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CADET HONORED . . . George Whiting (right), former student body president of Torrance High School and later a cadet colonel in the Air Force ROTC at the University of California, received the Air Force Association Silver Medal as the outstanding Air Force cadet at recent ceremonies on the campus of the Northern California university. With him are William Lawrence, Army, and Donald Kirsner, Navy, who received honors in the other branches of the armed forces ROTC units.

### Cadet Col. Whiting UC Honor Graduate

High honors have been accorded George Whiting, a former student body president of Torrance High School in 1949 who was recently awarded the Air Force Association Medal as the most outstanding Air Force Cadet at the University of California.

Whiting, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Whiting, 1749 Arlington Ave., served as corps commander at California with the rank of cadet colonel. Soon after his graduation on June 19, at which time he will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force, Whiting will begin his flight training.

He was one of six distinguished military graduates of the university selected by President and Mrs. Gordon Sproul as one of 20 outstanding seniors to assist in receiving guests at the reception for graduating seniors at the president's home on June 14.

The honor graduate served his senior year as president of Phi Kappa Psi, campus fraternity.

He worked part time as a playground director for the City of Oakland during school months and for the Recreation Department of the City of Torrance during the summer months. He is a former Torrance Herald carrier boy and later a high school sports writer for the Herald.

### Ex-Mayor Hurt

Ex-mayor J. Hugh Sherfy sustained several broken ribs Saturday night when his auto crashed into the rear of a stalled car on Torrance Blvd. near Earl St., according to reports of the California Highway Patrol.

According to the highway patrol, Betty Wright, 713 Madrid Ave., driver of the other car, ran out of gas and she and two passengers got out of the car to go for gasoline when Sherfy's auto crashed into the rear end of the stalled car.

### Tax Committee Recommends Plan For Recreation

The Torrance Industries Tax Committee this week urged the City Council to adopt a three-point program affecting recreation for the city of Torrance.

In a letter addressed to the council by R. I. Plomert, Jr., chairman, the committee urged the city fathers to adopt the following recommendations:

(1) Fullest possible use throughout the year of available school playground facilities where their use will not interfere with school classes, especially during vacation periods when there are no classes;

(2) If this full operation of these facilities requires additional personnel, then the city general budget should provide for this requirement; and

(3) We feel that no additional recreational tax levy should be made at this time but any capital outlay projects for recreational facilities which are needed to be submitted to the people for a vote on these projects.

Plomert wrote that the recommendations of the committee were based on findings of the industry study group after interviewing the chairman, a designer, a corporation spokesman and members of the Recreation Commission, the superintendent of schools, the city manager, the chairman of the Torrance Citizens Better Recreation Committee and others.

### Weather

Sunny but some increase in cloudiness, little change in temperature with a high of around 89 degrees and a low of 48 this morning.



HIGHWAY TRAGEDY . . . Mrs. Susan Johnson (right) attempts to comfort her four-month-old son, who died a few minutes after this picture was taken at the scene of a two-car crash at 220th St. and Figueroa Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Lois Peace tries to quiet her injured 18-month-old child as Robert Rhodes, a South Bay ambulance attendant, prepares her for transportation to the Harbor General Hospital. Mrs. Peace, an expectant mother, suffered a fractured pelvis, which prompted the premature birth of her child, who died that night.

### To Build 1200 Homes In Huge New Project

Ground will be broken tomorrow morning for a \$20,000,000 new home project in southwest Torrance resulting in the eventual construction of 1200 homes, according to Harry Kissel, president of the Ellinwood Corp., developers.

When completed, the development will represent the largest single residential project in the history of the city.

The first unit of 100 homes, to be known as "Ellinwood," will be three-bedroom, two-bath construction and will sell for approximately \$12,000 with no down payment to veterans, the developer stated.

The homes are to be erected on the historic Ellinwood Ranch located south of Pacific Coast Hwy. between Hollywood Boulevard and Waverly. Twenty acres of the proposed 302-acre development will be reserved for what the developer termed "a metropolitan shopping center." School and park sites within the area have been allowed in the tract design, a corporation spokesman said.

