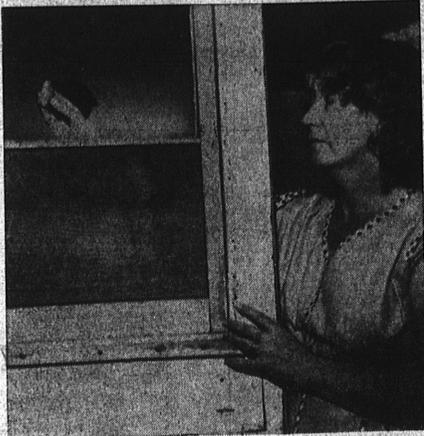


101 Hottest Day Since 1950, No Relief In Sight

Residents Dodge Terror Missiles from Sky



ON TARGET . . . Mrs. Mable Day whose home has suffered three broken windows, holds a rock that broke one of them.

A literal rain of hell from the skies has terrorized a number of fear-stricken residents of Waveria and in one case caused the "evacuation" of two small children from the area in an attempt to protect them from serious injury or death from deadly weapons dropping out of the sky.

Two persons living on the 24400 block of Madison St. have been hit by the flying objects. Three windows on one home were broken by the missiles as they sailed through the air from "out of nowhere." The origin of the weird flying objects has defied police detection.

For nearly six weeks residents of the area have been dodging such meteoric objects as chunks of concrete the size of a grapefruit, tin cans, rusty spark plugs, an eight-inch piece of pipe, a 10-inch chunk of two by four, and wine bottles.

"The bottles are especially frightening," said one resident of the target area. "They make a weird whining noise as they sail through the air before they hit." She pointed to the roof of her home which was splattered with broken glass.

How and from where the objects are coming is still a mystery, although police and fear-filled victims of the area have some theories. The airborne projectiles are believed to be shot from a huge slingshot. They hurtle through the air silently in a wide arc from a launching site thought to be at least two blocks away.

Mrs. Mable Day, 24435 Madison St., said that last Sunday was the worst day of the attack.

"They (the objects) started falling about 11 a.m. Sunday morning. They finally stopped about 11 p.m. that night. You can't imagine how terrifying it is to sit in your house

and hear a large rock hit the roof with a thump and roll off the eaves. It's weird!"

Mrs. Day's home has been the bull's eye of much of the attack and has sustained three broken windows to prove the accuracy of the aerial bombardment.

"I was out in the yard talking to my neighbor about the attack when all of a sudden we heard this whining sound and then thump, right alongside of us landed this piece of two by four." She said it was at least ten inches long. Into her yard fell also a piece of three-quarter inch steel pipe about eight inches long.

Her mother, Mrs. Elva Lemm, who lives at 24442 1/2 Ward St., was out in her front yard when a rock the size of an apple came hurtling through the air and struck her on the head.

"It didn't knock me unconscious but it made me sick to my stomach. I'm scared to death. I can't eat. And you couldn't either with those rocks landing in your yard and hitting your roof all day long. I'm afraid to go outside," said Mrs. Lemm.

Mrs. Emily Dolly of 24430 Madison St. had her two grandchildren, ages six and seven years, visiting her. "It got so bad I called up their mother and told her to come get the children because I was afraid they would be hurt."

Sgt. said the first time one of the projectiles hit her house she thought it was an earthquake. She said she found several pieces of sharp-edged, jagged pieces of concrete in her yard after one vicious attack. The pieces were nearly as large as a grapefruit.

Police summoned to the area to investigate the attack



HIT . . . Mrs. Elva Lemm, hit on the head with the rock she holds in her hand, looks into the sky and wonders what's next.

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Police In New Crackdown On Gang Riots; Arrest 13

Officials Hike 1953 Building Estimates

City officials who had estimated that the city would have a \$25,000,000 year in new building this year are taking a second look at their guesses this week.

City Manager George Stevens, usually inclined to be conservative about such predictions, said yesterday that "with just a little luck," the city could hit

the \$30,000,000 level this year. Cause of the optimism among the officials was the month of September which saw the 1953 total rise to \$22,146,537, nearly \$7 million more than last year's total at this time.

