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WOMAN DIES IN TRAFFIC CRASH

Man Held for Manslaughter

A 25-year-old Torrance woman was killed and her companion injured here early Friday when a car in which they were riding crashed into a power pole in the 2200 block of Redondo Beach Blvd.

Pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital about an hour after the crash was Loretta Helpman, of 22404 Normandie Ave. She was a passenger in a car driven by Ernest Lee Carver, 27, of Redondo Beach, who was treated for facial laceration and then booked on suspicion of manslaughter.

Carver told police his attention was diverted from the roadway while he was talking to Miss Helpman.

In another accident here early Friday, two men were hospitalized with head and chest injuries.

John W. Oates Jr., 29, of Long Beach and Robert Dean Armstrong, 32, also of Long Beach, were taken to Harbor General Hospital after their autos collided at 174th St. and Frarie Ave.

Oates received head injuries and Armstrong suffered possible broken ribs in the crash.

City to Get Bids On Old Auditorium
Whether the city will sell the Civic Auditorium in downtown Torrance will be determined after public bids are opened here June 10.

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Arrested were Richard R. Brown, 22, of 1740 W. 144th St.; Robert J. Somes, 20, of 227 W. 213th St.; and Richard A. Davis, 19, of Redondo Beach.

The trio was spotted at 190th and Crenshaw when officers noted that the car was being driven in an extremely slow manner, impeding traffic on 190th St. The car was halted at 189th St. and Yukon Ave. and a search there turned up marijuana and a hypodermic kit in the possession of Davis.

AMVET QUEEN... Marjorie Thompson, 25-year-old Torrance beauty, has been named Queen of Harbor Area Amvets, and will represent the local organization in a beauty contest at the state convention of Amvets in Long Beach June 20.

Survey Shows Local Hospital Economical

Getting well these days is a lot more expensive than it used to be, but patients aren't spending nearly as much time in the hospital as they were 20 years ago, according to a statement made this week by Leonard E. Ensminger, administrator of Torrance Memorial Hospital, who pointed out that every effort is being made to provide patients in this area with the best care at the least expense.

Worker Saved From Oil Pit

An East Los Angeles construction worker was saved by his foreman here Thursday when he fell about 30 feet into an oil reservoir at the General Petroleum tank farm at 228th St. and Main.

Oscar Ramos, 24, fell when a joist broke as he was walking across the tank on a catwalk. He fell head first into the two-foot-deep pool of thick crude oil in the bottom of the tank.

Ralph Vincent, of Long Beach, construction foreman on the job, saw Ramos fall. Noticing his face was buried in the oil slime, Vincent climbed down a post into the pit and held the injured worker until a fire department rescue team pulled him out on a stretcher.

Ramos was treated at Harbor General Hospital and then transferred to St. Vincent's Hospital in Los Angeles where his condition later was reported as "very satisfactory."



FIRE CHECK... Capt. Bob Warren checks room where U. A. McDonald, of 1909 Cabrillo Ave., suffered smoke congestion early Friday when bedding and furniture burned.

Hot Check Suspect in St. Louis

Jerry Shea, about 55, who has been sought here for passing a worthless check for more than \$500 to a car dealer, has been arrested in St. Louis, Mo., it was reported Friday by Detective Gene Erbetta.

Shea, who had been a resident of a downtown hotel, is charged here with writing a check for \$574 to a car dealer as full payment on an auto. Shea had no account in the bank on which the check was drawn, police said.

The Torrance department asked St. Louis to hold Shea for possible extradition to California for trial on the check charge.

The suspect also is wanted in Nevada, Det. Sgt. Mickey Fisher reported.

Council to Study Budget on Monday

The city council will meet in an adjourned session at 5:30 tomorrow evening to discuss the 1959-60 city budget. The meeting will be held in the council chambers of the city hall.



HOW MANY HAVE YOU READ, PODNUH?... Since Mrs. Maurine Pool's fourth and fifth grade class at Calle Mayor School is studying the early West, students are recording their reading progress in a race across the country via some of the old trails. Students in the class have read more than 900 books and reported on them. Comparing their progress here are Marcia Noble, Mrs. Pool and Leonard Devore.

Students Trace Old West Trails by Book

The atmosphere in Mrs. Maurine Pool's fourth and fifth grade class at Calle Mayor School has a distinct Western flavor these days, in keeping with the class' study of their pioneer forefathers.

