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ONE KILLED, FOUR HURT IN CRASH

Tiny Car Rams Into Big Sedan

A 31-year-old Torrance woman was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital Tuesday evening following an automobile accident at Crenshaw Blvd. and 178th St.

Dead was Margaret Melinda Shackleton, 31, of 144 Palos Verdes Blvd. Funeral arrangements are being handled by White and Day Mortuary in Redondo Beach.

The woman's tiny English car rammed into the rear of a 1953 heavy sedan that had stopped at the intersection.

Despite the smallness of the foreign car, the sedan was badly damaged and all four occupants were taken to Harbor General and later released.

Checked for injuries were four members of the Stanford Weinstein family, all of 2301 W. 180th Pl. They included Weinstein, 29; Adrienne, 23; Andrew David, 5 weeks, and Amy Louise, 14 months. Mrs. Weinstein received a possible fractured ankle but the children were not hurt.

Weinstein told officers he had stopped at the intersection and had his turn indicators working before making a left turn onto 178th Pl.

Firemen Answer Fire Call, Find Only Short
Although firemen responded to a three-alarm fire at the Felker Manufacturing Co., 1128 Border Ave., Sunday, they found that there was no fire—only a short in the wiring.

Firemen reported that chemical fumes had eaten away at the alarm wires, causing a short.

Crowbar Aids Entry
Hoke Woodward, 3128 Redondo Beach Blvd., informed local officers someone had entered his self-service refreshment stand and taken \$100 from a cabinet.

Entry was made by forcing a lock with a crowbar.

Residents Will Get Back Lost Hour of Sleep

People will get back the hour of sleep they lost last spring when Torrance and California return to Standard Time Sunday, but home gardeners will be hard put to get back the hour of daylight they'll lose.

At 2 a.m. Sunday or before they go to bed Saturday night, residents will set their clocks back one hour, giving them an extra hour of sleep.

In case the time switch confuses you, just remember, "Spring ahead, fall back." Clocks are moved ahead an hour in the spring and back an hour in the fall.

ACCIDENT INJURES 2

Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave. was the scene of an accident over the week end in which two persons received minor injuries.

Sharon Mary Conner, 16, of 1915 Andree Ave., the driver, and a passenger, Jackie Vebe, 15, of Redondo Beach were taken to Torrance Emergency Hospital.

The other car was driven by Raymond Joseph Mauger, 23, of Los Angeles.

Both cars were eastbound on Torrance Blvd.



YVONNE CONTE
... Missing Girl

Missing Girl Believed in Torrance Area

A former Torrance couple now living in Ontario believe that their 13-year-old daughter, missing since the first day of school, may be somewhere in the Torrance area.

Yvonne Conte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Conte, left for Vernon Junior High School, Ontario, last Thursday, and has not been seen since. The Contes moved from their home at 1429 E. 215th Pl. about a week before school started. They lived here about two years.

No Foul Play
There were no signs of foul play and the couple believe that their daughter may have returned here, although officers have been unable to find any trace of her. Her mother said that she had a disagreement with Yvonne over the clothes she was to wear to school, but doubted that this was serious enough to make the girl leave.

When last seen the girl, who attended Wilmington Junior High last year, was wearing a red full skirt, red twin sweater set, and white shoes. She is 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 109 pounds, and has short brown hair.

Aunt Appeals
Her aunt, Mrs. Sam Vennero, 437 W. Carson St., issued an appeal on behalf of herself, her uncle Anthony, and her grandmothers.

"Yvonne, we love you and want you. Please call us on the phone."
Anyone with information about the girl may get in touch with Mrs. Vennero; the Contes at 1504 Fawn St., Ontario, or Sgt. Jim Lietz of the Ontario police.

BURGLAR FAILS TO FIND \$1500 CASH
A burglar took \$20 from a local residence and overlooked a cache of \$1500.

Ollie Wierenga, 3933 W. 176th St., told officers his home had been entered through a bedroom window and \$20 was taken from a wallet on the dresser.

Nothing else of value was taken nor was a search made for the larger amount of money, he said.

17-Year-Old Arrested for Sale of Dope
A 17-year-old Walteria boy has been picked up by members of the sheriff's narcotics squad on suspicion of sale of narcotics.

The boy was arrested Tuesday by Deputies B. Hatfield and B. Natsin on charges that he sold eight marijuana cigarettes to another deputy last June 29. The offense allegedly took place in a parked car near Hawthorne and Pacific Coast Hwy.

Taken into custody at home, he admitted the use of narcotics for about a year and admitted selling the marijuana to the deputy, Hatfield said. He said he had bought a can of marijuana and rolled 27 cigarettes from it, eight of which were sold to the deputy for \$4.

Narcotics officers found a partly smoked marijuana cigarette in the boy's pocket and an envelope of benzedrine pills in his shoe. He is currently being held in Juvenile Hall.

