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DRIVER DIES IN CAR CRASH



DRIVER KILLED . . . The compact vehicle (right) which was driven by Loyal Francis Salois of Lawndale slammed into cars parked in the 16900 block on Crenshaw Boulevard early Monday, killing Salois. Investigating officers concluded that the driver must have fallen asleep at the wheel of the auto a few seconds before the fatal crash. (Herald Photo)

Young Father Killed When Car Smashed

A 26-year-old Lawndale man was pronounced dead on arrival at Gardena Emergency Hospital early Tuesday after his compact auto slammed into a vehicle parked at the curb on Crenshaw Boulevard near 170th Street. Killed in the crash was Loyal Francis Salois, 14812 Firmona Ave. Traffic officers Arthur Fuller and Robert Dunn said the Salois vehicle slammed into a car registered to Richard R. Jackson causing heavy damage to it and to a third vehicle parked in front of the Jackson auto.

MEMBERS OF the Torrance Fire Department were required to wash gasoline from the area while the vehicles were pulled apart. Funeral services and interment for the traffic victim are being scheduled in Great Falls, Mont. Halverson-Leavell Mortuary of Torrance handled local arrangements.

Salois is survived by his widow, Mikell Ann; three sons, Allan, Dale, and Milo; his mother, Helen Patton, of Montana; a brother, and a sister. A 12-year-old boy was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital Monday evening after he was struck at Maple Avenue and Torrance Boulevard during the heavy 5 o'clock traffic. Rushed to the hospital for treatment was Dennis William Boyer Jr., 2401 Del Amo Blvd. Driver of the vehicle was identified as Victoria B. Feldon, 815 Fonthill Avenue.

THREE-YEAR-OLD Steven Scott Cliburn of 21813 Anza Ave. was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital Monday morning after he was struck by a vehicle near his home. Driver of the car was Sidney James Jennings, 44, of 21903 Anza Ave., an aviation company engineer.

New Plan Asked for Firemen

Study of a plan which would put city firemen on a 40-hour week in shifts similar to that now scheduled for police officers was recommended to the City Council Tuesday by Councilman Nickolas O. Drale.

Such a plan could be put into effect here without greatly expanding the fire department personnel, and the city could save the costs of providing sleeping quarters, kitchens, and other facilities needed for men on duty 24 hours at a time, he said. The recommendation was passed along to the city manager and to fire department officials for study and a report.

Body of Climber Located

The body of chemist-climber Donald J. Coyle of Torrance has been removed from the Palisades Glacier near Big Pine where he lost his footing and tumbled to his death. Coyle, 32, of 21221 Grant Ave., died Sunday while hiking on the Palisades Glacier. A chemist for Aerospace Corp. in El Segundo, he was a member of the Sierra Club, a hiking and mountain-climbing group. A 15-member rescue party from the Sierra Madre Mountain Rescue Team first thought Coyle may have survived the fall when his body was located on Monday, but it was later surmised that he died instantly.

MRS. COYLE, a registered nurse, told reporters, "I was worried whenever he climbed, but I knew he liked it. He deserved some fun in life."

She said her husband joined the Sierra Club early last year and had since scaled several high mountains.

The difficulty of the climb perhaps prevented another death. The Coyles were planning to send their oldest child, Kim, 7, with his father, but decided against it because of the rugged hike.

COYLE WAS graduated from the University of Chicago and earned his doctor's degree from Harvard University.

The Coyles, who have two other children, Gayle, 5 and John, 1, moved to Torrance from San Bernardino in 1961.

Hearing for Policemen Set Aug. 8

Two Torrance policemen, accused of taking \$1,700 in bank deposits from a Los Angeles store clerk on July 6, were arraigned in Inglewood Superior Court on Monday.

The pair, Robert W. Keith, 26, and Roger L. Jacobson, 25, were ordered to appear for a preliminary hearing on the charge on Aug. 8.

Judge Burch Donahue continued bail at 2,625 each.

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Council Nixes Move to Kill Ordinance

The controversial curfew ordinance adopted by the City Council last week to restrict parking and pedestrian traffic in the Southwood Riviera tract area on Saturday and Sunday nights will remain on the books although the city is restrained from enforcing it.

