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Shots Resume With New Vaccine

Man Killed As Auto Hits Pole

A 35-year-old Douglas Aircraft Co. employee died three hours after his car went out of control on Sepulveda Blvd. near Madrona Ave. late Thursday afternoon and sheared off a telephone pole.

Richard Michael Gallella, of 22802 Anza Ave., died in Harbor General Hospital at 8:20 p.m. after the accident, which occurred at 5 p.m.

Car Out of Control
Witnesses reported that Gallella was passing a car and swung back into the right lane to avoid oncoming traffic when his car went out of control. His car missed other autos, witnesses said, but skidded along the right shoulder, then swerved to the other side of the road, smashed into a phone pole, completely breaking it off, and finally came to rest on nearby railroad tracks.

Alondra Signal Ready for Use

Traffic signals at Yukon Ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd. should be put into operation this week, county officials report. The entrance to Alondra Park was modified to permit maximum safety at the intersection. Yukon now extends into the park.

The signals were installed on a cooperative basis with the County and the city of Torrance. They are of the semi-traffic actuated type and will vary according to traffic conditions. Push buttons have been installed for pedestrians.

Man Nabbed After Chase

A Torrance motorist, Boyd F. O'Quinn, 29, of 3423 W. 188th St., was booked in Manhattan Beach for drunk driving Thursday after an 80-mile-an-hour chase, Beach police reported.

Police said O'Quinn was driving the car which was owned by Robert L. Ramsdell, 33, of Hermosa Beach, who was a passenger and was booked on drunk charges.

The chase lasted for about a mile when O'Quinn stopped for a light and then started to make an illegal left turn at Gould Lane and Sepulveda Blvd., police said.

Major Martin Williams In Big Army Exercise
Major Martin J. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Williams Sr., Lomita, participated in LOGEX-55, an Army-wide logistical exercise, May 27 at Fort Lee, Va.

Approximately 5000 officers and enlisted personnel were trained in supplying combat troops for modern warfare.

Parks Cut Back \$57,000

Cutbacks in the proposals for park and recreation facilities totaling \$57,060 has been recommended to the City Council by the Recreation Commission.

Necessitated by the fact that the bids received two months ago were considerably over the amount provided by the bond issue voted last year in a special election, the cutbacks hit each park, but has been done to permit maximum recreation development for the money available.

PUC Completes Hearings On Hawthorne Underpass

Public hearings before the California Public Utilities Commission were concluded last week on the application of the State Department of Public Works for authority to rebuild and widen the El Nido underpass of the Santa Fe Railway at Hawthorne Ave. at 190th St.

Examiner Grant E. Syphers announced the case would be submitted with the filing of briefs within 60 days.

Cost of the proposed improvement is estimated at approximately \$150,000. The Department of Public Works

Eastern Vaccine Cleared

Polio shots will be resumed again today in the Torrance area, according to Dr. Benjamin A. Kogan, local health officer.

The State Department of Public Health OK'd the resumption of shots after federal health authorities gave their stamp of approval to Parke-Davis polio vaccine late Friday. The Parke-Davis vaccine will be used for Torrance children.

Shots Sited
Shots will be given to children at Howard Wood and Meadow Park Schools today, with children at Walteria and Torrance Elementary Schools to get them tomorrow. Dr. Kogan indicated that roughly the same schedule would be followed as was originally announced.

Under the plan, Hillside, Perry, and El Nido Schools would receive shots on Wednesday, with North Torrance, Crenshaw, and Carr Schools to be visited on Thursday. Only first and second graders will receive the shots.

In the Torrance Health District, 4501 children have been vaccinated, with 5061 yet to receive the shots. Dr. Kogan said. The second series of shots will be given later.

12 Cases Reported
In Los Angeles County, 12 cases of polio have been reported at County General Hospital with seven of the patients having one polo shot, while the other five had received none. A Redondo Beach boy was among those confirmed as polio cases.

The vaccine arrived some time ago, but was held up, pending a national check on its safety.

The Parke-Davis vaccine was the first to be cleared. Officials had no comment on the Cutter vaccine which was originally used here.