To be issued in October, probably within a few days, are permits for the second batch of houses going up on the Hillwood Estate on Pacific Coast Hwy. This will give October a million-dollar boost.

Also in the fire is the huge tract at 190th St. and Yukon Ave., for the Watt Construction Co., which will be issued in the near future.

Another Tract
Officials also say that the

Accidents Keep Police Hopping

Two auto accidents occurring almost simultaneously and within a block of one another had police hopping here Thursday evening.

A call came into the Torrance police switchboard at 5 p.m. reporting a two-car collision at Sepulveda Blvd. and Western Ave.

Seconds later another crash, this time on Sepulveda Blvd. at 228th St., was reported to local police.

Involved in the first crash was Mrs. Delma Nichols, 47, an employee of the Naval Supply Depot here, who collided with a car being driven by Robert Ellertson, 35, of Los Angeles. A passenger in Mrs. Nichols' car, Mrs. Juanita Suenes of 711B Victoria St., received a minor bruise in the crash. No one else was injured.

West of the first crash on Sepulveda Blvd., Patrolman Hugh Green took a report of an accident involving Mrs. Lillie Bond, 33, of 1067 W. 229th St., in a late model Buick colliding with a car being driven by Rose Craig of 1808 Santa

Mining Firm Said Ready to Buy 6800-Acre Palos Verdes Corp.

Possibility that the sprawling Palos Verdes Corp. holdings might be sold to the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. for an open pit mine was forecast last week at a meeting of the Rolling Hills home owners.

Meeting with the group was Frank Vanderlip Jr., president of the Palos Verdes Corp., and Ivar O. Hanson, representing the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. who said his company was planning a huge open diatomite mine in the area.

Members of the Homeowners' association were told by the two men that the sale of the 6800-acre undeveloped portion of the Palos Verdes Corp. to Great Lakes was being studied. Also revealed at the meeting was the

fact that the Great Lakes Corp. was planning to mine diatomite earth at Crenshaw Blvd. and Crest Rd. in Rolling Hills. The officials said the County Planning Commission had already granted a permit to the firm to mine in the area.

Revelation of the deal apparently came as a complete surprise to residents of the area. They were told by Hanson that the open mining at Crenshaw and Crest Rd. would be done with as little unpleasantness as possible. Residents near the area were told that entire mining areas would be screened by artificial planting.

Duration of the mining operation would be about 20 years, Hanson said.



TWO HURT . . . The driver of this car, Lucille Ann Geary, and her passenger, Doris Geary, both of 5132 Zakon Rd., Sealside Heights, escaped serious injury last week when their auto collided with another at Hawthorne and Pacific Coast Hwy. The driver of the auto was treated for knee injuries at Harbor General Hospital and released. Doris Geary was transferred from Harbor to St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood with head injuries. (Herald photo)

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2 Jailed, 4 Fined In Riot

Jail sentences were meted out to two and fines levied on three others following a near-riot at a postgame dance at the YWCA here Friday night. Seven adults and six juveniles were arrested.

Sentenced to two days in County Jail yesterday when he appeared before Municipal Judge John A. Shidler was Billy Bob Williams, 18, of Lynwood. Five days in jail was handed out to James Robert Dudley, 20, of 24629 Moon Ave. Lomita.

The jailed pair, along with five others, were arrested at the YWCA at a dance for high school students which was under way following the Torrance-Lynwood football game here.

Also arrested was Joseph Sampson, 19, of Los Angeles who pleaded guilty to charges of resisting an officer and disturbing the peace. He was fined \$25 and ordered to pay Sgt. John Maestri \$3 to repair a tear in the sergeant's uniform.

FINED \$50
Betty Margaret Watson, 19, of 1407 Greenwood Ave., was charged with being drunk and with disturbing the peace. She was fined \$25 on each count with one of the fines suspended.

Her husband, Carmen Lee Watson, 19, of the same address, was ordered to pay \$50—\$25 on each of two similar charges.

Coy Lee Hall, 21, of 2158 W. 233rd St., pleaded not guilty to battery and disturbing the peace charges and was ordered to appear next Friday for trial. He was released on his own recognizance.