Kissel, who also heads the Kissel Building Materials Co. of Inglewood, stated that five model homes will be built immediately to introduce the first group of homes to prospective buyers. The tract will be composed of five different floor plans and five changes in elevation. They are to be of contemporary, modern style using stucco and redwood exterior finishes. Herb Lightfoot, prominent sales agent, will handle sales.

Among those attending the ground-breaking ceremony at 11 a.m. tomorrow will be Dr. Lathrop M. Ellinwood of San Francisco, from whom the property was purchased. City officials have been invited by telegram to attend the ceremony.

### Tot in Serious Condition After Uptown Mishap

A 2½-year-old tot, Christine Boothe of 1628 W. 214th St., is in serious condition today after she was run over by a car in the busy uptown business section on Sartori Ave.

A score of shoppers saw the little girl get out of her mother's parked auto and dash into the path of a car being driven by Marvin Lee Sanders, 28, of 1706 Herrin St., Redondo Beach. Sanders said he felt his car run over something, but was unaware that it was a child until he looked in his mirror and saw the prostrate girl lying in the street.

A father of three children, Sanders wept bitterly as he tried to comfort the girl's mother, Mrs. Katherine Boothe, who came out of a nearby store to discover her daughter had been injured.

Doctors at the Medical Center of Torrance said a cursory examination revealed that the girl had suffered a cerebral concussion with possible fracture and possible internal injuries, and described her condition as serious.

### Inquest Slated In Three-Death Auto Accident

A coroner's jury is to convene Monday morning to determine criminal responsibility, if any, in an accident at 220th St. and Figueroa Saturday afternoon which resulted in the death of a four-month-old baby, a 53-year-old woman, and a prematurely born infant.

Seven persons were injured in the crash as a car driven by 17-year-old Eula Mae Peace, of 16321 S. Figueroa, failed to make a boulevard stop, according to the California Highway Patrol, and was rammed by an auto being driven by Murray Witosky, 35, of Encino.

Dead are Mrs. Bertha M. Peace, mother of the youthful driver, and Donald Johnson, 4-month-old son of Mrs. Royce Johnson of 16510 1/2 S. Vermont Ave.

Mrs. Lois Peace, 22, who was seven months pregnant at the time of the accident, suffered a broken pelvis. She gave birth to her child, who died shortly after birth at the Gardens Hospital only hours after the accident.

Injured also in the tragic crash were Mrs. Lois Peace's 18-month-old son Michael, who received a laceration on the scalp; Mrs. Royce Johnson, mother of the dead child; and Eula Peace, Witosky suffered a broken arm.

The inquest is slated for 9 a.m. Monday at Stone and Myers Mortuary, where the infant's remains were taken, and later transferred to McMillan's Mortuary in Gardena. Services are scheduled for 1 o'clock this afternoon for the young child.

Mrs. Peace, also taken to McMillan's Mortuary, is to be shipped to Wagoner, Okla., for burial. She was visiting with relatives here at the time of the crash.

### Fire Captain's Wife Suffers Stroke

Mrs. Roy Winters of 1204 El Prado, wife of the former Torrance fire captain, was confined to the Torrance Memorial Hospital this week following a stroke suffered at her home at approximately 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

### Alden's Employers Guilty Too, Claims Judge Neeley

A Superior Court judge opined Tuesday that Joe Alden's employers, the National Supply Employees Credit Union, were as guilty as Alden, former manager of the credit union, who was sentenced Tuesday for embezzlement of \$7628 of the organization's funds.

In handing Alden, former manager of the credit union, a five-month jail sentence he stated that the Alden "was overworked and underpaid." The court records indicated that Alden's take-home pay averaged \$269 a month.

Alden, who lives at 25114 Woodward St. in Lomita, was placed on probation for three years with a condition of probation that he make restitution to the credit union and drink no alcoholic beverage during the three-year probationary period.

THE CAUSE OF IT ALL . . . All householders using Torrance Municipal water were asked this week to conserve water while this installation at 203rd St. and Crenshaw Blvd. was being completed. The city is cut off from Metropolitan Water District supply and is using water supplied solely from wells. Residents are asked by Angus McVicar, superintendent of the Water Department (kneeling in the background) to refrain from watering lawns and washing automobiles until the installation is completed Saturday afternoon. McVicar reported excellent cooperation from residents and industry during the first two days of the conservation period.