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SPEEDER BOOKED AFTER WILD CHASE

A Penny for your Thoughts

Fires are making headlines throughout the county, so the Pennies photographer asked five firemen, "What is your pet peeve regarding fire and rescue operations?"

Al Salcido, 2836 W. 176th St.: "Parents who fail to set an example for their children. The kids have no respect for fire because of this. Smoking in bed is a good example—it's dangerous and it sets a bad example for the kids."

George Fisk, 18902 Haas Ave.: "When we respond to a fire, people are ignorant of what they should do. Some try to pass on the right and others pull over for the first engine company. There is usually additional equipment. Such things make accidents."

Tracey Dale, 23026 Huber Ave.: "People don't think ahead about what they should do when fire or accidents strike. Most people do all they can first, then call us when it's really hopeless. They should know the phone number and call at once."

Bill Orr, 18410 Haas Ave.: "Most home fires are caused by careless housekeeping. Trash near a hot water heater, in the garage, or near floor furnaces good places for fires to start. Safety should apply in house-keeping as well as other areas around the home."

Robert Hill, 3642 Garnet St.: "I'd just like to extend an invitation to groups and home owners to call the station for an appointment to tour the station. This way they can see how things work here and get first hand information on fire prevention."

Kaplan Attends Jewish Conclave
Irwin J. Kaplan, 4402 Torrance Blvd., is one of 14 Southern California residents now attending the national convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

Blast Hurts Young Boys, Small Girl

Two teen-age boys and a 3-year-old girl were injured Tuesday afternoon when a homemade bomb exploded in the back yard patio of a home in North Torrance. Taken to Harbor General Hospital were William Terry Whitehead, 17, of 3446 W. 171st St., at whose home the bomb exploded,

and two neighborhood children, Ralph Ronald Nisson, 14, and his sister, Colleen Erin Nisson, 3 of 3448 W. 171st St.

Most seriously injured of the three was Ralph Nisson who had an object imbedded in his right hip bone. Whitehead suffered minor burns on both hands and a deep laceration in his right ankle. Both youths required surgery. The girl suffered from multiple foreign objects in both legs up to her knees.

TWO AMBULANCES, four police units, and the fire department were dispatched to the scene although no fire was involved. The accident occurred about 2:00 p.m.

Colleen Nisson told police she and her brother had just walked into the patio and were from six to eight feet away when the bomb exploded. The explosion was heard throughout the neighborhood. Among first persons on the scene were Edison Co. personnel who were working on lines nearby.

They said they found one boy lying on a davenport in the patio and the other sprawled on the ground.

WHITEHEAD said he shaved off the heads of paper book-type matches and placed the heads into a small hollow metal part. He was using a metal rod to explode the matches when the explosion occurred, the youth said. "I was standing up bending over the device when it was exploded by pushing this metal rod down through the center of the container," he added.

The youth said "I knew it would make an explosion but nothing like this. I've made smaller type things and took them over to a field and exploded them before and nothing like this has ever happened."

The incident occurred in rear of the home in a 10-by-24-foot patio enclosed by a grapestake fence.



EXPLOSION SCENE . . . Sgt. Jack Hahn of the Torrance Police Department inspects the spot where a homemade bomb exploded Tuesday afternoon injuring two boys and a girl. The incident occurred in the patio of a home at 3446 W. 171st St. The items on the ground are among those used in setting off the explosion. (Herald Photo)

Split Board Approves 5-Column Schedule

Years of protest and impatient waiting paid off for Torrance Teachers Monday night when the Board of Education voted in favor of revising the current salary schedule.

One dissenting vote was cast as the teachers won a five-column pay schedule at the special Board meeting.

During the 15 years the district has been in operation, the teachers' salary had been based on a three-column program. Over the strong protests of member Bert Lynn, the Trustees passed a motion by William Hanson to reconstruct the schedule. Board President Albert Charles and Dr. Curt Shery cast affirmative votes.

ALTHOUGH THE new schedule will cost an estimated \$8,000 more a year, the Board was faced with the constantly recurring fact that Torrance was one of the few remaining comparable districts which still use a three-column schedule.

S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of business,

Sheriff Aids With Capture In Backyard

A high-speed chase which eventually led a dozen Torrance police officers, plus Redondo Beach officers and Lennox Sheriff's deputies through three cities ended with the backyard capture of a 24-year-old Culver City man who was booked on a total of 22 charges ranging from car theft and traffic violations to violation of state narcotic laws.

The chase started shortly after 11 p.m. Tuesday when Sgt. Dave Cook and officer Donald Lemaster noticed a 1962 automobile turn south of Hawthorne Avenue from Artesia Boulevard. The driver, later identified as William Mead, stopped the vehicle and beckoned the officers.

The two motorcycle patrolmen approached the vehicle, but before they could talk to the driver, he sped away at high speed. Both officers began a pursuit which collected other police units along the route as it moved west on 190th Street, over a dirt road to Prospect Avenue in Redondo Beach, into Hermosa Beach, and back into North Redondo Beach.

AT ONE POINT along 190th Street, the driver threw an automobile jack out of the window of the car in an effort to deter the pursuing motorcycle officers, they reported. The base plate of the bumper jack assembly bounced through the plate glass window of a self-service laundry at 2417 W. 190th Street.

Speed of the chase reached as high as 90 miles an hour along Grant Avenue in North Redondo Beach. Officer James Kirby got a police unit in front

of the fleeing vehicle and Officer Lee Graber was nearly alongside when the suspect slammed into a plowed field and emerged on another North Redondo Beach street.

BY THAT TIME the pursuing officers had been joined (Continued on Page 2)

'Unloaded' Gun Fires; Youth Dies

Apparently imitating the game of Russian Roulette, 18-year-old Jimmy Lee Smith of 21716 S. Figueroa St. shot and killed himself while cleaning a .22-calibre revolver.

The shooting occurred Monday night at the service station where the youth worked. Witnesses said the boy was clowning around with the gun and pulled the trigger twice, thinking it was pointed above his head. The second pull sent a bullet into his temple.

Smith was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital. Detectives were told that the youth had accidentally shot himself in the lower left arm with the same weapon last February.



WHOOOPS! . . . Two tow trucks were needed to right this trash truck after it turned over about 6:15 p.m. Monday at the intersection of Artesia Boulevard and Prairie Avenue. The driver, Clarence Felton Curtis, 39, of Compton, told police the truck turned over as he made a turn. (Herald Photo)

Gordon Mothersell Dies; Long-Time Civic Leader

Masonic funeral services were held yesterday for Gordon Arthur Mothersell, 59, of 1424 Acacia Ave., at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel with members of Torrance Masonic Lodge 447 officiating.

Mr. Mothersell was a past master of the Torrance lodge, a past high priest of the Royal Arch Lodge, past patron of the Order of Eastern Star, past patron of the Amaranth, and

a member of the San Pedro Commandery No. 60, Knights Templar of California.

He is survived by his widow, Gladys; sisters, Cecil Kall of Harbor Oils and Sybil Young of Torrance; brothers Walter of Colorado, Harold of Modesto, and Adrian Moyer of Torrance. Also surviving are several nephews and nieces. Interment was in Green Hills Memorial Park.

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