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# GUNSHOTS, CRASH END CHASE

### A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think would do the most toward reducing the juvenile delinquency problems now facing law enforcement officers today?"

Replying to the question above were five persons selected at random in the downtown Torrance area this week.

Their answers:

Mrs. Sharon Blakely, 1914 W. 218th Street, housewife:

"We should have more recreation centers where young people could meet. Young people resent being shoved around... they need a place where they can meet. I think young people law enforcement officers should know each other better, too."

Tom Stowe, 2650 W. Carson St., Torrance High senior:

"More recreation centers in Torrance for teenagers would help a lot. Young people are at school all day, and at night they need a place to go, such as a recreation center."

Charles M. Boyd, 2117 Torrance Blvd., maintenance worker:

"How to raise young people at home means much. Parents should work along with their children, find out their problems. Parents also should have faith in their children, and spend more time with them."

Mrs. Mary Caughern, 22912 Caroldale, housewife:

"Parents should know where their young people are, and they should do more things with them. Parents and adults must understand why young people want to do things other than stay at home."

Alfred V. Montoya, 1221 El Prado, bank employee:

"Parents must try to treat teenagers more like adults. Some parents are too easy with their children, of course. Better moral guidance on the part of parents, television, and the movies would help."

### Agreement Shelved

A recommendation that the city enter a joint powers agreement with neighboring city councils to set up rental procedures for equipment and personnel was held up for more study by the council Tuesday.



OUT OF NOWHERE... Officers work to untangle a traffic snarl which resulted from the heavy fog which blanketed part of the area yesterday morning. Shown here are three cars out of the 12 which eventually collided on Hawthorne Blvd. No one was injured. (Herald photo)

### On Busy Street

## Heavy Fog Causes Snarl In Traffic

Dense fog which enveloped large sections of the city early yesterday slowed up traffic on most of the city's major thoroughfares, and threatened to stop it completely along Hawthorne Blvd. between 7 and 8 a.m., according to police.

A series of accidents in which 12 cars were finally involved snarled the morning rush hour traffic along Hawthorne between Pacific Coast Hwy. and Sepulveda Blvd.

No injuries were reported in the accidents.

Several police units were sent to the Hawthorne Ave. area before 8 a.m. yesterday, and officers reported that the area was "socked in good." Tow trucks were busy for

### City Worker Succumbs to Crash Hurts

Death of a city employe from injuries suffered here Sunday evening when he was struck by an auto near his home raised the city's 1959 traffic fatality total to 10, police report.

Dying Tuesday following the crash was Hedwin Reynold Mickelson, 50, of 23536 Arlington Ave. He was injured near his home Sunday evening when a car driven by Mary J. Wilkerson, 35, of San Pedro, struck him.

The driver said Mickelson ran in front of her vehicle and that she was unable to avoid striking him.

### Stairs Requested

A study of a Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. request for stairs into El Retiro Park from Vista del Parque was started by the department of public works and the recreation commission.

nearly an hour hauling away damaged autos.

While the sun was breaking through in the downtown Torrance area by 8 a.m., other areas of the western and southern sections of the city continued to lie under a blanket of fog which held until mid-morning.

At least 11 persons were believed to have died in the fiery crash.



THANKSGIVING SCENE... As the Thanksgiving turkey looks on, four second graders at Yukon Elementary School look at a model of a Pilgrim and Indian settlement. Classes of Mrs. Marcia Steiner and Mrs. Betty Pickard joined to present a play about the first Thanksgiving. Shown are Debbie Kridner, Raymond Arkie, Debbie Ruttle and Jimmie Seder.

## Police Arrest Three Youths After Pursuit

Three Orange County lads—two 15 and one only 14—were returned home yesterday after a brief escapade which included two vehicle thefts, a 25-mile, high speed chase, gunshots, and a crash which ended it all just south of 174th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.

### Local Man In Chicago Air Crash

A 35-year-old Torrance flight engineer was among the three crewmen of the TWA cargo plane that crashed Tuesday near Chicago's Midway Airport.

Aeron Lyman Auge Jr., who lived at 5607 Ruby St., was a veteran of Navy service during World War II, and had served in the Aleutians.

He is survived by his widow, Yvonne, and daughters Linda, 12, and Cheryl, 10.

Auge joined TWA as a flight engineer in 1953.

The huge Constellation plane apparently developed trouble on takeoff at Chicago early Tuesday enroute to Los Angeles. The plane was attempting to land again at the airport when it crashed into a residential area adjacent to the field.

