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GIRL DIES IN YEAR-END CRASH

Death Raises 1961 Traffic Count to 10

The waning hours of 1961 were marked in Torrance with a traffic accident which killed a 19-year-old girl and injured four others.

Killed in the two-car head-on collision on Crenshaw Boulevard near 254th Street was Lynda Diane Stout, Rolling Hills, passenger in a car driven by George Daniel Buchanan of El Segundo, who suffered minor injuries.

Buchanan was released from Little Company of Mary Hospital Tuesday. Driver of the other car involved in the New Year's Eve accident was Peggy Estella Duncan, 28, of South Gate, who suffered head and internal injuries. Little Company of Mary Hospital authorities report that she has been improving steadily since the accident.

TWO OTHER teen-age passengers in the Buchanan vehicle were also injured and taken to Little Company of Mary. They were Richard W. Gelatt, 19, of Hawthorne, who suffered minor injuries and was reported in fair condition Tuesday and Sidney Carmichael, 18, of Rolling Hills who was reported in good condition.

The grinding collision occurred about 8:20 p.m. on a curve near the same location of a similar accident on Dec. 6 which injured those involved. The New Year's Eve accident brought the number of fatalities in Torrance for 1961 to 10.

IN OTHER Torrance accidents, three teenagers were injured in a two-car collision about 4 a.m. Monday at Calle Mayor and Calle Miramar. Taken to Little Company of Mary were Linda Wooten, 18, of 314 1/2 E. Carson St.; Jerry, 19, and Paulette Keltner, 16, both of 24438 Ward St., all passengers in a sedan driven

by Stephen Earl Wooten, 19, of 314 1/2 E. Carson St. They suffered minor injuries. Driver of the other vehicle involved was Richard Leon McGlothlin, 27, of Los Alamitos.

DRIVERS OF two vehicles were injured about 11:10 p.m. Sunday in an accident at Hawthorne Avenue and 177th Street. They were William Andrew Jordan, 51, of San Diego and Carl Howard Childress, 45, of Long Beach. Both were taken to Little Company of Mary. Childress suffered minor injuries while Jordan's were listed as major.

A Harbor College student escaped uninjured about 11:45 p.m. Sunday when his foreign model sedan turned over at Carson Street and Flower Avenue. Patrick Francis Davern of Palos Verdes Estates told police he was making a left turn when the car skidded, turned over and came to rest on its wheels.

DEXTER PATRICK, 17, of 1703 Madrid Ave., suffered minor injuries and was taken to Little Company of Mary after a Jeep in which he was riding turned over on private property at 3500 Torrance Blvd.

Driver of the Jeep, James G. Wilson, 17, of 21752 Marjorie Ave., told police they were chasing rabbits in a vacant field when he lost control of the vehicle and it rolled over, coming to rest on its side. Wilson and two other passengers besides Patrick escaped injury.

New Health Officer Named for Torrance

The appointment of Dr. E. W. Kendrick to the position of District Health Officer, effective yesterday, was announced by Dr. K. H. Sutherland, Health Officer, Los Angeles County Health Department.

Dr. Kendrick succeeds Dr. Benjamin A. Kogan, Torrance District Health Officer, who resigned to accept a position with the U. S. State Department.

The new health officer will supervise the public health activities in the Torrance Health District of the Los Angeles County Health Department.

The cities of Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates and Torrance and the surrounding unincorporated areas will be under his

jurisdiction. Administrative headquarters for the district is at the Torrance Health Center, 2300 W. Carson St.

Dr. Kendrick is a native of South Dakota, a graduate of the University of North Dakota and a graduate of the University of Bern Medical School, Bern, Switzerland. He completed a general practice residency at Monterey County Hospital, Monterey, Calif. in 1958 he joined the Los Angeles County Health Department as communicable disease physician.

Dr. Kendrick is a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners and a member of the Toastmasters, Northrop No. 212.

He resides in Los Alamitos with his wife and three children, Peter, Elizabeth, and Mark.



AT CRASH SCENE . . . Traffic Officer Fred Jackman of the Torrance Police Department gathers information on accident that snuffed out life of 19-year-old Lynda Stout of Rolling Hills on New Year's Eve. Miss Stout, a second-year premedical student at San Francisco State, was killed when two cars collided on the curve in Crenshaw Boulevard near 254th Street. (Herald Photo)

Council Mulls Legal Snag; Carson Alignment Deferred

Construction of a roadway through the park in front of Torrance High School was ordered halted by City Council Tuesday night when it was indicated that new legal snags might be encountered in the project.

Several trees had been removed from the proposed Carson Street right of way, and earth was being removed when the council decided to hold up the work.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier reported that a legal demand had been made by Real Estate Management Corp. (Remco), holders of reversion rights to the park land, which would call for forfeiture of the entire park property if the city took the roadway by condemnation.

CONTRACTS for installation of traffic control signals at the intersection also were de-

ferred by the council Tuesday pending settlement of the dispute.

In other matters, the council approved a variance to construct a 22-unit apartment building at 3850 W. 182nd St. on the condition that the Planning Commission approves a lot-split arrangement. Ralph Garland and Kenneth Battram requested the variance.

THE COUNCIL also requested the city attorney to prepare a resolution asking for federal help in a Civil Defense program; approved expenses not to exceed \$200 for any councilman who wants to go to Sacramento to discuss formation of policy for the League of California Cities relative to metropolitan government Feb. 1 and 2, and approved a con-

tract with S. C. McAmis for improvement of Palos Verdes Boulevard between Pacific Coast Highway and Catalina Avenue at a cost of \$72,924.94.

