

### CIGARETTE STARTS FIRE IN APARTMENT HOUSE

A lighted cigarette was believed responsible for a small but smoky fire that had occupants of the El Prado Apartments on the alert last Saturday afternoon.

Under the direction of Fire Captain Gordon Northington, two trucks responded to the alarm at 6:45 p.m. and found a sofa in flames in one of the second story apartments said to be occupied by Charles Walker.

### Law Catches Up With Man After Three Year Wait

The law—with a long arm and patience waited three years to nab a man on a charge of rape said to have taken place here three years ago.

John Richard Elston, 21, was found in Los Angeles recently by a special officer who made the arrest and brought the man to Torrance.

Elston, since married and the father of a six-weeks-old child, is wanted for the forcible rape of a middle-aged woman in a shack at 2222 West 182nd street three years ago.

His partner in the alleged crime, Ernest Organesoff, 41, is serving a life term in San Quentin for the crime and one other similar attack.

Elston is out on bail of \$1500. He is scheduled to appear in the Superior Court of Long Beach on June 13 to answer the charge.

### J. Henrich Hull, Head of Schools Earns Doctorate

Elucidating on his 45,000 word thesis before a dignified and analytical board of exam-

iners yesterday afternoon J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, became Doctor Hull.

The 37-year-old dissertation on "Lay Advisory Committees in Boards of Education in the United States" earned for the head of the local school system the coveted title of Doctor of Education—Ed.D.

Dr. Hull earned his doctorate after a final oral examination before a board of examiners composed of Dr. Irving Melbo, Dr. W. W. Thompson, Dr. A. Lefever, Dr. Fredrick Weersing, and Dr. Lloyd Nelson.

The examination was conducted in the Doheny Memorial Library Building at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Hull who was largely responsible for the formation of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, one of 47 in the nation, is the author of the only complete source of information on such organizations.

The Superintendent graduated from the University of Redlands in 1930 and obtained his masters degree from the Colorado State College of Education in 1932.

After serving as superintendent of Prospect Valley Centralized Schools from 1935-39 he joined the Corona School System becoming assistant superintendent of that system in 1947. During four war years he held the rank of commander in the U.S. Navy.

He became superintendent of the Torrance School District in 1947 when that district divorced itself from the Los Angeles System.

### AWAITING APPROVAL

The city is waiting for the state's approval on plans and specifications for the widening of Hawthorne boulevard between 190th street and Huntington street and Huntington street, the city manager said.



**EARNs DEGREE . . .** Superintendent of Schools J. Henrich Hull yesterday received his doctor's degree in education. Subject of his 45,000 word thesis was "Lay Advisory Councils."

### Bushell Concert Singers Appear On Program

Bushell Concert Singers, featuring several Torrance artists, were heard in a delightful concert recently in Malaga Cove auditorium, under direction of Leonard Bushell.

Torrance singers included: Miss Phyllis McVicar, lovely young contralto, and Glen Hall, tenor, in a quartet number, "Little Boy Blue," (Martin); Nadine Nickol's rendition of the operatic aria, "Vissi d'Arte" from La Traviata (Puccini), also was beautifully sung, her fine mezzo-soprano voice lending itself admirably to the requirements of the difficult selection.

Joining with Mr. Bushell's concert group to sing four choruses from Brahms' "Requiem" were Frances Fletcher, contralto and Len Branum, baritone.

### U and the 'Y'

By A. Wiseman

Boys who attended the Stamp Club Friday night received a very pleasant surprise in a nice collection of stamps from Bob Plomert Jr. Bob was in San Francisco and picked up some nice stamps, sent them special delivery for the boys in time for the meeting. Thanks for your interest, Bob.

Torrance was well represented at the Hollywood-Portland game Friday night. Several cars with boys loaded to capacity made the trip. It was Y.M.C.A. Camp Benefit night.

These warm days remind us that camping time isn't too far away. Some of the boys that have indicated the desire to go haven't signed up yet. Better get in that registration fee. Some of the laymen will be going up to camp on June 11th to do a little painting. G. Derouin, Al Turner, Marvin Goettsch will make the trip.

