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# GANG NABS, ATTACKS HOUSEWIFE

### A Penny for your Thoughts

With little more than two weeks left before school resumes for the 1959-60 school year, your Pennies photographer became curious to find out what all the youngsters in Torrance have been doing with all the time.

At Torrance Park he queried five young men on the subject of "What have you been doing during the summer vacation?" Their answers and pictures appear below.

Kenny McMan, 2189 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, 5th grade.

"I have been swimming at the beach and the Torrance pool, here at park almost every day playing baseball or football or just playing games or in the crafts program."

Kenny Lamue, 2259 W. 236th Pl., Torrance, 5th grade: "Well, I have been mostly playing baseball with all my friends. We have also played some football and come to the park quite often to work in the crafts program or use the playground."

Mike Oliver, 1814 Middlebrook Ave., Torrance, 8th grade: "I went to the desert with my mother and father and have been coming to the park to play. I like to play baseball or football with my friend also."

Timmy Venable, 2185 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, 4th grade: "I have been to Disneyland, to Knott's Merry Farm and on other trips with my family. I also come to the park every day to play baseball or work in the crafts program."

Jimmy Huffman, 2024 Arlington Ave., Torrance, 4th grade: "My family went on a vacation trip to the South. When we came back I went swimming and come to the park to play baseball or football. I also like the crafts program at the park."

(Editor's note: The five boys are unanimous in their answer to the question: Are you glad that school is about to start? They all gave a very emphatic NO.

## Auto Smashes Through Pole

Gravely injured when his late model car swung off of Hawthorne Ave. through an Edison Co. power pole and over an embankment early yesterday was a 17-year-old Inglewood youth who was traveling alone in the car.

Attendants at Harbor General Hospital yesterday afternoon told the HERALD that the condition of Stephen Rollin Foster, of 3736 W. 109th St., was critical, and had remained unchanged since he was admitted shortly after 3 a.m. yesterday.

Foster was southbound on Hawthorne Ave. at Lomita Blvd. when his auto veered off the roadway, slammed through the power pole, and rolled down the roadside embankment. The car was totally demolished.

Details of the accident were still being investigated yesterday.

An inquest into the crash which took a sports car driver's life on Pacific Coast Hwy. at Ocean Ave. last Saturday night has been set for 10 a.m. Aug. 31 at the Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Edwin Allen McCullers, 26, of Inglewood, was killed and four persons injured in that spectacular crash.

## Edison Co. Names New Manager

Succeeding Avera as Torrance manager will be William H. Greenawalt, former local manager at Florence, Blanchard said. The shifts in management become effective tomorrow.

Avera is well known in Torrance and has been active in the local Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, and various other civic organizations. Although assigned to Los Angeles, he and his family will continue to reside in Torrance.

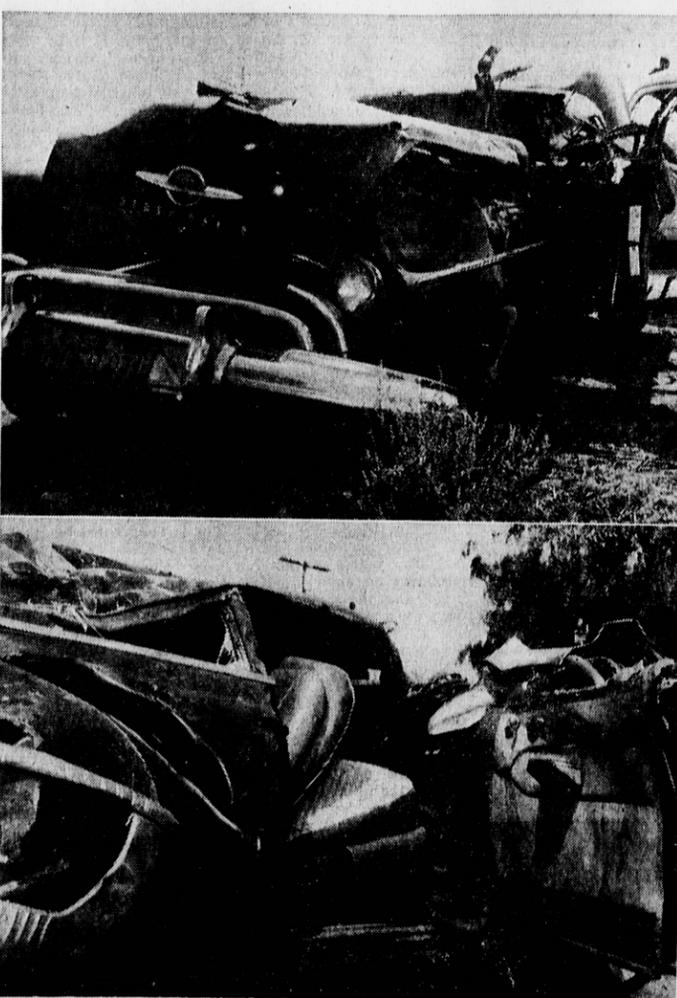
A Navy veteran, he is a graduate of the University of Southern California and has been associated with the Edison company since 1950. He was named Torrance local manager in July of 1954.

