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# DRIVER TOSSED FROM CAR, DIES

## Pre-Holiday Victim Dies Of Injuries

A 28-year-old man was killed and another received injuries described as serious in a two-car collision at 216th St. and Harvard Ave. yesterday.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital was Robert Lawrence Ramos, 28, of 554 W. 213th St. Investigating officers from the Harbor Division said Ramos was apparently killed instantly in the crash.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment was

John Robert Denton, 24, of 1543 W. 214th St. After treatment for contusions and head wounds, he was permitted to return to his home.

The victim was apparently thrown from his car in the crash at the residential intersection just east of downtown Torrance.

A Redondo Beach woman died Wednesday night as a result of an earlier accident at Torrance Blvd. and Madrona Ave., police reported.

Vida L. Chick, 48, who was struck by an auto as she crossed the street in front of 3531 Torrance Blvd. on Dec. 13 died at Harbor General Hospital. Driver of the car which struck her was identified as Eugene F. Watson, 30, also of Redondo Beach.

## Jaycee Week Activities Announced

Jaycee Week, the annual anniversary observance of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, starts next Sunday in Torrance, Bob Morris, local Jaycee president, announced today.

The Week, which will run until Saturday, Jan. 23, will be capped off Thursday, Jan. 21, at 8 p.m. with the annual Bosses' Night, honoring the bosses of all Jaycees. The banquet will be at the Palms and will feature Dick Fitzgerald as speaker for the evening.

Bosses' Night is an annual feature of Junior Chambers throughout the nation. It is dedicated to the bosses who support the Jaycees and recognize the value of the organization.

Jaycee Week celebrates the founding of the Jaycee Movement in St. Louis in 1915. It was such a success that in subsequent years it has expanded to an organization of a quarter million members in some 3700 chapters in the United States. It has also spread to the world with the Junior Chamber International represented in 90 countries by 350,000 members in over 4500 chapters, the third largest international club in existence.

## New Ad Wing At Torrance High Slated

After study of three possible plans, the Torrance Board of Education decided Tuesday night that a new administrative wing would best solve problems at 42-year-old Torrance High School.

The board was seeking a way to consolidate present scattered administrative offices and to provide six more classrooms. Three alternate plans were provided by architects.

Considerable modernization of the plant may be needed within the next few years, the board was told.

## Chace to Install Officers For Carson Civic Group

Supervisor Burton W. Chace will be installing officer for the Carson Civic Betterment Assn. when Earl E. Swanson will begin his second term as president of the association.

The meeting will be held at the Carson Branch Library, 22102 S. Main St. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Taking office with Swanson will be vice president, John McDonald; recording secretary, Mrs. Kay Tarling; corresponding secretary, J. R. Gateley; treasurer, Donnell Ottolina and sgt.-at-arms, James Heckathorn.

Elected to serve with the officers on the executive board were the following committee-men: H. W. Rutherford, Joe Weston, J. R. Gateley, Maurice Tarling, Arthur Reynolds, Joe M. Trevino, and Paul Schneider. Mrs. Joe Weston was elected for a three year term on the board of trustees.

Chace will make a report to the people of the Carson area

of the work of the board of Supervisors, and will discuss taxes, streets, and parks in the Carson district. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions.

## Harvey Aluminum Receives Award

A special award for technical service has been presented to Harvey Aluminum by the Sliding Glass Door & Window Institute.

The plaque was given to Harvey in recognition of the company's research and compilation of a specification's report for the technical committee of the national association.

In making the presentation to Lawrence Harvey, executive vice-president at the firm's general offices here, Murrell Spense, president of the SGD & WI said that the research and preparation efforts of Harvey Aluminum were an outstanding contribution to the entire industry.

## Three Steelworkers Hit 40-Year Mark

Three men — two of whom are second generation at United States Steel — were being congratulated by fellow employees at the Torrance Works of Columbia-Geneva Steel Division today after being honored for 40 years service with the company.

They are John W. Quigley, engineering and maintenance electrician, 1003 Arlington Ave., and Luis Ordaz, rolling mill tilt table operator, 2056 203rd St., both of Torrance, and Clyde Wilkinson, engineering and maintenance brickmason, 1044 West 77th Street, Los Angeles.

Each received a watch, lapel pin and service certificate in recognition of his four decades with U. S. Steel.

QUIGLEY recalled coyotes were commonplace in fields surrounding the plant when he joined the Torrance Works on Sept. 25, 1919, following four years of service with the Canadian Army in World War I. A native of Halifax, N.S., he followed his father, Edward, to the Torrance Works after the latter joined the firm's predecessor, Llewellyn Iron Works, in 1915. His son-in-law, Claude Gull, also works at the Torrance Works.

Also coming from a long line U. S. Steel family, Wilkinson

transferred to the Torrance Works in 1947, after having been employed since Oct. 3, 1919, at the USS Homestead Works in Pennsylvania, where his father served 47 years. A brother, Floyd, has 34 years' service at Homestead, and an older brother, William, deceased, had been with U. S.

Steel 30 years when he retired. In presenting the awards, W. M. Montgomery, superintendent-rolling mill, 2701 Gramercy Ave., Torrance, pointed out that 46 per cent of the Torrance Works' employees have more than 20 years' service with the company.



