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THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD CAROLYN JACKSON . . . Eighth Grade Student Dies in Fall

Rites Set For Young Girl Killed in Fall

Many of her school chums and friends in the Job's Daughters will attend the funeral this morning for pretty 13-year-old Carolyn Jackson, who died Sunday after falling over a 15-foot embankment on an outing last Saturday.

The attractive girl, a student at North Torrance Elementary School, lost her footing and slid down a rocky slope while trying to reach a stream during a week-end in the mountains with the Torrance Job's Daughters.

A constant companion of the girl, Joan Thomas, 14, of 17326 Elgar Ave., made a valiant effort to save her friend, but she could not hold onto Carolyn's dress as she tumbled over the ledge. Joan saved herself from going over the 15-foot drop by clinging to a poison oak bush. She remained in her precarious position for nearly an hour before she could be lifted back to safety.

JOAN THOMAS . . . Tried

Carolyn, who lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jackson, at 16926 Elgar Ave., died Sunday of head injuries she sustained in the fall in a wooded section in Glen Ivy near Riverside. Her father is senior blood bank technician at the Harbor General Hospital.

Rev. John Taylor of the First Methodist Church of Torrance will conduct the last rites this morning at 10 o'clock in the Stone and Myers Chapel. Interment will be in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

She is survived by a brother, Stanley Boyd, 10, and a sister, Pamela Kathleen, 9 months. Surviving also are her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Jackson of Bell Gardens, and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ellenberger of Hemet.

(Herald Photo)

AMBUSHED . . . Pvt. Carlos Almeida, former Torrance High School wrestler, was ambushed and shot in the chest while engaged in combat duty in Korea, his family was advised by the War Department this week.

Ex-THS Athlete Receives Chest Wound in Korea

Pvt. Carlos Almeida, 21, a graduate of Torrance High School in 1950, has been wounded in action in Korea his mother of 5202 W. 182nd St. was advised this week by the army.

Almeida, who won his letter in wrestling at the local high school, was shot in the chest when his infantry outfit was trapped in an ambush, his mother said. Although he was reported as being taken to a hospital she has no indication as to the seriousness of her son's wounds she said Monday. She has had no communication from his since he was wounded.

The ex-Tartar has been in Korea about one month. He trained at Ft. Ord with the First Infantry Division.

Police Offer Prize for Top Safety Essay

All registered bicycle owners in Torrance, under the age of 16, have a chance to win a prize by writing an essay on the new Bicycle Safety Manual, according to Gus Rethwisch, president of the Torrance Police Officers Association.

The manual was printed through the contributions of local merchants, and tells, in pictures, true stories of accidents recorded in police files, that involved bicycle riders.

The Police Department will give a $5 prize to the girl and boy who write the best 100-word essay on the Safety Manual, and who color the pictures in the book. The manual can be obtained at the police station, 1515 Cravens Ave. Entrants should pick up a booklet at the police station, color the pictures, write a hundred-word essay about it, and turn it in to the police station with their name and address written on it.

All entries must be in by August 1, according to Rethwisch.

Torrance Fourth In Construction Out of 77 Cities

The tremendous construction boom in the local area boosted Torrance to an amazing fourth place on a list of 77 Southland communities in total construction for the month of April and for the first four months of 1953, it was reported this week.

Torrance building permit valuation far exceeded the much larger cities of San Bernardino, Bakersfield, Pasadena, and Santa Barbara, and was surpassed only by Los Angeles, city and county, San Diego, and Long Beach.

The April valuation figure hit $2,614,448, topping last year's April valuation by over half a million dollars, and the four months total hit a staggering $11,060,071 total, almost twice the amount registered in the first four months of 1952 in Torrance.

Torrance is $650,202 ahead of last year's April figure, which was $1,964,246, and $4,572,034 ahead of the four months total for 1952, which was $6,488,037.

DEAN CROMWELL . . . To Be Y Speaker

Brisk Ticket Sales Reported For Y Meeting

A record attendance at the 8th Annual YMCA membership meeting here May 27 was predicted this week by Y officials after reviewing advance sales of tickets to the event.

Drawing card for the evening features the appearance of veteran track coach, Dean Cromwell. Former YMCA secretary Ted Meiers will be master of ceremonies for the evening.

Also slated for the program is Lloyd Jones, popular Torrance teacher, who will sing for the diners. Janet Poh will accompany him.

Those attending the dinner will hear reports of YMCA activities during the past year from Executive Secretary Stan Roberts.

Also to be announced during the evening is the new board of managers and officers for the coming year. Dr. Rollin R. Smith, retiring chairman of the board of managers, will announce the new officers.

The annual meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are still on sale at $2 each.

(Herald Photo)

HE'LL BE THERE . . . Chuck Stewart pours the juice to his miniature electric train layout which he will display and operate for visitors to the Torrance Flower, Art, and Hobby Show which opens a three-day run in the Civic Auditorium Friday night. Admission is free.

Rafael Mendez

Dose of Hives Hits Trumpeter Before Concert

As he was about to go on the stage Tuesday night as guest artist with the Torrance Youth Band, Rafael Mendez, hailed as the world's greatest trumpeter, came down with a dose of hives.

Mendez took to the footlights, however to apologize to the capacity audience in the Civic Auditorium and promised to make a return engegement on Monday night, May 25. He explained that as he was warming up for his appearance he was much embarrassed to discover a blister had developed on his lip and that he would be unable to play.

Later in the alley, Mendez cried as he explained that it was the first time in his career he was unable to appear for a concert.

