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### A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think the City of Torrance needs most during 1959?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquisitive photographer asked several persons shopping in downtown Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

**Mrs. Robert Siemann, 18429 St. Andrews Pl., N. Torrance, housewife:**  
"I really like Torrance just the way it is. However, I would like to see more discipline in the schools. In the Minnesota school system there was more discipline. I've lived here three years and am very happy with Torrance."

**Charles Stewart, 2404 W. 250th St., Lomita, dye maker:**  
"They need better Christmas decorations. In the past they were more decorative. But this year's Christmas trees with trading stamps pictured on them are too commercial. I hope they get back to the prettier ones in '59."

**Phil Padgett, 7220 Marcelle St., Paramount, assembler:**  
"I always have difficulty finding the main thoroughfares in Torrance. They could use better signs leading in and out of the main routes to assist out-of-towners in finding their way around. This would compensate for the angled streets."

**Harold Mathews, 2117 Torrance Blvd., El Camino student:**  
"I'd like to see a new big YMCA with a pool and a gymnasium. They could have recreational facilities and equipment for basketball, boxing, wrestling, etc. I used to go to the San Pedro 'Y', but it would be nicer to have a well-equipped one right here."  
**Jim Wallace, 2600 W. Carson St., El Camino student:**  
"Three hour parking would be a valuable improvement. It is inconvenient to constantly have to return to the meter to feed it. I would rather put the money for three hours in the meter in advance so as to not have to keep running back."

**Glenda Robsahm, Manhattan Beach, service clerk:**  
"As a non-resident who is employed here I would like to suggest a greater showing by the city during the holiday season—better, and more street signs and decorations to add the joy of the season, particularly on Torrance Blvd."

# POLICE RESCUE TWO FROM AUTOS IN FLAMING CRASH



**FIERY CRASH . . .** Three autos destroyed by flames after a spectacular crash on Pacific Coast Hwy. early Wednesday are checked here by firemen and police officers. On the left is the auto driven by Mrs. Billie Mazello of San Pedro, in the center is a Torrance traffic car, and at the right is a vehicle driven by James R. Oliver of Torrance which smashed into the police car. Oliver, who received only minor scratches was jailed on suspicion of drunk driving. (Herald Photo)

## Fire Destroys Three Vehicles

A margin of three seconds was credited Wednesday with the rescue of two motorists from death in flaming autos on Pacific Coast Highway, near the Lomita-Torrance boundary.

Torrance officers Jerry Snyder and Tom Woolridge dragged a woman from her auto and a man from a second auto just as it exploded. "Another three seconds and I couldn't have gotten him out," Woolridge told newsmen at the scene later. Rescued by the two officers who risked injury or death in the action were Mrs. Billie Mazello, 34, of San Pedro, and James R. Oliver, 29, of 5110 Laurette St.

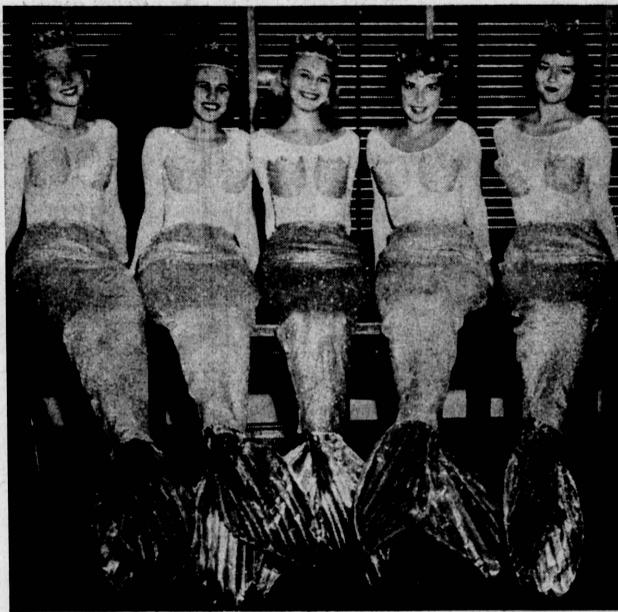
**SNYDER AND WOOLRIDGE** said they had halted the auto driven by Mrs. Mazello after noting a speeding violation and were standing near her car when they saw another auto bearing down on them at an estimated 75 miles an hour. The vehicle, a station wagon driven by Oliver, struck the curb behind the parked autos, then crashed into the police car, sending it smashing into Mrs. Mazello's car. OLIVER'S CAR burst into flames and Woolridge ran to pull him out while Snyder was getting the woman out of her car. The patrol car's gasoline tank exploded just as Oliver was taken from his flaming auto. Flames shot into the air to a height of 20 feet, the officers said. All three autos were destroyed by the impact and flames. Oliver was jailed on suspicion of drunken driving.

