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BOY DIES ON CHRISTMAS BIKE

Man Dies in Solvang Area Auto Crash

Christmas Day accidents claimed the lives of two Torrance area residents, although neither mishap was logged in the city.

A six-year-old Carson youth, making his first trip on a new bicycle, died about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Harbor General Hospital after being hit by a car near Sepulveda Boulevard and Main Street.

William C. Boda II, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Boda of 23451 Caroldale Ave., was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. He was struck by a car driven by George O. McCall Jr. 24, of 22706 Enola Ave., after his bicycle veered into the street.

THE bicycle wheel apparently hit a rock in the soft shoulder of the roadway and veered into the street, McCall told police it happened so fast he was unable to avoid hitting the boy.

The Boda youth had accompanied two teenage companions, who also had just received new bicycles, to a store near Main Street and Sepulveda Boulevard for a soft drink. They were returning home when the accident occurred.

The Bodas have four other children, James, 4½; Robert, 2½; Steve, 20 months; and Pamela, 6 months.

A FIERY crash near Solvang resulted in the death of two men, one of them a Torrance resident.

California Highway Patrol officers said the dead men were Billie Shanklin, 45, of 1548 W. 221st St., and Robert Rockwell, 51, of Solvang.

Rockwell burned to death after his vehicle went out of control on a narrow bridge and burst into flames after striking a car driven by Earls Shanklin, 41, of 21218 Doble Ave.

The driver, a brother of the dead man, and his wife, Elnora, 40, and their 15-year-old son escaped without apparent serious injuries.

Funeral services were held yesterday at the Halverson-Leavell Chapel with interment in Green Hills Memorial Park.

He is survived by two sons, Earl and Billy Dale; a daughter, Flora Filich of Anaheim; nine sisters; three brothers; and a granddaughter.

Want to See Bowl Game On Wednesday?

A few choice tickets for the classic Rose Bowl game Wednesday between Washington and Illinois are available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The tickets have been made available to the city by the Tournament of Roses Assn. and are being used to raise funds for the float to carry the city's banner in the rose parade, according to Robert Vroman, chairman of the city's Rose Float committee. Information about the tickets may be obtained by calling the Chamber of Commerce on Monday.



DR. DONALD BRAYTON
... Hospital Official

Dr. Brayton Heads Staff At Hospital

Dr. Donald Brayton of Beverly Hills will take office as president and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Harbor General Hospital Attending Staff Assn., Jan. 2.

Election of Dr. Brayton was announced by Dr. Dirk teGroen, secretary-treasurer and medical director of Harbor General Hospital, following the annual dinner-business meeting of the 375 members of the Association in the hospital's dining room.

DR. BRAYTON, 51, was born in Salt Lake City but has been practicing general surgery in Los Angeles since 1947 when he was certified by the Board of Surgery.

A graduate of Stanford and Harvard universities, Dr. Brayton served in the Army Medical Corps in World War II. He is past president of the Los Angeles Surgical Society (1962) and his affiliations include Los Angeles County Medical Assn., American Medical Assn., Los Angeles Academy of Medicine, Pacific Coast Surgical Assn., and he is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

OTHER 1964 officers elected are Dr. Marvin J. Rosenberg, first vice president, Los Angeles; Dr. Frank Nicholas, second vice president, Inglewood; Dr. Robert J. Heurini, third vice president and Dr. Dirk M. teGroen, succeeding himself, both of San Pedro.

The Harbor General Hospital Attending Staff Assn. includes doctors from the southern part of Los Angeles County and Orange County who donate their services in all fields of medicine including research and dentistry. A large number of the membership have staff appointments at the University of California Medical Center in Los Angeles.



VISIT PARKS . . . A tour of the city's park and recreation facilities was made recently by members of the City Council and of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Shown here from left are Councilman J. A. Beasley, Commissioner

Rose Craig, Commission Chairman Naomi McVey, Councilman George Vico, and Commissioners Bernard Dougan, H. Milton Sippel, and Lawrence Gitschier.

Council Seeks Limits On Commercial Use

City fathers will again consider an ordinance which would limit or exclude residential uses in commercial zones when they convene tomorrow evening for their final session of 1963.

The ordinance, held while a survey of such controls was made in other cities, has been prepared by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer. The council asked Remelmeyer and the Planning Commission to study the problem some months ago.

Present laws permit apartment units in C-2 zones and put no restrictions on the commercial use of part of the units. Councilmen have expressed concern in recent months at the growing number of apartment units which are suddenly converted to business offices.

CONSIDERATION of the ordinance was bogged down

several weeks ago when some councilmen balked at the possibility of the ordinance applying to single family homes, which also are permitted in the C-2 zone. Nickolas Drae asked Remelmeyer to restudy the problem and make a study of other cities.

The councilmen will be asked to award contracts for the improvement of several intersections in the city, as well as work on Crenshaw Boulevard from the Dominguez

Channel to Redondo Beach Boulevard. Intersections named in the contracts include those at Palos Verdes and Torrance Boulevards, Calle Mayor and Palos Verdes Boulevard, and 190th Street and Prairie Avenue.

In planning matters, the council will consider petitions for a change of zone from M-1 to R-3 for property located on Emerald Street west of Earl Street. The zone change has been recommended for denial by the Planning Commission because it is "inconsistent with the master plan for the area."

Factories are located on property adjacent to the parcel.