He introduced his twin sons, Robert and Ralph, and promised that all three would be back on Monday. Although he had been feeling ill most of the day he attended the concert and brought his physician with him in hopes that he might be "doctored up" enough to play with the band.

James Van Dyck, director of the Youth Band, said that additional tickets to the concert would be available at the door next Monday night for Mendez's reappearance. The band presented its part of the concert to Tuesday night's audience as announced.

On Monday Mendez will present four musical compositions, "Mexican Hat Dance," "Mendez Czardas," an original composition, "Marcarena," and "Tico Tico."

Recovers From Attack

Edward A. Mott, 38, of 1613½ Carson St., was recovering today in Long Beach Veterans Hospital from a heart attack suffered Sunday morning. Mott, a welder at Terminal Island Navy Shipyard, has a wife and one daughter.

Torrance Vet Returns

A Torrance Korean veteran, Pvt. John J. Geltz, 1742 Watson Ave., was scheduled to arrive in San Francisco from Korea this week aboard the transport Gen. W. F. Hase.

Hobbies, Too!

Art, Flower Show Opens 3-Day Run

Beginning tomorrow and continuing through Sunday, nearly 100 citizens of Torrance and the surrounding area will display the fruits of their labors at the annual Flower, Art, and Hobby Show, to be staged at the Civic Auditorium.

The show, sponsored by Torrance Terrace Garden Club and the JayCettes, in co-operation with the Recreation Department, will be open tomorrow evening from 6 to 9 o'clock; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday from 12 noon to 9 p.m.

Hobby groups will be divided into 12 classifications, including almost everything from the proverbial "soup to nuts."

One of the most unique entries will be a miniature carnival, complete with ferris wheel and other mechanical joy rides, constructed by a 16-year-old San Pedro boy, Eddie Russell.

A replica of an old-fashioned barber shop, complete with quartet, which will sing Friday evening at 7 and 8 o'clock, and Saturday at 2, 4, 7 and 8:30 p.m., will be another high point of the hobby section. This dis-

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Young Couple Injured in Train Wreck

Recovering from serious and multiple injuries today is a young about-to-be-married couple who were trapped in their wrecked convertible after it was crumpled by a train in Paramount early Monday morning.

Injured seriously as their car was dragged along the tracks in front of the engine were Robert Louis Metcalf, 24, and his teenage sweetheart, Miss Betty Ruth Spiller, 17, both of whom live with the girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Spiller of 1658 W. 214th St.

Hospital attendants said Tuesday that both were in critical condition, although the girl was showing some improvement. Metcalf suffered a compound fracture of the left knee and Miss Spiller a compound fracture of the left leg and internal injuries.

The accident occured as Metcalf's auto and a Union Pacific diesel engine collided at the crossing on Olive Ave. in Paramount. Engineer of the locomotive was listed as William Spillman, 39, of Los Angeles.

Firemen using crowbars and other rescue equipment labored for 15 minutes trying to free the couple from the twisted wreckage.

The couple were treated first at the Rancho Los Amigos Hospital and then transferred to the County General Hospital in Los Angeles.

The girl's parents said they were to be married in three months.

Weather

Cloudy nights and morning hours with local morning drizzles. Clearing in the afternoon but windy. Continued cool.

City Considering Annexation of 608-Acre Tract

A recommendation that the City of Torrance proceed with steps to annex a large tract of county territory lying west of Hawthorne Blvd. was expected from the Planning Commission which met last night as this issue of the Herald was going to press.

The City Council already indicated its willingness to accept the 608-acre plot as part of the city.

However, before the area can be annexed a petition must be circulated among the residents of the area and signed by 25 per cent of the registered voters and the issue brought to ballot.

Present residents of the area which consists largely of ranches and oil wells, have three choices as to their political future. They may annex to Torrance, they may elect to become part of Redondo Beach, or they may choose to remain unincorporated county territory.

If 25 per cent of the voters indicate they are willing to become part of the City of Torrance, the City Council of Torrance must call for a special election giving 50 days notice of the election.

The area under consideration is an island of county territory surrounded by Del Amo Blvd., Torrance Blvd. between Hawthorne Blvd. and the boundary of Redondo Beach.

Bandit Grabs Empty Purse

A nervous young bandit threatened a Torrance woman with a revolver as she was unlocking the door to her home Tuesday night, and escaped with her purse, which contained nothing but a few personal papers, according to police reports.

The victim, Gladys Mothersell, of 1528 El Prado, said the youth jumped from the shrubs beside her house and shakily pointed what might have been a toy gun at her, took the purse and ran off. The purse was found later, empty, by Mrs. Edna Green, of 1511 Post Ave., in front of her garage.

Nurse Here 15 Years Passes

Rites were pending today for Miss Agnes Thompson, 49, a nurse at the Torrance Memorial Hospital since 1938, who died Wednesday afternoon in the hospital she had served for 15 years.

She had been ill for about two weeks.

Her remains will lie in state this evening at Stone and Myers Mortuary according to her sister, Mrs. Reginal Coffin of Elko, Nev. The body is to be shipped to Nevada for interment.

Besides her sister the deceased is survived by two brothers, William and Ernest, both of Elko.

MEDAL WINNER . . . Sergeant Amos Garcia, of Torrance, is decorated with a bronze star medal by Major General Robert F. Sink, commanding general, 7th Armored Division. The sergeant received the award as more than 5000 spectators and 12,000 soldiers in parade formation looked on during Armed Forces Day ceremonies last Saturday. Sergeant Garcia received the award for outstanding service as a medical aid man in Korea. His wife, Sally, is a student at the Los Angeles General Hospital. His father, Ismael Garcia, lives at 3239 W. 188th St.