

5 INJURED IN HIGHWAY CRASH



MORE HIGHWAY INJURIES . . . Five more injuries were chalked down to the mounting Pacific Coast Hwy. record early yesterday when this auto and another crashed head-on near the new Ellinwood development. One Navyman was pinned in this car for more than 30 minutes following the crash.

Driver Forces Police Officers Off Highway

Just seconds after a car driven by an allegedly drunken driver had forced a Torrance Police car off the highway, it crashed head on into another auto on Pacific Coast Hwy. early yesterday sending five to the hospital with injuries ranging from minor to serious.

Booked on suspicion of felony drunk driving after treatment for minor cuts and bruises at Harbor General Hospital was Richard Headon, 40, of Manhattan Beach.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital with serious injuries were Donald W. Campbell, 22, the other driver; Eugene Martin, 21, and Lewis Cheshire, 21, all Navy enlisted men aboard the USS Helena. Also hospitalized was Frank L. Dickson, 39, of Manhattan, a passenger in the car driven by Headon.

Police Officers Ralph Walker and Sam Piazza, said they were forced onto the shoulder of the busy highway when the Headon auto, traveling without lights, came at them from the east on the wrong side of the 80-foot highway.

While the officers were turning around to investigate the auto, it crashed head-on with the car being driven by Campbell, they reported.

Cheshire was pinned in the Campbell auto for nearly 30 minutes before the wreckage could be pulled away to allow his release, officers reported.

Headon was released yesterday after bail was set at \$1000.

Dr. Berke Named To Head Fund Campaign Section

Dr. Arthur Berke, 1536 Craven Ave., has been named section chairman for the United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign in the Southern Section of Los Angeles.

The Welfare Fund, with a city-wide goal of \$6,000,000, supports 177 local, national and overseas relief, rehabilitation and welfare agencies. The drive opens on April 1.



CONTRIBUTIONS POUR IN . . . Red cross volunteers check in funds for the current Red Cross Fund campaign at the fund headquarters. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Murray Rudnick, small business chairman, and Mrs. Robert Mowry, residential chairman. Standing are Mayor Mervin M. Schwab, commerce and industry; W. A. Felker, advance gifts; and J. Hugh Sherkey, over-all chairman.



Pair Referred To Youth Authority
Keystone brothers Bruce and Wayne Hooker, accused of assaulting two local men on Christmas Eve, were referred to the California Youth Authority Friday in Long Beach Superior Court and their sentencing has been continued to April 2, pending the Authority's decision.

The pair pleaded not guilty to attacking W. K. Coons, 1447 W. 228th St., and Roy J. Patton, 23156 Narbonne Ave., Lomita in an altercation in front of 1403 W. Carson St. on the night before Christmas.

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CITY PLANNING BODY NIXES BUSINESS ZONE

Torrance Blvd. Zone Plan Up to Council

Property owners along two and one-half blocks of Torrance Blvd. who had petitioned the city to rezone their area from residential to commercial were rebuffed in the first step of the procedure here Wednesday night when the Planning Commission voted 5-4 to recommend denial of the petition.

The vote climaxed two public hearings on the matter during which 22 of the 30 property owners involved had gone on record as favoring the rezoning. There were no protests made and no reasons given for recommending denial.

Sought by the petitioners was the rezoning of the two and one-half blocks from Madrid Ave. along both sides of Torrance Blvd. westward to meet an existing commercial zone which extends eastward from Crenshaw Blvd.

The recommendation for denial was met with loud protestations by a large number of residents in the area, who had attended the hearings in an effort to have it approved.

Residents Protest
"I've been a resident of the City of Torrance for 30 years and I resent the brushoff treatment we, the property owners on Torrance Blvd., received from the Planning Commission in our effort to improve the possibilities of our city," one proponent of the rezoning told the Herald after the meeting.

"I can not understand what constitutional right the Planning Commission has to arbitrarily vote against the petitioners of Torrance Blvd. when there was no one who objected," another said. All were critical of the fact that no reason for recommending denial was given.

"The Planning Commission hasn't handled this in a very diplomatic manner," another called later to tell the Herald.

Denial of the petition was recommended when a motion by Former Mayor J. Hugh Sherkey Jr. to approve it was defeated. Voting with Sherkey for the petition were Commissioners Al Hill, William A. Mason, and James Minter. Voting against it were President Beverly Smith and Commissioners Luther Mumford, H. R. Black, Robert Delinger, and James Whitcomb.

The matter will come before the City Council Tuesday night and a third hearing date set. The hearing will probably be held April 14, the night after the city election, City Hall sources said.