Ruben Ruiz, was charged with drunkenness and disturbing the peace. Judge Shidler fined him \$25 on the disturbing the peace charge but dismissed the drunkenness count.

Warning Issued
The post-game fracas brought a stern warning from Torrance police that the practice of older youths of congregating around high school parties, drinking and causing trouble would not be tolerated.

Police Sgt. D. C. Cook, head of the city's juvenile bureau, said yesterday that police would continue to arrest offenders in an effort to keep hoodlums



BEAUTY AND BLOOMERS . . . Lovely Dorothy Dallas, of Torrance, prepares to throw off her shackles and don bloomers as a symbol of freedom for women in the delightful musical comedy "Bloomer Girl" to be presented Oct. 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17 at Redondo Union High School auditorium. The South Bay Civic Opera Association is staging the show, their 17th such production. Dorothy Dallas plays the leading feminine part of "Evalina" from the song of the same name.

Torrance Inventor Has Smog Solution

Eyes are smarting and lungs are rotting because of stinging, poisonous smog while the solution to the whole problem is as simple as summer rain, according to Victor Constantine, of 2307 Border Ave., inventor of a smog-washing machine which he says will make the air around us as pure as the driven snow.

Constantine's invention consists of a series of fine water jets which wash the impurities from the smog as it passes through a labyrinthian tubular affair which would be attached to factory chimneys.

Constantine has appeared before City Council meetings in Los Angeles and before Gordon P. Larson and Co., who are in charge of smog control for Los Angeles, but thus far their reception of his invention has been quite cool.

The inventor has tried to persuade the smog controllers that his invention will wash the impurities from the odious smoke just as the rain in the winter does. He also points out that his invention costs only about \$500, while some factories have invested up to \$600,000 to curb smog.

Constantine has made a standing offer to install his inven-

Victim Of Rape Scans Criminal Mug Photographs

Scanning hundreds of "mug shots" of known sex offenders, a nine year old Torrance Elementary School girl shook her head again and again this week saying "no, he's not the man," in an attempt to identify the fiend who pulled her into his car, drove to a lonely spot in the oil fields and raped her on Sept. 25.

Nearville, police agencies continued their search for a pimply faced 22-23 year old youth in a dark green cut-down coupe. Sgt. D. C. Cook who is in charge of the investigation believes the rapist might be the same who kidnaped and raped another Torrance girl on Jan. 11 who was abducted within four blocks of the scene of last week's crime. Both attacks took place at almost the same hour—early in the morning.

Sgt. Cook asks any citizen of Torrance who knows of such a car to phone him at the Torrance Police Dept.

The car is believed to be an early model, no later than a 1939 Ford, Plymouth or Chevrolet coupe. It has an all steel top. It was described as being dark green in color with black wheels. Sgt. Cook pointed out that the suspect, believed to be a resident of the greater Torrance area, might have had the car repainted and asks anyone who repairs and asks anyone

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Freak Heat Wave Hits, Expected To Linger Today

Yesterday's high of 101 degrees made the hottest day in Torrance since Oct. 13, 1950 when the mercury hit a broiling 104, and there's no relief in sight, according to the weather bureau.

The freakish heat wave reached 97 at 1:15, then jumped to 101 between 1 and 2 p.m., and dropped to 94 at 3:30, according to the local Fire Department.

An unprecedented heat wave swept down on the whole Los Angeles area yesterday when warm, dry northeast winds blew in from the Mojave Desert, sending thousands of residents swarming to the beaches to seek relief.

Torrance Beach was invaded by a huge crowd, rather unusual for October. Relief Lifeguard Rex Guthrie reported no rescues from the surf, just a few scaries.

Lifeguard Guthrie reported the water clear, warm and ideal for skin diving and surfing. He expects a large crowd out to enjoy it today.

The mercury will probably hover around the 97-degree mark this afternoon, weather bureau officials said, and the sudden heat spell will probably last into tomorrow, maybe longer.

Yesterday's high broke the record in Torrance for 1953. The day was Sunday, July 12, when the streets melted under 96 degrees. At International Airport yesterday, the asphalt buckled under a record-shattering 100 degrees. The high in downtown Los Angeles—98—was not quite enough to break the previous high for an October day—104.

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