

Toddler Steps Into Street, Dies Under Auto Wheels

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INVESTIGATIONS ORDERED ON TWO MORE HOME TRACTS

Residents Complain After Heavy Rains

A total of three recently completed tracts are now under fire by residents and state investigations have been ordered by the City Council.

Latest to complain were residents of tract 17560 in North Torrance who filed a petition with the Council Tuesday. Following a report of conditions resulting from the recent rains, the Council voted to request state inspection of the tract.

Second tract to come under fire Tuesday evening was Tract 18416, near Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Hwy. Residents complained that recent rains caused considerable damage to homes in parts of the tract. Residents said water seeped into homes, and sand was washed onto porches.

Following the filing of a petition in the matter, a state investigation of the situation was ordered.

Investigations ordered by the Council Tuesday, along with the one ordered about a month ago on another North Torrance tract, are made to determine if violations of state codes are involved.

Reports will be made by the investigators to the city.

Attorney Harry S. Apter told the Herald Tuesday that pleadings had not been completed in the \$300,000 libel suit filed by Developer Tony Paravano against one of the residents of Crenshaw Gardens who had complained to the Council of the conditions of a tract built by a Paravano company. The tract has been subject of an investigation.

Willd, Cook in Capital For Governor's Confab

Representing Torrance today and tomorrow at the Governor's Conference on California's Children and Youth for 1954, being held in Sacramento, are Sgt. D. C. Cook, Police juvenile officer, and John A. Willd, Torrance attorney and Republican candidate for State Assemblyman from the 68th Assembly District.

Governor Goodwin J. Knight called the conference in an effort to map plans for combating California's juvenile delinquency problem.

Former Torrance Pair's Daughter Killed By Car



ROBERT FINCH In Race Again

The 23-month-old daughter of a former Torrance family was killed Saturday afternoon when she dashed into the path of a car in front of 2513 Sierra St., where her parents were visiting friends.

The girl, Nancy Lynn Rockenmacher, was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital where her father is in charge of the laboratory. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Morris Rockenmacher, formerly lived at 2529 Sierra St. here, but moved to Redondo Beach last fall.

Police said that the driver of the car, Paul C. Dewey, 61, did not have a chance to see the girl. His car was traveling about 15 miles per hour when it struck her, according to police records. Dewey, an employee of Chancellor-Canfield Midway Oil Co., lives on the CCMO lease. He was not cited by police.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Glasband Mortuary in Los Angeles and interment followed at the Agudath Achin Cemetery.

The toddler's death was the second auto fatality in Torrance during 1954. John L. Brekke, of Redondo Beach, died Jan. 18 when his auto swerved off Hawthorne Ave. at Del Amo and crumpled against a huge eucalyptus tree at the intersection.

92 Here Second Hottest in Area

The mercury hit a scorching 92 degrees in Torrance Tuesday—second hottest in Los Angeles County.

Little relief is seen for today by the Weather bureau, which has predicted a high of around 89 degrees. Yesterday's temperature here was 89, too, according

to the Fire Department thermometer.

The blistering heat wave caused the mercury to hit 80 degrees in Torrance Sunday and 85 on Monday.

Low humidity and a resultant high fire hazard has accompanied the spell of early summer.



(Herald Photo) NEW DEFENSE GIZMOS . . . George Fowell, assistant Civil Defense Director, and Capt. Gordon Northington of the Torrance Fire Dept. look over two new ion chambers, devices to measure atomic radiation. The devices, two of six made available to the city, measure radiation in Roentgens per hour. Captain Northington, along with Battalion Chief Gene Walker, Fire Marshal Robert Lucas, and Capt. Robert Moffitt, have completed the state radiological monitoring course and will set up classes here for other fire and police personnel.

Former Torrance High School Principal Given Post at USC

John K. Steinbaugh, 43, principal of Torrance High School for five years—1947-52—became associate director of admissions at the University of Southern California this week, in charge of high school and college relations.

Steinbaugh had been teaching at the Riviera Elementary School while pursuing his studies for the Doctor of Education degree at SC. His resignation was accepted Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education, becoming effective Feb. 19.

He succeeded Earl C. Bolton as personnel-administrative officer for the Naval Air Transport Service.

He taught high school in Oakland and Grinnell, Ia., and then (Continued on Page 3)

He will succeed Earl C. Bolton at USC and will assist Director of Admissions H. J. Sheffield, formerly of El Camino College. Bolton recently was named administrative assistant to President Fred D. Fagg Jr. Steinbaugh is a graduate of Creighton University, Omaha, where he received the degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy and Master of Arts. He is working for the Doctor of Education degree at SC, and has had graduate courses at the University of Iowa, Drake University, University of Washington, and Teachers College of Columbia University.

Held War Rank During World War II, Steinbaugh held the rank of lieutenant commander and served as officer in charge of various ground schools for the training of aviation cadets and as a per-



JOHN STEINBAUGH Accepts SC Post

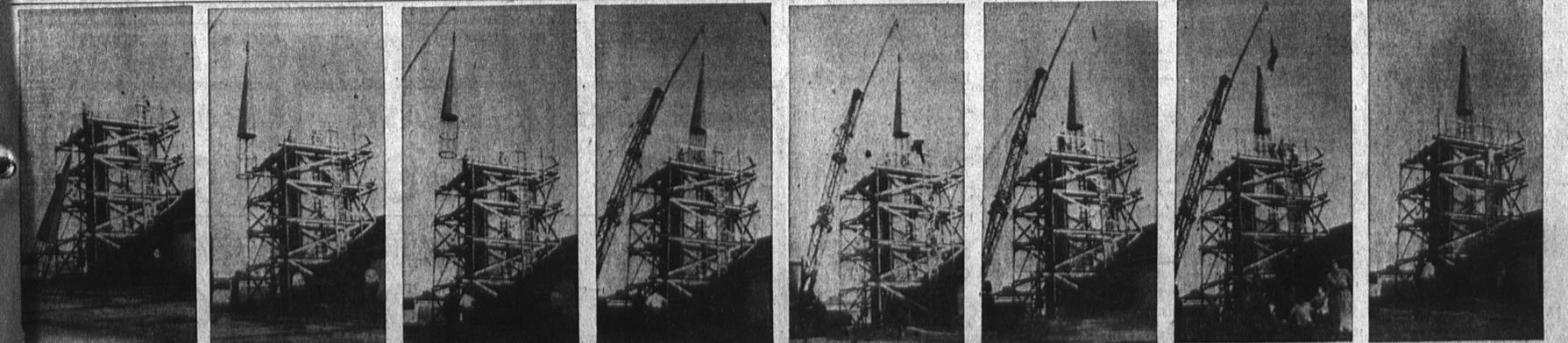
Finch Enters Congressional Contest Again

A return match between Robert H. Finch and Cecil R. King, 1952 finalists in the race for 17th Congressional votes, has been set up for 1954 with the endorsement of Finch by the district's fact-finding committee in unanimous action Monday evening.

A reluctant candidate for the office before Monday's action, Finch announced immediately that he would turn his law practice over to his partners in the Finch, Bell, Duitman, and Jockel firm of Inglewood, and devote his time to the candidacy.

Selection of Finch, who was barely nosed out in the general election of 1952, came after four weeks of meetings by the 180-member fact-finding committee. Four other candidates who appeared before the committee during the meetings pledged to support Finch following the find-

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IT TOOK ABOUT 15 MINUTES FOR A KYLE O. MAYS CRANE CREW TO SET THE SPIRE ON THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. MEL FRYAR PUT THE FINAL TOUCH ON—THE CROSS.