

# TWO MOTHERS, SCHOOL GIRL DIE IN AUTO-TRUCK CRASH

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### Women Air Views On Vote Threats

What is your reaction to the plan to use Torrance as a test city to repeal the 19th Amendment?



MRS. IRENE E. FRASER

Mrs. Irene E. Fraser, 1559 W. 210th St. (secretary of the Torrance Democratic Club): "It's possibly true that some women vote as their husbands do, but I know just as many cases where the husbands are persuaded by the opinion of their wives. Certainly they must realize that the majority of voters are women. All the women who man the Democratic headquarters here are volunteers. That certainly shows an interest in political affairs."



MRS. JUNE EDWARDS

Mrs. June Edwards, 21802 So Avalon. "It's absurd. The reason that there are not as many successful women as there are men is that women don't have wives."



MRS. BETH HAFNER

Mrs. Beth Hafner, 20939 Hall-dale Ave. "It's an infringement on our liberties. First they'll take away our right to vote and then take away our other liberties. Sillyest thing I ever heard of."



MRS. WYNNE FERGUSON

Mrs. Wynne Ferguson, 3311 Dalemead St.: "Whose brilliant idea was that? It's stupid."

## 'We'll Show Them' Torrance Women Say About Voting

### Reactions Vary On Voting Threat

Stormy protests were flung back by indignant women voters this week who voiced their opinion of a proposal to use Torrance as a test city in an attempt to repeal 19th Amendment—woman's right to vote.

"We'll show them," was the sentiment expressed by a score of women including Mrs. Emma Roberts, former president of the Torrance Woman's Club. Mrs. Roberts, who is also a member of the Torrance Parking Authority, ripped at the proposers of the plan exclaiming:

"I can't imagine any group being such a fool as to think we would allow them to take away our vote. This organization is either composed of stupid individuals or very clever individuals. They're stupid if they think they can put across this repeal, but if it is just a clever stunt to get out the women voters they will be very successful because we'll show them at the polls in November."

The feminine indignation rose to fever heights following the publication of an exclusive story in Thursday's Torrance Herald.

**Plan Exposed**  
The plan as exposed in the Herald is to use Torrance as one of three test cities as the first step toward launching a nationwide campaign to repeal the 19th Amendment, woman suffrage.

The organization sponsoring the proposed referendum is a large Southern California political organization which claims it is prepared to spend \$10,000 here as well as in two other communities to test the proposal.

"We feel that Torrance being predominantly labor, a test ballot here would be an indication of how labor would receive the measure in other parts of the nation," a spokesman for the organization said as he explained the plan. The spokesman, an executive with a large Los Angeles concern, requested his name not be used in connection with the story.

"Know what I think?" asked one woman. "I think they should have colored ballots. One color for men and another for women. Then we'd show them how many more women vote than men."

**Must Be Hoax**  
Some women here refused to accept the plan seriously and charged that it was "all a big hoax—it must be."

However, the editors of this newspaper having on many occasions relied on this same spokesman as a news source have never had grounds for challenging any statement or story revealed previously.

One man, Beverly B. Smith, chairman of the Torrance Planning Commission, (see Letters to the Editor) came out blasting at the proposal stating: "Men do not need to get so egotistical to think they are blessed with all the brains."

**Apathy Cited**  
The spokesman for the sponsoring organization stated that the plan to test repealing the 19th Amendment developed after his group "became disgusted with the apathy of women toward political affairs." He stated that all too frequently women had stated "they did not



**SURVIVES CRASH . . .** A two-year-old boy, John Stanley Quinn, lying critically injured beneath a blanket, was left motherless and another mother and her seven-year-old daughter were killed when a heavy truck crashed into their auto

as it crossed Sepulveda Blvd. at Hawthorne Ave. Friday afternoon. The wreck was one of the worst in Torrance history, according to police. The deaths raised the traffic toll to eleven for 1952.



