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Mrs. Kirby Loses Battle for Life

Crash Victim Dies in Texas

The best efforts of military burn specialists proved unavailing Monday, as Mrs. Myrtle (Jan) Kirby, badly burned in a CAP plane crash, succumbed after a week-long fight for life.

The 35-year-old mother of two children, died Monday at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Tex., where she was rushed shortly after the Aug. 13 crash. She received burns on 80 per cent of her body and Harbor Hospital officials offered no hope for her recovery.

A "burns specialist team," which has developed new techniques was flown here and accompanied Mrs. Kirby back to the Texas base. The team gave an observation mission with Mrs. Kirby back to the Texas base. The team gave an observation mission with Mrs. Kirby back to the Texas base. The team gave an observation mission with Mrs. Kirby back to the Texas base.

Husband at Beside Mrs. Kirby's husband, John, was at her bedside most of the time since the accident, and the couple noted their tenth anniversary last Thursday in the hospital. They lived at 5420 Linda Drive.

Her body arrived in Long Beach yesterday afternoon, but final funeral arrangements have not been made. White and Day Mortuary, Redondo Beach, is in charge of arrangements. A Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, Mrs. Kirby was flying an observation mission with Maj. Davis D. Cochran, 37, of 268 Calle de Andalucia, on Aug. 13, when the Single-engine Cessna monoplane bounced off the flagpole at the Rolling Hills fire station and crashed.

Major Recovering Taken to March Air Force Base, Maj Cochran is reported recovering from burns on his legs and numerous cuts and bruises.

Blood Donated CAP members, as well as airmen and airwomen at Long Beach Air Force Base, had donated more than 200 persons showed up when the call for blood went out, and three "rounds" of blood were sent to the Texas hospital for her use. News of the requirements brought hundreds of replies.

Woman, 70, Struck By Truck Here A 70-year old Torrance woman sustained critical injuries Sunday evening when she was hit by a pickup truck near her home.

HERALD Carrier Mark Hunt, 10, met and beat the best field in a newspaper throwing contest held last week at Torrance Park.

Judged on distance and accuracy of throws from a bicycle, Hunt scored a clean victory over Howard Taylor, Bill Williams, and George Dennis who scored next in the competition.

Young Hunt is the son of Mildred Hunt, HERALD proofreader. In a special competition, Hunt matched the efforts of James "GeGe" Johnson, city newspaper champion of 1945.

Crenshaw Rezoning Approved

Rezoning of Crenshaw Blvd. from two-family dwellings to general commercial was ordered by the City Council by a 3-1 vote this week, overruling the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Commission that the rezoning be delayed until the street is widened.

The area of Crenshaw ordered by the Council action Tuesday lies between Dominguez and Monterey. It will include the intersections of the street at Torrance Blvd. and Carson St.



HURRY UP, POOL—Torrance youngsters got into the act Tuesday at groundbreaking ceremonies for the new swimming pool at Madrona Ave., and Torrance Blvd., urging the city officials who attended to hurry up with plans. Two youngsters help Councilman Victor E. Benstead, recreation committee chairman, turn the first shovel of dirt as other city officials and local youngsters look on. The crowd attending was probably a record for local groundbreakings.

Hedger Reports Low Storm Drain Bid Is \$683,156

A low bid of \$683,156 to construct the Cabrillo Ave. Storm Drain was submitted by Steve P. Rados, Inc., of Monrovia, E. E. Hedger, chief engineer of the County Flood Control District, reported Tuesday.

The Board of Supervisors is expected to award the contract next Tuesday. Time limit on the job is 330 days. When completed, the project will be nearly three miles in length, and consist of four main lines, A, B, C, and D.

Line A will be constructed in Torrance Blvd. from Western Ave. to Cabrillo Ave., in Cabrillo to 220th St., in 220th to Arlington Ave., in Arlington to 222nd St., and in 222nd to Plaza del Arroyo.

Line B will run from the junction with line A at Torrance Blvd. and Lewellyn Ave. in Torrance to Border Ave. in Border to Dominguez St., and in Dominguez to Crenshaw Blvd.

