



TRIPLETS ARE THREE... Dr. Eugene Cook gets pressured from three sides by the Musso triplets into reading about Red Riding Hood. The doctor (he officiated three years ago) dropped in to see Torrance's sole set of triplets on their third birthday on Wednesday of this week. The threesome, Mark, Janet and Joe (left to right) are the offspring of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Musso of 1810 Schilling court. Daddy is a sales engineer at National Supply Company. (Herald photo).

Son of Former Editor Killed

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which he was a passenger crashed into the rear of a truck pulling onto Highway 101 a few miles north of Santa Barbara. The auto was being driven by T. H. Myhre of Los Angeles, also from Camp Cooke. Driver of the truck was listed as William H. Carney of the Sheldou Trucking Company of Sheldou Gate.
Corp. Selover was enroute to Camp Cooke where he was attached to Headquarters and Service Company, 578th Engineer (Combat) Battalion of the recently reactivated 40th Infantry Division. He was a member of the local National Guard unit when the division was ordered to active duty on September 1.
The young soldier, holder of the expert rifleman's medal, had been recently promoted to the rank of corporal a fact he was unaware of at the time of his death.
Born in Santa Barbara on January 13, 1933, Selover attended Long Beach schools before entering Torrance High School when his family moved here. He graduated from the local high school last June. He had been active in music and athletic activities. He had earned his letter as a member of the Varsity tennis team and as a member of the Junior Varsity football squad. He was also a member of the band and orchestra.
Among the survivors is his grandmother, Mrs. Frank M. Selover, wife of the former managing editor of the Long Beach Telegram. Frank M. Selover, she lives in Santa Barbara.

Ed Karlow Named New Councilman

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Torrance Works, Columbia Steel Company; Charles Ver Jones, owner of the Torrance Hardware, a member of the board of trustees of El Camino College and Gordon A. Mothersell, a foreman at General Petroleum's Torrance plant.
However, it has been pointed out that both Benstead and Mothersell would not have been eligible for appointment due to a city ordinance prohibiting the appointment of members of city commissions to seats on the city council. Mothersell and Benstead are serving currently on the City Civil Service Commission.
Powell in his resignation to the council said:
"My resignation is, of course, tendered with deep regret and only because I feel that I can be of greater service to the City and the people of Torrance who have seen fit to put me into office, in the capacity of Assistant Director of Civil Defense. It goes without saying that if I can be of assistance to your body in the future, I shall always be prepared to give you the fullest cooperation and help that lies within my ability."
The new assistant CD director said he had no definite plans regarding the city's defense organization other than to go into a huddle with Stevens on where and how to start.
"In informal chats, Mr. Stevens and I have discussed CD

Crash in Rain Injures Pair of Local Drivers

Two locally-known men were on the mend yesterday in the Torrance Memorial Hospital following a rainy evening auto crash last Thursday.
Injured in the accident, were Dr. Henry C. Smiley, district county health officer, and Jake Parnatian, 3761 Torrance boulevard, owner of the vegetable market in Collier's Market at Hawthorne and Torrance Blvds.
Dr. Smiley was treated by Dr. Kurt Shery for a compound fracture of the nose, a deep six inch cut on the chin, fractures of the right elbow and left knee, multiple broken ribs, and numerous contusions and abrasions.
Dr. Smiley, with headquarters in the county health office at 2500 West Carson street, was operated on Friday morning by Dr. Clifford E. Eastley, Dr. Eugene Cook, Dr. John Beeman, and Dr. Shery.
His condition was reported yesterday as being "good."
The two men were injured about 7:30 p.m. last Thursday evening when the two cars they were operating crashed in the rain in front of the market where Parnatian operates the vegetable section.
Parnatian was said to be making a left turn toward the front of the market when Dr. Smiley's auto, skidding on wet, slippery streets, struck Parnatian's car broadside. Dr. Smiley was thrown from his car.

Rev. Schauer To Attend Convocation

Rev. U. S. Schauer, minister of the Central Evangelical United Brethren church of Torrance, will attend the third annual Ministers Convocation at the University of Southern California January 30, 31, and February 1.
Nearly 650 Protestant ministers from cities throughout the Southland are expected at the convocation, largest of its kind in the West.
The three-day meeting will again be cosponsored by the SC School of Religion and the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches.
Theme of the convocation will be "Through World Crisis to World Community," according to Dr. Russell E. Clay, minister of the First Methodist Church of Whittier, president.

Seek Hero Medal for Gas Victim

Friends today are seeking a hero's recognition for husky, handsome William Katko, 37, who perished here Friday after he had descended into a sewer filled with deadly gas to save the life of a fellow county sanitation worker.

Described as "a man who never considered himself," Katko may be eligible to be nominated for the Carnegie Foundation medal, awarded for deeds of outstanding heroism, it was disclosed.

Performing such feats was nothing new for the World War II veteran, according to Mrs. Marie Whippo, clerk at the San Pedro YMCA, where Katko lived. He had participated in sewer and drowning rescues previously, she stated.

