



A NEW DOOR . . . Eve Messinger, of 4810 Sepulveda, checks the new opening in the side of his garage which got there Sunday afternoon when this station wagon went out of control following a three-car crash nearby. Four persons received minor injuries in the collision.



POLICE OFFICER HURT . . . Los Angeles Police Officer Edwin Lipinski, 29, of Rolling Hills, received head and leg injuries Sunday afternoon, as the motorcycle he was riding collided with a car driven by Fred Israel, 66, of South Gate. The accident occurred near Winlock Dr. on Pacific Coast Hwy. Lipinski was off-duty at the time of the accident. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

Doctor-Population Ratio Lowest In Torrance Area Health District

The Torrance and Compton health districts have the lowest number of MDs per population, the annual report of the Los Angeles County Health Department showed.

According to Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, director, the 214,000 people served by the Torrance office have fewer doctors than the 11 of the other 13 county health districts.

The Torrance district includes Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, Palos Verdes, the Beach cities, and nearby unincorporated territory. From 1953 to 1954, the district grew in population from 180,000 persons to an estimated 214,000 at present. It ranks fourth among the 13 districts in population, and covers 115 square miles.

Other offices are located in Alhambra, Bellflower, Compton, East Los Angeles, Glendale, Inglewood, Monrovia, Pomona, San Antonio, San Fernando, Santa Monica, and Whittier.

County Has Contracts The Los Angeles county Health Department has contracts with 41 of the 46 incorporated municipalities for general service, but is primarily responsible for welfare of unincorporated territory.

Statistical information in the report shows that since 1949, deaths from syphilis have exceeded those caused by poliomyelitis. This is in areas served by the department, which represents about half the county over the five-year period, syphilis claimed 233 lives, as compared with 106 by polio.

The report also shows that the leading killer in accidents is the motor vehicle, which accounted for 460 lives, or 52.2 per cent of this category with a ratio of 20.8 per 100,000 population.

Accidents Big Killer Accidental falls took 141 lives during the past year, representing 16 per cent or a ratio of 6.4 per 100,000 and was second highest killer in the area under the county health department's jurisdiction.

Lowest on the list of accidental deaths were those caused by electric current, numbering 16 or 1.8 per cent and .7 in each 100,000.

According to statistics in the document, the gap between births and deaths in the entire county during recent years has widened in favor of births. Starting with 1946, the birth rate per 1000 population ranged from 21.3 to 23.5 as compared with a death ratio of from 9.5 to 9.7. Prior to 1946 and back to 1915, the birth range per 1000 population was from 12 to 18 per 1000, with a few scattered years higher. The death ratio over the same period ranged from about 10 to 13 per 1000 except in the influenza epidemic year of 1918. During

High School Test for Veterans Slated Soon A high school test for veterans wishing to secure a diploma is scheduled for April 25, 26, 27, and 28. The test will be given at 6:30 p.m. at Banning Adult School. Local veterans may make arrangements through San Pedro Adult School (TE 3-3361) at 1001 16th Street.

Typewriter Stolen A portable typewriter, valued at \$79, was taken from her home Saturday, Mrs. Paul M. Keith, of 201 Paseo de la Playa, told Torrance Police.

Two Chairs Taken Two maple chairs valued at \$15 were taken from the Thrifty Trailer Mart, 1914 Pacific Coast Hwy. Friday, William Landis told Sheriff's deputies.

Fender Skirt Missing A fender skirt, valued at \$20, was parked in front of his house, Ronald R. Cannon, of 2763 Carson St., told Torrance Police Thursday.

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