Line C will be installed in Torrance Blvd. from Border to Engracia Ave. Line D is to be built in Carson St., from Gramercy Ave. to line A in Cabrillo.

Nine bids were received, the highest reaching \$874,773.

Signal Bids Awarded

Contracts for installation of traffic signal systems at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw and at 174th St. and Casimir Ave., have been awarded to Ed Seymour of Long Beach, by the State Department of Public Works.

Total cost of the bid was \$20,995, officials reported.



DENTAL FUND BOOSTED—Dr. Gerald M. Eastham (right) president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, hands that group's check for \$500 to Don Hyde, president of the Torrance Dental Health Assn. The money is to be used to help the association's program of providing financial help for Torrance youngsters needing dental care.

Playground Winners Tour Disneyland

Twenty-two representatives of Torrance playgrounds toured Disneyland yesterday as a climax to a series of weekly contests at each of the city's 11 playgrounds.

Making the trip from each of the playgrounds were: Donald Jenkins and Barbara Steiner, Crenshaw; Jerry Colwell and Joan Loruenser, North Torrance; Ricky Jacobs and Marjorie McGee, McMaster Park; Billy Miller and Marian Terhamany, Fern Greenwood; Mark Hunt, and Sharon Clark, Torrance Park; John Coberly and Patty Lewis, Walteria; John Dingley and Janet O'Brien, Walteria Park; Robin Dedard and Wendy Sedar, El Retiro; Loyd Lesser and Barbara Anderson, Seaside School; Don Clark and Kathy Cady, Hillside School; George Cobabe and Dotsy Booth, Hollywood Riviera School.

Police Await Orders From Eastern Officials Torrance police are awaiting orders from Pennsylvania authorities concerning the status of a fugitive who is believed to be an escapee from a mental institution in that state.

The man was lodged in jail recently on a battery complaint filed by his former wife. She told local authorities she had not seen the man in eight years, when he supposedly escaped from the institution. He was presumed dead, she added.

Police here sent wire to eastern officials concerning the case.

Mayor Appeals For Flood Aid

Mayor Albert Isen this week urged Torrance to be among the first to "lend a hand" to flood disaster victims through the American Red Cross.

"The need is urgent and must be met at once if lives are to be saved and suffering reduced," he said.

With a network of relief stations established over a six-state area and 260 "professional" disaster workers assisting several thousand volunteers, the Los Angeles Red Cross Chapter announced this week an emergency appeal for a minimum of \$150,000 to help provide food, clothing and shelter for victims of the Eastern seaboard flood disaster.

Nationally—the Red Cross is appealing for a total of \$5,000,000 to be rushed to the disaster area.

Isen pointed out that Red Cross has made an initial provision of \$2,000,000 for the preliminary phases of its relief operation, "but the big job is still ahead. After the flood waters subside and the emergency feeding and sheltering operation is over, Red Cross disaster teams will move into the field to rehabilitate families on an individual-need basis.

"Homes and household furnishings must be restored. Medical expenses must be paid; means of earning a livelihood must be restored to those who have lost all their possessions and are not in a position to help themselves," Isen said. "It will cost many millions of dollars, which I am confident the American people will willingly provide."

12,000 Sheltered As of early this week, Isen reported the Red Cross had 107 shelters open, 30 canteens in operation, and in one night alone had housed, fed and sheltered 12,000 persons. All who needed it were being issued new clothing. Eight thousand families are in the process of registering for long-range Red Cross assistance, he said.

Pointing out that over the years Torrance has stood in the front ranks of "people helping people" through their contributions to Red Cross, the Mayor stressed that "now we are again faced with the specter of distress and human misery over a great area of the populous East.

"In the name of the affected people, I ask everyone to join me in contributing generously through our local Red Cross Chapter," he declared. "Contributions should be sent to the 'Disaster Fund', Lbs Angeles Red Cross chapter, 1200 So. Vermont, Los Angeles.