Torrance Safety Record Needs Much Improvement, City Told



Torrance has plenty of room for improvement in its traffic safety program.

That was the word from George Wats, regional director of the National Safety Council, which made a survey of local traffic for the second straight year at the request of the city. The rating showed only a slight improvement from the previous year. Torrance was rated at 37 per cent, with 80 per cent considered a good rating.

City Rates Zero
Compared with the top 30 per cent of cities throughout the country, Torrance rated a big fat zero on death and injury record last year. Fourteen were killed and 398 were injured in local crashes, compared to six killed and 224 injured the previous year.

The city received the best rating in its school safety program and the worst ratings in its public safety education and safety organization programs.

Police Needed
The council recommendations included the hiring of more policemen to handle the situation. Some cities have twice the number of policemen that Torrance has to handle comparable problems, Wats said.

He also recommended more work on traffic engineering. Other recommendations included:

1. Better enforcement of pedestrian laws, since eight of the 14 people killed last year were pedestrians. Pedestrians who violate the law should be cited, as well as motorists.
2. Erection of no left turn signs at more busy intersections, to speed the traffic flow.
3. More and better street lights.

Reports Asked
4. Reports on all traffic accidents, even minor ones.

5. Use of chemical tests to determine whether a driver is drunk.

6. Setting up an active public safety education program. A committee of businessmen, industrialists, and other community representatives could embark on a broad program of making the public safety conscious and warning about safety rules.

Citizen programs have shown their worth in preventing accidents, Wats declared.

(Herald Photo)
TORRANCE'S SAFETY RECORD . . . While George Wats (right), regional director of traffic safety for the National Safety Council, points out Torrance's rating in deaths and injuries last year—a big zero—City Administrative Assistant Robert Rogers points out one of the city's main needs—public safety education—according to the NSC.

Plan Testimonial For City Manager

The tenth anniversary of George Stevans as city manager of Torrance will be appropriately noted with a testimonial banquet sponsored by the board of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

At the regular meeting Monday, President Tommy Thompson appointed a committee consisting of Clyde C. Haslet, Sy Frank, and George Bradford to plan the event to be held in the early part of January.

Manager Stevans came to Torrance just as the city was about to undergo transition from a small community to a city of more than 95,000. His administration of the business affairs of the city was credited for a large part in the city's winning the All-America City award from Look magazine this year.

Bogus Checks Provide Food For Children
"To buy food for my kids," This was the reason Mrs. Bonnie Mae Lyle, 21, gave for passing nearly \$300 worth of bogus checks, local police said.

The attractive young housewife was jailed Tuesday after she was arrested at her home in Vallejo and brought here on a local warrant charging her with four counts of forgery.

She said she used the money to buy groceries for her six children last year when they were residing in the Carson area.

The youngsters were left with Mrs. Lyle's mother in Vallejo when she was arrested.

Ruby Dale Schmid
Funeral services will be conducted today, 2 p.m., at Stone and Myers Chapel for Ruby Dale Schmid, 61, of 1548 Marcelina Ave.

Mrs. Schmid, who was born in Tennessee, died Monday following a long illness.

The Rev. Milton Sippel will officiate at the service today and interment will be in Arlington Cemetery, Va.

Survivors include her husband, Fred; a daughter, Ruby Rethwisch, of Torrance; two sisters and two brothers.

A Penny for your Thoughts

1—Penny for Thots—same. Taking the cue from comments made recently in the city council that there was too much siren noise in the city, The HERALD asked the following question this week: Do you think it is necessary for ambulance, police cars and fire trucks to use sirens as much as they do—especially in the early morning hours when there is little or no traffic on the streets?"

D. D. Parrish, 405 Via Linda Vista: I definitely don't think so much is needed. I think the only reason they blow the sirens so much is to make a little noise. I'd like to see a campaign for noise abatement started in the city.

W. J. Smith, 1522 Hickory Ave.: I think they should use the sirens according to the demands of traffic. Screaming sirens are all right when the traffic is heavy, but otherwise they should be cut down.

Bob Shell, 744 Ninth St., San Pedro: I think it is necessary. I live on a main thoroughfare, and they really don't bother me much. I'd rather have them use the sirens all the time than to sneak up on me on some corner some time when I'm driving.

Paul Smith, 2727 Gramercy Ave.: People have got to be warned that something is coming. I think sirens definitely should be used when the vehicles are approaching intersections. They could use some discretion in the middle of the blocks.

Sy Frank, 1601 Cabrillo Ave.: That's difficult to answer. It seems to me that if it's not an emergency run, they should go slow and obey traffic laws like any other vehicle. Some of the emergency runs might be checked.

A. M. Arbaugh, 1627 Post Ave., Franklv. I do think it's annoying to people who live around here. They really put it on. I think they could do better when traffic is light, although at times, other drivers might not be quite as alert.

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