

High School Double Session Schedules Announced

PRISON AWAITS DEATH CAR BANDIT

WEATHER

Weather picture for today and tomorrow is about the same: no clouds and fog in the morning hours, clearing in the early afternoon with bright and hazy sun. Slightly cooler weather tomorrow. High today expected about 84, low this morning was 60. Beach high: 75 degrees.

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Window Smashed By Auto

A plate glass window, a stop sign, burred fenders, and hurt feelings were chalked up as week-end traffic casualties, but no one was seriously hurt in five highway mishaps.

Treated for cuts and bruises after his auto spun out of control and crashed through a 14-foot plate glass window at Paul's Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo Ave., early this morning was Alfred Chasen, 22, of 22426 S. Main St. Torrance police reported Chasen turned the corner at nearby Carson St., hit the street divider, and his auto went out of control.

The machine glanced off a lamp post, tossing the driver to the pavement. It then came to rest partly inside the auto showroom.

A stop sign was demolished at Lomita Blvd. and Crenshaw Saturday night and a car badly damaged after it ran off a road embankment.

Booked by Torrance Police on a drunk charge was Cecilio Murillo, 56, of San Pedro; according to Traffic Officer H. B. Ingram.

Other non-injury accidents were reported at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd., 190th St. and Prairie Ave., and a minor mishap in the Hollywood Riviera section.

Dairy Worker Dies at Job

Funeral services for Jack Klee, 51-year-old Redondo Beach man who collapsed at work in Torrance Friday, will be in Stone and Myers Chapel at 2 p. m. Thursday.

Mr. Klee suffered a heart attack while working as a milker at Roger Jessup Dairy, 3830 Del Amo Blvd. A fire department resuscitator squad worked two hours, but failed to revive him.

A native of Switzerland, Mr. Klee had lived in this area for 30 years.

He is survived by his widow, Evelyn; a daughter, Evelyn, of Redondo Beach, and several brothers, all living in Switzerland.

Interment will be in the Roosevelt Cemetery.

LAD INJURED IN FALL FROM TREE

Suffering a possible head injury when he fell from a 30-foot tree yesterday was Thomas C. Evans, 13, of 18401 S. Western Ave. The lad was transported to Harbor General Hospital by Torrance Ambulance, police reports show.

Hospital authorities this morning reported his condition as "fair."

Arson Suspected in \$125 Fire in Lomita

Someone apparently set fire to two wastebaskets in his room, Claud S. Bain, of 2168 W. 245th St., Lomita, told Lennox Sheriff's deputies last week.

When he returned to his room after being gone for some time, he found the wastebaskets burning brightly. Damage to the building was about \$100, while \$25 worth of clothes in the closet were destroyed, Bain said.

1954 Accident Death Toll Shows Big Jump

Torrance's death rate through auto accidents has taken a big jump this year, with seven persons killed so far compared with three at the same period last year. A total of four persons were killed in the entire city last year.

Only one of the accidents this year has involved more than one death. Mrs. Patricia von Delden, of Glendale, and her young daughter, Kim, were killed in an accident at Hawthorne Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy. last Apr. 3.

June and July have been the only death-free months this year, with one death record in each of the other months except April.

In 92 accidents so far this year, 123 people have been injured, compared with 68 accidents and 124 injuries in 1953.

This year, 327 accidents which involved property, occurred, compared with 301 at the same time last year.

During August, nine accidents occurred which involved injuries, and 24 accidents which involved only property damage.

Coroner In Probe of Death

A mysterious ailment that took the life of a young Torrance mother after she had been hospitalized about five hours Tuesday is being probed by officials of the County Coroner's office today.

Mrs. Shirley Kalnas, 27, of 811 Faysmith Ave., died Tuesday, five hours after she had been sent to Torrance Memorial Hospital by her doctor, William Johnson, M. D.

Mrs. Kalnas told the doctor that she thought she was contracting flu Saturday, but did not report it to him. On Monday, and on Tuesday, when she did not improve, he had her taken to the hospital. There, she suddenly became worse and died.

Exams Under Way

The coroner's office today is conducting microscopic examinations to determine the cause of death. Results of the examinations will not be known for about two weeks.

Neither coroner's officials nor Dr. Johnson could offer any explanation for the strange and sudden death. A preliminary autopsy showed nothing, according to the doctor.

Mrs. Kalnas is survived by her husband, Ralph, and children, Michael, 22 months, and Rebecca, 10 months. Her body has been shipped to Pittsburgh, Penn., by Stone and Myers Mortuary for funeral services.

WAC Colonel Due

Col. Irene O. Galloway, director of the Women's Army Corps, will arrive at Fort MacArthur tomorrow while on a three-week inspection tour of WAC activities throughout the Sixth Army area.



IDEA EXCHANGE . . . Jim Donnette, left, student body president at Torrance High School, listens while Miss Lena Malmstrom tells Max Will of Bochum, Westphalia, Germany, about life in her native Sweden. Both she and Max, who will attend THS under the American Field Service International Scholarship program this year, were honor guests at a reception sponsored by the AFSIS committee at the YWCA Friday night.