A SERIES of recommendations prepared by City Engineer Walter Nollac on the Victor Precinct drainage problems was referred to City Manager Wade Peebles for further study and for working maps and detailed recommendations. Nollac's report was the result of a meeting held in November at which time a large number of residents and property owners of the area discussed the problems.

Appropriation of \$14,000 from the Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of sewers on Ermanita Avenue, south of 171st Street, Patronella Avenue, and running parallel to but south of 172nd Street to serve property on Artesia Boulevard was approved. The city will get \$10,000 of the expenditures back, the council was told. Property owners along Ermanita Avenue will not have to share in the cost.

LIFTING OF restrictions for flight instruction establishments on Torrance Municipal Airport was voted after it was explained that the policy had been set up during the days of schools catering to students under the "G.I. Bill" which followed World War II.

The change in policy came as the council approved a request by John T. Burch and Harry C. Kroll to operate such a school.

Office Equipment Taken by Thief Two adding machines, one valued at \$98 and the other at \$300, were stolen over the weekend from the Palos Verdes Begonia Farm, 4111 W. 242nd St. The theft was discovered Sunday morning by Manager Richard Campbell. Police said entry was gained by removing louvers from a window.



STILL WORKING . . . A bulldozer continued to work on the Carson Street alignment in front of Torrance High School yesterday afternoon although the City Council had ordered work to stop at its meeting Tuesday night. A legal dispute over the property led the city to order deferment of the project. (Herald Photo)

Four-Year Plan for West High

Breaking educational tradition, the Torrance Board of Education voted Tuesday to open West High in September 1962 as a four-year school and to make an exception to the present policy of granting permits to seniors so this may be achieved.

In order to provide a better high school, the administration urged the trustees to okay the proposal which will put four classes in West High at its inception instead of the usual freshmen and sophomore classes that occupy a new high school.

IN ORDER TO achieve this, the trustees agreed to stand pat behind the administration's decree that all students from the Anza, Flavian, Steele, Towers, Victor and Jefferson elementary schools who are now attending North and South High schools, and eighth grade graduates of these schools, be designated to attend West High.

An exception to the present policy of granting permits to seniors will be necessary to achieve this plan. No exceptions will be made for any but the most pressing cases regarding the permits. It has been the custom, in the past, for the school district to let a senior remain in the high school he attended as a junior even though he had moved out of the district.

IN A SURPRISING reverse, Dr. Kurt Shery changed his vote on the question of whether to put permanent brick buildings or portable steel structures on the Victor School site, allowing the board to pass 3-2 for the brick buildings.

At the last meeting, Bert Lynn walked out in protest of the trustees' decision to erect the portable structures. After considerable checking, Dr. Shery switched his vote to coincide with Lynn and Bill Boswell. President Bill Hansen and Al Charles voted against the measure.

SHERY SAID that he had talked to officials in other school districts who said that the lower cost of the portables at time of construction would be brought up to the price of brick in from 10 to 15 years due to the cost of maintenance. The cost of maintaining a brick structure, Shery said, was negligible.

Market Entered; Nothing Missing

Nothing appeared to be taken by persons who broke into the Fox Market, 2121 W. 182nd St., sometime Sunday or Monday.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Persons in the Lomita business district told the Pennies photographer whether they think "the voting age should be lowered to 18."

Mrs. L. M. McCullough, 24847 Oak, Lomita: "No, because I think 18 is too young to be considering questions so important. Sometimes I think 21 may be too young but that is a good age to start voting."

Herman Kunster, 1964 W. 259th Place, Lomita: "I think when I was 18 I was capable of voting. I believe this is the case with kids these days because they are higher educated and the school system is better."

Mrs. John Demyan, 2038 W. 250th St.: "I think 21 is a good voting age. By the time you are 21 you are more stable and have a little more common sense. Kids are too young when just out of high school."

Mrs. Albert Moreta, 1204 Cranbrook Ave.: "I would think so because kids now days are so grown up and usually know what they want. By the time they reach 18, they have heard opinions about politics in the home and studied it in school."

Mrs. Kenneth Bain, 25615 1/2 Oak, Lomita: "No, I don't think 18 is old enough to vote. I'm only 19 and I don't feel I know enough about politics. Not many kids have much interest until they are 21."

Pilgrimage Play Funds Challenged

A group of five clergymen, including one from Torrance, and two from Redondo Beach, have requested an injunction to halt expenditure of county funds to support productions of the annual Pilgrimage Play.

A halt to allocation of \$20,000 for the project was sought in a petition filed in Los Angeles Superior Court Tuesday. The suit asks that the Board of Supervisors be enjoined from making the expenditures of tax money to support the play which depicts the life of Christ.

cluded the Rev. Richard W. Seebode, minister of the Pacific Unitarian Church of Torrance; Rabbi Henri Front, Temple Menorah, Redondo Beach; the Rev. Robert O. Kersey, minister of the First Methodist Church of Redondo; the Rev. Henry P. Schoerlke, minister of the Manhattan Beach Community Church; and the Rev. Douglas Frazier, minister of the West Los Angeles Society of Ethical Culture.

Hearings on the action have been set for Jan. 17, and follow closely a case set up by the Board of Supervisors

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