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Before two Sheriff's deputies nudged the car into a curb early Tuesday, the three teenagers had led a growing posse of police, deputies, and highway patrolmen through Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, and out Crenshaw Blvd. into Torrance. Speeds at times reached as much as 110 mph, according to Sgt. Paul Jones of the Beverly Hills police department.

THE CHASE started in Beverly Hills when officer Robert E. Downey spotted the young trio in the late-model convertible.

Noting the youthfulness of the driver, he attempted to question them, but they fled.

The chase led east on Olympic Blvd. from Robertson Blvd., and other units joined in along the route in response to a call broadcast by Officer Downey.

SEVERAL WARNING.. shots were fired by pursuing officers at the chase moved down Crenshaw Blvd. toward Torrance, Sgt. Jones said. None were fired at the vehicle.

By this time police from University and 77th St. Divisions had joined Wilshire Division police, Beverly Hills police, Sheriff's deputies, and highway patrolmen.

The chase ended here about 3:30 a.m. when two courageous deputies, Robert M. Gordon, who was driving, and Ernest E. Ashford moved alongside the fleeing trio and bumped fenders.

THE FLEEING auto finally hit a curb just south of 174th St. on Crenshaw, slammed into a street mailbox, hurling it through the plate glass window of a do-nut shop, and came to a stop in front of 17503 Crenshaw Blvd. The car was heavily damaged but the occupants were uninjured.

Beverly Hills police took the three youths into custody, and later turned them over to Orange County officials.

POLICE SAID the trio had stolen a Jeep earlier near their homes, abandoned it in Downey, and then took the convertible in Encino.

The 15-year-old driver and his 14-year-old passenger said they lived in Buena Park. The third youth, also 15, lived in Anaheim.

### Bus Line Protested

A resolution protesting the application of the Cross Town Suburban Bus Lines, Inc., for authority to reroute and extend its Inglewood area routes through Torrance was ordered by the city council this week. A city delegation to include Bus Superintendent M. A. Chamberlain was also instructed to protest the extension before the Public Utilities Commission.

### Meter Take Varies

Average collection per downtown parking meter ranged from a low of 56 cents to a high of \$1.14, according to a report filed with the council by Finance Director Jerome I. Scharfman this week.



NO, NO, PALE!... Tommy Turkey makes this plea to David Vaccaro, of the Mira Loma Turkey Ranch, who answers, "Goodbye, old friend, this isn't my idea, but was started by our Pilgrim Fathers a long time ago. We have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Day, even if you don't agree right now." Have a nice turk—Thanksgiving, that is. (Herald photo)

## Development Due On Airport Site

Announcements can be expected soon on development plans for an 8.4-acre parcel of airport property at the northwest corner of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd., the HERALD was told this week.

George Graziadio, who represents an investment and development syndicate formed to develop the area to be known as Airport Plaza, said an announcement on some of the tenants for the new development might be made before the end of the year.

Signed 50-year leases accompanied by checks for \$25,000 and \$2250 were handed over to the city council Tuesday by Graziadio. The larger check

represents a performance surety, the other the ground rental for the month of December. Closing of the lease this week marked the end to a year-long negotiation with various developers for creation of a shopping center on the airport corner.

Under terms of the lease accepted by the council this week, the developers will be required to build 80,000 square feet of commercial buildings on the property, or expend \$1 million in improvements (excluding loan costs and brokerage fees) during the next five years.

## To Dedicate New Hospital Here Dec. 12

With interior finishing now being completed at the \$3,500,000 Little Company of Mary Hospital, Mother M. Patricia, hospital administrator, announced this week that dedication ceremonies will be held Dec. 12 on the hospital ground at 4101 Torrance Blvd. His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles will officiate.

The hospital will be operated by the Little Company of Mary, an order of nursing sisters founded in England in 1887. Dr. John A. Wilson, Manhattan Beach, will head a medical staff of about 175 physicians at the new institution.

First patients will be admitted to the hospital about Jan. 1. The hospital contains every facility necessary to provide the best patient care, Mother Patricia said.

## Torrance Hi Class Sets Play

The Senior Class of Torrance High School will present a famous comedy, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4th and 5th at 8 p.m. in the Torrance High School Auditorium.

The play is based on the best-selling novel of the same name by Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimbrough. Carol Mathis won the role of Cornelia Otis Skinner and Nancy Osborne the role of Emily Kimbrough.

Other members of the cast include Jim Pritchard, Carol Johnson, Gary Blakley, Bill Miller, Gary Van De Wetering, Jim White, Phil Cosby, Vi Lucero, Vicki Hippik, Noel Shire, Linda Hofer, Barbara Adams, Brooke Linderman, and Carol Vorhis.