

Two Suspects Cleared in Disappearance of Girl

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NEW TORRANCE HIGH PLAN VOTED

A Penny for your Thoughts

FBI reports indicate that crime is on the upswing in the nation. The pennies photographer asked Torrance area shopper what measures they would suggest to reverse the trend.

Ray Hamilton, 2058 W 230th St.:
 "The people are to blame themselves because they don't correct their children. When I was young we got corrected if we did wrong."

William Lewis, 813 Hadler St.:
 "I think we could practice more preventative measures. In other words catch things before they happen instead of afterwards."

Mrs. Lillian Mosher, 21501 Madrona Ave.:
 "They always say it's (the crime rate) the parents' fault but this is not always the case. I think parents might do a better job of educating their children to the dangers of going with strangers."

Kevin Eliason, 17575 Yukon Ave.:
 "I think the public can be made aware of crime reports by what is printed in the paper. With accurate newspaper accounts of crimes people would have a better idea as to what they can and cannot do."

Bob Kennedy, 1818 Calamar:
 "I think there would be a definite improvement in the crime rate if children were taught right and wrong when they are small. If parents would go back to a little more belt and less talk we might have better children."

Twelfth Day Passes; No Clues Found

Police ended their twelfth day of fruitless searching for missing Karen Tompkins yesterday, apparently with no more clues than they had on the first day of the search. Two more suspects were cleared this week as the search dragged on.

Boy Shot Fatally, Rites Set

Stanley Eugene Reynolds, 14-year old son of Mrs. Rena Reynolds, 526 E. 224th St., accidentally shot and killed himself while "fooling around" Tuesday. The boy was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital.

The boy shot himself while visiting Donald G. Siratt with three companions. Siratt was babysitting for his sister, Mrs. Betty Harrigan, at 541 E. 223rd St.

Young Reynolds was alone in one of the rooms of the home. According to police, he removed a revolver from a wall where it was displayed. The gun discharged and the bullet struck the boy in the neck.

Funeral services for the boy will be conducted in Malvern, Ark. Halverson-Leavell Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

In addition to his mother, (Continued on Page 2)

Charles James Goldston, 20, of 715 E. 11th St., Long Beach, admitted strangling an elderly Long Beach woman when police questioned him, but he was cleared of any implication in Karen's mysterious disappearance. Another suspect, now being held by Torrance police on charges of molesting a 14-year-old Torrance girl, was also cleared.

THE SECOND man is Lee Francis Bondy, 36, of 3124 W. 186th St. Torrance, police said they could establish no connection between Bondy and Karen.

Bondy will appear in court Sept. 19 for probation and sentence hearing. Goldston, who admitted slaying Mrs. Dora Cutting, 81, of Long Beach, is being held by Long Beach police.

AT THE Tompkins home at 21110 Dalton St., the 11-year-old girl's Navyman father received word that his emergency leave, due to expire Sunday, had been extended to Sept. 13. Tompkins, who was stationed on the USS Ticonderoga at the time of Karen's disappearance, will be temporarily assigned to the U.S. Navy

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MERGER PLANNED . . . Torrance High School (top photo) and Torrance Elementary School (bottom) will be merged into an expanded Torrance High campus according to plans approved by the board of education this week. A new elementary school will be constructed on the surplus Navy site acquired recently, the board indicated. (Herald Photos)

Expansion of THS Okayed In Principle

Plans to take advantage of 26 acres of free Navy property for a rehabilitation and expansion program that would double the capacity of Torrance High school were approved in principle Monday night by the Torrance Board of Education.

The school board members voted to request permission to replace Torrance Elementary school and athletic facilities on land a half mile southwest of the present site, donated by the federal government.

The current elementary school land would then become a part of Torrance High.

The new site was transferred from U.S. Navy jurisdiction to the school district at a 100 per cent discount.

School Superintendent J. H. Hull said that revamping the old Torrance High and remodeling the old elementary school for high school use while building a new elementary school would cost more than \$2 million, but that it was the most economical plan studied.

"It would be cheaper to build a new elementary school than to put new high school classrooms on the Navy property," he said.

He also said it would be inconvenient to have a high school on the Navy land because it would be difficult for students to change classes between buildings a half mile apart.

Dr. Hull explained this would make necessary a 12-minute break between classes—a time the administration believes would unduly lengthen the school day.

According to present plans, the industrial arts building, the girls' gymnasium, and the library will be replaced.

The new improvement program will lower the per pupil cost of Torrance High, which is currently the most expensive of the Torrance high schools to operate.

Despite Torrance High being the smallest of the local schools, pupil cost per day is \$32.61 as compared to \$18.83 at North High school and \$20.95 at South High.

Expansion of the plant will (Continued on Page 2)

Center Cited at Breakfast

Mixing a little culture and entertainment with retailing is an old custom, nearly 150 persons were told this week at the August breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking was Bob Hare, proprietor of the International Cooperative Art Gallery and Book Fair at the Rolling Hills Paza Center at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw. His was among nearly a score of establishments of the center honored at the breakfast Tuesday morning.