Greenawalt, veteran of 21 years' Edison service, is a graduate of Geneva College, Pennsylvania. His assignments have given him wide experience with the company's Commercial Department. He was promoted to Florence office manager in June of 1958 and has been prominent in Rotary and local civic committees there. During World War II, Greenawalt was a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army.

In the plan, some downtown streets are closed to vehicle traffic and left exclusively to the pedestrians. Trees, benches, kiddie rides, and even sidewalk cafes are included in the revolutionary plan to "give downtown back to shoppers."

Lack of a quorum will probably keep the Torrance city council from meeting this week, it was reported here yesterday.

With Councilman Bob Jahn attending the American Legion Convention in Minneapolis; J. A. Beasley and Nick Dralle in Sacramento to appear before the Highway Commission on behalf of the San Diego Freeway, and Willys Blount, who will be out of town on Tuesday, only three members of the seven member council at most would be available for roll call.



CAR DEMOLISHED . . . Two views of the auto which was destroyed completely here early yesterday are shown above. Seventeen-year-old Stephen Allen Foster was critically injured in the crash. (Herald Photo)

## Five Youths Pedal Bikes 250 Miles on Outing to Big Bear

By JERRY REYNOLDS  
Herald Staff Writer

Ever ride a bicycle 250 miles? Well, five Torrance boys did. In fact, they rode all the way to Big Bear Lake and back on their bikes. What's more, they enjoyed every minute of it.

The boys which in this case are Frank Hudson, 17, 17020 Ermanita; Mike Kimble, 16, 17103 Wilkie Ave.; Phil Johnston, 17, 2828 Danaha St.; Bill Leonard, 17, 5005 Paseo de Las Tortugas, all of Torrance; and Mike Bartlet, 17, Hermosa Beach. The quintet left Torrance on Sunday, Aug. 9, at 9:30 p.m. and returned to this city on Sunday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m.

IT TOOK 19½ hours for the five determined young men to ride and push their bikes up the grade which leads to Big Bear. When they finally made it, at 4 p.m. on Monday the group was a tired but happy one.

Taking turns carrying the 60-pound pack which had their food and other necessities, they spent most of Sunday and Monday going up the mountain. They were helped along the way by several police officers who gave directions, helped repair flats, and carry bikes when it became a necessity.

The group experienced no injuries although several close

Civil Defense Bid

The Torrance Civil Defense and Disaster Commission has recommended to the city council that Torrance participate in Area G of the Los Angeles County civil defense network during the 1959-60 fiscal year.

calls were related by them.

YOU ARE probably asking yourself about now why anyone would want to ride a bicycle to Big Bear, especially in the middle of the summer. Well, the boys, who originally numbered seven (two didn't make the start), did it on a dare. Just to prove a point: the fact they could make the trip.

The whole thing was Frank Hudson's idea, and he gets all the credit, say the others. During the week they spent at Big Bear the boys went boating, hiking, swimming and fishing. They enjoyed the facilities of Grout Bay public camp.

LEAVING Big Bear on Sunday at 2 p.m., they made the trip back in just 12 hours. One of the boys said it was easier going back, it was all down hill!

On the return trip the boys carried 15-pound packs each. All totaled they rode 250 miles in 31½ hours, had 13 flat tires and spent \$50, a small sum for a week's vacation for five boys.

