

# Smiths Exceed Johnsons in Annual Telephone Poll

Have a friend named Smith? If you plan to call him, better have his first name and address if you don't know the telephone number. There are approximately 3450 Smiths listed in Pacific Telephone's new Southern Directory now being distributed.

Proof that callers will need full names is the fact there are 185 A. Smiths listed this time. The book maintains that there are two Foots, two Heels, and 44 Heads. That's not all—five Copps come before two Roberts.

The Cronas have it over the Prettys by a 10-2 margin and to make matters even more uneven, one Heart must contend with 35 Flowers. Diamonds not only are the most popular gem but they rate higher as a name. Two Opals, three Emeralds compete with 41 Diamonds.

The new book weighs a full quarter pound more than last year's edition. There are 15 more pages of private listings upping the total to an estimated 109,000 numbers. The Yellow Pages increased in numbers from 392 to 407.

In 1956, there were 1088 pages of names. Testifying to the growth of the Southern area, the new edition lists 1160 full pages of private and business phones.

Gary Zysling of Norwalk maintained his place as the final listing but A-Aba-Abbey Rents was nosed out by A-Aaron Scrap Metal. The Johnson family continues to trail just behind the Smiths, with some 2790 having phones. Next comes the Andersons with 1830, followed closely by the Joneses who were listed a mere 1800 times. This year's book is a colorful edition with 2000 Browns, 260 Blacks, 990 Whites, 720 Greens, 73 Blues, 420 Grays and 16 Greys.

The dogs have their day, too... seven Collies have their phone numbers listed.

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# 7-YEAR-OLD HIT BY AUTO, DIES

## Student Darts In Path of Car

What minutes before had been a carefree 7-year-old strolling down the street near his home Friday afternoon, suddenly became a statistic.

Joseph Gregory Varley Jr., 3013 Carson St., decided suddenly to cross the street and failed to see the oncoming car.

The youngster became the seventh person to die in a traffic accident this year in Torrance.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gregory Varley, he died less than one hour after the accident. Funeral services are pending at Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Driver of the car was Harold Lewis, 46, of 21323 Lynton Ave., who was eastbound on Carson St. near Maple Ave. when the accident occurred. He was not held.

In another accident Friday, two persons received minor injuries when their car collided with a Redondo Beach city dump truck.

Peter and Joy Norton, both of Redondo Beach, were taken to Harbor General Hospital after the collision at 190th St. and Anza Ave.

Driver of the truck, George Leo McGee, of Redondo, was uninjured.

## County to Draw Plans for Local Court Facility

## Rivets Reports

Today should be partly cloudy and there's even a chance that residents might get a little wet from little sprinkles. Rivets, the HERALD weather dog noted, as he hunted for his umbrella.

High and low temperatures this week included Thursday (74-55); Friday (76-52); and Saturday (75-52).

## Local Schools Must Bear Full Share of Costs, Kirkwood Says

Slate Controller Robert C. Kirkwood said here Thursday that the United States and Russia are engaged in a "Cold War of the Classrooms" and that local government must help win it by shouldering a full share of the educational load.

Of Federal Aid to Education, an issue certain to be put forward again in the Second Session of the Eighty-Fifth Congress, Kirkwood said: "California should be like the man who carries water to help put out a fire in his neighbor's house—but who wants to be sure that the neighbor is carrying a full bucket of his own."

Addressing the Torrance Rotary Club, Kirkwood emphasized that local government has a large share of responsibility for keeping the integrity of the property tax—on which the state's school aid program depends—clean and strong. As the tax on property approaches the saturation point, a soundly administered state aid grows increasingly important to California.

Cites Requirements For California to consider a federal aid program, Kirkwood said, it must be demonstrated: "1. That the area to receive federal funds is paying for school support an amount pro-

## Gee Nabbed for Embezzlements

Jack T. Gee, under indictment by the grand jury on four counts of embezzling Torrance police bail money, faces arraignment in Los Angeles Superior Court Tuesday on the charges. He was jailed Friday on the grand jury warrant. Bail was set at \$2500.