Garages Burglarized

Two garages in tracts under construction near Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvd. were burglarized, R. F. Deatherage, superintendent told Torrance Police Wednesday. Paints, brushes, and sash braces were taken, he said.

Lights Cut Down

Another \$4200 could be saved on the El Retiro Park project by eliminating lighting, a proposed dry well, the center rail on the fence, and by changing the sprinkler system.

A reduction in building improvements, changing walks to gravel, omitting the utility building, and changing the patio wall to a fence would save \$7850 at Walteria, the Commissioners were told.

McMaster cutbacks included a barbecue, planter boxes, utility building, fencing around parking lot, outfield fencing, drinking fountain, lighting, and a building totaling a saving of \$17,250.

Elimination of all night lighting would effect a saving of another \$8000 on the program, Woollett said.

The Recreation Commission recommendations have been sent to the City Council for final action. Bids will be advertised for in a near future, it has been indicated.



SPEEDERS, WATCH OUT . . . Officer Don Nash, displays two new Ford Interceptors which were recently acquired by the Torrance Police Department. With 100 horsepower, the cars have the quickest pick-up of any yet owned by the Police and are to be used on city speeders in open areas. They will be used by the traffic division of the Police, and two more are on order.

Foes Charge 'Sell-Out' In Annexation Squabble

Charges of "sell-out" echoed throughout the Palos Verdes Peninsula area last week following action of the Palos Verdes City Council in canceling all annexation proceedings before that body.

The charges were made by opponents of the proposal to annex a portion of the peninsula to Torrance after the Palos Verdes Estates Council killed a proposal to annex three buffer strips across the north end of the peninsula to cut off Torrance.

Action of the Council was reported in the HERALD Thursday.

Following the clearing of the obstacles thrown up by Palos Verdes, the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. and affiliated companies, owners of the huge undeveloped area, filed new boundary descriptions with the County Boundary Commission Friday.

It was indicated that the new boundary may exclude the school property of Comdr. Joseph Chadwick. This, apparently, was part of the agreement with Palos Verdes Estates.

Opponents of the annexation move began citing proposed legislation now pending in Sacramento in efforts to forestall the annexation. Assembly Bill 1940, which will simplify some of the procedure for such actions, will be opposed when it comes before a Senate committee Thursday.

No formal announcement of the procedure to be followed by the peninsula developers and Torrance has been made. Filing of new boundary descriptions with the County however, is the first step. Next, probably, will be a resolution of intention to annex which would have to be adopted by the City Council.

Robbery Nets \$51 for Trio

Three men held up Vern Johnson, clerk at Paul's Liquor Store, 18178 Hawthorne Ave., at 1 a. m. Friday, and got \$51, Torrance Police reported.

Johnson told police that he was in the back room of the store when the trio came in, pulled a revolver on him, and tried to open the cash register. When they failed, they forced him to open the register, he said, and took all the money in it. They then made their getaway.

One of the men was described as about 25 years old, five foot ten inches tall, with brown hair, while a second was about 28, six foot two, with light hair. Johnson could not give a description of the third.

Naturalized Japanese to Be Honored

More than 150 newly naturalized Japanese-American citizens of this area are being invited to attend a testimonial dinner in their honor, according to Frank Kuida, president of the sponsoring Gardena Valley Chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens League.

The dinner will be held at the Western Club Cafe, 15516 S. Western Ave. on Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m. Mayors of Gardena and surrounding cities will be guests as well as others public officials, Kuida said.

Co-chairmen for the banquet are Paul Shinoda and Paul Koga. Committee chairmen assisting them are: entertainment, Yo Minami; decorations, Yoshio Kobata; ticket distribution, Frank Kuida; mailing list, Frank Yamauchi; place cards, Aki Tsukahara; reception committee, Kay Kamiya; printing, invitations and publicity, Tats Kushiada, master of ceremonies, Paul Shinoda.

Judge John F. Also, of the Los Angeles Municipal Court will be the guest speaker. Also included in the program is the installation of the newly elected officers of the chapter by National JAACL President J. Inagaki.