Theater May Get A 'Home'

Establishment of a permanent site for Chapel Theatre, an active little theater group in Torrance, was forecast Tuesday night by Albert Levitt of Jefferson, Inc., after members of the City Council had approved location of a roadway in the Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center developed by the firm.

"With the approval of this roadway, we now will work out a location along the new road for Chapel Theatre," Levitt said.

He indicated that his firm would oppose moving of their present structure from Walteria to the site.

"We want a fine, first-class building here for them," he said.

Chapel Theatre, currently showing C. Y. Lee's original "Houseboat Named Pebbles," has been headquartered in a building on the Smith Bros. Fish Shanty property on Pacific Coast Highway in Walteria.

Give Buses Away, Says Post Card

If the city listened to a helpful friend from Chicago, it would be out of the bus business.

Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. read a postcard he had received from a Mr. Hunter in Chicago this week in which it was suggested that the city give its bus lines to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Councilmen didn't warm up to the idea with much enthusiasm.

"Number one, it would be illegal. Number two, MTA wouldn't want it," Mayor Albert Isen said.

Sciarrotta's card-writing adviser wrote that he was making similar suggestions to other cities in the Los Angeles area. He didn't say what he was recommending for his hometown of Chicago.

Mitchell Moved to Harbor Hospital

Chauncey S. Mitchell, the 59-year-old Negro found shot in a field near the Torrance-Redondo Beach city line on July 9, has been transferred from the Little Company of Mary Hospital to Harbor General Hospital.

Efforts of Mayor Albert Isen to have the ordinance repealed on the grounds that the emergency has passed failed to gain support of the councilmen Tuesday night. Only Councilman J. A. Beasley backed the move.

"The question is now moot," Mayor Isen said in pushing for the repeal. "We can not go into court with witnesses and testimony to support the ordinance, and the question of law on the ordinance will not now be answered," he said.

ATTORNEYS representing Congress of Racial Equality asked for a permanent injunction in a suit filed last Friday, and Superior Judge Kenneth Chantry issued a temporary restraining order and issued a show cause order to the city which must be answered in his court Monday.

Opposing repeal of the ordinance was William Uerkwitz, 23136 Anza Ave., acting president of the newly formed Southwood Homeowners, who said token pickets were at the tract last week and that "we must be prepared for the next time."

His stand was backed by Councilman Nicolas O. Drale, who said "the emergency is not over, and we've got a responsibility to our citizens."

DRALE LOOKED on the possible court battle as a way for the city to save some money.

"If we maintain our position, we'll save the expense of the legal advertising for the new ordinance," he said. Isen pointed out that the daily court costs would be a minimum of \$200 and that the legal ad would cost about \$5.

The city's prosecuting attorney, Charles F. Catterlin, will prepare an answer to the suit to be presented to Judge Chantry on Monday, Isen said. City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer is absent from the city on military training leave.

OTHER MATTERS coming before the City Council Tuesday included:

- Approval for a 12-bed expansion of Torrance Memorial Hospital;

- Establishment of a fee schedule for city services and copying of public documents;

- Approval of bids for fertilizer and top dressing after a lengthy discussion over the relative merits of steer manure and dairy herd manure;

- Approval of a street pattern for the Jefferson Lease (Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center);

- Approval of a resolution declaring proceedings have begun to annex area along Pacific Coast Highway in Lomita to Torrance;

- Approval of Sunday hours from noon to midnight for a billiard facility on the Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center.

- Approval of contract awarded to Don B. Wolfe on his bid of \$67,887 to build test pit and drill tower for the Fire Department.

Board Adopts Budget; Will Dip into Reserve

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District adopted a publication budget of \$14,596,902 Monday evening. The budget reflected minor changes occasioned by assessed valuation figures and new state aid totals.

The district anticipates an income of \$14,264,109, and will dig into its undistributed reserves to balance the budget. The reserves total \$2,117,722. The major changes in the budget were due to cuts in maintenance and plant operations costs ordered by the board during discussion of the tentative budget in June.

THE ONLY objection to the budget came from Board President Bert Lynn, who opposed the inclusion of a full-time public information coordinator. Lynn asked that the minutes show he felt a part-time "press agent is enough," and voted in favor of the total budget.