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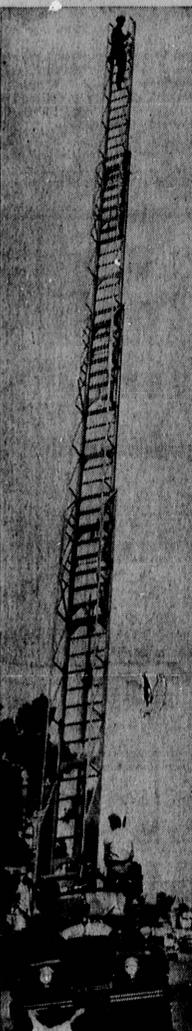
Officers reported he was too intoxicated to stand following the pair of mishaps. Mrs. Bishop and two passengers in the Koehr automobile, Mrs. Mabel Koehr and Mrs. Anna Delbruegge received minor injuries and were treated at Harbor General Hospital.

Burning Ban Vote Delayed

It's up to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn whether there will be a two-year extension of the deadline on ending backyard burning in the county.

The board of Supervisors deadlocked Tuesday, with a 2-2 vote on the issue. Supervisor Hahn, who was on vacation, will return next Monday to cast the deciding vote. His friends can't agree on how he may vote on the issue.

Supervisor Burton W. Choe has proposed the two-year extension to allow the city of Los Angeles to work out the mechanics of a city-wide collection system. The city of Torrance had requested a 18-month extension of the burning ban.



CLOUD SWEEPER—Fireman Howard Schneider gets a first hand look at the cloud formations over Torrance as he checks out the new \$32,000 aerial ladder truck delivered to the Fire Department this week. The new truck is being housed in the new Central station which Chief J. J. Benner says he hopes to occupy soon after the first of next month.

City Orders Second Look At Parking

City Councilmen agreed to have the traffic commission take another look at the parking restrictions on Torrance Blvd. west of Crenshaw this week when Bert Lynn, who owns commercial buildings on the southwest corner of the intersection, complained of what he called "an overabundance of red paint," in the area.

Installation of the left turn stack on Torrance Blvd. in conjunction with the recent widening forces traffic to go wider in that area. As a result, the city has painted all curbs red west of Crenshaw on the north side of Torrance Blvd. to the alley west of the market.

This works hardship on the commercial businesses on the south side of Crenshaw, Lynn told the Councilmen. Chief of Police Willard Haslam said a number of near accidents at the heavily traveled intersection was the reason for the restrictions on parking.

Rites Held for Torrance Boy Killed in Fall

Funeral services were held yesterday for a 10-year-old Torrance boy, Charles Leroy Cleveland Jr., of 4619 Ave. C, who was killed Sunday night when he fell from a tree while playing.

Young Cleveland died following a fall near Ladeene and Sepulveda Sunday evening. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital by Wright's Ambulance, but succumbed shortly after entering the hospital.

He suffered a fractured skull and multiple other injuries in the fall, a doctor said. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Cleveland Sr. and is survived also by five brothers: Howard, 8; Ray Allen, 5; Michael, 3; Danny, 18 months; and Timothy, nine months, and a sister, Beverly, 6.

Rev. George F. Cain, of the South Bay Baptist Church officiated at the funeral rites, which were held at White and Day Mortuary in Redondo.

The youngster was buried at Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Man Sentenced For Drunk Driving Spree

Thomas D. Pierce, 34, 20358 New Hampshire, received a total of 210 days in the county jail and a year probation following a drunk driving spree that saw the vehicle which he was driving bounce into two other cars Sunday afternoon on Torrance Blvd.

Pierce was sentenced to 30 days for drunk driving and 180 days for driving with a suspended operator's license by South Bay Municipal Court Judge John A. Shidler Tuesday. He pleaded guilty to both counts.

The vehicle which he was driving was involved in two traffic accidents within minutes Sunday, according to local police.

His car struck the rear of a car driven by Mrs. Betty Bishop, 20920 Denker, at Torrance and Crenshaw Blvd., then traveled on to smash into another car at Torrance and Hickory, driven by Joseph F. Koehr, 1313 Portola.

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SOME DISNEYLAND RIDES—Police Officer H. G. "Zeke" Tezise, boys work chairman for the Torrance Optimist Club, presents a club check for \$24 to Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem which was used to help youngsters making the Disneyland trip yesterday get on some of the rides. Winners of the trip were selected from the city's 11 playgrounds.