Indictment of Gee on the four Torrance counts and two similar counts of misappropriating Inglewood police bail money was voted by the grand jury Wednesday as it wound up investigation of the case. The jury action was not disclosed officially until Gee's arrest Friday.

The investigation was touched off last spring when the South Bay Municipal Court was told that bail collected by Gee had not been submitted to the court. Deputy D.A. William B. Keene, then in charge of the South Bay office for the district attorney, turned the complaints over to the criminal complaints committee of the grand jury before retiring to enter private law practice.

Gee, who was not a member of the Torrance police department but worked on a commission, was fired by former Chief Willard H. Haslam after the investigations started.

## Boy, 16, Nabbed With Big Cache Of Guns, Loot

A 16-year-old Torrance boy, an escapee from Fred C. Nelles School for Boys, is being held by Inglewood police after he was picked up driving a stolen car with a cache of guns and hundreds of dollars of other loot in the back seat.

He was turned over to Inglewood police, who sought the boy on burglary and assault charges, by California highway patrolmen, who found him driving a stolen car with no license plates. In the back they found a wide assortment of loot which the boy had stolen or paid for with stolen money. The youth said he planned to sell the loot.

Found in the back seat were two rifles, two revolvers, a pistol, several boxes of cartridges, 250 packages of firecrackers, a record player, dozens of records, baseballs, pencils, cigar lighters, alarm clocks, cameras, watches, a jewel box, scissors, bottles of perfume, cards, a suit, sports shirts, a sweater, and a quilted blanket. The boy had \$17 in cash on him.

The boy escaped from the county detention home Sept. 13 and admitted stealing several cars during that time. He is being held in Juvenile Hall.

## Darryl Lee Enrolls in U of C Medical School

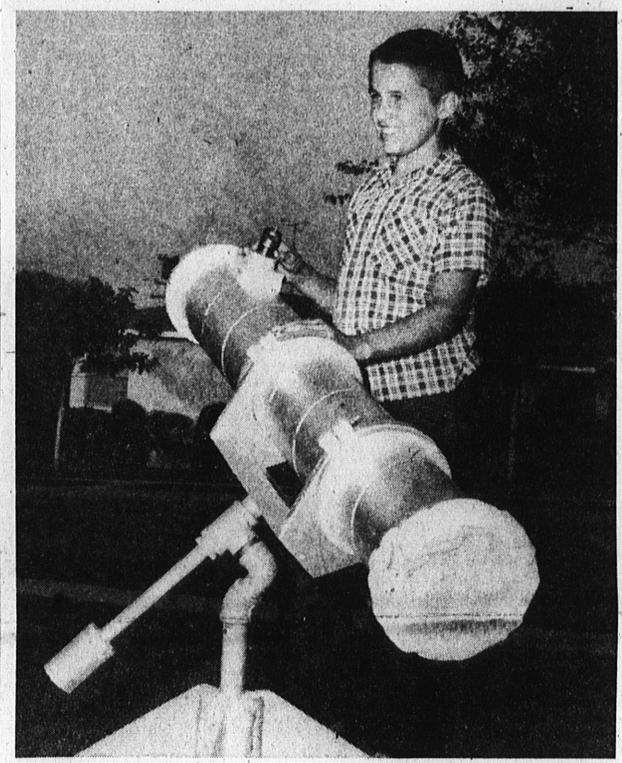
Darryl Lee, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lee, 1918 Martine Ave., has entered the University of California School of Medicine at its Berkeley-San Francisco campus.

He completed his pre-medical training at Occidental College, Los Angeles. He is scheduled to receive his M.D. degree in 1961.

## Planners Okay 81-Home Tract

An 81-home tract at the foot of Vista Montana, which came under fire from residents when first proposed, was recommended for approval by the Torrance Planning Commission Tuesday night.

