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# PROMINENT CLUB LEADER KILLED

## Nina Easley Dies After Auto Crash

A prominent Torrance club leader was one of two persons killed in a spectacular head-on crash just west of Ventura Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Nina Easley, 49, of 234 Camino del Campo, died shortly after the two car crash at 4:30 p.m. just west of the Ventura Bridge on Highway 101.

Driver of the second car, Silverio Bernal Jr., 31, of Los Angeles, died early Tuesday morning at General Hospital in Ventura.

MRS. EASLEY, the wife of Dr. Clifford Easley, was enroute to San Luis Obispo with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Susan Borna, when the accident occurred on the rain swept highway. Her daughter, a student at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, was seriously hurt.

Mrs. Borna was returned to Torrance Memorial Hospital Tuesday where her condition was later described as good.

Another daughter, Cynthia Easley, resides in Palo Alto. Mrs. Easley, who had lived at the Riviera address for 20 years, was active in many Torrance organizations, including the Torrance Hospital Auxiliary, Parent-Teacher activities, and the Red Cross Blood Bank.

She was a member of the Stanford Mothers Club.

FUNERAL SERVICES will be held Friday afternoon at 2 at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Rose Hills Cemetery. The family has suggested donations in her memory to Torrance Memorial Hospital or to the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Easley is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duke of Montebello, and a sister, Miss Mary Lu Zell of South Pasadena.

### Assembly Urges Freeway Project

A House Resolution urging the completion of the Harbor Freeway between 190th St. and Pacific Coast Hwy. has been adopted unanimously by the Assembly, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas informed the HERALD this week.

## School's Mock Election Pleases Vice President

Proof that even a Torrance grade school's mock presidential election is not overlooked in a campaign year—and that he possesses a remarkable retentive memory—was convincingly demonstrated by Vice President Richard M. Nixon Saturday.

The vice president spoke to 1000 state publishers, their wives and guests at the annual convention of the California Newspaper Publishers Assn.

HERALD Co-Publisher Glenn W. Pfeil was startled following his introduction to Nixon when the vice president instantly stated he "was greatly encouraged by a HERALD clipping he saw in Washington that showed the Republicans winning a mock school election in Torrance—where there is usually great Democrat strength."

Nixon's remark, made amidst swarms of people, was prompted by a story appearing Jan. 14 in the HERALD telling of the Republicans winning the annual "national" election at Riviera Elementary school.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

Do you think Caryl Chessman should be given clemency after nearly 12 years of appealing his case? This question was asked five people for today's column.

Beverly Hale, 2116 1/2 Andreo housewife:

"No, I do not think he should be given any more clemency as I think he is guilty. There was one woman in a mental institution as a result of what Chessman did to her. I think he should pay for his crimes."

Gus DeVore, 18629 Billings, Gardena. Harbor College student:

"No, I don't think he should be given any more clemency nor do I think his sentence should be commuted to life. He pulled every trick there is to keep out of the gas chamber. I think his time is up."

A. Gregg, Los Angeles, oil worker:

"I think Chessman is guilty of every crime he is charged with and I even think he is capable of murder if he had the chance again. Every thing he did led up to him killing his victims. He should be gassed."

Dave Tanner, 1301 Sartori, Lawson's Jewelry store manager:

"I feel that Caryl Chessman should get the death penalty for what he did 12 years ago. The courts have given him too much time now. His case has cost the taxpayers a great deal of money and they should end this case once and for all."

## Pact Approved

# Compromise Site Located For Baseball

Solutions to two weighty problems—each exhibiting signs of compromise—were worked out by members of the city council here Tuesday night when they named 10 persons to posts on city commissions and settled the controversy over use of Paradise Park by the Little League.

Months of wrangling over appointments to commissions ended in what might have been an armed truce when the 10 appointments were made with little opposition.

NEWCOMERS TO the city's advisory boards include Harmon Belcher, aircraft executive, who replaces Steve Schmidt on the Civil Service Commission; Roy Bayer, architectural draftsman, who replaces Dave Figuero on the planning commission; and Ken Miller, realtor, who succeeds H. J. Osborne on the planning commission.

Returned to commissions by the council were Robert H. Ellis, civil defense and disaster; John Melville, water; Mrs. John G. L. Crain and Mrs. P. E. Humphreys, library; Mrs. Kenneth McVey and Bernard Dougan, parks and recreation; and William King Jr., planning.

ON THE LITTLE League front, the council was able to duck a decision on the use of Paradise park for baseball when it agreed to allow the Southwood Little League to use an undeveloped park site be-

ing acquired near Anza Ave. and Del Amo Blvd.

With the agreement to use this field, the Southwood Little League withdrew its request to use the city park in the Southwood area.

IN ANOTHER action, the council agreed to allow city employees to continue Blue Cross medical insurance coverage after a secret ballot indicated the workers favored the plan 388 to 42 over a proposal by Pacific Mutual Insurance Co.

The council voted to pay only \$5.75 a month per employee, however, stating that would be the cost of the lowest bid submitted by Pacific Mutual to the council's specifications. The employees will be required to pay a difference of 74 cents a month for the Blue Cross plan plus the cost of enrolling their dependents.

Also approved was a recommendation that the Arlington Ave. bridge be closed to permit removal of obstructions to the flow of Dominguez Channel. A new bridge is now under construction.



MAN'S BEST FRIEND . . . Alfred Smith who has been blind for four years kisses his seeing-eye dog on head before the injured animal was taken to a veterinarian. Faust, a 21-year-old German Shepherd, was hit by a motorist Monday night. Stepson Andrew Blakeley waits to put the partially paralyzed dog in his car. (Herald Photo)

## Driver Didn't Stop

# Fight to Save Guide Dog Hit by Motorist

By BOB WILTON Herald Staff Writer

"Now I've lost two pairs of eyes," said Alfred Smith as he held "Faust" in his arms. Al Smith, who lost his sight four years ago in an accident, added, "The hell with being blind is that you can't see."