**LANDMARK GOES . . .** Workmen last week began dismantling the old Torrance Park grandstand, scene of hundreds of exciting baseball games and other entertainment. City Manager George Stevens warned city officials earlier that the structure was no longer safe because the supporting timbers were rotted through in many places. The center section will be left intact for the time being, but the first and third-base wings will be torn down. Temporary movable bleachers probably will replace the condemned structure for next summer's softball and baseball seasons.

### Tiny Tot Near Death After Tragic Wreck

Two Torrance mothers and a 7-year-old girl were killed almost instantly when their sedan was smashed to bits after it collided with a heavy semi-truck at Hawthorne Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd. Friday noon.

The two-year-old son of one of the victims last night was near death in a Harbor General Hospital bed.

Dead are Mrs. Gladys Quinn, 38, of 1434 W. 218th St., a former Torrance Herald distributor; Mrs. Maria Olmeda, 45, of 1434 W. 218th St.; and her daughter, Ernestina Mora. Mrs. Quinn's son, John Stanley, was critically injured.

#### Rolls Into Street

Torrance officers J. E. Thompson and Bob Lewis said that the auto rolled into the path of a northbound Oil Field Trucking Co. truck, driven by Edelmiro Gomez, 38, of Wilmington. Gomez reportedly told police that Mrs. Quinn did not stop her auto at a stop sign on Sepulveda Blvd.

The impact crumpled the metal body of the light sedan like a piece of tin foil. Three of the victims were heaped together next to the mangled auto.

Little John Quinn was wedged between a huge truck tire which



MRS. GLADYS QUINN

. . . Dies in crash protruded into the back of the car and the broken seat.

**Remove Body**  
Passersby and police carefully removed the small tot's body and placed him on the ground alongside the wreckage—where he could not view the body of his mother.

Chief of Police John Stroh said yesterday that the tragic accident was among the worst in all of Torrance's traffic history. No more than three persons have ever died as the result of one accident in the city, he said.

Mrs. Quinn, the mother of four children, was well known to scores of young Torrance Herald newboys whom she supplied with newspapers each week until only several months ago when she gave up her position.

**Mother of Ten**  
Mrs. Olmeda was the mother of ten children, six of whom resided with her at home.

Surviving Mrs. Quinn are her husband, Winnie; two daughters, Janice, 18; and Naomi, 11; and two sons, Jim, 21, now serving with the U. S. Navy; and little John.

Listed as survivors of Mrs. Olmeda are daughters Carmen Carroll, 1532 W. 219th St.; Sarah Ordaz, 1562 W. 203rd St.; and Bertha Acero, and Aldean, Mary Alice, Eleanor, Irene and Glory Olmeda, all of the home address. She has one son, Arthur.

Rosary for the Olmedas will be recited tomorrow night at 8 o'clock and mass will be celebrated Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock, at the Stone and Myers Chapel. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Stone and Myers for Mrs. Quinn.

### Driver Lucky As Big Truck Somersaults

Driver of a ready-mix truck carrying 10 tons of gooey cement escaped serious injury yesterday noon when his vehicle flipped over twice as he rounded a curve at 185th St. and Moneta Ave.

Al E. Carr, of 2735 W. 175th St., told officers he went high onto the road shoulder as he rounded the curve when the pavement suddenly seemed to give away.

Cement poured out of the large mixing unit on the truck and had started to harden before a giant-sized tow truck uprighned the overturned vehicle.

### King to Meet Postal Workers

Members of the Torrance Postal Carriers Union are holding a special breakfast meeting this morning with Congressman Cecil R. King as their guest.

The purpose of the meeting, to be held at Daniels Cafe, will be a general discussion of problems confronting the Torrance postal employees with Congressman King present to get a first-hand account of the local situation.

### 145,000 Seen as City Population

Torrance's population could soar to 145,000 before most available land would be jammed with houses, the Board of Education was told last week.

According to figures obtained by the School District, 43,150 homes could be built on the available 12,183 acres of residential land. The present population now is estimated at 35,000—or 24.84 per cent of saturation.

### Auto Rams Wagon

Twenty-five young people escaped possible injury Friday night when the hay wagon on which they were riding was struck from the rear by an auto at Pacific Coast Hwy. and West Newton St., according to Torrance police.