Several of the counselors have been selected for camp. Al Wiker is going as program director in charge of camp fire devotions. Others are Bill Gray, Bruce Smith, Hal Laudeman and Jarvis Watkins.

On June 11 the Jr. Hi-Y boys will tour the naval base at Terminal Island. The program includes swimming in the spacious pool, sight seeing by boat around the harbor and a movie.

The Hi-Y Council will meet this week to determine membership for the fall semester. On the joint committee from two clubs are Dave Dougherty, Dick Gefinger, D. Carrow, Boyd Crawford, Joe O'Toole, Rip Carlisle, Tom Burchfield, Jim Smith and Chapman. The Hi-Y training conference will be held September 3-8 at Catalina. Six Torrance boys will go. Delegates have yet to be selected.

In the "Y" All-Stars the Torrance boys took a clean sweep this week. Coaches for the "Y" teams are: Midgets, Van Vanderpool; Juniors, Dick Turner; Intermediates, Bob Chambers; and Hi-Y, Milt Isbell.

Don't forget the bowling on Saturday at 10 a.m. It's lots of fun.

### Completion of Sepulveda Paving Due This Week

Completion of the paving of Sepulveda boulevard adjacent to the Kettler Knolls section is due this Friday, George Stevens, city manager, said yesterday.

Time required to actually pave the street, exclusive of grading, is said by Stevens to have established a record for speed. The contract was granted the Warren Southwest Company last week.

### Columbia Steel Executive Dies At Wheel of Car

Suffering a heart attack at the wheel of his automobile, Frank DeLong, vice-president in charge of sales for Columbia Steel Company, died early last Saturday. The 58-year-old executive was driving in Oakland when he collapsed. The car continued across an intersection and came to a stop against a fire hydrant. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Adele DeLong, who was uninjured when the car struck the hydrant.

DeLong was prominent in business and industrial circles throughout the western states. He was appointed Vice President of Columbia on September 4, 1943. He became affiliated with Columbia in 1937 and a few months later was named District Manager of Sales of the Los Angeles District. In December, 1939, he was named Vice President in Charge of Sales for the Los Angeles District.

### Fire Department Answers Call On 24 Grass Fires

Twenty-four grass fires aided by a dry atmosphere, warm days, and high winds were extinguished by the Torrance fire department during the month of May, according to Fire Chief John E. McMaster.

The chief warned residents against burning without a permit and in unacceptable type incinerators.

Legal hours of burning are from 6:10 a.m. and from 4:6 p.m.



**DIES AT WHEEL . . .** F. B. DeLong, vice-president of Columbia Steel, suffered heart attack while driving car last Saturday.

### CHECK FILTER

A wise precaution before starting a motor tour is to have the oil filter checked. It is more important to have the filter in good working order on the long trip than it is under normal, routine driving conditions. That is because the oil is subjected to higher temperatures for longer than usual periods with the result that impurities in it have an opportunity to do greater harm. A filter check may save many times its cost.

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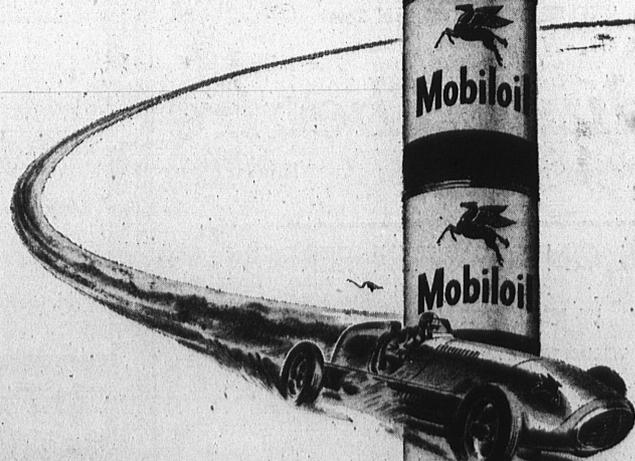
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