

TEENAGER HAILED AS HEROINE

By BOB WILTON, Herald Staff Writer

Sixteen-year-old Linda Williams sat in the patio of her parents' home Thursday afternoon and relaxed. The sun was warm just as it was the day before—just about everything was the same. But there was a big difference.

Linda, a Torrance High School senior, was now being hailed as a heroine.

While swimming at the foot of Second St. in Hermosa Beach Wednesday afternoon, Linda heard a voice calling for help. Swimming beyond the breakers, she saw a swimmer floundering and splashing a few hundred feet to her left.

Using her most powerful strokes, Linda cut down the distance between herself and what she discerned to be a young girl. The girl had stopped calling for help by this time and was below the surface of the water.

"Seeing this little girl's face below the water gave me added strength," Linda told us Thursday while recalling the feat.

"I grabbed her with both hands and started treading water," Linda added. "I looked toward the shore and saw that none of the people there were aware of me nor the little girl, who had gone limp."

Linda kept treading water to keep the two of them afloat, she said. She was keeping the little girl's head above water.

"I knew I was in over my depth and I was getting tired," she said. "I was frightened and called out for help, keeping my grip on the arm and shoulder strap of the girl's suit."

"Suddenly, two teenage boys were by our sides and took over."

The color left Linda's face as she continued to tell her recollections of the rescue.

The boys were able to hold the girl and call out to people on the beach. She saw two lifeguards dive into the surf and "in seconds they were taking the little victim back with them." The two boys returned to shore.

"Then I panicked," the rescuer said.

"They had forgotten me and I had grown too tired to tread water any more. I felt the water close over my head—I guess I fainted or passed out from fatigue." Linda stopped talking.

The modest heroine smiled as she told of regaining consciousness and of being brought to shore by the same two lifeguards. She said she talked with the little girl, who appeared to be eight, or nine, years of age, and "she thanked me for helping her."

Before Linda left the beach to return home with her friends, some of the people in the crowd told her she had rescued the little swimmer, and one of the

guards said she "no doubt had saved a life."

A woman put a dollar bill in her hand and squeezed it shut.

When Linda returned to her home at 1507 Acacia her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Williams, called Dr. William Young to examine her. The doctor found that outside of shock and some salt water in her stomach Linda evidenced no serious effects from her ordeal at the beach.

"I am happy about two things," Linda said. "That I learned to be a strong swimmer while in the Girl Scouts and that I went in for a swim yesterday when I did."

The identity of the rescued girl is unknown as the lifeguards at the Hermosa station said they were so busy "pulling swimmers out of the surf" last Wednesday they had no time to get the names or addresses of the near victims.

LARGEST HOME DELIVERY BY FAR

Herald Phone Numbers

- FAirfax 8-5164—For Society.
- FAirfax 8-4000—For General News, Circulation.
- FAirfax 8-4000—For Classified. Ask for Ad-Taker.

California's Greatest Semi-Weekly—Every Sunday and Thursday

Torrance Herald

OFFICE AND PLANT AT 1619 GRAMERCY AVE., TORRANCE

IN THE HERALD TODAY

Ann Landers	13	Legal Ads	17-20
Armed Forces	4	Obituaries	2
Comics	16	Society	13-15
Crossword	8	Sports	10
Editorials	8	Want Ads	20-23

45th Year—No. 54

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1959

10¢ Per Copy

MID-YEAR BUILDING BOOM REPORTED

Permits Soar as Homes, Businesses Rise in City

Building permits issued in Torrance during the first six months of 1959 totaled nearly \$15 million, according to figures compiled this week by the office of Building Superintendent Lee Schlens.

Permits valued at \$4,199,800 issued in June, the highest month so far this year, brought the 1959 total to \$14,960,453, the compilation shows.

Littleton Off For Honolulu In Yacht Race

Departing for Honolulu in a 161 foot yacht at noon yesterday from Los Angeles Harbor was A. H. Littleton, 2854 Onrado St., who is Torrance's sole participant in this year's Trans-Pacific Yacht Race. Littleton is aboard the "Goodwill," largest of the 43 yachts entered in this year's contest.

