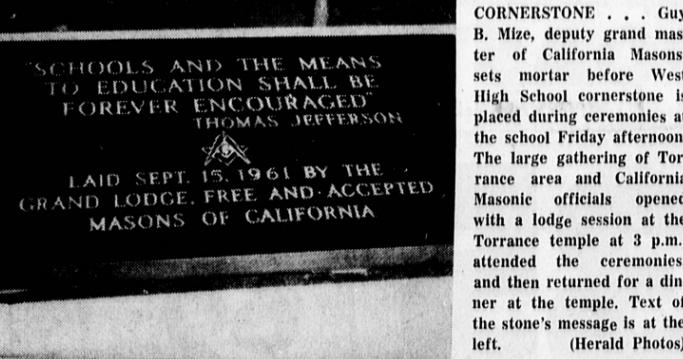
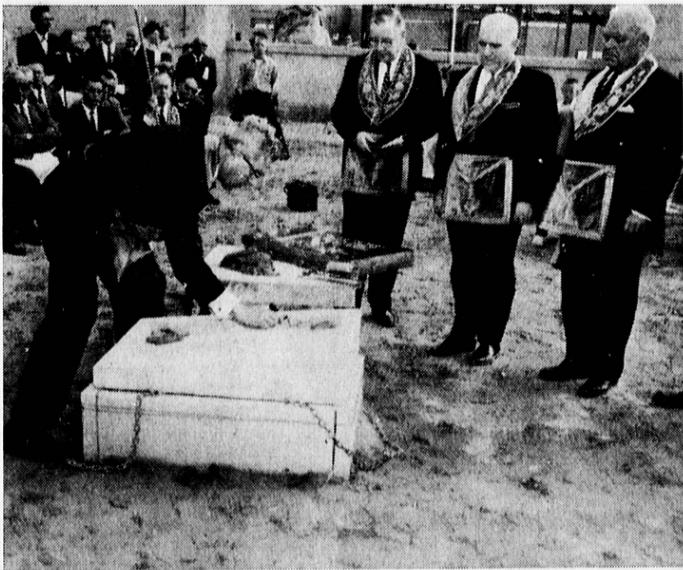
Conducting the ceremonies will be the Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, pastor, and Rev. Edward Goodell, associate pastor. Construction of the new brick building, at Carson and El Prado, was begun on Jan. 15. It features unique religious art in the windows and exceptional sculpture work. Highlight of the service will be the unveiling of the "Living

Cross," a sculpture creation by Paul Salsberg, local sculptor.

The congregation will be taken on a tour of the new building and the ancient Christian symbols will be explained. The first services in the new sanctuary are scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1 at 9 and 11 a.m. "World Communion" Sunday will be celebrated. The pastor will describe the meaning of the many Christian symbols used in the windows and art work in the new sanctuary. He will also describe the cross of concrete, fibre glass, and hammered glass.

EFFORTS BY Officer James S. Foster to restore life to the little girl with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation were futile. The girl was rushed to Little Company of Mary Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Mrs. Clemensen, who told officers Wednesday that she had planned to kill herself, was being guarded closely by Torrance policewomen.



City's Red Feather Goal For Fall Set at \$13,956

The 1960 Community Chest commerce and industry campaign for Torrance was launched this week at a meeting of Chest leaders and volunteers in Torrance.

This year's goal in Torrance has been set at \$13,956. During the next few weeks volunteers will be contacting businesses in the city and explaining this year's goal and what it means.

Every year business leaders volunteer to assist in this work, which benefits 170 charitable agencies. Giving the United Way is only giving once to assist many different causes. The United Way appeal cuts down on campaign costs and overhead expenses, allowing the greatest amount of the donated funds for the actual agencies.

CHAIRMAN of the recent kickoff meeting was Fred Brunner, commerce and industry unit chairman for Torrance.

"I'm pleased to see such a good turnout for this meeting," Brunner stated. "This is a good indication that we will have a successful campaign."

"If everyone works hard and the present enthusiasm prevails, I am sure we can make the campaign successful in this city."

An important phase of the campaign stressed at the meeting was employee giving. An employee in each firm acts as Chest chairman to receive the donation of each employee. Many employees are giving eight minutes of their earnings—less than the price of one packet of cigarettes—to the United Way appeal.

THOUSANDS donate this way through the payroll deduction plan and it is hoped that many more employees will accept this system of giving during the current campaign.

The gift of the firm can be made through the pro rated Share Plan, which determines a firm's corporate responsibility in the Community Chest goal, pro rated among all firms.

The plan is based on business trends, profits, previous donations, employment and trade association information. The Pro Rata Share Plan—widely accepted as an equitable distribution of corporate responsibility—is constantly reviewed and up-dated by top business leaders including Dr. Robert Dockson, Dean of the School of Business and Administration at USC.

Just as the executives supply leadership in the firm, they can also show leadership in donation to the Chest. The Fair Share Plan offers to the executive a way of giving according to his income, thus allowing him to decide the amount of his tax-deductible gift.

More than one-third of the funds donated to the Chest in the Harbor Area is given through commerce and industry.

DURING THE past two years this money has helped some 308 children in Torrance receive treatment at the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. An additional 213 attended the hospital's clinic during the same period. This is only part of the overall service Community Chest brings to Torrance.

