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Vandals Strike Orange Street Elementary

What appeared to be well-directed rocks thrown from the hands of youthful vandals last week cost the school district an estimated \$150—plus the trouble of replacing 32 broken window panes.

The damage was inflicted at Orange Street Elementary school on Eshelman ave. apparently Thursday night or early Friday morning.

Head custodian at the school, Mrs. Nelle Lutz, told sheriff's deputies that she discovered the vandalism about 7:30 a.m. Friday.

Windows in front and side doors, upstairs, and in the cellar had been shattered, she said.

Deputy Archie Carter from the Vermont ave sheriff's station investigated.

Mrs. Lutz, who lives at 25810 Cayuga st., is employed at Orange Street by the Los Angeles city Board of Education.

FIRST MINT

The first mint was probably established in Lydia, a district of Asia Minor, towards the end of the 8th century B.C., according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Here the coining of gold, silver and electrum, an alloy of gold and silver, was carried on.



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OBITUARY

MARGARET MARIE SWEENEY

Rosary was recited at 8:00 p.m. Sunday in Stone and Myers chapel for Mrs. Margaret Marie Sweeney, 2332 Maricopa pl., who died Friday at the Torrance Memorial hospital, the Rev. Father Patrick J. McGuiness officiating. Born in Lawler, Iowa in 1882, Mrs. Sweeney has been a resident of the community three years. The body will be shipped to Parkston, S. Dak. for final services. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. P. E. Busch, Torrance, and two sons, George Edgar, Omaha, Neb., and John G., San Francisco. Mrs. Sweeney was a member of the Altar Society of the Church of the Nativity.

LESTER LEVERE LEWIS

Services for Lester Levere Lewis, 20729 S. Vermont ave., who died at his home Monday, will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday from Stone and Myers chapel, the Elder E. G. Hayes officiating. Born in Oakland Valley, Iowa in 1897, Mr. Lewis was a veteran of World War I. He was employed at the Western Village Nursery, being a resident of the community for three years. He is survived by his wife, Olive, a daughter, Mrs. C. E. Fisher, Washuena, Wash., and two sons, Robert J. and Richard C., both of Torrance. Interment will be in Roosevelt Memorial cemetery.

LEROY CHARLES BERRY

Services for LeRoy Charles Berry, 229 W. 223rd st., who died Sunday in a Los Angeles hospital, were held in Mottel's chapel, Long Beach Wednesday, the Rev. Charles H. Swift, Wilmington officiating. Born in Chicago in 1889, Mr. Berry came to Keystone from Toledo, Ohio 27 years ago. He was a charter member of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce and an organizer of the American Begonia society. Mr. Berry was employed as a plumbing engineer by the city of Los Angeles. He is survived by his widow, Clemence; two stepdaughters, Mrs. E. A. Jarrett, Modesto and Mrs. Marian Whitnack, Torrance, and a sister, Mrs. John E. Kabisch, Whittier. Entombment was in the Angelus Abbey mausoleum in Compton.

TIME TO REBORE

When the crankcase begins to emit smoke on hills through the breather tube or the oil filler pipe, it is a sign that the engine gases are leaking past the rings into the crankcase.

Warn Gardeners Of Damage By Root Systems

By Agricultural Extension Service, Los Angeles County

Does a tree have more roots than it has top? How much of a root system does a bean or rye plant have?

If you know the answer to these questions—even half the answer—you appreciate why that part of the plant that lives in the ground needs good care.

Most city lots are about 50 feet wide by 150 feet deep. What would you say if you were told that if you planted one rye seed in good fertile soil and gave it plenty of irrigation, and let it grow for four months until it had 75 or 80 stems and stood a foot and a half high, you could almost cover that lot with you were to "unwrap" all the root bark and lay it out flat?

Now, don't say the guy would be crazy. It's a fact. Some students at an eastern university made enough counts on samples of a rye plant root system to know what they are talking about. Some other scientists didn't believe them. They repeated the experiment and carried their count to the two million mark, then gave up and said, "O.K., brother, you win!"

The root system of most plants probably weighs less than the top. But it is far more extensive both in total length of roots and in the surface of the roots which is in contact with the soil compared with the surface of the leaves in contact with the air and the length of branches and twigs. Yet we worry about the top and most of us forget the roots.

What This Means

A big pepper tree in the corner, a couple of shade trees along the fence line, and two or three other trees in the back yard just about mean you can't make anything grow. Why? Because the roots of the trees will grab the water away in a hurry and use up all the fertilizer before your garden plants will.

One partial control is to fertilize and irrigate often. Even this will not do too much good because the tree will be able to grow faster and make more roots, too.

