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Robinson Selected To Post

TORRANCE — Appointment of Scott Robinson as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce monthly membership meeting committee was announced this week by Martin M. Denn, chamber president.

Robinson, president of Scott Robinson Pontiac, Inc., said he is now forming his committee and will name other members shortly.

"The committee will aim to provide Torrance business and professional men and women with a highly interesting series of programs," Robinson said.

"We intend to bring in a number of outstanding personalities who will speak on matters of interest to our membership," he added.

The first monthly membership meeting for the 1962-1963 program will be held on the last Tuesday of September. The hour and place will be announced at a later date. There will be no meeting in August.

Robinson, who recently established Torrance's first Pontiac dealership, was formerly in business in the San Fernando Valley. He lives at 21103 Donora Ave., Torrance.



BRIDGE BUILDERS from Torrance's 132nd Engineer Battalion, Army National Guard, construct floating foot-bridge at Camp Roberts, site of 1962 field training exercise. Approximately 70 Torrance area men left Friday for annual summer encampment. They return Aug. 19.

GOES 'FEMALE MAILMAN' ...

Through Rain, Sleet And Dark of Night ...

By CAROLYN PERKIO
Staff Writer

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TORRANCE—There's no more discrimination against the fairer sex, according to postmaster Clara Conner, who announced hiring of the city's — and the state's — first female mail carrier this week.

The "female mailman" is Mrs. Margarita Ann Brown, 28, a mother of two girls and a post office employee only a week.

She's acting as a substitute for absent mail carriers — and is expected to do the same work.

Mrs. Conner said the hiring of a woman for such a position became possible only recently. Torrance is the first community in the state to take advantage of changes in Civil Service registration permitting women carriers.

She added a woman trying out for the position "must meet the requirements." All carriers must be able to lift 80 pounds, even though they will not be expected to carry more than 35 pounds.

According to the postmaster, the addition to the department, joining approximately 150 others, grew up on a farm in Virginia and is used to heavy work.

Mrs. Brown was born in Elizabeth County, Va., and completed her 12th grade of high school in Canton, Ohio. The new carrier, a resident of Torrance for three years, previously has been employed as an office worker. She worked as a bartender in Canton, Ohio, before coming to Torrance.

Torrance people have reacted quite favorably, although with a bit of surprise, to the state's first female carrier, according to the postmaster.

Mrs. Brown commented she sought the position because she thought, "If a man can do it, so can I."

Hospital Names Former Editor

Appointment of David L. Gershon Jr. as public relations representative for Harbor General Hospital was announced Friday by A. L. Thomas, hospital administrator.

Gershon, former marine editor for the Los Angeles Examiner, will handle public information functions for the hospital and will direct news coverage during opening of the facility's new building on adjacent property in mid-October.

Gershon served on the Examiner from 1933 until it suspended operation early this year.

GETS PATROL CARS

This week the Torrance Police Department received five new Dodge patrol cars. The cars, with a special interceptor engine, are capable of 120 mph. They have extra large brakes.

FOR DOGS ...

Licensing Drive Started

(Picture on Page Three)

TORRANCE—A door-to-door license campaign has been inaugurated to register approximately 8500 dogs, according to Glen Summers, superintendent of Southern California Humane Society.

The \$3 license fee is no longer collected at city hall. Licenses became due July 1 for dogs four months of age or older. According to law, a rabies shot is required before a tag can be issued.

The Southern California Humane Society at 12910 Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, serves the Torrance area as well as eight other local communities. The shelter has facilities for approximately 150 dogs and 75 cats of all breeds.

Animals can be adopted for a nominal price. Cats begin at \$2 and dogs range from \$5 to \$15. A 10-day exchange period together with a free examination by a veterinarian of the individual's choice and a gift pack containing a book, brush and food are given each time an animal finds a home.

The SPCA shelter is modern and immaculately kept. Trucks contain two-way radios. Twenty-four-hour-a-day emergency service is provided by the society.

Week-day hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Swimming Event Causes Local Plunge to Close

Benstead Plunge will be closed during the recreational swimming time, 1 to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, due to the coming aquacade. It will be closed during the evening session from 7 to 10 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. The aquacade will be held Friday and Saturday nights.

Jet Airport Seen For City by 1967

West High Gets Final Touches

TORRANCE — West High, newest and most modern public school built here to date, opens its doors in September to an estimated 1000 student enrollees.

Anticipated future enrollment is triple that figure, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, district superintendent.

Located at 20401 Victor St., the school was authorized from a \$15 million bond issue in 1958.

