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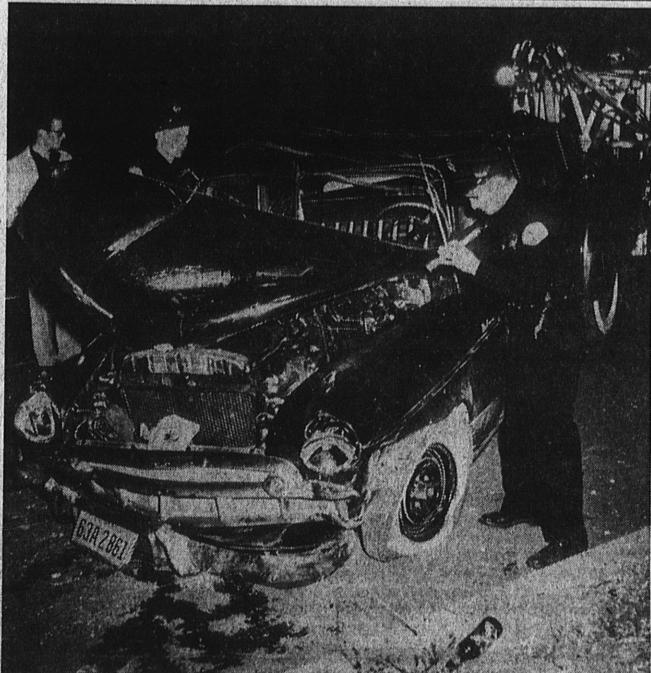
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BATTERED HEAP . . . It took only a few seconds to turn a pretty sedan into the pile of junk pictured here. The accident occurred about 1:30 a.m. last Friday on Highway 101 east of Hawthorne boulevard. Elmer Johnson, 21, of 1747 1/2 West 259th street, walked away with a cut knee. He told police that another car forced him off the road.

Election Probe Resumed by Jury

Grand Jury investigators resumed their inquiries into the city's contested municipal election this week after nearly a month of inactivity. The Jury and its staff have been on their annual vacation during most of August.

The Grand Jury is apparently interested in the ballots cast in precincts Nos. 7 and 21, in the April 11 election and election officials from those precincts were interrogated at length Tuesday, according to reports.

A Grand Jury spokesman denied the fact that the District Attorney had decided to drop the inquiry as was reported elsewhere.

It is understood that the District Attorney's office has not received the matter and won't unless the Jury's investigators turn the case over for action.

In the original tabulation of Precinct No. 7, the losing candidate, Victor E. Benstead, received 98 votes which was changed to 89 by a Superior Court recount.

In precinct No. 21, Benstead had received 57 votes. The recount vote was 51. Supporters of the losing candidate demanded the investigation after Willys G. Blount was declared the winner.

New Red Cross Chapter States First Meeting

First meeting of the newly reactivated Torrance branch, American Red Cross, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 6, at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. R. F. Bishop will preside and her co-chairman, Mrs. Don H. Hyde, will be introduced.

Men and women interested in Red Cross are urged to attend.

Anti-Commie Editors to Speak Here Sept. 11

Two veteran newspapermen—Ed Gibbons and Norman Jacoby—will pass on to Torrance residents some of their vast knowledge of the workings of Communists in this area when they address an open meeting of the Joint Service clubs in the Civic Auditorium Monday evening, Sept. 11.

Sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club, the address by the two anti-Communist editors will be open to the public without charge. No tickets or reservations will be necessary, according to Byron Scotton, who is handling the details for Kiwanians.

The two editors will be guests of the Kiwanis Club at the club's regular dinner-meeting prior to their appearance at the Civic Auditorium at 8 p.m., Scotton said.

Editors of a confidential newsletter aimed at key personnel in public life, the two men began their publication in 1947 after establishing themselves as top newspapermen in the Los Angeles area.

Gibbons, editor of their newsletter, Alert, has been a reporter for the Hollywood Citizen News, Hollywood Reporter, Variety, editor of theatrical and photographic publications, and a one-time public relations director of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Jacoby, managing editor, is an exporter of the City News Service, was a war correspondent for Stars and Stripes while in France and Germany, ex-

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Police to Launch Ticket Campaign

The tickets you'll get from the Torrance police officers for the next five or six weeks will cost you only \$1.25 instead of the usual \$2 to \$5.

And you can take 'em or leave 'em—because they will be tickets for the 13th annual Police Show to be held on the night of September 30 in the High School auditorium.

Members of the Torrance Auxiliary Junior Police (TAPS) hope you'll take 'em, however. They are out selling them along with the police officers, because they get the profits.

Sponsored each year by the Torrance Police Officers Association, show this year will feature 10 big-time acts of vaudeville including acrobatic dancing teams, musical novelty acts, trick cycle riders and other acts.

Two performances will be given to accommodate the crowds this year, according to Officer Hyman Fischer, publicity chairman of the association.

Kids' Day Plans Include Carnival

Plans continued this week for Torrance to join the parade of cities across the nation in the second annual celebration of National Kids Day sponsored by America's Kiwanis clubs. In sponsoring the celebration here again this year, the Torrance Kiwanis club joins more than 3,150 clubs throughout the United States, Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii who are sponsoring similar celebrations for this day, Sept. 23.

Plans for the celebration here are rapidly nearing completion, Kiwanis President Bob Haggard announced this week.

Kids Day will start officially at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, when the "Kids World" parade will get under way.

Don Hitchcock, parade coordinator, points out that the club participation idea has been well received, and that bands, twirlers—plenty, and kids of all sizes, ages, and in varying costumes will be on hand with pets and toys to depict the "Kids World" theme.

