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**FATHER AT 140**  
 At a venerable 140, the world's oldest pigeon, Kaiser, recently became a father at the Army's pigeon training center at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. The bird's age is equivalent to that of a 140-year-old human.

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**Civil War Vet Succumbs At The Age Of 96**

One of the last remaining Civil War veterans from this area died at the age of 96 Monday in a Long Beach sanatorium. The deceased, Uriah Frank Newcomer, who had made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Morris, 2440 Gramercy ave., was born April 27, 1850, near Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 The aged veteran served as a drummer boy with the North in the war between the states and was acquainted with President Lincoln. In Sheridan County, Mo., where for 30 years he operated a drug store and post office, Mr. Newcomer founded the town which was named in his honor, Newcomer, Mo.  
 Longevity seems to run in the Newcomer family, as Mr. Newcomer leaves a sister, among other survivors, Mrs. Martha Colvin, who has passed the century mark in birthdays.  
 Services were conducted yesterday in the Cleveland chapel, San Pedro, by the Revs. Wendell McKinney and Frank T. Carter.  
 Other survivors are three sons: Roy, Henry and Paul Newcomer; daughters Mrs. Lee Halseid, Mrs. Mark Wilson and Mrs. B. R. Morris. Eleven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren also survive. Interment was in the Inglewood Park cemetery.

**Chamber Wants To Know Council's Attitude On City Manager Request**

Torrance Chamber of Commerce wants to know what the Torrance City Council thinks about its suggestion of a plan for a City Manager for Torrance.  
 So said Blaine Walker, secretary, to the City Council in a letter Friday.  
 The chamber board of directors had agreed not to oppose a city sales tax of one-half of one per cent, for one year, providing the City Council takes steps to amend the necessary ordinances or the City Charter to provide for assumption of certain financial and management responsibilities by a capable city manager.  
 "Present economic conditions require economy and curtailment of expenditures in the conduct of public affairs," the chamber directors said. "This board recommends to the City Council of the City of Torrance that it adopt an ordinance creating the office of City Manager and conferring upon him fixed and definite powers and authority to effect such economy and curtailment of expenditures."  
 "President Reed H. Parkin has been besieged with requests to ascertain what action has been taken or is contemplated on this request and would like to have your early answer so that the information may be passed along to our board and members," Walker said in asking a report on the suggestion.  
 It is felt that an amendment to the City Charter after it is ratified in January by the Legislature will be the best means of bringing about the City Manager form of government for Torrance.  
 Harry Rapella, past president of Hawthorne, and Dr. Hugh M. Tiner, governor of District No. 107, Rotary International, gave addresses of welcome. Dr. Adalberto Rojo L., president of the Tia Juana club, responded.  
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**600 Rotarians Greet Tia Juana Members Here**

More than 600 Rotarians from clubs throughout Los Angeles county gathered in Torrance Civic auditorium Thursday night to honor the members of the Tia Juana Rotary club and hear Dr. Alonzo L. Baker speak on "International Understanding."  
 Sponsored annually by the Hawthorne Rotary club, the affair was held in Torrance because of the presence of suitable centrally located facilities.  
 Franklin Fletcher, of Hawthorne Rotary club, presided over the session, featured by the opening by singing of the national anthems of the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico. The Rev. C. H. Swift, of Wilmington Rotary, gave the invocation, followed by dinner and songs led by Tom W. Phillips, of Crenshaw club, accompanied by Miss Grace Hendrickson, of Hawthorne.  
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**Enforce Law In Strip Areas**

Action on behalf of the Shoe-string Strip's community organization in obtaining added police protection has resulted in a number of traffic citations being issued in the district during the past two weeks.  
 Most of these citations were issued for over-time parking.  
 In slowing down the "hot rod" cars that were making a race track of the Strip, the Los Angeles police cited all traffic violators in accord with traffic regulations.  
 "This area is not being singled out for citations, as many of those who have received the stickers believe. Issuing of citations serves two purposes, it was said. The offender who pays a fine becomes more cautious of traffic rules and the community in turn becomes more traffic-minded which is considered a very good thing and goes a long way in preventing accidents, citizens said.  
 Section 80.49 of the vehicle code states that the right hand wheels of any vehicle shall not be over 18 inches from the curb except where angle parking is allowed and permitted. A pamphlet has been issued by the Traffic Education Unit of the Los Angeles Police Department in the interest of public safety, giving rules for traffic. This booklet is easily and quickly read and can be obtained from Sgt. Wm. Griffin of the San Pedro Traffic Dept.  
 A recommendation for a 25-mile zone for the Strip area has been received by the Traffic Dept., as well as making Carson st. a boulevard stop.—Mildred Hunt.

**Shidler In Race To Catch Purse Thief; Loses**

Riding in their automobile late Friday night near 61st st. and S. Vermont, Torrance City Judge John Shidler and his wife, Rosemary, report seeing an elderly woman downed and beaten by a purse thief who fled when Shidler went to the rescue.  
 Shidler said he chased the thief west on 61st st. He disappeared in an alley. The judge prodded through the alley and headed the culprit go through a hedge and lattice fence. "I looked around the back yard of the place in which he had disappeared, thinking perhaps he might have taken cover after such a lively sprint, but the man was not to be found," Shidler explained.  
 Meanwhile, Mrs. Shidler rushed into a nearby bar yelling "police," but no one even took the trouble to look up, she revealed. "I then asked for a phone," Rosemary explained, "and the bartender walked over to his cash register and withdrew a nickel, handed it to me and pointed to a phone on the wall—never saying a word."  
 The Shidlers did not get the name of the victim, but reported her to be about 60 years of age. The woman told them she had been "sitting up with some children" and was returning to her home when the attack took place. Her purse contained her glasses and about \$12 in cash, she said.

**Horseback Rider Injured When Struck By Auto**

Struck by an automobile while riding near 242nd st., 14-year-old Jane Gouker, 2402 Park st., received minor injuries Tuesday and was treated at the Torrance Memorial Hospital for shock and bruises.  
 Driver of the auto, R. O. Walker, Banning Homes, told police that he was unable to avoid hitting the animal when it stied into the path of his car.

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