



MRS. KENNETH (POLLY) WATTS Wins 'Citizen of Year' Honors

Polly Watts Named Torrance's New 'Citizen of the Year'

Mrs. Kenneth E. (Polly) Watts was named winner of the Torrance "Citizen of the Year" award at the annual Chamber of Commerce installation banquet last night. Mrs. Watts, long active in civic affairs, is presently a member of the Board of Education.

Earlier in the evening, George Post, manager of the California Bank, was installed as president of the chamber. He succeeds Martin Denn.

Dr. Stuart Marsee, president of El Camino College, served as master of ceremonies. The banquet was held at the Pen & Quill Restaurant in Manhattan Beach.

Mrs. Watts was cited for her activities in numerous civic and service groups. She and her family moved to Torrance 15 1/2 years ago. A graduate of Long Beach City College and the International Language School in Washington, D. C., she worked for the Burroughs Corp. in Washington before moving to Torrance.

The mother of two children, she has been vice chairman of the Citizens Committee for South Bay College, treasurer of the Torrance Education Advisory Committee, and secretary and a member of the board of the Riviera Homeowners Assn.

Mrs. Watts also was instrumental in obtaining the El Retiro Library. She has also been active in the Girl Scouts, the American Red Cross, the League of Women Voters, and served on a committee to masterplan the Torrance Civic Center.

She was recently granted honorary life membership in the Parent Teacher Assn. for her effective work on school bond issues and tax programs, and for her effective campaigns to obtain traffic signals for school children's safety.

The Watts family resides at 145 Via Monte D'Oro. Caroline and Laurie attend Parkway School.

Following the installation of Post as president of the chamber, Marsee installed other newly elected officers. They include Art Reeves, public relations director for the Dominguez Water Co., vice president; G. S. Williamson, manager of the Shell Chemical Co. plant, second vice president; and William Belding, manager of the Broadway Del Amo, treasurer.

Area directors installed were George Gaugler, Jack Brooks, Pat O'Melveny, Bill Watts, George Ebert, Charles Cederlof, Joe Penick, and Don Hyde.

Following the installation of officers, the Chamber of Commerce architectural awards were announced. William Burchfield, architect and chairman of the awards committee, presented the citations.

Citations, calling attention to new, remodeled, or renovated structures in four classes for continued development and good design, were presented for 11 buildings.

Hi-Shear Corp., 2600 W. 247th St., won the only citation in the industrial class.

Commercial buildings cited were the Guarantee Bank, 22400 Hawthorne Blvd.; Jump n' Jack Motor Hotel and Restaurant, 2900 Pacific Coast Hwy.; Caesars Motor Hotel, 4111 Pacific Coast Hwy.; and the Crenshaw-Sepulveda Medical Center, 22600 Crenshaw Blvd.

Multiple dwelling citations were presented to Il Pompeii, 3655 W. Artesia Blvd.; the Royal Arms, 2126 W. 182nd St.; and to Merit Carson, 2940 Carson St.

Torrance Recreation Center, the Del Amo Christian Church at 4915 Emerald St., and West High School were cited in the public building class.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

Five youngsters who are members of the summer reading program at the Torrance Library were asked this week to tell a little bit about their favorite books and characters:

Charles Haig, 3226 Onrado St., 8: "Right now I am reading 'Submarine Mystery' and I like everything about the book. I really don't have a favorite character, but I do like the reading program. I always like to see what other kids say about books before reading them."

Kathy Slavens, 1308 Date Ave., 11: "I like mysteries. I guess my favorite book right now is 'Baba Yaga's Secret.' It is a story about witches. My favorite person in a book is Martin Luther because I think he found the real truth in religion."

Mark Ingersoll, 3114 Sonoma St., 9 1/2: "I am just getting started in the reading room, so I haven't read much yet. I guess my favorite book is 'Treasure Island,' and I like Long John Silver because he looks and acts funny a lot of the time."

Peggy Leinweber, 2713 230th St., 7: "My favorite book right now is 'Kate Can Skate.' I like Kate because she is always playing with cats and I like cats. She can skate real good, too, and I want to learn to skate."

Final Budget Hearing Set Next Tuesday

Tentative adoption of the city budget for 1963-64 is scheduled by the City Council Tuesday evening following the final public hearing which will open at 8 p.m. As recommended to the City Council by City Manager Wade E. Peebles, the budget will grant 2 1/2 per cent salary increase to police and fire safety personnel in addition to the widow's clause previously authorized, and will give all other city employees a raise of 3 per cent.

CORE Case Delayed To July 5

Sixteen desegregation demonstrators arrested last Sunday for picketing a housing tract in Torrance were granted a continuance until July 5 in court last Friday.

The 16, charged with trespassing by builder Don Wilson, were scheduled for arraignment Friday. All 16 have been free on bail since Monday.

Wilson made a citizen's arrest last Sunday when the demonstrators, sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality, blocked the entrance and lobby of his sales office. Wilson said they refused when he asked them to leave.

The defendants' attorney, Sidney Bradpiece, said he would ask dismissal of the charges on grounds that his clients' constitutional rights were violated in the arrests.