A RECOMMENDATION for approval of a zone change for property at 2993 Artesia Blvd. will be presented. The petition asks that the M-1 zone be changed to R-1 and R-3.

A zone change to permit construction of new apartments in the block between Sonoma and El Dorado Streets opposite the Greenwood School has been submitted to the council with a recommendation for approval.

Tentative tract maps submitted by Dan E. Butcher and Kenland Development Co., will be reviewed by the council. Both maps have been recommended for denial.

Planning commissioners said the Kenland Development Co. project does not meet requirements for minimum lot sizes. The Butcher development was recommended for denial because the area is presently zoned for manufacturing.

The council will meet in the council chambers at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was moved to Monday evening to permit councilmen and city employees to spend New Year's Eve away from work.

MORE THAN 200 residents and members of civic clubs have volunteered to help decorate the float. Groups include: Pilot Club of Torrance, Torrance Woman's Club, Torrance Junior Woman's Club, Southwest Park Civic Assn., Newman Club at El Camino College, Royal Neighbors, McMaster Park Recreation, Department Employees, North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., and members of St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church.

Other volunteers include: (Continued on Page 2)

Busy Year Forecast For City

The new year, 1964, should be an exciting year for Torrance.

Coming off the pace of an all-time high in new construction which is being logged for 1963, the outlook for 1964 construction is equally promising, a survey by THE HERALD indicated this week.

Reported near the starting stage—but not officially confirmed—are new major store buildings at the northeast corner of Carson Street and Hawthorne Ave. for Bullocks and I. Magnin.

CONTINUED expansion of the Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center, the North Torrance Shopping Center, and other shopping areas of the city is forecast by building plans now being prepared or buildings now in progress.

High-rise construction probably will become an issue before City Council sessions in 1964, and at least one councilman, Ross Sciarrotta Jr., has said he will push for high-rise construction on the perimeters of the downtown area.

WHILE PLANS to push for a high-rise apartment building on the site of the former Hollywood Riviera clubhouse have been withdrawn for the moment, a renewal of that project could be one of the construction issues of the coming year.

The new year also will bring plenty of political activity to the city with a school override tax election scheduled for Feb. 4; a city election April 14, primary elections June 2, and the national elections Nov. 3.

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Employee Sought In Area

The search for a 34-year-old former employe continued yesterday as police sought to question him about the strangulation slaying of a Torrance resident and businessman.

Joe Reed Mason, once employed at the Boulevard Radiator Shop, 10411 Pairie Ave., is wanted by Torrance detectives and Sheriff's homicide officers for questioning about the strangulation death of Ernest Edwin Jones, 56, whose body was found by officers at his home at 2433 W. 165th St. on Christmas Eve.

Mason has been identified as a former employe at Jones's radiator shop and a former resident at the Jones home.

POLICE FIRST went to the Jones home in North Torrance Tuesday morning to inform him that a fire had destroyed his Inglewood business building. Unable to locate anyone at the house, they left a note for Jones and returned to their stations.

Officers returned later when a neighbor told police that Jones had not been seen around the house during the day, apparently arousing the neighbor's suspicion.

TORRANCE OFFICER Charles Oates entered the house through a window and discovered the victim's body lashed to the bed with strips of torn toweling and with an electrical cord wrapped around his neck.

Jones' wife, Juanita, and stepson, Ty, were in Dallas for the holidays and Jones was scheduled to join them on Christmas Day. Mrs. Jones, a teacher at the Evelyn Carr Elementary School, and her son left immediately for Torrance after being notified of the slaying.

Officials estimated that Jones had been dead several hours before his body was discovered Tuesday evening. Whether there is a connection between his death and the razing of his radiator shop by fire the same morning has not been determined.



GETS PORTRAIT . . . Postmaster Clara Connors presents a picture of the late President John F. Kennedy to Torrance High senior Christine LaCouture. The THS senior had asked Mrs. Connors for the portrait, which had hung in the Torrance Post Office since Mr. Kennedy's inauguration in January, 1961. Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred LaCouture, has made arrangements with Dr. Carl R. Ahee, THS principal, to have the picture placed at Torrance High.

A Penny for your Thoughts

It's time to begin the annual ritual of making those never-to-be-kept resolutions, so the Pennies photographer asked five area residents, "What do you think of New Year's Resolutions?"

Mrs. W. G. McLoughlin, 4215 W. 230th Place:

"I don't really believe in them. If you are going to make resolutions, you can do it any time of the year. Resolutions such as people make on New Year's just aren't made in the sense of planning to keep them."

Mrs. Joseph Diamond, 5625 Andrus St.:

"I believe in resolutions. I haven't made any yet, but I have made them in the past and didn't keep any of them. I am thinking of not making any resolutions this year — it isn't much use anymore."

Mrs. John Hansford, 13019 Kathryn Ave.:

"Resolutions are excellent if we follow through on them. I am not the best one for following through, but I am planning to make a few resolutions come New Year's Eve."

Mrs. Elden Pratt, 5215 Scott St.:

"I shall make a resolution this year—the same one that I have made every year and never seem to follow through. The resolution is to keep up on all my correspondence, letters to the family and friends, but I get worse all the time."

Mrs. Arthur Callen, 2642 Loftyview Drive:

"I believe in resolutions. I make the same ones every year and usually break them. I usually resolve to go on a diet and I last about two weeks before I give in and forget it."

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