

Former Torrance Teacher Leaves Hijacked Ship

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ELDERLY WOMAN DIES IN CRASH

Five Injured In Saturday Auto Crash

An 84-year-old Walteria woman was killed Friday noon when she was thrown from her auto in a collision at Rolling Hills Road and Crenshaw, and five were hospitalized yesterday after two cars collided on Earl St. near Del Amo Blvd., according to Torrance police.

Killed in the crash Friday was Mrs. Sarah Jackson, of 24221 Hawthorne Blvd., who was thrown from a car driven by her husband, Charles John Jackson, 83. A second car was driven by Diane Joy Omohundro, 18, of Rolling Hills.

POLICE SAID the Omohundro car was northbound on Crenshaw Blvd. and the Jackson car was entering Crenshaw from Rolling Hills Road when the accident occurred.

Lt. William O. Winter, head of the traffic investigation section for the Torrance Police Department, said yesterday that he would request a coroner's jury to determine liability in the crash.

FIVE persons were injured yesterday noon when two cars collided and rolled on Earl St. north of Torrance Blvd.

Taken to the Little Company of Mary Hospital were George Goodson Jr., 13, and his brother, Paul, 7, who were riding with their father, George Goodson of 23001 Carlrow Road; Willis D. Adams, 17, of 4516 W. 182nd St., driver of the second car, and his passengers Charles R. Stegall, 17, of 18332 Burin, and Jimmy Todd, of 18508 Kingsdale.

Stegall and Todd received head injuries, the eldest Goodson boy received a severe shoulder injury, and the others suffered painful bruises and bumps.

Proclamation Due

Children's Dental Health Week has been declared for the week of Feb. 5 to Feb. 11 in Torrance. A formal proclamation designating the week will be issued by the mayor Tuesday.

Slayer's Insanity Plea Wins

A Torrance chemical worker who had been charged with killing his pregnant wife last April, has been committed to an indefinite term at the State Mental Hospital, Atascadero, after being found innocent of murder by reason of insanity.

Marvin J. Tylor, 26, of 23304 Falena Ave., had submitted a guilty plea to second-degree murder charges, but also entered a plea of innocence by reason of insanity.

DURING AN insanity hearing before Superior Judge John A. Shidler in the South West Superior Court Tuesday, Tylor was declared temporarily insane during the commission of the crime.

Psychiatrists who had testified on the matter were divided in their opinions. After three had testified that Tylor was temporarily insane at the time, and three others had stated opinions that he was aware of right from wrong, Judge Shidler dismissed the second-degree murder charges and committed him to Atascadero.

THE SHOOTING on April 24, 1960, stirred up legal controversy over the death of the couple's unborn child who was delivered from the dead mother and lived for 22 hours. Jurisdictions disagreed, and the double murder charge was filed after the Grand Jury had

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Couple on Way To Torrance To Make Home

Two former Torrance residents returning here, were aboard the pirated Portuguese liner, Santa Maria, which was hijacked by Capt. Henrique Galvao and 30 members of his rebel band.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harberson, who had lived at 402 Via San Sebastian, were among the 600 passengers who were freed by 100 Brazilian Marines from the occupied ship last Thursday and put ashore in tugs at Recife, Brazil.

MRS. JOAN Harberson taught the fifth grade at Carl Steel elementary school from 1955 to 1957 and left Torrance last March with her husband when he was assigned to duty as public administrator for an aircraft company in Iran.

The Harbersons left Lisbon, Portugal, last month aboard the Santa Maria. While still in the Caribbean Jan. 22 the pirates took command of the ship from Capt. Mrie Simones Maja and his crew.

During 12 days of aimless cruising in the South Atlantic the passengers witnessed fights and other terrors as members of the legitimate crew tried to recover their ship.