Rabbi Attends Conference

Dr. Henri E. Front, Temple Menorah spiritual leader is in Philadelphia attending the 74th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Besides being a member of the CCAR, Rabbi Front is on the committee for Separation of Church and States and is a member of the Committee on Theology.

THIS CAN be done without raising the city's current \$1,238 per \$100 assessed valuation tax rate, according to Jerome I. Scharfman, director of finance for the city.

The increase in fire and police salaries will cost an additional \$55,970 and raises for other employees with adjustments will cost an additional \$117,970. Funds for the raises have been provided by budget cuts which included a \$20,600 item for capital improvements to the upper floor of the city hall, \$20,000 for improvement of the lower floor, \$40,000 for Fire Station No. 5, and a \$35,000 cut in North Torrance Library plans.

OTHER CUTS scattered through all departments ranged from a \$25 food service item to \$41,000 for a fire engine.

Employing 15 instead of 10 new police officers but staggering the starting dates over an eight-month period will add only \$1,000 to the current budget. Five new officers will be hired in July, five more in November and another five in February, according to current plans.

OTHER ITEMS due for consideration by the City Council at its 8 p.m. meeting Tuesday include an ordinance formalizing the Jan. 1, 1965, deadline for the city's dairy herds, a claim for damages submitted by Rosalie Sanchez for alleged damages totaling more than \$10,000 involving a city-owned vehicle, and an award of contract to Tomei Construction Co. for airport project on company's bid of \$324,890.25.



SLASHING VICTIM TREATED . . . First aid for a 39-year-old waitress, allegedly slashed in the face Wednesday night by an ex-boy friend, is administered by an ambulance attendant before she was taken to Harbor General Hospital. The victim was identified as Eva Martha Shaw of 1539 W. Carson St. A Wilmington man was booked on suspicion of assault after the attack on a parking lot at Western Avenue and 238th Street. (Herald Photo)

Parolee Says He Held Up Area Station

Arrest of a 31-year-old parolee, who told officers he had been stripped of his citizenship as a defector during the Korean War, was believed to have solved the latest in a series of North Torrance-Gardena service station robberies this week.

Torrance detectives Don Cook and Wally Nitz with Sgt. M. L. Wessel of Gardena arrested George H. Dixon at his home at 11137 1/2 Ingleswood Ave. after checking out a description of a vehicle used in a service station robbery at Artesia Boulevard and Western Avenue about 11 p.m. Tuesday.

THE VEHICLE used in the robbery of station manager James Priddy was checked to a former owner who put police on the trail of Dixon, according to detectives.

Dixon, who was on parole from a previous robbery conviction, allegedly admitted simulating a gun and taking money from the service station cash boxes. He has denied implication in the robbery just one week earlier of an adjacent service station in which a gun was openly displayed.

WHEN ASKED by officers if he was an American citizen, Dixon told them he was born in America but had been stripped of his citizenship as a defector during the Korean War. He was booked at Gardena station on two counts of robbery.

Highway Group Seats Officers

Gerald S. Honey pledged a program aimed at more resident participation as he was installed as president of the Inter-City Highway Committee Wednesday evening.

Honey commented that "some people thought we would go out of business once the San Diego Freeway was built, but we have many more projects to go."

THE COMMITTEE, formed nine years ago to push for construction of the San Diego Freeway, met at the Polynesian Restaurant to install newly elected officers and honor outgoing president, J. A. Beasley of Torrance.

Also installed were David K. Hayward of Redondo Beach, vice president; and Murry Nixon of Inglewood, secretary-treasurer.

HONEY, director of personnel at the Los Angeles division of North American Aviation, Inc., was installed by Edward T. Telford, metropolitan traffic engineer for the State Division of Highways.

Commenting on future plans for the committee, Honey said the group will push for development of the Century, Hawthorne and Artesia freeways. He represents Palos Verdes Estates on the committee.

100 Years

Red Cross Salute Planned July 12

One hundred years of service by the Red Cross will be saluted by Southern California during a Rodgers and Hammerstein Concert at the Hollywood Bowl July 12.

The pops concert is the first of a series of Red Cross Centenary observances, according to Mrs. F. John Finucane, chairman of the Hollywood Bowl salute. It will bring together Red Cross volunteers from 18 Los Angeles chapters.

THE PROGRAM will feature John Green conducting the Hollywood Bowl "Pops" orchestra. Soloists will be Jean Fenn,

Peggy Coburn, Chris Lachona, and Richard Fredericks. The Roger Wagner Chorale will also be featured.

Red Cross, now active in 88 nations on six continents, was first inspired by a Swiss businessman, Henri Dunant. He recommended the establishment of relief societies to

Sippel Elected Class President

Harry Sippel, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. Milton Sippel of 2914 Onrado St., has been elected president of the sophomore class at Chapman College.

assist military medical services in time of war after seeing the carnage and suffering resulting from the Battle of Solferino in 1859.

THE RED Cross was established in 1863, and the United States became a party to the Geneva Convention creating the Red Cross in 1882.

The Red Cross has since developed into a peacetime relief organization assisting not only military but civilian victims of disaster. It also assumed other community responsibilities through the years. Among local women assisting

the planning of the Hollywood Bowl salute are Mrs. Mary Pagac and Mrs. Robert Bush. Mrs. Pagac was recently elected branch chairman for the Torrance branch.

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