To illustrate his contention, Hare introduced the famous steel drum band from the Virgin Islands and a pair of performers he called "limbo dancers" who shattered the normal calm of the early morning session with their unique musical and dance stylings.

Developers Robert Bower and James Leavitt were introduced by Co-chairman Glenn Pfeil following opening remarks by Frank Francis.

A symbolic key to the city—considerably larger than the ones normally presented—was handed to Leavitt and Bower by Councilman George Bradford.

The developers revealed plans to provide entertainment at the center for shoppers, and to provide a Western children's playground. (Continued on Page 2)

Weekend Accidents Injure Six Persons

Six persons were injured in Torrance area traffic accidents Sunday evening.

Five persons were taken to Little Company of Mary hospital Sunday evening after a two-car collision at Hawthorne Blvd. and Garnet St.

Treated as outpatients for

cuts and bruises were Dale E. Henley, 23, of Los Angeles, driver of one of the vehicles involved, and passengers in his car, Kathryn Jordan, 18, of 2141 Anza Ave.; and Paul, 21, and Carol Grutis, 19, both of 21009 Amie Ave.

DRIVER OF the other ve-

hicle involved, Reva Elaine Markley, 37, of 2330 W. 227th St., suffered multiple cuts and bruises and was reported in fair condition Monday.

The accident occurred when Markley's vehicle, northbound on Hawthorne Blvd., collided with Henley's car which was making a left hand turn off Hawthorne onto Garnet St.

LEANDER L. FOWLER, 24, of 2257 W. 235th St., suffered a sprained back Sunday night when his car ran into a utility pole at the intersection of Walnut Ave. and 233rd St.

Fowler was eastbound on 233rd St. and making a right turn onto Walnut when his vehicle collided with the pole which was in the street after installation of curbs and gut-

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Victim of Train Crash Arrives Home; Tells of Exciting Experience

By JERRY REYNOLDS Herald Staff Writer

"I felt I was supposed to get it!"

That was the comment made by Mrs. Emile Jamey, 704 Amapola Ave., after she returned from Indiana last week. She was speaking of a train-truck crash which involved the New York Central train

on which she was passenger.

Mrs. Jamey left Torrance early last week on an errand of mercy. She was taking her mother, Mrs. Luella Hook, back to Marion, Ind., to be buried. Because of surgery on her ear, doctors had advised Mrs. Jamey not to travel in airplanes, so she boarded a Chicago-bound train to make

the long trip.

THE TRAIN was late getting into Chicago and Mrs. Jamey was rushed to make the transfer to the New York Central train going to Indianapolis.

"I boarded the train as it began moving out of the station," she said. "Another min-

ute and I would have missed it."

Four miles from Sheldon, Ill., the train hit a truck carrying a load of hot asphalt which burst into flames, killing the driver of the truck and seriously burning the engineer and fireman on the train. Mrs. Jamey and several other passengers were in the dining car—the last car on the train—where they felt the impact of the brakes and the crash. Dishes and food fell to the floor. "I knew we had hit something," said Mrs. Jamey.

"WE WERE all shaken up," she said. "Investigators told us later that a few more inches and the whole train would have been engulfed in flames." No passengers were injured, however, but Mrs. Jamey was shaken more than most of the passengers.

Her father was killed seven years ago by a train in Ohio. Mrs. Jamey at first was worried about her mother, but she was told that since the Los Angeles-Chicago train was late, the transfer had not been completed.

MRS. JAMEY described the crash as "quite an experience, one I hope I don't go through again." The irony of her father's death and her near miss of the train prompted her to remark, "I knew I was supposed to get it."

She completed her mission, however, and—somewhat sheepishly—boarded a train for the return trip. And she made it, too.

Spartan Bandmen Get Call

South High School's Spartan Band will begin the 1961 season with a week of special rehearsals beginning next Wednesday, according to Glenn F. Hawley, director of bands at the school.

Hawley has called for the first rehearsal at 9 a.m. next Wednesday at the South High band room. The musicians will begin preparing for the foot-season, he reports.

Any musician who will attend South High this fall is being invited by Hawley to try out for the band at these early rehearsals.



READS STORY . . . Mrs. Emile Jamey, 704 Amapola St., examines the Illinois papers which carried the account of a train-truck accident involving the New York Central train on which Mrs. Jamey was a passenger. The crash killed the truck driver and injured two railway men. Mrs. Jamey was taking her mother to Marion, Ind., for burial when the crash occurred. (Herald Photo)



CENTER CITED . . . Councilman George Bradford (center), acting on behalf of the city, presents oversized key to the city to developers James Bower (left) and Albert Leavitt during a Chamber of Commerce breakfast here Tuesday. The developers and merchants of the Rolling Hills Plaza Center at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Hwy. were honored at the event. (Herald Photo)