BRAZIL'S Third Naval District Marines boarded the San-

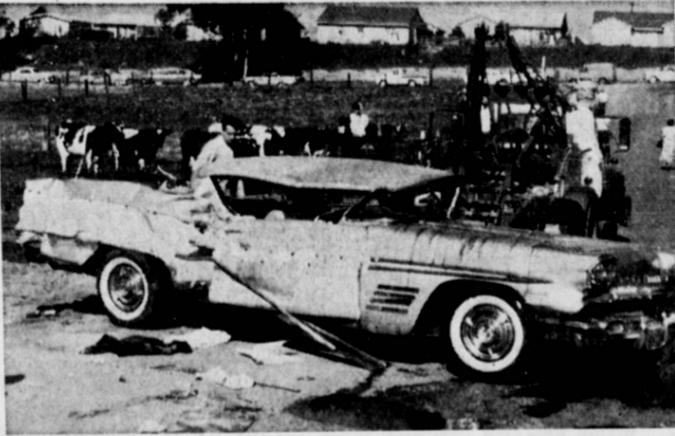
ta Maria 2800 miles from the point of seizure and freed the passengers and crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Harberson plan to visit Dr. and Mrs. Gerson Jacobson here when they return to Torrance. Mrs. Jacobson told the HERALD. She and Mrs. Harberson attended the University of Southern California together and have been close friends since.

Stop Sign Opposed

Installation of a stop sign on Crenshaw Blvd. at Sonoma is being opposed by Traffic Engineer James O. Whitmer. In a report prepared for the city council, he cites four accidents there in the past three years as compared to 13 at Eldorado a block north in his recommendation. Eldorado is controlled by four-way stops.

A stop sign had been sought by Councilman Victor Benstead who resides nearby.



FIVE INJURED . . . The driver and two passengers in this car and two passengers in a second car were injured yesterday noon when the two autos collided on Earl St. near Del Amo Blvd. All were taken to the Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment. Two received head injuries, it was reported. (Herald Photo)

Court Hearing Scheduled Again for Next April 26

Local forces seeking to have facilities for the South West Superior Court District established on the Torrance civic center will have until April 26 to get their arguments together, they were notified yesterday.

Superior Judge Lloyd S. Nix, chairman of a court committee which has the location

of the area court under consideration, announced that the public hearing on the matter has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 26, in Los Angeles. It had originally been scheduled for Feb. 15, but was postponed on the unanimous suggestion of the board of supervisors Tuesday.

JUDGE NIX said the delay was being granted to permit the chief administrative officer for the county to review his findings and recommendations made in an earlier report.

Additional time also was granted to study more intensively such matters as the cost of construction, land acquisition for building site, parking, and requests of various areas for inclusion within the South-west District, Judge Nix said.

It is on these matters that Torrance backers of a local courthouse are basing their appeals to county officials.

TORRANCE has offered the center for construction of the necessary land in the civic courthouse, estimated to cost in excess of \$5 million, and has assured officials that it can provide ample parking—a major problem where the court now has temporary quarters in Inglewood.

Working on the project here with the city council is a citizens committee, the South Bay Bar Assn., civic groups, and nearby cities.

THE SOUTH Bay Bar Assn., voted overwhelmingly to recommend that the court be established in Torrance during a

Wife, Children Of Tower Crash Victim Here

Mrs. Gordon T. Phelan, whose husband, an Air Force captain, was killed when the ill-fated Texas Tower, 4 toppled into the Atlantic Jan. 15, has arrived in Torrance with her four children to stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Burford, 2617 Apple St.

Mrs. Phelan, whose children range in age from 5 to 14, returned from Cape Cod, Mass., where she had been living while her husband was on duty at the sea-anchored radar outpost.

Twenty-eight Air Force and civilian personnel died when the tower, nicknamed "Old Shakey" plunged into the ocean during a heavy storm. There apparently were no survivors.

Pair Hitting Books Again After Becoming Citizens

By HELEN BACON Student Reporter

Education is not only for the young.

Harbor college students Gerard and Edith Olie, for example, are again attending college after having graduated many years ago from universities in Norway and the Netherlands.

Gerard met Edith on a holiday in Norway. He says it was love at first sight. Since they could not communicate in their native tongue, they conversed in a third language—English—which they had learned in school.

BECAUSE OF Edith, Gerard soon learned Norwegian; and after returning to the Netherlands, he corresponded with her for a year before they were married.

After their honeymoon, Gerard worked for the Netherlands government as chief engineer on the continuous task of reclaiming land from the North Sea. When his country was invaded by the Germans in World War II, he and his wife moved to a small fishing village and organized the local underground resistance forces.