Faust, his 21-year-old German Shepherd and a former war dog, was struck by a passing automobile Monday night in front of his master's home at 1532 W. 223rd St.

The motorist didn't bother to stop and see what damage he had done to the 62-pound dog. Faust is paralyzed in his hind quarters as a result of this mishap.

The blind man, who is 56 years old, claims the same name as the late Al Smith, former governor of New York, but adds, "He was a politician

and I am a mechanic."

WHEN ASKED about the accident that caused his loss of sight, Al Smith said, "It was no accident, it was done on purpose. I don't want to talk any more about this 'accident,' except that they used to call me 'Stormy Weather' in certain spots around town—and I'm still a pretty good man.

Faust had no training as a seeing eye dog but nevertheless guided his blind master efficiently. He has been taken to a veterinarian in hopes that he may regain the use of his legs.

Smith, who lost his sight but not his sense of humor, had tears in his eyes after he hugged his faithful friend Tuesday morning.

I complained about wearing glasses until I met this man who is blind.

## Lomita Group Asks City To End Water Controversy

Officials of the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters Assn. of Lomita this week asked that Torrance withdraw its condemnation suit against Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2.

"On Jan. 5, 1960, the people in the area voted more than 3 to 1 to join the area to County Water District No. 13 and bond the area to buy the company and replace worn out mains," Mrs. Dessie G. Myers, president of the civic group wrote in a letter to the HERALD this week.

SHE SAID the city's suit prevents the county water district from fulfilling its obligation.

"As soon as Torrance's suit is withdrawn, work can start," she said. "Shortly thereafter, old main lines can be replaced and building restrictions then removed."

The area comprising more than 1000 city lots has been placed under a building ban by the Public Utilities Commission because of inadequate water service.

IN ADDITION to the condemnation action, the city has filed an appeal seeking to have that part of the water district which lies within Torrance excluded from the area annexed to County Water District No. 13.

A meeting of the Lomita (Continued on Page 32)



IT'S A WOMAN'S WORLD . . . Women play an important role in both local and national affairs, Mrs. Pat Nixon, wife of the Vice President (right), tells Verne Christofferson (left) of Torrance, El Camino College Commissioner of Publications; and Mrs. Lois Howsley, of Waleria El Camino Warrior editor. Mrs. Nixon spoke to the two journalism students at a meeting of the California Newspaper Publishers Assn. in Los Angeles Saturday.

## TEAC Told Multigrade Classroom Huge Success

The multigrade ("Little Red Schoolhouse") program, pioneered in Torrance five years ago, has proved to be a highly successful way to provide for the individual needs of all children—bright, slow, and average.

That was what members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee were told Monday noon by a six-member panel which discussed the various aspects of the program.

The "Little Red Schoolhouse" began in 1955 at Waleria School on an experimental basis. It proved successful enough to spread to a number of other schools in Torrance and in other districts. Basically, it involves placing children from three different grades (1-2-3 and 4-5-6) in one classroom for instructional purposes.

"A GRADE level is an administrative device, which made its first appearance in 1849," Lloyd Jones, curriculum consultant and former Seaside School principal said. "It does not allow for the fact that a child may be six years old, but capable of doing as well as the average eight or nine-year-old. However, he may be able to do only as well as the average four-year-old."

He cited two eighth grade classes at one Torrance school which have 14 students working at grade level, 40 students doing better than grade level, and 12 working below grade level.

"THE CURRICULUM sometimes has a tendency to become only an 'average' designed for the average child," he noted. "The brighter children

get bored and the slower children are frustrated because they can't understand it. We must try to challenge children, taking them where they are in their learning and taking them as far as they can go."

A child's knowledge and capabilities are determined both by tests and by teacher observation; he said. A "multigrade class" helps a teacher individualize instruction, Don Mullaney, Wood principal and former head of the Waleria program, said.

"WE MUST work with each child," he said, "to avoid the tendency to mediocrity or leveling."

The Waleria program, starting with seven multigrade classes, was a dynamic approach to the problem, he said. (Continued on Page 32)

## Four Local Students at Y's Model Legislature

By SUSANNE FREER YMCA Reporter

Hope and anticipation mounts as the selected delegates prepare for the 12th Annual YMCA Model Legislature to be held today through the 13th at the state capitol.

At this time a citizenship training program for 360 boys and girls from over 800 Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y Clubs throughout the state will take place. The youngsters learn about representative government by actually making it work themselves. In this way they carry out the motto: "Democracy Must Be Learned By Each Generation."

Several local civic leaders have worked with the students

as they prepared their bills. This civic committee chose the four members of the delegation who will represent Torrance YMCA in Sacramento.

THE FOUR chosen were: Mike Walker from the Torrance High Dukes, who will act as Assemblyman and present the bill in the Assembly; Belinda Worthen and Cleone Rector, authors of the bill from South High's Sophistocats (Belinda will go as Legislative Advocate and Cleone as Legislative Aid); Susanne Freer, also from the Sophistocats, as political reporter.

The bill is an act to provide for repayment, by the State, to the school districts

for building junior colleges. It reads: "The State shall repay to the school districts, over a 10-year period, 50 per cent of the expenses of capital investment incurred by the establishing of junior colleges." This bill was chosen because of its importance to education.

This group hopes to return from Sacramento with a better understanding of how their government works.

### Classrooms Opened

Classroom additions at Edison, Madrona, and Steele Schools were opened this week. A Waleria addition is due to open next week.