Leading the Torrance campaign will be Fred Brunner, unit chairman, Ernie Arveson,

CORNERSTONE . . . Guy B. Mize, deputy grand master of California Masons, sets mortar before West High School cornerstone is placed during ceremonies at the school Friday afternoon. The large gathering of Torrance area and California Masonic officials opened with a lodge session at the Torrance temple at 3 p.m., attended the ceremonies, and then returned for a dinner at the temple. Text of the stone's message is at the left. (Herald Photos)

Daniel Ryan, Michalda Connors, division chairman.

Working with them will be the following committeemen: Ken Miller, Keith Pischel, Wallace Haas, James Post, E. L. Talbert, Ted Green, Norman Blatt, Sterling Bateman, Fred Oberlander, George McNeill, Frank Coffin, Edward De'Anna, Sam Levy, Joe Sullivan, Douglas Dalpe, Donald Anderson, John Gobel, George Heaton, Roberta Maxwell, John Melville, Tom Hadsell, Mel Sparks, James McMillan and Vern Hughes.

Art Students To Work at Fair Monday

El Camino College will be featured at the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona Monday when Supervisor Ernest Debs poses for senior citizen art students of the college.

Mrs. Mabel Stevens of Redondo will create a sculpture of Debs during the ECC Day of the Fair. Mrs. Stevens, a senior art student of instructor Joe Gadden, will also show a collection of her work at the occasion.

Appearing with Mrs. Stevens to complete paintings at the Fair will be Henry Litzenger, Torrance; Mrs. Anna Dehoog, Hermosa and Mrs. Catherine Whitson, Redondo, all senior citizen art students. All students will display their work at the fair.

Participants are members of Gadden's ceramic sculptor, oil or watercolor paint classes at El Camino.

Sheriff Gets Garments for Blood Checks

Speculation that a Torrance dairy worker whose body was found on the site of West High School early Wednesday may have been slain by drinking companions was reported at week's end as detectives continued a search for several men for questioning on the case.

Det. Lt. Don Hamilton, who is heading up the investigation for Torrance police, said it was believed that Charles J. B. Miller, 45, had been slain elsewhere before his body was dumped on the grounds of the city's new high school.

AT THE SAME time, he reported that Sheriff's crime lab technicians were checking out blood-stained clothing found in the parking lot of a Redondo Beach market the day following the murder.

The clothing included a striped sports shirt and a pair of light tan Ivy League trousers. Police asked for the analysis of the blood stains on the belief they might lead to the slayer.

MILLER WAS last seen Tuesday night in a tavern at 190th St. and Hawthorne Ave. He left the place with one of several men with whom he had been drinking, police were told.

His body was found the next morning by a workman on the new high school project. He had been severely beaten about the head.

Miller's car was found later in the Inglewood area, its interior stained with blood.

THE VICTIM'S wife, Connie, resided with him and the couple's two sons at 1730 Stanford Ave., Redondo Beach. She told police she last saw her husband about 10 a.m. Tuesday when he left his job at the Inglewood Farms Dairy here.

Miller was wearing work clothing when found Wednesday morning. He was identified within a few hours through fingerprints. His bloody shirt was lying near his body when police arrived.

Newsman to Talk At Lions Meeting

Wendell Noble, a radio newsman, will speak at a Torrance Lions Club meeting Tuesday on "Our American Heritage." The meeting is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. at 1925 W. Carson St.

City Schools Note Constitution Week

Special programs are being planned in the Torrance Schools in recognition of Constitution and Citizenship Week, Monday through Friday.

Teachers and students are planning special events in commemoration of the adoption of the Constitution such as school-wide exercises, assemblies, bulletin boards and other programs to which parents are being invited.

In pre-planning sessions with principals, Supt. J. H. Hull reminded the group that citizenship and patriotism are not seasonal activities but should be studied and practiced throughout the year. "We, as teachers, should be constantly alert to the importance of citizenship training of pupils

Freeway Tie-ups Blasted

Construction projects which delay peak hour traffic on the area's freeways were criticized severely by State Senator Richard Richards in a speech here Thursday evening.

"The situation is getting ridiculous," Richards charged before the members of the Inter City Highway Committee. "Every day we have the spectacle of normally heavy traffic being further congested and snarled by the very people responsible for improving our traffic flow," he said.

WHEN THE normal flow of traffic is impeded, the whole concept of the freeway system is canceled, according to Richards. He called for construction during off-peak hours, "eliminating the long delays for those who must use the freeways to get to their places of employment."

He admitted to the area officials that it would require night work and staggered shifts, but said the benefits would be worth the effort.

"FOR YEARS I fought for center barriers, and all I heard were excuses why it couldn't be done. We now have center barriers; soon they will be everywhere," he said.

While some of the worst present delays are caused by work on such barriers, others were erected with virtually no noticeable traffic blocks, he said. He suggested that construction projects be shut down between 6 and 10 a.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

"THE MOTORISTS of Los Angeles County are entitled to more consideration than they are receiving," he said. (Continued on Page 3)



PLAN GATHERING . . . Jack Egan, manager of Torrance Municipal Airport, checks plans for meeting of Ninety-Nines, women's pilot organization, with Mrs. Edward Jackett who is helping with plans for the event. About 200 women pilots are expected to attend the affair, many of them women who flew from Torrance airport in the 1960 Powder Puff Derby.