Elderly Man Exposes Self to Young Girls

Three young Torrance girls were accosted by an elderly man who indecently exposed himself to them, they told Sheriff's deputies Thursday.

The girls were leaving Alondra Park via the El Camino College parking lot, when they noticed the man in swimming trunks standing by the rear of his car. When he exposed himself to them, they ran away. Two of the girls were nine years old, and another was seven.

Death Car Bandit Given Five Years

Plea of the jury that the driver of a death car be returned to his family in Mexico were brushed aside last week when Superior Court Judge Joe Raycraft sentenced a 26-year-old contract farm worker to a 1-to-5 year prison term for the traffic death of a mother and her infant last April.

Sentenced to serve two six-month jail terms at the same time in connection with the deaths was Ruben Acosta, who was convicted last month on charges of stealing a taxi and ramming through a red light at Hawthorne and Pacific Coast Hwy., causing a crash which killed two. The County Jail sentences are to run concurrently with the prison term, Judge Raycraft ordered.

Foreman 'Sorry'
Judge Raycraft labeled the affair a "rather aggravated case," and said it resulted in the "useless loss of two lives."

Following the trial on Aug. 6, Jury Foreman Norval T. Clark, said,

"Tell him (Acosta) we feel sorry for him and don't think he's a criminal."

Acosta was convicted of stealing a taxicab in which he was a passenger from Cab Driver Frank Griffith at Hawthorne and Sepulveda and driving south on Hawthorne until he crashed into another auto at Pacific Coast Hwy.

Mrs. Patricia von Delden, 20, of Glendale and her child, Kim, were killed. The baby's father was seriously injured but recovered.

Torrance Owl

Whenever I see one of those gaily decorated autos with a happy sign on it saying "Just Married," I always think of the wife who told her husband, "You keep quiet. When I want your opinion, I'll give it to you."

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Prospective Elks To Hear Report On District Meet

A full report on a District Deputy meeting of the Elks, held yesterday at the Huntington Park Lodge, will be made to local members of the proposed Elks' Lodge at the regular meeting Wednesday night at Alan-Richard Hall.

Chairman Joseph E. Yates and Secretary George J. Lehr were directed to attend the meeting by District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd Tumbleson. All members and applicants for the city's proposed new service club are urged to attend the Wednesday meeting, which begins at 8 p. m. Sandwiches and coffee will be served following the conclave.

Plans have been completed for a costume ball on Halloween night, Oct. 30, with prizes to be offered for the best costumes. A band has been obtained to play for dancing. Tickets can be obtained at Fenwick's Shoe Store, 1420 Marcella Ave., the Bottle Shop, 2087 Torrance Blvd., or from a number of members.

Approximately 60 members and candidates attended the last regular meeting of the club, held Sept. 8. Several new applications for membership were submitted at the meeting.

THS BAND STARTS PRACTICE TODAY

Torrance High School's band began practice this morning on pieces that they will play for special occasions, with the first performance scheduled for Friday's Freshman Day.

The band reported back a week early, and will practice every afternoon this week from 1 to 3 p. m.

Double Sessions At THS Planned

Torrance High School will hold double sessions this fall, with sessions running from 7:30 to 11:40 a. m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p. m., starting Monday, Sept. 20.

For this first time this year, the student body will be split into two sessions, with five classes held in each of the two sessions. Classes will be 44 minutes long, with a ten-minute snack period between classes.

Last year, school sessions ran from 8:05 a. m. to 3:05 p. m. and from 9:05 a. m. to 4:05 p. m. An enrollment of about 2000

Lions Slate White Cane Fund Drive

Appointment of Ruel Moulton to head up White Cane Day activities for the Torrance Lions Club Friday and Saturday was announced today by Club President Warren Hamilton.

The annual white cane sale, now in its fourth year, is used by Lions clubs throughout the nation to raise funds for the club's program of sight conservation.

The Torrance club will be out in force Friday and Saturday with miniature white canes, the recognized symbol for the blind, which they will give to each person donating to their charitable work.

During the past three years, the Torrance Lions Club has spent more than \$1500 in its sight conservation program. President Hamilton reports, He said an average of 40 needy Torrance children had received free eye examination and free glasses each year through the club's program.



WHITE CANE PROPS . . . Ella Mae McLeod, Miss Torrance Lions Club, helps President Warren Hamilton and Committee Chairman Ruel Moulton prepare material for the club's annual White Cane Day campaign next Friday and Saturday. The proceeds are used in the club's program of aiding the blind.



HERALD REPORTER HONORED . . . Herald Reporter Richard A. Friend, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Friend of 4 Eucalyptus Lane, Rolling Hills, received a Certificate of Achievement from Lt. Col. Roger O. Williams, Assistant Chief of Staff for the 8th Infantry Division Friday. Friend was honored for outstanding services to the command as a member of the Public Information Office at Fort Ord. It was a new "switch" for Corporal Friend—as PIO reporter-photographer, he took thousands of pictures of visiting dignitaries, awards, and decorations since he entered the Army in 1952. Friend returned to his post at the Torrance HERALD this morning. (U.S. Army Photo)

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