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SPECTACULAR CRASH KILLS ONE

Sports Car Driver Dies In Smashup

One man was killed and another injured slightly in a pile-up of cars here yesterday at the peak of the morning rush hour.

Victim of the crash was identified as Gillon Olee Vincent, 27, of Los Angeles, who was thrown from his light sports car and killed as six cars piled up at Normandie Ave. and 196th St.

It took firemen nearly half an hour working with cutting torches to free the victim. He was pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital.

The other victim of the crash received only slight injuries, investigating officers reported. The injured man was identified as Clifford Shimkus, 30, an engineer, of 21324 Budlong Ave. Driver of a third car was Edwin Heidenthal, 32, of Gardena, who was not hurt, investigating officers said.

Vincent's body was removed to Stone and Myers Mortuary in Torrance and will be sent to Wichita Falls, Tex. for services and interment.

Adult Center Sets Open House Sunday

Activities at the Torrance Adult Center will be on display from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday when the facility holds open house at 1318 Cravens Ave. Exhibition shuffleboard games, craft displays and other attractions are planned.

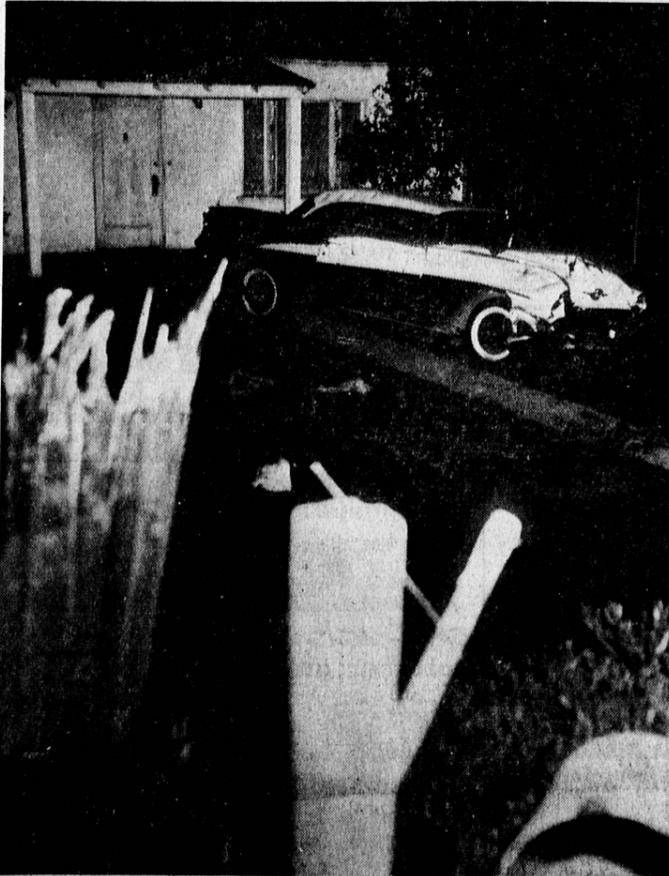
City Loses Dominguez Water Suit

The California Supreme Court has refused the city's petition to review the findings of the Public Utilities Commission in the City vs. Dominguez Water Co. dispute, it was learned here yesterday.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said the court's refusal appeared to be the end of the controversy which has kept the city and Dominguez officials at odds for several years.

The dispute arose over an agreement between the city and Dominguez whereby water facilities in the Southwest Park area would revert to the city after 10 years. After the homes were developed, Dominguez sought to have the agreement invalidated, and was upheld by the PUC.

The city's appeal to the Supreme Court was based on the PUC decision which tossed out the agreement.



NIGHT CALLER . . . An auto driven by 40-year-old Richard Mann of Santa Monica hurtled off the Hawthorne Blvd. end of Lomita Blvd. early Tuesday, smashed through a power pole, a chain-link fence, and ended up at the front door of the Sam Kita home, 23175 Hawthorne. Mann was thrown from the flying auto, and later taken to Harbor General Hospital with internal injuries. (Herald Photo)

Civic Groups To Consider City Drive

Petitions seeking the incorporation of the Dominguez-Carson area have been refiled with the county, and two community groups will begin public discussions of the proposal, it was reported here yesterday.

A notice of intention to seek incorporation of the area, originally filed last week, had been turned back for correction of minor technical errors, which were corrected for this week's refile.

Ranchero Days Set For July

Torrance's Fourth Annual Ranchero Days Celebration will be held July 20 through July 24, according to General Chairman Jack Phillips of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce. All events will be held at the Torrance Civic Center.