The only real control is to kill the tree roots in the garden area. This can be done by fumigation or by trenching and root cutting.

Sigma Rho Chapter Of Delphian Society Meets This Morning

Members and guests of Sigma Rho Chapter of Delphian Society will meet at 1:00 o'clock this morning in the lecture room of Torrance City library.

Mrs. Benjamin P. Weston, president will present Mesdames Samuel V. Rauss, Howard G. Locke, Jr., Dean L. Sears, C. M. Rohring and D. W. Quigley, in three minute talks. An open discussion period will precede the business session.

At the conclusion of the morning meeting Mrs. Weston will open her ranch home on Pacific Coast highway for an informal buffet luncheon.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL SERVICE

As of August 1, overseas hospitals staffed by Red Cross Hospital Service numbered 62 and were served by a total of 289 workers. In the United States, 110 hospitals are staffed by the Red Cross with personnel numbering 1,346.

Final Plans For Opening Of City Schools Complete

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California Legislature Jan. 7 of this year, and the election to join Redondo Union High School district for secondary education purposes followed on Jan. 24.

Election of the Torrance City Board of Education was held on March 18.

Many changes were brought about by the formation of Torrance City School district.

One was the fact that all high school and elementary students attending schools outside of Torrance, such as Gardena, Lomita, Redondo Beach and Palos Verdes, found it necessary to make plans to attend schools inside of Torrance.

Another was that Perry school district passed out of existence, and while the school was one of an average daily attendance of some 170 last year, it will have nearly 300 this year. To provide for this increase in school population, made necessary by requiring pupils attending schools outside of Torrance in that area to register at Perry, three bungalows have been moved to the Prairie avenue school. They have been newly renovated and painted.

A third was that children residing outside of Torrance will not attend classes in Torrance because the space is needed for Torrance children.

Another was the assumption of control by Torrance schools over the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance, which heretofore has been in the Palos Verdes school district. The Torrance Board of Education made a contract to pay Palos Verdes schools \$213 per pupil, not exceeding 26; plus state school support for the 26, for this year, but the Torrance schools have ruled that all others above that figure will be transported to Torrance schools.

At the teachers' meeting on Monday morning, the Board of Education will present the teachers being invited to the session. Final instructions will be given to the teachers by Superintendent Hull, preparatory to opening of schools on Sept. 15.

At the meeting of the Board on Tuesday night, the payment of \$100 a year plus state school support, for one physically handicapped child who will attend Cabrillo avenue school in Los Angeles, was authorized. Each case of this type will be considered on its merits, it was said, until a local class can be provided.

The Board ratified an agreement for library service with the County of Los Angeles, and approved the establishment of a bank account for student body funds transferred to Torrance by Los Angeles schools. A check for \$84.20 was received representing student body funds from Walteria and Fern ave. schools, and a prorated amount of Torrance elementary school based on the ratio of attendance of Torrance and Shoestring strip students last year.

TURNING INTO DRIVEWAYS

Motorists close to home are still close to danger, warns a Public Safety Department. Before turning into their driveways they should take a good look about them and should make the proper arm signals in a clear and unmistakable way.

Local Man Is Victim Of Hoax Of Hitch-hiker

Roy E. Orm, 1443 1/2 219th st., Torrance, offered a ride to a hitch-hiker last night at Barham Boulevard and Hollingsworth Drive as he drove into Hollywood from San Fernando Valley.

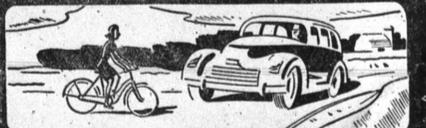
When Orm stopped his car at Waring and Wilcox Avenues, Hollywood, the hiker pulled out a gun and took Orm's money—\$80. Orm saw how he had been duped when the hiker left his car, got into a 1946 maroon coupe double-parked behind his machine and then drove away. Orm told police he hadn't noticed the other car following his.

Hospital Cases

Patients admitted to the Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week included the following:

Miss Evelyn Brown, 1012 Arlington avenue.
Mrs. Catherine Dunmyer, 1104 Cota avenue.
Mrs. Ruth Egrich, 2460 Torrance boulevard.
Mrs. Helen A. Fulton, 443 West 220th street.
Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, 1750 Apt. A Cabrillo.
Mrs. Dinocia Mouzakis, 2307 Border avenue.
Miss Joyce J. Markham, 1632 West 308th street.
Mrs. Naida acunter, 1724 Marina avenue.
Mrs. Mae Richardson, 1454 West 218th street.

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