THE OLIES helped many grounded American and English fliers, as well as Jewish refugees, by giving them shelter. Gerard and Edith still remember vividly the experiences they had matching wits with the Germans. The Jewish people whom they helped have planted a tree in Palestine in remembrance of the Olies' good deeds.

After the war, Gerard and Edith, realizing the impossibility of their country's resisting another war, and feeling that opportunities were limited, de-

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BACK TO SCHOOL . . . Gerald Olie and his wife, Edith, recall exciting incidents from their experiences as leaders of the resistance movement in the Netherlands during World War II. Edith is wearing the costume of her native Norway as she serves coffee to her husband in the patio of Harbor College where they are students.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What good turns do you plan in observance of National Boy Scout week beginning next Monday?" Five members of Troop 315 gave the following answers.

Danny Rickard, 14, Eagle Scout:

"I will continue to do my daily good turns, but will watch for new opportunities. I once helped revive a kitten that had been locked in a refrigerator and have given first aid to swimmers who needed help at the beach."

John Peterson, 11, Tenderfoot Scout:

"I will run errands for my mom, study and come home on time from school and play. I will help my neighbors clean up their yards after I have cleaned up our own. I'll do some extra good turns, too."

Danny Reyes, 12, Second Class Scout:

"I will run errands, and wash our car. During Boy Scout Week I will volunteer for K. P. duty and will help my mother in the kitchen. I'll even help clean the house and give directions to people who are lost."

Fred Bose, 13, Star Scout:

"I do my good turns every day and during Boy Scout Week I will do extra ones. I will take the neighbors' trash barrels out, do the dishes every night and work in the yard. I will give directions to people."

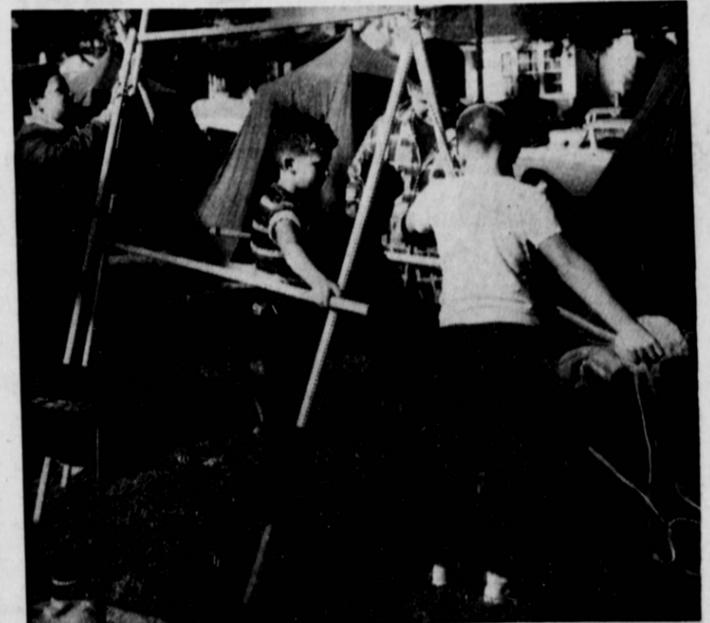
Gary Wilkinson, 13, Star Scout:

"I will mow the lawn and take out the cans and trash. I will open doors for people and if there are no vacant seats where I am I will give up my seat. I will help children and older people to cross streets."

Cat Burglar Hits Homes

Police are keeping a sharp eye out for a "cat burglar" who raided eight Torrance homes this week, netting about \$100 worth of loot without rousing a single householder.

Detectives said the thief, who was working the same area where one looted a series of garages recently, entered each of the eight homes through unlocked doors and took money from purses in houses.



SET UP CAMP . . . David McClure, Ernie Foster, Blair Caulkins, and John Shattuck, members of Torrance Moose Lodge sponsored Boy Scout Troop 315, are pictured pitching their tent Saturday morning in El Prado Park. Scouts made their own camp, cooked their food, and will attend First Baptist Church Sunday in Second Annual campout as part of activities during National Boy Scout Week. (Herald Photo)