Compromise on Phone Case Seen

Residents of north Torrance will be given a chance to air their objections to a proposal for additional brick clay mining east of Arlington Ave. and south of 178th St., Wednesday evening when the Planning Commission conducts a public hearing on the matter.

Stiff opposition to the request of Henry M. Guenser for permission to excavate an additional 10 acres in the area for brick clay has been voiced by residents living in the vicinity of the proposed mine.

Guenser has offered to deed land now excavated to the city for park purposes at \$1 an acre in return for the permit to continue mining in the area. Under terms of the present agreement with the city, the huge pit resulting from the mining operation which covers approximately five acres now can not be filled and covered until 1959.

School Protest
The Torrance Board of Education, which plans to build an elementary school adjacent to the west end of the proposed mine, has officially protested the Guenser request. Petitions have been signed by residents of the area and presented to the Council. These have been referred to the Planning Commission for the Wednesday hearing.

The original request submitted by Guenser was approved by the Planning Commission last month but was returned to the planner in view of the storm of protests which rose.

Another hearing which attracted considerable attention two weeks ago was on the request of the General Telephone Co. for a variance to permit construction of a new two-story telephone switching office at Palos Verdes Blvd. and the Torrance-Palos Verdes boundary.

Views Cut Off
Residents of the area protested to the Planning Commission following a series of meetings with telephone company officials. Redesign of the building may permit installation of the complicated telephone switching facilities in a one-story building, it was indicated. A second formal hearing on this variance also is scheduled before the Planning Commission Wednesday evening.

Victor Zone Plan Goes to Supervisors
A zoning plan for Victor, a small unincorporated area bounded on the north, east and south by Torrance and on the west by Redondo Beach, has been forwarded to the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors by the County Regional Planning Commission.

The plan for the 650 acres of land calls for unlimited commercial zoning along Hawthorne Ave. and on corners of Torrance Blvd., Valerie, and Del Amo Aves.

The property on the north side of Torrance will be mostly zoned for multiple residences, while the interior of Victor would be agricultural with a minimum lot size of 7000 square feet.

A small area would be zoned for manufacturing to allow the operation and possible expansion of the 85 oil wells now in existence.

George Powell, planning secretary for Torrance, worked on this plan with the commission staff.

Steady Decline In Job Seekers Noted in Month

The steady decline in workers seeking employment through the local office of the Department of Employment was continued during the past 30 days, according to a report made last week end by Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the office.

Where 756 were seeking work two months ago and 752 last month, only 714 were registered for employment last week, Mrs. Ellis reported.

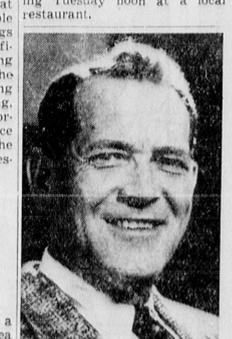
Of the 714 registered, 305 are women and 409 men, the report said. Thirty-nine per cent of the men are veterans.

Available applicants were classified as follows:

	March	April	May
Professional	31	48	46
Clerical	126	120	125
Sales	42	41	34
Service	82	89	85
Agricultural and Fishing	22	10	18
Skilled	142	166	160
Semi-skilled	161	129	116
Labor	147	143	130
	756	752	714

Lions Hear Hanson

Ivar O. Hanson, representative of the Palos Verdes Corp., will discuss the proposed annexation of territory to Torrance at the Lions Club meeting Tuesday noon at a local restaurant.



GEORGE C. CRABTREE, Honored for Service

25-Year Pin To Crabtree

George C. Crabtree, of 1785 Gramercy Ave., recently received a 25-year pin from Union Oil Co.'s Wilmington refinery manager.

Foreman in the asphalt shipping department, he has been with the firm since 1930, two years after he came to California from Florida. He is a member of Torrance Masonic Lodge 446, and his daughter, Jantice, is past Honored Queen of Jobs Daughters.

During his spare time, he built the adobe house in which he lives.