Prizes will be awarded to units and individuals participating in the parade.

Following the parade, a carnival will open up with concessions, shows, and other festivities running throughout the afternoon and evening.

Headlining the carnival show will be the John Strong Dog and Pony show featuring Toto the Clown, Nello the Juggler, Ceeta the Monkey, and Dietrick's world-famous ponies.

Seven-Year-Old Hit on Pacific Coast Highway



EDDIE HUGHES
Highway Victim

Killed almost instantly when struck by an auto on Pacific Coast Highway yesterday afternoon was a seven-year-old Seaside Heights resident.

Little Eddie Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hughes, of 5124 Macafee road, was pronounced dead upon arrival of the ambulance at the Harbor General Hospital. His mother rode with the fatally injured youth to the hospital, police said.

Yesterday's accident was Torrance's third traffic fatality this year. The other two accidents both occurred on Western avenue.

The boy's grandmother, Mrs. Leo Rock, told a Herald reporter that Eddie was going to the beach when he was struck while crossing the highway.

Henry Guy Andrews, of 15052 Vose street, Van Nuys, driver of the car that struck him, said the boy was walking west between Robert road and Paseo de Gracia on the highway and apparently didn't see the car coming.

Andrews said workmen were painting white lines on the road there, and that he did not see the victim until a moment before striking him.

Police released Andrews after questioning him about the accident.

Eddie was the eldest of three children. He leaves a five-year-

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Advance Unit Leaves for Camp Early Tomorrow

Torrance's National Guard unit, the 578th (Combat) Engineer Battalion, will enter active Federal service next week.

An advance party will leave early tomorrow morning for Camp Cooke, near San Luis Obispo, where members of the group will get the campsite ready for the balance of the battalion next week.

The rest of the battalion will leave here either Tuesday or Wednesday, according to a spokesman for the unit.

The 578th Engineers, which has had its headquarters here at the Torrance Ball Park, was organized as a National Guard unit shortly after the close of World War II.

Original headquarters were in the Torrance Park, then, as the outfit grew, the headquarters was transferred to the Torrance Municipal Airport. Recently, however, the return trip to Torrance Park was made.

Members of the Engineering unit are being called into service with the activation of the 40th Infantry Division.

Major Robert L. Lewellen, who was formerly an executive officer and personnel officer of the battalion, has been assigned to the plans and training section of the National Guard Reserve.

Governor Warren announced last week that the Reserve National Guard has been activated to take over the job of maintaining internal security once the National Guard becomes part of the regular army.

YWCA to Lease Building Site

At a special meeting of the City Council held Tuesday evening, the Mayor and City Clerk were given the power to execute a lease of the land adjacent to the County Health Center at 2300 West Carson street to the YWCA for the purpose of constructing the YW building.

The YWCA has been working for several years to raise funds to erect a building for their organization.

Injured Man Changes Story; Denies Reported Gang Beating

First reported to be the victim of a brutal gang beating, a 28-year-old Redondo Beach man is in Harbor General Hospital today in critical condition from injuries apparently received when he fell from a tree in a weed-grown patch of West Torrance.

When found by an alert Redondo Beach police officer Monday afternoon, Faustino Estrada, of 2120 Nelson Lane, had dragged his battered body for almost 10 feet to a cultivated area from the overgrown patch into which he fell.

Detective Captain Emile Ashton, of the Torrance police, said yesterday that Estrada had changed his earlier story of being beaten and left for dead when he admitted that he had

been climbing the tree and fell across an uprooted tree at the base.

Estrada suffered a fractured pelvis and other injuries in the fall.

When first found, about 12 hours after his injury, Estrada told officers that he was waylaid about 4 a.m. Monday by a gang as he was walking through the deserted area after visiting T. H. Hollinger, at the latter's home on Green's Hog Ranch where both are employed.

He told police they beat him with fists, feet, and used a gun and metal pipe.

Officers at first thought Estrada fell while climbing the tree to escape from his attackers.



FIRST TO BUY . . . City Manager George Stevens picks up one of the first tickets to the 13th Annual Police Show from Captain Nalbro Miller of TAPS, while Michelle Silver looks on. Two performances of this year's show are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30, at the High School auditorium.

Farewell Party Slated Saturday For Guardsmen

Torrance National Guardsmen called back to duty with the armed forces will be special guests of the Bert S. Crossland post, American Legion, and the community at a big send-off "chow and dance" party Saturday night at the Legion hall, 1109 Border avenue.

Slated to get under way at 7:30 p.m. with a buffet supper, the "blowout" will feature the danceable music of Les Tronier and his band for an evening of dancing.

The Legion post will be acting as host to the guardsmen in what post officers have announced as a "community-sponsored" going-away party.

Joseph Platt, second vice-commander of the post and chairman of the affair, said that food for the function will be provided for by the voluntary contributions of Torrance service clubs and markets. The ladies of the Legion Auxiliary, under the direction of Mrs. Annie Olson, president, will prepare and serve the supper.

The party will be open to all residents of the area. Legion officials said. They also expressed the hope that an overflow crowd would be on hand to add a cheery "bye-for-now" to the departing Guardsmen.

LABOR and THE COMMUNITY

The road of progress in our community has been paved with the toil of the workers within it . . . by the goods they have produced and bought — by money invested in homes . . . by their participation in civic affairs! Labor's progress is our progress . . . for a better way of life in a greater, more prosperous America!

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JUST A BIG KID . . . Mayor Bob Haggard, president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, sets into the swing of things for National Kids Day which the local club is sponsoring here September 23. (Herald photo).