Owned by Ralph Larabee, the "Goodwill" has a crew of 50 aboard, with Donald Douglas Jr. at the helm.

Mrs. Littleton will head for Honolulu Sunday on a plane chartered by wives of the crew of the "Goodwill." A two-way radio aboard the plane will maintain contact with the yacht.

Events planned during the two-week stay in the Islands include a cocktail party to be hosted aboard the "Goodwill" by the Ralph Larabees, and parties to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Don Douglas and the Bud Gardiners. The event will be climaxed by a Hawaiian luau and an awards presentation dinner to be given at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel Wednesday, July 22.

A TOTAL of 271 permits were issued during the past month, the major portion of them for new dwelling units.

Twenty-five permits were issued for the construction of 111 single dwellings valued at \$1,624,900. Six permits for apartments and other multiple dwelling units worth \$583,600 will provide 71 units.

The city also issued eight permits for industrial buildings which have a total value of \$1,209,600 and 13 commercial buildings valued at \$342,740.

FIGURES FOR the first six months of 1959 are as follows:

January	\$591,941
February	\$1,609,231
March	\$2,738,421
April	\$2,556,460
May	\$3,264,600
June	\$4,199,800

STILL expected during the year are permits for a number of large stores in the Del Amo Shopping Center and other commercial centers of the city.

Construction of industrial plants here is gaining speed, and a heavy permit value for this type of building is expected yet this year, city officials claim.

With YMCA

30 Boys To Tour Canada

Thirty excited teenage boys from local communities departed from the Torrance YMCA at 3 a.m. Wednesday morning for a month-long tour of the Great Northwest.

This YMCA Caravan traveled to Sacramento during the first day, and, after viewing Sutter's Fort and capital building, the boys headed for the Feather River.

During the weekend the local youngsters are camping on the shore of Manzanita Lake in Mt. Lassen National Park. Mt. Lassen will be the first of 14 National Parks to be visited by the "Y" group.

THE BULK of the month will be spent in Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and will be highlighted by visits to Banff, Jasper, and Glacier National Parks in Canada.

The boys have been meeting throughout the school year to plan their own trip under the guidance of the Torrance YMCA staff. The youths have determined their own route, program, menu, equipment, rules of conduct, and even their budget.

THEY ELECTED Tom Pettepiece, 5513 Calle de Ricardo, as their president. Each day Tom will preside at a "Town Hall Meeting" to determine democratically the day's events.

Those attending are Steve Bailey, Bob Bashor, Norman Bostick, John Clemons, Tommy Cooper, Peter De Turk, Sparky Dubiski, Don Fogg, Paul Frost, Jim Jeffers, Dale Matteson, Richard Matteson, Julius Meier, Gregory Morley and Bob Miller.

OTHERS ARE Pat Patten, Tom Pettepiece, Ricky Percy, David Warden, Gerald Resan, David O'Halloran, Jack Reinsch, Jim Rowan, Jan Simonson, Steve Simonson, Wayne Skelton, Jeff Sorowol, Hugh Tower, Ronald Dutton and Larry Barnum.

In addition to the boys, the local YMCA staff of Douglas Cannon, Paul Slyh and Joe Wilcox will serve as leaders for the group.



STARTS FOURTH TERM . . . Mayor Norris Poulson (left) warmly congratulates Councilman John S. Gibson following his re-election as president of Los Angeles City Council. Gibson this week began his fourth consecutive term in the post, setting a new record for consecutive longevity as council leader.

Gibson Re-Elected L.A. Council Head

Establishing one new record and equalling another, Councilman John S. Gibson this week began his fourth consecutive two-year term as president of the Los Angeles City Council.

Gibson was re-elected by unanimous vote on the first ballot taken when the new council was organized last Wednesday.

Completion of the fourth term will tie a record set by Robert Burns for eight years as council leader. However, Burns' tenure was interrupted by a two year period when he was defeated in 1941.

