

Herald Adds 'Mary Wise' to Top-Line Features

A new feature, the Mary Wise page, has joined the HERALD'S family of top features in the latest of a series of moves which have been designed to make your HERALD a bigger and better newspaper.

Published today on Page 21, the Mary Wise feature includes tips on menu planning, recipes, and other tips for the busy housewives of the Greater Torrance area.

Inclusion of the new homemakers' guide is part

of the service made available to HERALD readers through the Los Angeles Suburban Newspapers, Inc., in which the HERALD is a member along with the Van Nuys News, West Los Angeles Independent Group, Deal Publications in the Glendale and Central Los Angeles areas, and other prominent Southland community newspapers. The HERALD represents the Southland in this independent community newspaper group which has a combined circulation in excess of 1,000,000 each week.

The Mary Wise pages joins other outstanding HERALD features such as the cartoons of Pulitzer Prize-winning Reg Manning, and acid comments on life in the West by Lucius Beebe, the "fearless" view of the sporting world as seen by Charles McCabe, the travel tips of Stan Delaplane, local editorials, and the unchallenged day-by-day coverage of the events of Torrance area groups and individuals, from high school sports to the sorority fashion shows.

Many of the HERALD'S top editorial features are

published each Sunday, including the Delaplane column; Terrance O'Flaherty's television tips (he's the emcee on PM West), McCabe's sports views, the gleanings of 20, 30, and 40 years ago from issues of the HERALD in those bygone days, news of Torrance PTAs, complete sports and news coverage, plus other features, such as comics, Count Marco, and the largest selection of Torrance area want ads.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think the United States should resume nuclear testing in the atmosphere?" the Pennies photographer asked.

Bill Sikes, 23315 Arlington Ave.: "I think we should leave it to those qualified to judge this, such as government officials. I do not have enough knowledge on the subject to be able to judge."

Jim Flaherty, Wilmington: "I think we have to keep up with the rest of the nations. If they develop something as the result of atmospheric testing then we'll have to keep on an even keel with them."

Bert Gregory, Los Angeles: "Darn right. If Mr. Khrushchev can do it then we can do it better. If we are going to stay in the race and atmospheric testing is the way to find out results, then we'll have to resume atmospheric testing. We would be criticized no matter what we did."

Joel Sanders, Yucaipa: "Yes I do. I don't know how our government can get things straightened around the way they should if we don't resume atmospheric testing. Atmospheric testing will not only benefit us as far as protection goes but also help out in space projects."

John G. Zang, Redondo Beach: "No. I think even Russia should stop atmospheric testing. I don't think atmospheric testing will hurt us but it will our babies. Underground testing is fine."

City to Receive License Funds
Revenue from state motor vehicle license fees amounting to \$7,011.41 has been apportioned to the city of Torrance, State Controller Alan Cranston reported yesterday.

Detailed Study Of Downtown Area Released

A detailed study of the Downtown Torrance area under way for more than a year was released to the public this week to be used by the new Downtown Torrance Development Committee organized by Mayor Albert Isen.

The lengthy report, which includes surveys on parking, street patterns and design, traffic flow, and studies on peak hour uses of streets and parking, was prepared by City Manager Wade Peebles and Traffic Engineer Jim Whitmer.

COPIES OF THE report were sent out yesterday by Peebles after councilmen approved his request to do so Tuesday night. Copies were to be made available to William H. Tolson, who is heading up the committee, and his committeemen, George Post and Sam Levy.

Among the recommendations made by Peebles as a result of the survey are several which might be opposed, he told a luncheon meeting of the committee Monday.

A CHECK OF THE report shows he recommends that some of the older structures in the downtown area be demolished to provide space for vehicle parking lots, and the recruitment of more large retail firms for the downtown shopping district.

Meeting with Tolson's committee were Mayor Isen, Peebles, Fire Chief J. J. Benner, and businessmen Sam Levy, Abe Roberts, and George Post. Appointment of three more businessmen to the committee was approved, and Tolson said he would name Jerome Scott, George Binder, and Lou Schlanger. Named ex-officio members were Peebles and (Continued on Page 4)

Board Votes Study Help For Gifted
Mentally gifted Torrance students will receive special academic attention through a \$57,000 state-aid program proposed Monday evening by Torrance Unified School District Board of Education.

The board approved employment of a full-time staff assistant to administer the program.

Tests of fourth through twelfth grade students have shown 675 as mentally gifted and meeting the criteria necessary for eligibility in the state-financed program, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent.