Although this year's event will not include the customary parade, it being replaced by the Armed Forces Day Parade on May 21, the celebration will include a gigantic fun-zone and an expanded number of organization-sponsored food and game booths.

ANOTHER MAJOR change will be that the R.C.A. Championship Rodeo will not be on the same week-end but will follow on Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31 under joint sponsorship of the Torrance Mounted Police and the Chamber.

The change was made, Rodeo Chairman Lt. D. C. Cook said, in response to wishes of residents who felt that the conflicting activities made it difficult to attend the rodeo.

CHAMBER Officials urged solid support for both projects as all proceeds from the affair will be donated to the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association to defray expenses of the community's entry in the annual Rose Parade in Pasadena.

Torrance entries, supported largely by Ranchero Days proceeds, have topped two first prizes and one third place award in three years of competition.

An organization meeting of all interested Torrance civic groups will be held soon to assign food and game booths, Chamber officials said.

PLANS TO DISCUSS the proposal at a luncheon meeting today have been announced by the Dominguez Chamber of Commerce. President Ed Reeves Sr., one of the backers of the proposal, said the group would meet at the R&L Cafe for the session.

Next Tuesday night, incorporation will be the main topic of discussion at a meeting of the Carson Civic Betterment Assn., scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Carson Branch Library, 22102 S. Main St.

RESIDENTS OF the area are being urged to attend the meeting by President Earl Swanson.

Arthur Will, city-county coordinator for Los Angeles County, will be on hand to discuss incorporation matters, Swanson said.

Youth Bands In Concert On Saturday

The Torrance Youth Band and the Torrance Junior Youth Band, composed of 135 young musicians of Torrance, will join with 18 other Youth Bands of the Southern California area in a big "Youth Band Festival" Concert at the Hollywood Bowl Saturday night.

This marks the fifth year in which these concerts have been given. The programs are sponsored jointly by the Southern California Youth Band Council and the Los Angeles County Music Commission.

James Van Dyck, director of the local music groups will conduct the massed bands in one selection. Neil Short, assistant, will also conduct one number. Gerde Grofe will be the guest conductor of the program and will conduct the bands in his "Grand Canyon Suite."

Both bands will go to the Bowl in the morning by chartered bus for a special rehearsal. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge.

City Adopts Three Annexation Plans

Three new annexation moves, two of them covering ground already under city annexation proceedings, were launched by the city council this week.

New in the proceedings is a move to annex the huge Alondra Park to Torrance under the uninhabited annexation laws which would permit the annexation without an election.

The moves, admittedly were made to forestall attempts by Lawndale to annex areas which would block Torrance from including commercially desirable Crenshaw Blvd., and the residential second north of Alondra Park and El Camino College within the city boundaries.

Asst. City Atty. Robert K. Dower told the councilmen such a move was necessary to protect the city's efforts to annex the area north of the college and the park. Strong sentiment among

residents of the area favor annexation to Torrance, Dower told the councilmen.

He suggested, however, that the city continue sampling opinion among the residents.

Coffee to Face King; Hahn Wins

Electrical engineer Tom Coffee was a landslide victor in the Republican primaries for the 17th Congressional District Tuesday as he piled up a substantial margin over his opponent Vicent Isham. With more than one-third of the precincts counted late yesterday, Coffee led Isham 14,805 to 3733.

Incumbent Cecil King running unopposed on the Democratic ticket, had received 27,343 votes.

In other local votes, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and Burton W. Chace were re-elected, Chace unopposed, and Hahn beating challenger Leonard Roach by a five-to-one margin.

Richard Glasier won the Republican nomination for the 68th Assembly District and Vincent Thomas the incumbent was re-nominated by the Democrats.

With about one-fourth of the precincts counted, El Camino instructor Charles Sohner was leading Edward Edwards for the Democratic nomination for the 46th Assembly District. The winner will oppose Charles Chapel, Republican incumbent, in the general elections in November.



HUGH DOOLEY



JOHN KASSER



JOHN MCGEE

Board Names Three New City School Principals

Three new principals and two vice principals were named by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

Hugh Dooley, Seaside vice principal, was chosen tentatively as the new principal for Crenshaw Elementary School, replacing Earl W. Eckert, who will leave to become assistant superintendent at Port Huene.

Heading the programs at two schools which will open in September will be John M. Kasser, who will go to Towers Elementary, while John S. McGee was chosen for the post at Madison School. Kasser currently is vice principal at Steele, while McGee is at Carr Elementary School.