Crown Construction Co. was awarded contracts for the construction of the second and

third increments at West High School. Crown Construction submitted a low bid of \$2,437,545.

THE BID, about 10 per cent higher than the architect's estimate, was called a "good bid on the cost per square foot," by Dr. Bernard Garen, assistant superintendent. The board had rejected a bid which was also high on the second increment in June. Both Garen and S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent for business, agreed that the bid was as low as might be expected.

Construction on the two units will get under way on July 29. The buildings will be ready for use when school opens in September, 1964.

TRUSTEES ALSO agreed not to oppose a request from Jack Weiskopf for a variance on the setback requirements on 227th Street. Apartment units are to be constructed at Ocean Avenue and 227th Street, and Weiskopf asked for a variance to build garages next to the

sidewalks. The board said it would not oppose the request if the curb was not broken and the area is landscaped.

Considerable discussion was devoted to future school sites in the area of Del Amo and Hawthorne Boulevards. After a lengthy discussion, the board ordered the staff to hire an appraiser to inquire into a site near Spencer and Earl streets.

IN OTHER action, the board:

- Accepted and approved employment schedules for the summer months;

- Approved the tentative offerings of the Adult Education classes with the addition of an economics course;

- Awarded a contract to the National Publications Co. for \$12,528 for periodicals during the 1963-64 year; and,
- Approved the student insurance contracts for the coming school year.

Thieves Hid In Building, Loot Cashbox

Two men who loitered over drinks just before closing time at a restaurant-bar at the entrance to Torrance Municipal Airport early Monday were believed to have hidden in the building, later looting it of \$3,624 in coins and currency.

Charles Popejoy, operator of the Halfway House at 3103 Pacific Coast Hwy., told investigating officers that the restaurant's safe had been pried open and the money taken sometime after the 2 a.m. closing hour Monday.

Detectives were told that two men who dawdled over their drinks at closing time must have hidden somewhere in the building. No one could remember seeing them leave before the bar closed.

Popejoy was notified of the theft by a cleanup man who was the first to notice the office had been ransacked. A bar used to pry open the safe was found in the building.

Who's Teaching What, Board Members Ask

Who is minding the gym? Board of Education member William Hanson is out to find the answer to that question, after learning that most coaches are teaching academic subjects in the Torrance schools. Hanson promised an investigation into the matter after last Monday's meeting of the Board of Education. He wants to know why coaches are teaching in the classroom instead of in the gym.

THE SUBJECT came up when the board members heard Tom Sutherland, a coach at West High School, tell them that coaches spend as much time grading papers and preparing lessons as any other teacher.

Sutherland was speaking in

A Penny for your Thoughts

Nelson Rockefeller issued a statement this week which virtually announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination in 1964. The Pennies photographer asked several people: Will Rockefeller or Goldwater win the nomination, and how will he fare against President Kennedy?

Mrs. Vidgil Burtz, 21007 Victor St.

"Kennedy will win in 1964 because he is doing a good job now. It doesn't make much difference who the Republicans nominate since they probably can't carry the election. The President's popularity is too great."

Mrs. Jess Browning, 22305 Ellinwood Dr.

"I think that Senator Barry Goldwater will be the next President. Kennedy only stands a chance to win if the Republicans nominate Rockefeller in 1964. They will nominate Goldwater and win the election."

Mrs. Joseph Shaffer, 18518 Spinning Ave.

"I'm for President Kennedy. He has been doing a beautiful job in office and I think he will carry the election. Goldwater will run a better race for the Republicans, but Kennedy will win no matter who is nominated."

Mrs. Hal Korell, 20532 Amie Ave.

"Rockefeller is out so far as the nomination is concerned, and Barry Goldwater is in. Goldwater will get the nomination, and he may run a good race, but it's hard to beat the Irish."

Mrs. Howard Garrison, 3730 W. 171st St.

"I would prefer Rockefeller. Kennedy's popularity will not carry him through the election. Goldwater is too conservative. Governor Scranton would stand a good chance if he were nominated, but the Republicans will win the White House."

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