GIBSON, who was first elected to the city council in 1951, became president in 1953 to break a deadlock.

Harold Henry, incumbent and holder of the post for six years, and Ernest Debs, who since has been elected county supervisor, were contesting for the job.

When each failed to gain the eighth vote needed, Gibson was nominated as a compromise candidate and with Debs' support, was elected.

TWO NEW councilmen were seated this week. C. Lemoine Blanchard, who defeated Earle Baker, took over in the second district; and James Harvey Brown began a two year term, filling in the post Debs relinquished for the county position.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"If you were suddenly med winner of a contest with a choice of \$1000 or a two-week ocean cruise, which would you select, and why?"

That was the pipe-dream-of-the-week your HERALD inquirer-photographer posed to several down-to-earth people in Torrance this week.

Donnie Smith, 1109 W. 209th St., student at Gardena High: "I think I'd like to have \$1000. I'd put some away for college—I'm going to study teaching some day—and the rest on my back, after a clothes-shopping spree that would give me far greater pleasure than any cruise could do."

Sparky Davidson, 3743 187th St., North High student: "I would also take that \$1000, which I could do a lot more with than a cruise. I'd stash every cent of it away towards college, where I intend eventually to major in physical education."

Kurt Freund, Buena Park, real estate salesman: "There's no question about it—I'd take the ocean cruise. My wife and I could use a vacation and we love the ocean. It would be a nice change from my usual routine of selling property in Apple Valley."

Ruth Kail, 1544 W. 216th St., housewife: "Oh, I would take the \$1000. There are so many things I could use it for. Of course, if there weren't a choice, the money would do more good."

Shirley Larkey, 1005 Fay-Smith, kitchen engineer (housewife, that is): "I'd jump at the chance of taking that cruise. I need a vacation badly."



CHECKING GEAR . . . Pete de Turk, Julius Meier, Tom Pettepiece and Jeff Sprowl check over camp items as 30 area YMCA teenage boys left for a month tour of Great Northwest. Group left Wednesday and will visit 14 national parks. (Herald photo)



IN HEROINE ROLE . . . Sixteen-year-old Linda Williams, a Torrance High School senior, was being hailed this week as a heroine after she was instrumental in saving the life of a young swimmer in the surf. (Herald photo)

On Monday

State to Hear Water Proposal

A public hearing to establish definite geographic boundaries for the proposed Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District has been scheduled for 10 a.m. tomorrow in Los Angeles.

The hearing, to be conducted by the State Department of Water Resources, will be held in Room 115 of the State Building, 1100 S. Grand Ave. Backers of a petition for formation of the district will be granted a chance to offer supporting evidence to the state officials at tomorrow's session. The plan is being developed to combat salt water intrusion into the area's water bearing strata.

The proposed district would have the authority to import water for injection into the underground basins to offset depletion and salt water intrusion problems. The district also would have authority to curtail pumping throughout the wide area, which includes Torrance, the South Bay cities, and 25 other cities of the county.

Amateur Program To Be Held Today

An amateur talent program will be held in the bandstand of Torrance Park, Arlington Ave. at Lincoln, today at 2 p.m. Similar programs will take place July 19, Aug. 2, Aug. 9, Aug. 16 and Aug. 23.

Anyone interested in appearing in a talent show is asked to contact Verne Clary at Torrance Recreation Department, 1511 Cravers Ave.

Police Lieutenant Resigns From Post

Police Lieutenant Ted A. Morris, a veteran of 10 years on the Torrance police department, resigned this week to accept employment elsewhere, it was announced by Chief Percy Bennett.

Lt. Morris, who has worked in most departments of the city's police force, was the officer in charge of the R&I (records) section at the time of his resignation, Bennett said. Bennett said he did not know what Morris' future plans were.

New System Saves Aeronca \$52,000

A new system of handling engineering changes initiated saved an estimated \$52,000 annually, according to E. V. Gustafson, director of Aeronca's Engineering Div. Aeronca, with headquarters and a plant in Torrance, also operates facilities in Baltimore, Los Angeles and Middleton, Ohio.