Military services were to be held this week in Cleveland, Ohio where his mother, Mrs. Victoria Katko, lives.

Albert Hartwig, 37, who was dragged unconscious from the man hole where Katko was killed, is still "too sick to talk about the affair" in his Los Angeles home where he is under doctor's care.

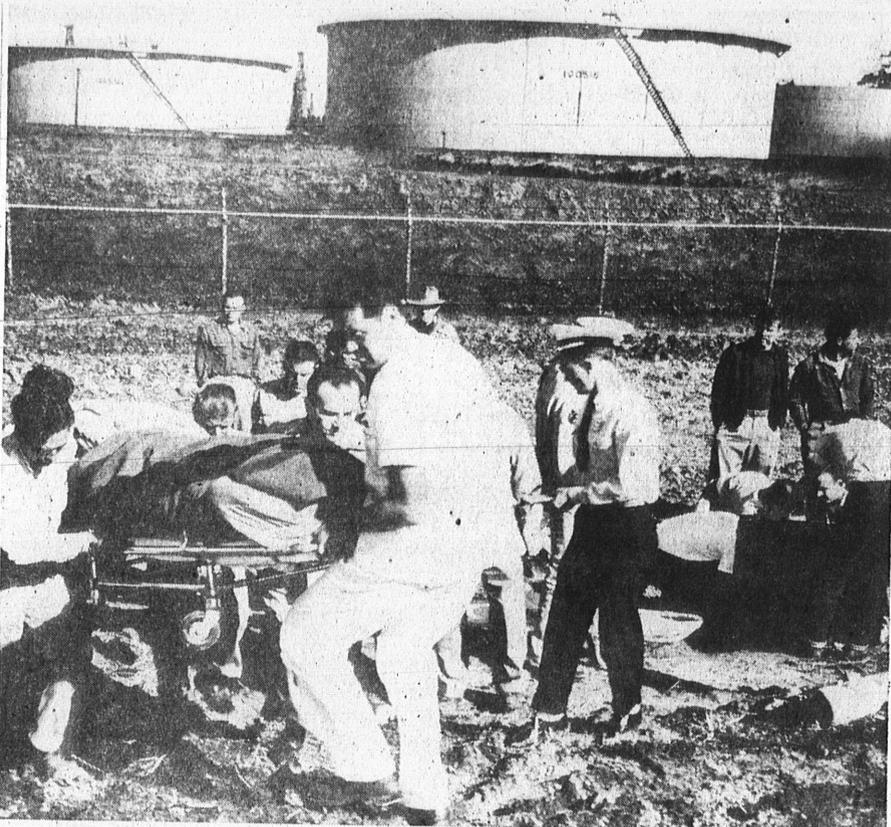
Hartwig was 25 feet underground cleaning a sewer along Lomita boulevard near the Union Oil Company tank farm when he was heard to groan and fall into the mud below. Katko sprang into action, grabbed a rope and clambered down through the manhole fastening one end of the line to the unconscious worker.

The two other members of the county crew, Walter Mantch, 36, of Long Beach, and E. W. Plossant, 27, of Wilmington, had barely pulled Hartwig out when they heard Katko sigh and fall.

They called for aid from the Torrance Fire Department and several minutes later Katko was brought to the surface by George Blahnik of 2714 Andree avenue, Torrance, a fireman who was lowered into the deadly concentration wearing a gas mask.

More than an hour of futile respiration effort by county firemen and lifeguards using a resuscitator failed to revive Katko, who was pronounced dead at 12:30 p.m.

The hero had worked for the county sanitation district for 3 1/2 years and had known Hartwig, a father of three children, for about 10 months, the length of Hartwig's service with the county crew.



RESCUED GAS VICTIM... Ambulance men are here taking 37-year-old Albert Hartwig, of Los Angeles, away from the scene of his heroic rescue from a gas-filled sewer along Lomita boulevard in Torrance last Friday. In the background, firemen and a life-saving crew are trying vainly to resuscitate William Katko who gave him life to save Hartwig.—(Staff Photo).

City To Inherit New \$80,000 Sewer Trunk

When completed, the City of Torrance will inherit an \$80,000 sewer line now being constructed by the developers of the Torrance Gardens new-home tract and the Chanslor, Canfield, Midway Oil Company, according to John R. Patrick, assistant to the city engineer.

Pipe for the project, 18 and 15 inches in diameter, is being laid along Crenshaw boulevard starting at Dominguez street, where the new line ties in with existing facilities. From Dominguez street and Crenshaw boulevard the line runs southward to Mexico street, thence west to Maple avenue, then southerly to Torrance boulevard. The line will eventually bring sewer service to the area in the general vicinity of Flower street, between Torrance and Sepulveda boulevards, Patrick said.

Cuts as deep as 30 feet have been made to lay the line. Had the city been forced to bring a trunk line in to serve the area, it would have had to have been across a greater distance and cuts as deep as 50 feet would have to have been made to create the proper flow, according to the city official.