In social studies, the class has been learning about the men and women who pioneered the way to California, Oregon, and other parts of the west. As a way of winding up the unit, the class Friday presented an original play in costume for the other students at the school.

During the year, members of the class read more than 900 books—averaging about 30 per child—and made reports on them. The progress of the class was recorded on a large map of the United States and the children raced across the country on the Santa Fe, Oregon, and other trails. As a child completed another book and reported on it, he moved

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The officers reported. All three appeared to be under the influence of drugs, officers said.

Storm Drain Engineering Aid Sought

A recommendation that private firms be employed to design three storm drain projects for the city will be recommended to the council this week by Wade E. Peebles, director of public works.

Peebles' recommendation cites the need to expedite the work which includes plans for the WALTERIA Lake area. The city's engineering department is not able to take on projects of this magnitude at the present time, he indicated.



HEADS NORTHROP... Thomas V. Jones, former senior vice president of Northrop Corporation, has been named president to succeed Whitley C. Collins, who died last week. The 39-year-old executive has been associated with the aircraft industry and related fields for 18 years.

Area Letter Carriers in Session Here

Southern California letter carriers met here last week as guests of the Sunshine Branch 2207 of the National Association of Letter Carriers at a district meeting.

Speaking to the postal employees were Andrew Baker, a member of the executive board of the national organization, and Stanley Lewis, regional director of the Pacific coast area. Baker spoke on legislation in Congress of interest to letter carriers, and Lewis gave the background to many bills in which the letter carriers were interested.

Ham and fish dinners were served under the direction of Jimmy Conlon, a post office clerk and chef for the evening. The meeting was held at the American Legion Hall here.

Young Mother Gets 1-10 Prison Term

A 23-year-old mother of two was sentenced to serve from 1 to 10 years in state prison after she admitted cashing \$2000 to \$3000 in worthless checks to support a heroin habit.

Superior Judge Maurice C. Sparling sentenced Mary Enriquez, of 22119 Dolores St., after she confessed using false temporary driver's licenses to cash 84 bad checks at 50 area stores. She was committed to the California Institution for Women at Corona.

Given a one-year jail sentence for heroin addiction earlier this month was her husband Carlos.

Sentencing Date Set in Check Case

A 32-year-old Torrance man who told police he passed nearly \$6000 in bad checks to cover losses in Gardena's gambling parlors, will be sentenced in Inglewood Superior Court June 10.

Robert E. Sapp, of 4623 Merrill St., entered a guilty plea before Superior Judge Benjamin Landis to eight charges of passing worthless checks.

Sapp was first arrested by Gardena police on a similar charge, then turned over to Torrance police for prosecution.

Miss Mary Brian, Catalina Motel, Lomita. "My mother and I are on vacation now. We are from Casa Grande in Arizona. We come over every year and take in all of the places of entertainment—such as Disneyland and Marineland. We love your cool weather."



DUG IN... The Torrance Army and Air Force recruiting office held a ribbon cutting ceremony at their new quarters, 1319 1/2 Sartori Ave. Thursday morning. Those participating were Miss Torrance (Betty Baker), Mayor Albert Isern; Lt. Col. R. O. Thomas, main recruiting station commander; M. Sgt. J. H. Ambersson, local recruiting station commander; Maj. G. T. Johnson, U.S.A.F. recruiting commander, and S. Sgt. L. E. Mason, Torrance recruiter.

City Drops Plastic Bag Label Law

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A Penny for your Thoughts

With vacation time fast approaching your "pennies photographer" asked five people he met in Torrance this question. "What are your plans for vacation this year?"

John Paul Conway, 14821 Van Ness, Gardena.

"I haven't given it much thought as yet. I run a tool and die business and work around the clock. Maybe I will have to pass on a vacation this year."

Mrs. H. B. Pinnell, 1522 S. Grand, San Pedro.

"As I am a housewife I will wait until my husband knows when he is to have his vacation. We usually take the children and go camping up north at least part of our two weeks."

Harry Donnelly, 4251 Rodeo, Los Angeles.

"I am an air line pilot and do a lot of traveling by air so when vacation time comes I usually make a long trip by automobile so I can see some surface country. I plan to drive to British Columbia."

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"My mother and I are on vacation now. We are from Casa Grande in Arizona. We come over every year and take in all of the places of entertainment—such as Disneyland and Marineland. We love your cool weather."

Jane Mathews, 18713 Font-hill.

"I think I am having two vacations this year. I hope to go to Y camp for a week then go with my folks back to see grandma in Dallas."

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