## Truck Bed Pins, Kills Dairyman

A workman identified as William Lee McDonald, of 11424 Orangethorpe, Artesia, was killed here yesterday when the heavy bed of a dump truck fell on him. The body was taken to Stone & Myers Mortuary. Another death early Wednesday was attributed to a heart attack, police officers reported. Sidney Schreiber, 38, of 4027 Century Blvd., gasped and fell to the floor at a market at 182nd St. and Arlington Ave., where he was employed as a clerk. A co-worker, Lora Wells, said Schreiber had appeared normal and had been conversing normally until he gasped and fell. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital and then transferred to Stone & Myers Mortuary. Schreiber's estranged wife, who lived in Whittier, was notified of the death by Torrance police. A divorce was pending between the couple.

### GETS CONTRACT

Harvey Aluminum, Inc. recently received a \$38,829 contract for production engineering from the U. S. Army Ordnance District, according to an announcement made today by the Army public information office.



**GRACE CITY FLOAT . . .** Five lovely mermaids display costumes they were scheduled to wear on the city's Tournament of Roses float. Left to right are Joyce Cannon, Donna Isbell, Queen Betty Baker, Glenda Lee Schwartz, and Judi Tye. (Herald Photo)



**STORY TELLER . . .** Alvin Tweedy, 88-year-old retired Idaho farmer, tells grandsons Mike, 9, and Jack, 11, tales of the old pioneer west when as a boy he traveled with his family in a mule-drawn covered wagon along the Oregon Trail. Boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Tweedy, of 1325 Arlington Ave. (Herald Photo)

## Boys Hurt in Explosion

Two teen age boys were injured, one seriously, when chemicals they were handling exploded in a Lomita home Wednesday afternoon. Injured were Bill Long, 16, of 25107 Lomita Blvd., who lost much of his left hand, and his companion Dave Schumann, 17, of 2350 W. 2350 W. 250th St., who was badly cut. The explosion occurred in the dining room of the Long home on Narbonne Ave., and did heavy damage to the dining room and other sections of the house, deputies said. Investigating officers said it was theorized that the boys were mixing chemicals, possibly gunpowder and potassium nitrate, when the explosion occurred. No one was able to explain immediately what the pair were doing with the chemicals. Both boys were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

### Motor Vehicle Office To Be Open Saturdays

Motor Vehicle Director Carlos S. Caldwell today announced that the Torrance DMV office, located at 1907 Border Ave., will be open half-days on Saturdays during the month of January. In order to accommodate persons renewing automobile registrations for 1959, the office will be open during the hours 8 a.m. to noon all five Saturdays of the month.

### Soph Sparks THS Netmen

After coming through the Pacific Shores basketball tournament with a 3-5 record, the Torrance High Tartars hit their stride Dec. 19 when they upset the Long Beach Jordan varsity, 57-56, according to Coach Will Boerger, who added that he has a prominent sophomore in Bill Roberts and an offensive spark in Tommy Richardson.

### Markets Cancel All Advertising

The regular market advertisements which appear in the HERALD are not being published today because of a decision by market operators to cancel advertising until negotiations have been completed with retail clerks unions on a contract. As the talks approached the midnight deadline Wednesday, there was no indication that the strike would not be called, and that major markets of the area would be closed. The normal advertising will be resumed, market officials report, when the clerk's contract has been settled.

## Early Homesteader Still Going at 88

Farming, walking, and horse-back riding are the secrets of good health at 88 years of age, according to Alvin K. Tweedy, father of John A. Tweedy, of 1325 Arlington Ave. The sprightly old gentleman is currently visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Tweedy and his two grandsons, Jack and Mike, on his annual winter vacation away from his farm in Idaho. Part of his daily routine is a three-to-four-mile walk, "to get some exercise and make up for the hours I spend in the saddle at home." The elder Tweedy, who stands as straight as a West Point cadet, and says he is a "grey-haired plowboy," enjoys telling stories of the early west. He added that they never had any real Indian trouble, but there were a few "bad characters" who would steal stock if given the opportunity.

**THE SENIOR** Tweedy was born on a farm in Iowa and when he was five years old his family moved to Kansas where they homesteaded a 40-acre farm on the prairie. After five years, and in 1881, they hitched up a mule team and hit the Oregon Trail, again heading west. During the three months trek along the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 18

BESIDES fishing and horse-back riding, Tweedy writes poetry. Most of his verse is about the early frontier days. In conclusion he said part of his agenda while visiting in Southern California will be to go to Riverside to see Mrs. J. B. Allen, who is 77 years old and the only other survivor of the covered wagon party.