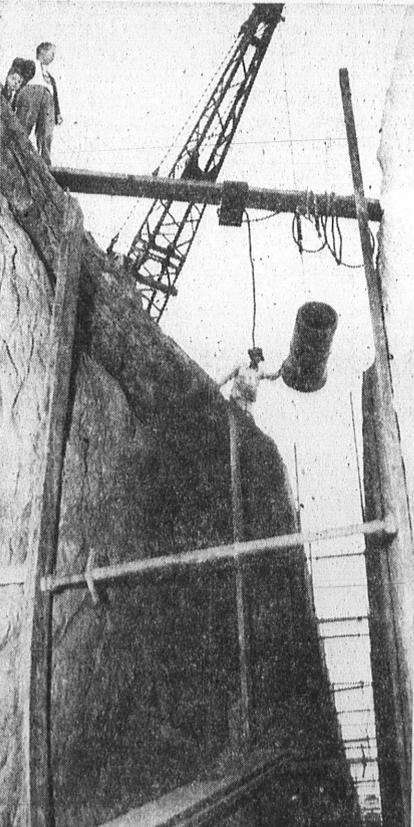
The line eventually will serve future industries also, which may locate near the terminus of the line.
Since the line is being laid beneath a public street, the entire system will become the property of the City of Torrance when the final inspection is made. Even the inspection costs are being borne by the developers and CCMO, Patrick stated.

Ex-Grid Star's Mother Passes

Services for Mrs. Virginia Hood, 38, of 1617 West 204th street, will be held in the Stone & Myers Chapel on Friday at 10 a.m. Reverend Cecil J. England of the First Christian Church will officiate. Private cremation will follow the services.
Mrs. Hood died Wednesday in a local hospital following a lengthy illness.
Surviving are her husband, Floyd J. Hood, who is employed in the forge department at National Supply; a son, Jack, F. former student body president and football captain at Torrance High School; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Ann Beach of 8832 Bandera street, Los Angeles; a daughter, Joanne Hood of 14214 Madrid avenue; and sister, Mrs. Lillian Montiel of 641 E. 79th street, Los Angeles.

Local Student Candidate

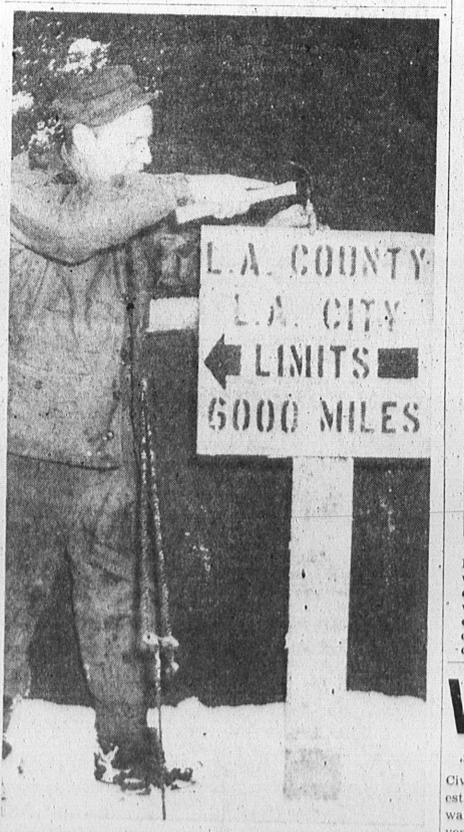
Ralph Newton George, 704 Madrid, is among the 147 students at Santa Barbara College of the University of California who are candidates for bachelor's degrees at the mid-year, it was announced this week.



FROM THE BOTTOM UP... This is the view construction workers see from the bottom of a 30-foot trench being cut to receive the new sewer trunk along Crenshaw boulevard. The sewer, costing \$80,000, will become the property of the city when completed. Developers of the Torrance Gardens, new-home tract and the CCMO are financing the construction. (Photo by Jack Baldwin).

Warden System

"Right now our most urgent Civilian Defense need is for the establishment of a volunteer warden system," George W. Stevens, commander of the city's defense setup, said yesterday.
Stevens, also City Manager of Torrance, this week sent invitations to more than 100 organizations and industries within the city to attend a CD meeting in the City Hall tonight at 7:30. There the representatives will meet with the City Council, CD staff members, and division chiefs to formulate a plan for the immediate establishment of a warden system. Tentatively planned by Stevens are 50 wardens, each of whom will command a section of the city. Under these wardens will be block wardens.
Those attending the meeting will hear from Stevens what has been done and what must be done.



JUST A NICE WALK... The majority of the U. S. Far East Air Force 43rd Bomb Wing (right) now on overseas duty hall from Southern California and they don't want anybody to forget it. Master Sergeant Harold K. Phillips, 1614 West 219th street, tucks up a sign noting that Los Angeles is 6000 miles "that-a-way." The Air Force's public relations department failed to state where the sign was being posted, other than to say "alongside of a tent." (USAF photo).