Burglary Suspect Hearing Date Set

Lomita longshoreman Delbert Chapman, 41, charged with burglarizing a Long Beach Vending Machine Co. of \$10,000 in small change, is scheduled to appear March 22 in Long Beach Superior court for preliminary hearing.

Chapman, who lives at 1756 W. 261st St., is free on bail. He has denied robbing the Stuber Service Co. on Feb. 28.

Chapman told the court at his arraignment that the \$2000 in small change that he was apprehended trying to convert into cash in Las Vegas was money that he had saved and kept in his car.

Absentee Ballot Procedure for City Vote Told

Applications for absentee ballots for the April 13 municipal election may be made any time beginning March 24, it was announced yesterday by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. Last day for making application for the ballots will be April 8.

"Except for a serviceman, who is away from home with the Armed Forces, applications will not be received except during that time," Bartlett said. A serviceman may apply at any time prior to the election.

Each request for an absentee ballot must be made in writing over the signature of the registered voter, the City Clerk reported. A mother or wife may not apply for a serviceman, and a man may not apply for him and his wife. Each voter must apply in writing individually.

A letter or card bearing the signature of the voter is sufficient, Bartlett said. He pointed out that signature would be checked against the registration before the ballot is sent to the Council for canvassing.

Applications should be addressed to the City Clerk, 1511 Craven Ave., Torrance.

Democratic Congressmen from Southern California voting against Eisenhower's program were Reps. Clyde Doyle, Cecil King, Chet Holifield, Harry Shepard, and Sam Yosty.

Keep Those Rain Togs Near Today

A total of 1.20 inches of rain fell on Torrance Friday night and Saturday morning, according to figures compiled by the Fire Department.

The deluge brought the rainfall figures for the season to 3.86 inches, compared to 6.76 inches at this time last year.

The Weather Bureau predicts recurring rain or showery periods today with brief flurries of heavy rain expected and occasional winds. There should be little change in temperature, with a high here of around 64 and a low of 47 degrees.

Oh, by the way, it's spring, if anyone cares. The happy season arrived at exactly 7:54 p.m. last night, probably clad in mackintosh and galoshes.



MUSCLE BUILDER . . . All a couple of yeggs got out of this job was the exercise, Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton reported after investigating an attempted safe robbery early Friday at the General Petroleum Distributors at 1904th and Hawthorne. The safe contained about \$150 in cash and a large amount in checks, but the thieves left without them, he reported.

THS Thespians To Compete Tuesday In Pasadena One-Act Play Tourney

Torrance High School will enter competition Tuesday with 30 other schools from all parts of the state in the annual Pasadena Playhouse One-Act Play Tournament, which runs tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday.

A caravan of some 50 drama students from the local school will attend the 2:50 p. m. Tuesday showing of the Tartar play "Why I Am A Bachelor," a comedy by Conrad Steier.

Last year, the local thespians were given a superior rating for the play "Sunday Costs Five Pesos."

Heading the cast of the comedy of married life will be Nellie Mahon as the lecturer, who narrates the story, and Sue Mayer and Larry Carter as Henrietta and Algeron, a young married couple beset with trouble and in-laws.

Others in the cast are Connie Stout, as Henrietta's sister; Barbara Van Alstyne as Aunt Emma; and Elsa Barlow as Henrietta's mother.

Jim Babb is student director for the show and faculty supervisor is Von Hershey. On the backstage staff are Carol Davis and Robin Cookerill, makeup, and Louis Houek and Skippy Smith, technicians.

Knight Awards
Governor Knight awards will be presented to winners in the outstanding production category and Judge Wallace L. Ware of the Los Angeles Superior Court will bring Gov. Goodwin Knight's greetings on the opening day of the tourney. Honors and prizes will also be presented to the best actor and actress of each day's competition.

Some of the judges for the tournament will be Ed Kemmer and Bela Kovacs, star and associate producer of the TV show "Space Patrol," and Ruth Covell and Charles Lane, veterans of all avenues of show business.

Some 350 California students tonight.

Judge Smith called Jackson a "menace" on the highways and stated "This record indicates a complete disrespect of the laws of this state and I see no reason for leniency."

Police said that Pamela D. Mabee, 2, of 21740 Neptune Ave., apparently died as a result of the fall from her grandmother's car and not from being run over by Jackson's car. The accident occurred in Long Beach.

Scouts Troop To Snow
A group of 24 Scouts from Troop 315, sponsored by the Moose Club, left the rain to spend the week-end in the snow at Pepperdine Scout Camp Saturday morning and will return to Torrance tonight.

QUOTA BUSTERS . . . These three Red Cross volunteers have exceeded their quotas by a large margin, and were guests of the Navy on Terminal Island last week as a reward. On left to right are Maxine Crosley, Juanita Brennan, and Evelyn Radford.