Personnel will include Dr. Robert R. Ford, principal; Paul F. Hawkins, assistant principal for pupil instruction; and Mrs. Gretchen Smith, assistant principal for instruction and administration.

The school serves students living in Torrance's west end.

The four-year school utilizes a new design concept originated by Architect Roy Donley.

Freshmen will report for orientation Sept. 11, with all other students slated to report Sept. 12.

FAA Announces \$425,000 Grant

A Press EXCLUSIVE
By DON KIRKLAND
Staff Writer

TORRANCE — A 600-plane jet airport handling close to half a million takeoffs and landings annually may be operating here as early as 1967, Airport Manager Jack Egan predicts.

Egan's speculation followed an announcement Thursday that the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) has granted Torrance nearly \$425,000 in matching funds for airport improvement projects.

His predictions, Egan said, are based on sharp advances in aircraft technology, soon to make jet executive planes readily available to private business and individuals.

"The FAA is almost ready to certify certain new types of business aircraft," Egan said.

Thursday's federal grant will join a like amount approved by Torrance voters in an April bond election. It will help airport officials acquire vast new land areas, extend one runway westerly, construct a new runway, install field lighting and build an aircraft taxiway, Egan said.

"We are in a unique and marvelous position," said Egan, "having enough commercial land to provide a true revenue base for airport improvements."

Egan said he anticipates needing at least another \$2 million before the airport can reach its maximum development level, but added much of that amount can be derived from full utilization of adjoining commercial and industrial land.

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Wyman, suffering from multiple fractures of the body and skull, is on the hospital's critical list.

In another accident, at 9:54 a.m., Friday, a Torrance school teacher received back and neck injuries when her Volkswagen collided with a Volkswagen on Hawthorne Blvd.

Pearl Belle Hansen, the teacher, reported front damage to her automobile and Roberta May Hoffman, reported rear damage to her car.

UNION OR NOT

Results of an industrial election of the employees of the Torrance Synthetic Rubber Plant of Shell Chemical Co. — whether the Longshoremen's union will be admitted — will be announced tonight.

Police Facility Dedication Set

HARBOR CITY—A million-dollar police facility serving Harbor City and surrounding portions of incorporated Los Angeles will be dedicated Monday in official ceremonies.

The program will mark the completion of the Los Angeles Police Department's most modern facility, and will feature a dedication address by Mayor Samuel Yorty.

Approximately 200 men will be assigned to the two-story station at 2175 Wilmington Ave., San Pedro.

The facility will include a segregated women's detention quarters, a complete juvenile unit, ample parking, garage and maintenance area, and will open following ceremonies.

Refreshments and guided tours of the station will be offered visitors.

Donald C. Tillman, president of the Board of Public Works, under whose supervision the station was designed and built, will present a ceremonial key to John P. Kenney, president of the Board of Police Commissioners, to indicate transfer of the structure to the Police Department.

Another highlight of the program will be the raising by the Police Color Guard

headed by Officer John Redmond of a flag that has flown over the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C., and sent by Congressman Cecil R. King, 17th District.

And as the flag reaches the peak of the pole, the national anthem will be sung by Officer Karl Kapin accompanied by the Police Band conducted by Officer John Campbell. The assemblage will be led in the pledge of allegiance by Capt. Harry Labrow, commander of the Harbor Station.

INVOCATION

Invocation and blessing of the station and personnel will be offered by the Rev. John Wishard of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, San Pedro, and the benediction by Rabbi Leonard Helman of Temple Beth El, San Pedro.

President Tillman, acting as master of ceremonies, will present other members of his board: Vice President Louis Dodge Gill and Commissioners Howard W. Chappell, Robert E. Joyce and Ernest O. Webber; William R. Blakely, director of the Bureau of Public Buildings; Samuel S. Lunden and Associates, and Andrew Joncich and William Lusby, architects, and Wapner and

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SCOTT ROBINSON
... committee chairman



LOTS OF FUN awaits visitors to Recreation Department's annual Aquacade and Carnival, slated Friday and Saturday at Benstead Plunge. Extending welcome is Karen Ann Kyson, Miss County Recreation. Free program begins each night at 8:30, with carnival booths open at 6.



MOST MODERN police facility in Los Angeles County will greet Capt. Harry Labrow (foreground) following formal dedication ceremonies tomorrow. Approximately 200 policemen serving Harbor City and adjoining communities near Torrance will transfer operations to

the new facility, 2175 Wilmington Ave., San Pedro. In addition to conventional records and investigation areas, two-story building will house wide variety of other police functions.

(Press Photo)