Said Bill Leonard when asked if he planned to do it again, "Yes, we want to go back next week . . . in a car!"

## Sheriff Holds Four Suspects

Four men are in custody and one is expected to be arrested soon on the vicious kidnaping and gang attack on a 41-year-old Torrance woman here early yesterday.

Arrested by Firestone sheriff's deputies yesterday were Arthur Olivarez, 19; Sammy Bonda, 26; Alex Rivera, 45, all of Torrance, and Nestor Padilla Jr., of Harbor City.

A fifth man has been identified as one of the attackers and detectives were searching for him yesterday.

THE VICTIM, whose merchant seaman husband left for Formosa Thursday, was kidnapped by three of the gang in front of her Torrance home about 1:30 a.m. yesterday, dragged forcibly into a car, and taken to a deserted area near Del Amo and Arlington, where she was assaulted six times by her captors.

She had been struck, slapped, and backhanded by one of the kidnapers enroute to the attack scene, according to Det. Sgt. Charles Roth of the Sheriff's Department.

THE VICTIM'S blouse and other clothing had been ripped from her body by the attackers, investigators reported.

The near hysterical woman told detectives that three men in a car grabbed her as she was locking her car in front of her Torrance home.

After being taken to the scene of the repeated attacks, she escaped from them for a short time, hiding in a nearby shack.

ONE OF the men found her, put a man's T-shirt on her, and took her back to her home, she said.

Neighbors who heard the victim screaming as the trio grabbed her in front of her home called the Sheriff's office, and a search was started immediately, according to Roth.

### City Playoffs to Begin on Tuesday

Playoffs for the Torrance City slo-pitch championship are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday of this week.

The Tappa Keggs (Red League) will play the Elks Club (Blue League) while the Service League champs, Kiwanis and the Fire Department A (Black League) team up against each other on Tuesday.

Winners will play winners and losers will meet losers in the Thursday night double header.

### Few Breakfast Reservations Still Available

Some last minute reservations are still available for the Tuesday breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which will salute the new Sears Del Amo, it was announced here yesterday.

The meeting will be held at the Masonic Temple, Cabrillo and Plaza Del Amo, according to Co-chairman Bernie Lee and Mary Pagac. Reservations may be made by calling the Chamber of Commerce office Monday morning.

## Navy May Cut Down On Annex

Twenty-five acres at the south end of the Torrance Annex to the Long Beach Naval Shipyard probably will be declared surplus, according to a letter from Sen. Claire Engle to Torrance School Superintendent J. H. Hull.

The Torrance district has been interested in the land as a possible site for a fifth high school or other facilities. Originally, the district understood that as many as 45 acres might be declared surplus. Even though the 25 acres are less than was a thought at first, school officials still are interested.

The cost probably would be considerably less than prevailing prices, because the land is surplus. Surplus land is made available for school or other similar use.

The Navy Department informed Sen. Engle that it had determined that the 25-acre plot no longer will be needed. However, Congress still must approve such a change in status for the property. It is located at the south end of the Navy depot between Crenshaw Blvd. and Orange Ave., south of Washington St.

## Local Boy Killed in Cuban Tiff

Buddi G. Kennedy, Jr., son of Buddi G. Kennedy, Sr., 20413 New Hampshire, was reported killed in a skirmish with hostile troops outside of Santiago, Cuba, last Thursday, according to a report on the 19-year-old soldier of fortune.

The senior Kennedy received a wire from New London, Ontario, where his son, along with 16 other youths, had signed on as soldiers with a Cuban military unit and had been in Santiago 15 days. Kennedy said his son was well liked here and in Havlock, Neb., where he had been farming up until the time he joined the Cuban detachment. Kennedy said he had not received any details as to how his son met his death, but felt he was "trying to take after me and equal my record of World War I."



HERE WE COME . . . Four of the five boys who recently completed a bicycle ride to Lake Big Bear and back are pictured here. The boys show off some of the things which they took along on the jaunt to the mountain lake. They are, Frank Hudson, Bill Leonard, Mike Kimble and Phil Johnston. The fifth member, Mike Bartlet, was working (Herald Photo)