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### WEEK-END

## All-Night Grad Party Pictures Featured Mon.

Graduation week was still very much with the residents of Torrance over the week end, as reflected in the news columns of the HERALD on Monday, June 18. Included in the first-of-the-week issue was a series of pictures taken at the all-night graduation party at the Deauville Club in Santa Monica by HERALD Photographer Milt Svensk.

Also on the graduation theme Monday were two stories about graduations at home. In one, Fred Diesel, a polio victim since Halloween night, 1952, is shown in a HERALD photo receiving his diploma from High School Principal W. Bruce Wagner while his home teacher and members of the senior class look on. Fred has been confined to a chest respirator much of the time since he became ill nearly four years ago, but has been able to complete his high school work and graduate only one year behind his regular class. He didn't skip anything to get the diploma, his home teacher, Mrs. Ethel M. Lewis told HERALD reporter. He took both French and physics in his last year to complete graduation requirements.

**Another Graduation**  
In another home graduation Daryl Kay Michaelson, an eighth grader at Meadow Park School, received his diploma Thursday. Daryl Kay became afflicted with rheumatic fever about two months ago, and has been away from school since that time. Mrs. Ethel Lewis was his home teacher, too, and was there for the graduation. Also there Thursday were his teacher at school, Mrs. Georgina Benson, and several classmates. Daryl Kay was given a piece of the graduation cake, and heard a recording of the graduation exercises.

In other columns of the Monday HERALD, readers were told of the details of the steel companies' offer to the United Steelworkers of America in the current contract negotiations.

**The Police Beat**  
From the police beat came the story of Anselmo Garcia, of 18333 Western Ave., who was in Harbor General Hospital following a stabbing incident at his home; and 7-year-old John Warren Parker, of 1014 Eriel Ave., who had been hospitalized with injuries after an auto struck his bicycle near Crenshaw and Sierra; and that a manslaughter complaint had been filed against the driver of the auto which killed a Torrance mother of four, Mrs. Marie Branstetter, of 22966 Cabrillo Ave. Mrs. Branstetter died after a traffic collision in Manhattan Beach last week.

Capt. Fred Barnard, commander of the Harbor Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, warned motorists of the area that he was inaugurating a special drive against drunk drivers in the area covered by his officers. Extra patrol cars have been assigned to cover the area, he said.

**Neighborhood Stories**  
Other stories Monday included an outline of the Chamber of Commerce membership drive; a story on veterans' insurance; the naming of Frank Gorbet as public relations director for Area 5, District 51, of Toastmasters International; local graduates of University of California at Santa Barbara; and neighborhood columns from the Torrance Gardena-Plaza area and the North Torrance, El Nido area.

HERALD Sports Editor Roger Boedecker reported that Kiwanis Club golfers swept the inter-club golf tournament at the Inglewood Country Club Thursday in competition with golfers from Rotary, Optimist, Lions, and Waltham Kiwanis clubs.

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**SLIDE WINNERS . . .** These three photographers were named tops in colored slide at ninth exhibition of pictorial photography now on display at the Palos Verdes Library art gallery. Left to right, Mrs. John H. Radd, Mrs. Harvey Hamilton and Larry C. Ebert, all of Redondo, were the winners in colored slide photography. Slides will be shown in special exhibitions on June 22, 27 and 29 at 8 p.m. at PV Library.



**METHODIST MEMBERS . . .** These two photos represent a portion of the new members of the First Methodist Church of Torrance during year of June 1, 1955, to May 31, 1956. A total of 241 members joined during that period, the largest number of any year in the church's history. The two groups pictured were assembled at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services recently at the church.



## Annexation Of 'Strip' Streets Studied By County Supervisors

As a means of eliminating confusion and inconvenience to the public caused by isolated unincorporated strips of highways within city areas, the county has opened negotiations with several cities in the second district for annexation of these strips, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reported this week.

Under a law adopted by the State Legislature in 1955 the board of supervisors may annex a highway strip of unincorporated land to an adjacent city when the highway is bounded on both sides by city areas.

clear up the jurisdictional tangle caused by these isolated county strips. Primary purpose of any such annexation would be to provide better service in the event of an auto wreck, a fire, or similar emergency, Hahn declared.

When the unincorporated strip is located between two cities, it can only be annexed to one city or the other; the strip can not be split, because that would not simplify the problem.

ations have been proposed in his district:

**Torrance Streets**  
Imperial Hwy. from approximately Crenshaw to Spinning Ave. A portion of this strip is in Inglewood, a portion is unincorporated, lying between Inglewood city boundary on the north and the Hawthorne city boundary on the south.

El Segundo Blvd. is unincorporated between Crenshaw and the eastern boundary of the City of Hawthorne, east of Van Ness Ave. Hawthorne is on the north, while the City of Gardena boundary is along the south side of the strip.

## Obituaries

### Joshua M. Cox

Funeral services for Joshua McClellan Cox, 63, of 1661 W. 219th St., will be held at the Stone and Myers Chapel tomorrow afternoon at 2 with burial to be in Roosevelt Cemetery.

Mr. Cox died Tuesday. He was a native of Indiana.

He leaves one son, Kenneth M. Cox, 241 E. 220th St.; a daughter, Marjorie Wright, of the home address; a sister June Nady; and two brothers, John Cox, 1458 W. 220th St., and Everett Cox of Hermosa.