No one appeared to protest the plan Wednesday, as George Hirschman told the Planners that the plan for the tract, proposed by the Palos Verdes Riviera Corp., was almost identical with that first proposed after much study. Residents of the area on the hill above the tract earlier had expressed fears that the development might undermine their property.



YOUNG GALILEO... 13-year-old Roger Nichols, who has mowed lawns and hired out as a babysitter to earn money for material, has completed a six-inch reflecting telescope which he is using to study the universe. He hasn't reported in on the new Russian satellite spinning across the sky in its earth-circling orbit.

## Youth Devotes Spare Hours To Wonders of Outer Space

By VONDA CARLTON  
Herald Staff Writer

Thirteen-year-old Roger Nichols' ambition is to be the first man to land on the moon. This is in addition to his proposed career as an astronaut.

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Nichols, 2751. Sonoma St., Roger spent the summer months building his own six-inch reflecting telescope. And he did it with money he earned mowing lawns, baby sitting, and doing odd jobs.

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"I saw it Sunday, but I couldn't report it in time," the youth explained.

Vacation Project The telescope that gives him so much enjoyment started out as a project to keep him busy during the summer vacation.

He did all the work himself, receiving only a little help from his father, who measured the mirror. The mirror had to be polished within one-half wave length of light. Mr. Nichols tested the curvature of the mirror after Roger had

tooled it down.

His father inadvertently started him on his hobby. As an Air Force B-47 pilot, he brought home his sextant tools and showed his son how to navigate by the stars.

The local boy's interest in science started early. As a baby's play toy, he used his dad's chemistry and physics textbook. He'd thumb through it for hours.

Outer Space Theories Roger has some interesting theories about outer space, too. "Scientists say there can't be life on the planets because there isn't sufficient air. Well, fish breathe air while they're in the water... and we can't do that. So maybe the people up there have found a different way to breathe... maybe they don't breathe air as we do," he theorizes.

Just for the record, he also believes flying saucers are for real... and that they come from outer space.

Currently, he's saving his earnings to buy a more powerful light pipe for his telescope.

"I need a better one to study the planets and stars closer. I'd like to get a better look at the 'Great Nebula'—that's a mass of gases in outer space," he thoughtfully explains.

The only criticism his mother had of his hobby is the resulting phone bill.

When Roger needs some information, he goes to the phone and calls the Griffith Park Observatory.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

After listening to the current debate over milady's hemlines, the HERALD photographer posed this question:

"HERALD Columnist Ann Landers has stated that anything more than an inch above the knee is not proper feminine attire for street wear. What is your opinion?"

Richard DeLong, 22916 Carlow Rd., truck driver:

"It doesn't matter to me. The shorter the better. It's just like women who wear slacks—it just depends on the figure. I do wish they'd stop changing the length of the dresses year after year. It's hard on the budget."

Bruce Davis, 22912 Broadwell, student: "I wouldn't want them any higher. It would look funny. If they put the skirts up any higher, they might as well wear a bathing suit or shorts. I would not want my girl running around in something like that."

Mrs. Gerald W. Garlid, 22924 Carlow Rd., housewife:

"It depends on where you are. I wouldn't care to see them downtown, but on the beach it's all right. It also depends on the styles and the kind of build a woman has."

Ted Olson, 22402 Meyler St., manager, Firestone store:

"In most cases I would agree, but I must confess that in some instances, the briefer the better. Spare me, though, from the French fashion—the barrel and the no-waistline styles."

John Everett, 1335 W. 251st St., Harbor City, student:

"I think she's right because it would be pretty undignified. They used to have those high skirts back in the '20s and I just don't think they look right."

## Bomb Threat

North High School left victims Friday to the current stage of bomb threats.

School officials informed police that an unknown person had called the school and said a bomb had been planted in the school gym. Officers reported: "No bomb."

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