STEELWORKERS HONORED . . . Service awards at the Torrance Works of United States Steel's Columbia-Geneva Steel Division included presentation of watches for 40 years' tenure to, from left, Luis Ordaz, rolling mill tilt table operator; Clyde Wilkinson, engineering and maintenance brickmason, and John W. Quigley, engineering and maintenance electrician.



CHECKS VICTIM . . . A Harbor Division traffic officer checks body of Robert Lawrence Ramos, 28, who was killed at 216th St. and Harvard Blvd. yesterday in a two-car collision. John Robert Denton, 24, was driver of second car. He was treated for injuries at Harbor General Hospital. (Herald Photo)

## Suspect Asks To See Guns, Hits Dealer

A young hoodlum who pistol-whipped a downtown businessman and fled with a revolver is the object of a police search today.

Detective Wally Nitz of the Torrance Police Department reported yesterday that a young man estimated to be about 25 years of age, entered the Ellis Loan and Jewelry at 1639 Cabrillo Ave. about 5 p.m. Friday and asked owner Nat Ellis about guns.

After looking at a couple Ellis showed him, and complaining that the hammer did not work properly on one of them, the suspect stood by while the merchant talked to another customer who had entered the store.

THE SECOND customer traded an H & R, .22-calibre blue steel revolver for something else and left.

The suspect asked to look at the newly acquired gun, said he wanted it, and asked if he could pay cash and get it right away.

Ellis explained that he had to wait three days while he and the gun were checked out.

"O.k., go ahead and make out the sales slip," the suspect said.

POLICE SAID the bandit gave a name which they believe fictitious and an address, allegedly in Gardena, which also is fictitious.

When Ellis asked about the address, the suspect grabbed the pistol, hit him about the head several times, and fled, the victim told investigating officers.

The gun was apparently the only thing taken by the suspect, police said.

Clues to his identity were being broadcast yesterday by police from a description furnished by the victim.

## Starts Here Others Try Education Experiment

The "Little Red Schoolhouse" plan started at Torrance's Walteria Elementary School is spreading.

Recent inquiries received by Torrance school officials indicate that at least 20 other districts are planning to start or have started a similar "multigrade" plan. More than 50 inquiries have been received recently, indicating an interest in the program.

The multi-grade program involves placing children from three different grade levels under the same teacher for instruction purposes. Since it started at Walteria, it spread to several schools in Torrance and to a number of other school districts.

## In February PV Water Rate Boost Tests Set

The California Public Utilities Commission has set Feb. 3, 4 and 5 for initial hearings in the Palos Verdes Estates City Hall on the application of the Palos Verdes Water Co. for an increase in rates of approximately \$338,000 a year. Commissioner C. Lyn Fox, assisted by Examiner Stewart C. Warner, will preside at 10:30 a.m.

During the three-day session, the company will present evidence in support of its request and the Commission will hear testimony from customers, official bodies and other interested parties.

Following the initial hearings, a recess of 45 days or longer will be taken to permit Commission staff accountants and engineers to complete their independent investigation of the company's finances and operations.

The company serves approximately 8000 customers in Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, the Portuguese Bend area and other parts of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The firm seeks authority to increase its rates by about 39 per cent to offset claimed higher operating expenses.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

This question was asked five people waiting for buses in different parts of the city. "What do you think should be done to improve bus transportation in Torrance?"

Mrs. Mark Moore, 1358 W. 211th St. housewife:

"I don't have much of a problem myself, except evenings. I have to go to Santa Monica often and coming back through Gardena, if you don't get there before the last bus is out, you have to get a cab or you are stranded."

Vic Slade, 20715 Denker, unemployed aircraft worker:

"I have been riding busses for the first time since I was laid off from my work. Man, it is really rough here in Torrance. I know I have waited as long as an hour just to take a bus a couple of miles."

Mrs. Theodore Smith, 23701 Western Ave., housewife:

"My main complaint is that I think there definitely should be an enclosed depot in Torrance. Otherwise I think schedules are fine and I am glad we have a bus running out in my direction or I would have to walk."

Mrs. Anna Dragoio, 921 Sartori, Avenue, rooming house manager:

"That is a good question to ask. Everyone is complaining about poor bus service. The schedules are so complicated and you have to transfer too often. This is a situation the city can't brag about."

Toni Lansky, 1036 W. 187th Pl., Broadway sales clerk:

"My opinion is that they should run more often. It is pretty hard to get back and forth from where I live. I have to get off at 168th and walk from Western to Vermont. I just dread this walk every day."

## My Neighbors



"Speak to me, Melvin! Melvin! Do you hear me?"



PASTOR HONORED . . . Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (left) presents scroll of commendation from County Board of Supervisors to Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Fuller in honor of their 35 years of broadcasting the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour." In presenting the scroll, Supervisor Hahn pointed out that the Fuller's radio program, long familiar to Southland listeners, is now heard by 10,000,000 people all over the world through 625 radio stations. "In their 35 years of Christian ministry, Dr. and Mrs. Fuller have brought great honor, credit and glory to Los Angeles County and California and much good will to the people of the United States," Supervisor Hahn stated.