### Lunsford Infant

Death claimed infant Mary Lunsford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lunsford, 17924 Harvard, a few hours after birth Monday. Burial was in Green Hills Cemetery. In addition to her parents, the infant is survived by two brothers, Ronnie and Paul Rickey, and a sister, Paula.

### Durward Warren

Funeral services for Durward Erwin Warren, 75, of 1746 Cabrillo Ave., will be held at 2 p.m. today at Stone and Myers Chapel. Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church will officiate.

Mr. Warren, a native of Mississippi, died at a Gardena Rest Home this week.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rose Warren, two brothers, Elbebe Woodward of Arkansas and Wilke Woodward of Texas; and a sister, Theo Gibson of Arkansas.

Burial will be in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

### Susie Jerabek

Graveside services for Susie Elizabeth Jerabek, 2-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Jerabek, 308 Flatt Ave., were held yesterday afternoon at Stone and Myers Chapel. The infant died Saturday.

Besides her parents, the infant is survived by a sister, Kathleen Maria, and a brother, Michael Stephen.

Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

### Casper Schott

Private interment rites were held Monday at Holy Cross Cemetery for Casper Schott, of Minnesota, who succumbed in the Midwest. His body was shipped here for burial alongside that of his wife, Mary Ellen Schott, who died in December.

Halverson-Leavell Mortuary handled services. Rev. Patrick McGuinness, of Nativity Catholic Church, read the graveside services.

Among Mr. Schott's survivors is a son, Harold M. Schott, of 1407 Crenshaw Blvd.

## Short Term For Thieves

Two persons received a day in County Jail this week for breaking open a toy hobby horse last week in front of a store at 174th St. and Crenshaw Blvd., detectives have reported.

Richard Frye, 21, of 1431 W. 215th St., and Patricia Jackson, 18, of Wilmington, were apprehended by Long Beach police just hours after they broke open the mechanical horse and took \$40.30, authorities said. They each got a day in jail for their efforts.



**TORRANCE CABBIE HONORED . . .** Cabbie Leonard Paul Worthington, of 2141 W. 238th St., meets Congressman Cecil E. King (left) on the steps of the Capitol during his award winning tour of Washington. Worthington, the only Southland winner of the award this year, was selected for the Four Star Award sponsored by the Chrysler Corp. on the basis of his safety record, years of service, courtesy, and civic standing.

## Compton Man Held In Knife Attack Here

A Compton man was to have been arraigned yesterday on a charge he assaulted Anselmo Garcia, of 18333 Western Ave., early Saturday with a knife.

Jesus B. Briones, 45, of 13208 Moa Blvd., Compton, was picked up by sheriff's deputies Saturday night and returned to Torrance to face a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Detective Mickey Fischer, who handled local investigation of the assault, said Briones had just completed a 90-day wife-beating term in County Jail.

Fischer said Briones sharpened both sides of a table knife and went after Garcia after he found his wife and 11-year-old daughter were living in the Garcia home.

Briones and a Jesus Sanchez drove to the Garcia home early Saturday, Fischer said. After some talk, Fischer is reported to have cut Garcia twice. The victim was attempting to slug it out with Briones when he got in the car and left with Sanchez.

Harbor General Hospital officials said Garcia was released early this week.



**FLAG SELLER . . .** Life Scout Tim Whyte, a member of Troop 726, displays flag with Mrs. Sam Drumright, of 5313 Sharynne Lane. Mrs. Drumright was one of first to purchase her flag from local troop which is selling them for \$3.

## Boy Dies After Stolen Car Crashes In Palos Verdes

A Los Angeles boy died on Monday morning in General Hospital of injuries suffered when the stolen car which he was driving bolted across the road and plunged into a 25-foot ditch at Cloyd Road and Paseo Del Mar, Palos Verdes.

The boy, 17-year-old Crosby Luke, and a companion, Gilbert Lopez, 16, San Gabriel, reportedly stole the car Saturday evening from a Rex Thompson, 519 Avenue A, Redondo.

Police theorized the car was going too fast for a sharp turn, causing the mishap. The two apparently crashed sometime Saturday night. They were not found until early Sunday morning by Palos Verdes police.

## Airman Irvin, Wife Parents Of Daughter

In other local accidents, Mrs. Eleanor Butler, 31, of 1516 W. 204th St., reportedly suffered a broken leg Sunday when her car rolled into her after she had parked it in the driveway.

James Mitchell, 33, of Phoenix, Ariz., was injured early Tuesday morning when car driven by him and Roland L. Gosselin, 37, collided at 174th and Crenshaw Blvd.

John P. Urban, 45, of 4106 W. 182nd St., and Wilfred A. Desharnais, 53, of 3806 W. 172nd St., both drivers, were hurt Monday night when their cars met at the same intersection. They reportedly suffered minor injuries.

A daughter, their first child, was born June 12 to Airman 2/c and Mrs. Robert J. Irvin, at Omaha, Nebr., the HERALD learned this week.

Airman Irvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Irvin, of 24025 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, is now stationed at Offut Air Force Base near Omaha.

The girl, named Jean Elizabeth, weighed 9 lbs., 8 3/4 oz. She is the first granddaughter for the Irvins of Lomita.

Mother of the infant is the former Marian Heintzman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Heintzman, of 436 Walnut Ave., Gardena. She was graduated from Gardena High School in 1954.