ROY J. ADAMSON, Madrona teacher, and William E. Leahy, a Los Angeles teacher, were named as vice principals. Adamson tentatively was assigned to Seaside School, while Leahy was tabbed for Riviera.

Backgrounds of the new elementary administrators include

DOOLEY — 34, now Seaside vice principal. Teacher at Fern-Greenwood Elementary School for six years. Founder and ex-principal Grand Canyon, Ariz. High School. Graduate, Oklahoma A&M. Master's degree, Arizona State. Resident, 25810 Skylark Dr. Married, one son.

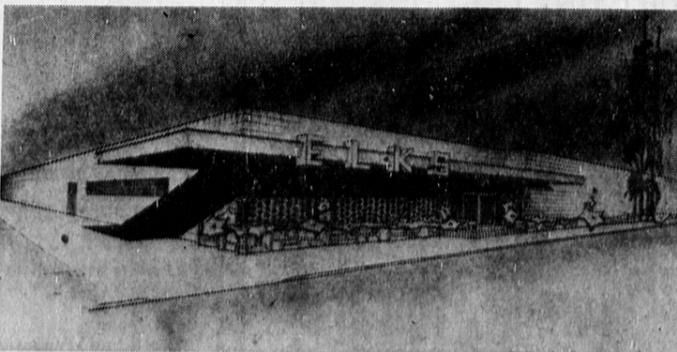
KASSER — 30, now Steele vice principal. Ex-vice principal, Wood Elementary School and teacher at Seaside School. Born in Lawndale. Graduate, Leuzinger High School and El Camino College. Bachelor's and master's degrees, Los Angeles State College. Army veteran. Resident, 25112 Andrea Ave., Lomita. Married, two sons.

MCGEE — 28, now Carr vice principal. Former vice principal, Fern-Greenwood School and teacher, Seaside and Se-

pulveda Schools. Hermosa native. Graduate, Redondo Union High School and UCLA. Resident, 1649 Via Arriba, Palos Verdes Estates. Married, no children.

ADAMSON — 43, Madrona teacher for past three years. Former real estate man and member, Hawthorne Board of Education. Became interested in education as result of service on school board and got teaching credential, 1958, leaving business career. Graduate, University of California. Air Force veteran. Resident, 210 Manor Dr., Hawthorne. Married.

LEAHY — 35, now serving in Los Angeles School System as teacher and acting vice principal at Leland St. School, San Pedro. Master's degree, University of Southern California. Air Force veteran. Resident, 1903 Santa Rena Dr., San Pedro. Married, two children.



NEW ELKS LODGE . . . Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new \$48,000 home of the Torrance lodge of the BPO Elks will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at 1820 Abalone, it was announced here yesterday by Ace Littleton, exalted ruler. Dignitaries from Southland Elks Lodges will assist in the symbolic ceremony.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think of the policy of the director of motor vehicles to suspend for six months the driving license of all convicted of misdemeanor drunk driving?"

Answering were:

Earl R. Hacker, 1021 Cravens Ave., retired.

"I think it's the right thing to do in order to keep them off the streets and highways so they can't kill someone. I don't think many will take it too seriously, but I hope they will. I'm not against anyone taking a drink but I do think they should walk or take a cab if they do."

C. W. Mitchell, 819 Portola Ave., Steel worker.

"I think he'll run a lot of people off the road. I definitely don't believe in driving while drinking but I do think sometimes these policemen like to assert their authority (not too many do, thank goodness), and just because they can detect the smell of liquor on their breath will arrest the driver for drunk driving when he isn't drunk at all."

Mrs. Carl H. Johnson, 1831 W. 259th Pl. Lomita.

"I think it's a wonderful idea because two-thirds of the accidents and traffic deaths are caused by drunk drivers. Maybe it will scare some of them enough to realize they shouldn't drive and drink both. But if they are real drinkers, it's not going to do much for them; they don't care if they will drive whether they have a license or not."

Mrs. Marlyce Jolly, 1553 W. 220th St., saleslady for Scotty's Doughnut Shop.

"I agree with the director that it is a good idea, maybe it will stop some of them from drinking so much then driving, especially on the freeways. I hope it will cut down on the traffic accidents caused by drinking drivers."

Mrs. Martha Fischer, 2014 Plaza Del Amo, housewife.

"I don't think they should take their license away unless they are repeated offenders because they may have had one drink and yet it could be smelled, though they could hardly be called drunk. I don't like drinkers and definitely don't think they should drive if they drink a lot, but I'm not against having just one drink."