OUT WITH THE OLD... Jerome I. Scharfman, city finance officer, and Joy DeLage, microfilm operator for the city, look over some of the more than 268,000 checks and warrants which the City Council ordered destroyed Tuesday night. The checks, dating from 1921 through 1953, have been recorded in microfilm (boxes in foreground) and will be stored here and in the county for future safekeeping. (Herald Photo)

Local Aircrafter Dies In Blast From Shotgun

A 34-year-old Torrance man was pronounced dead on arrival at a local hospital Tuesday after his wife called police and reported her husband had shot himself in the chest.

The victim was Richard Sherry Southhall of 21005 Dora Ave. Southhall, an aircraft worker, was found by his wife, Myrel, laying on a bed about 5:15 p.m. No suicide notes were

found. Harvey Slaton of 5004 Merrill St., Mrs. Southhall's brother, was at the scene when police arrived. Slaton told police he entered the bedroom where he saw Southhall lying on the bed with a gun laying at his side. Slaton said he feared Southhall would come to and use the gun again so he took the weapon into the living room.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Halverson-Leavell Chapel with the Rev. Hugh Percy officiating. Interment will follow at Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Police Link Slaying to Bowman Case

The death of an attractive 46-year-old former Lomita resident who was bludgeoned by a dozen blows to the head Monday has shocked the Southland and brought questions of "Why?" to relatives here.

Mrs. Charlotte Schmidt, the former Charlotte Card of Lomita, was apparently killed by an intruder in her Fullerton home while her husband, Ethan, 46, was at work. She was found by her husband when he returned from work about 5 p.m. Monday.

MRS. SCHMIDT'S death was linked to that of Mrs. Doris Bowman, wealthy Pacific Palisades socialite who was found beaten to death Jan. 2. Fullerton and Los Angeles police were investigating the similarity between the two crimes. Mrs. Bowman's killer has not been apprehended.

Mrs. Schmidt was raised in Lomita and attended the Orange School and Narbonne High School. Following graduation from Narbonne, she attended Compton Junior College.

SHE MARRIED Ethan Schmidt, also raised and educated in Lomita, 23 years ago. Mr. Schmidt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Foote, now reside at 2461 W. 251st St. in Lomita. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Card, parents of the murdered woman, were long-time Lomita residents and are now living in Bakersfield.

Funeral services for Mrs. Schmidt have been scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at McAulay & Suters, 902 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton. Interment will be in Memory Gardens, Brea. She is survived by her husband and three children.

Arrested was Audery Wayne Brothers, 40, of 721 Pacific Lane. Driver of the other car was John Hollis Billings, 41, of Buena Park. Both men were treated for minor injuries at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Witnesses at the scene told police that Brothers put his car in reverse after the accident, backed away at a high rate of speed until he left the road and drove into a field. When police arrived they found Brothers in the driver's seat and gripping the steering wheel firmly.

Police Tuesday booked a Torrance man for felony drunk driving and hit and run driving after his car collided headon with another vehicle on Del Amo Boulevard near Hawthorne Avenue.

Two Convicted in Car Theft During Check on Murder Case

By Darrell Maddox
Herald Staff Writer

Investigation by Torrance Police Department detectives and the Sheriff's office homicide detail has been climaxed in federal court with a 35-year-old Inglewood man being found guilty of transporting a stolen car across state lines.

The investigation started Oct. 24 when Torrance detectives received notice from the St. Louis County Sheriff's office in Missouri that Carl Theodore Nelson was wanted by their office for strong armed robbery. They relayed information that Nelson was reportedly working at a Torrance dairy under the assumed name of Ralph W. Smith.

ON NOV. 6 NELSON was arrested at an Inglewood manufacturing plant by Torrance detectives and the sheriff's office. Arrested with Nelson was Ernest Allen Williams, 33, of Downey, who has pleaded guilty to the Dyer act, transporting a car across state lines, and testified against Nelson at two trials, the first of which ended in a hung jury.

Both men will be sentenced Feb. 19. Arrested with the two men was a 33-year-old Downey woman but she was released.

Escapade of the three started, police said, when they left St. Louis and traveled to Biloxie, Miss., and then on to New Orleans. About the middle of May they decided to come to California. They were driving the woman's 1957 model car and William's 1951 model sedan.

THE OLDER sedan broke down in Houston so they decided to steal a 1957 model car and switch the license plates with their own 1957 model, police said.

Two vehicles were needed since the men were painters and hauling equipment. The three arrived in the Los Angeles basin and resided in various cities, including Gardena and Hermosa Beach.

The men were in possession of the stolen car when arrested, police said.

Nelson is on bail while Williams is in the county jail in lieu of bail.

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