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**Services Held for Girl Who Killed Self on Prom Night**

Scores of her fellow Torrance High School students Tuesday morning filed past the coffin of 15-year-old Voncille Elaine Silva, who assertedly took her own life Friday night after being denied permission to attend the high school senior prom. Her father, Manuel T. Silva, journeyed from Vallejo to attend a private family service at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon in Stone and Myers chapel. Private interment services followed.

The girl, who lived at 23017 Doris Way, was pronounced dead upon arrival at Harbor General Hospital where she was taken after she was found unconscious in her bed by a brother, Richard, 12, Saturday morning.

Police said the girl had taken an overdose of sleeping pills. The despondent girl left a brief note explaining her action. It read in part:

"Dear Mom:  
"I'm sorry for what I said last night. I couldn't afford to go away; I'm too young to get married. So this is the only way to leave."

The note was signed "Sister." Police said the mother, near collapse, reported that she had denied her daughter permission to attend the dance because she had been "dating" too often and had been reprimanded for cutting classes at school.

A coroner's jury listed the death as suicide.

**Station Robbed Of Over \$600**

More than \$600, \$75 in cash and the rest in checks, was lifted from the till of Pennington's Service Station at 2172 Torrance Blvd. early Saturday evening.

A young Negro reportedly opened a locked drawer in the cash register and helped himself to the money while the owner, J. H. Pennington, and two employees, Frank Kelsey and Chester Reese, were occupied in the repair shop behind the station.

Pennington called the Police upon discovering the theft. Later he identified positively a police photo of Freddie Weber, 21-year-old Los Angeles Negro, as the man who burglarized the station. University Police have a warrant for Weber's arrest on suspicion of the burglary.

**Wm. Morgan At Summer Camp**

Cadet William Byron Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer B. Morgan, 2119 Arlington Ave., is scheduled to report to Camp Gordon, Georgia, on June 20 to attend the Signal Corps Reserve Officers Training Corps summer encampment.

Cadet Morgan, a student at New Mexico A & M, is a member of the school's ROTC unit. The Army announced that Morgan's attendance at the six week long camp will be a major step toward qualifying him for a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps Reserve.

**Noted Evangelist To Speak Here**

Friday, June 13th, Rev. D. Westburg, Evangelist from the mid west, and at present pastor of the El Segundo Four-square Church, will bring the Gospel service in the Torrance Four-square Church, located at 1207 El Prado. Evangelist Westburg is a noted church speaker who has had a successful ministry in the evangelistic work.

He was the speaker at the sunrise service held at Roosevelt Memorial Park. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

**North Torrance Teachers Feted at P-TA Lunch**

The teaching staff of the North Torrance Elementary school was entertained at a pre-vacation luncheon hosted by the 1951-52 Executive Board of North Torrance Elementary school PTA.

The luncheon was held on June 4 at the school. The committee in charge of plans included the Mesdames: Ralph McBe, Barton Davidson and Robert Jackson.

Following the luncheon, the Executive Board for the 1952-53 term met for the first time. Business included the introduction of the members, board decision to have the program for the year's activities printed this year, and reading of the proposed budget.

**Board Honors PTA President**

Executive board members of the Lomita Elementary School PTA met yesterday at the home of Mrs. Jane Rye, school principal, for a potluck luncheon celebrating the final meeting of year for the 39 members and their hostess.

**Police Suspect Narcotics, Alcohol in Ballroom Brawl**

Eight Torrance law-enforcement officers were required to quell a disturbance at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club last Sunday when a gang of teen-age boys engaged in a free-for-all battle that left five boys injured. The combatants were among several hundred youths who attended a jazz jamboree at the beach club during the afternoon on Sunday.

Sgt. D. C. Cook, Torrance juvenile officer, said that when he and seven other officers answered a call from the beach area they found a near riot at the club.

"A Negro jazz band leader named Big J' Nesley performs at the Sunday jam sessions, and hundreds of teen-agers from Torrance and surrounding areas converge on the club to sway and swoon in an almost hypnotic manner to the 'hot' music of the band," Sgt. Cook said.

"We suspect that both liquor and narcotics are being sold to the youngsters, but as yet we have no proof of this," he further related. "The boys who engaged in the Sunday fistcuffs seem to have been under the influence of either alcohol or drugs."

"We have a terrific drug problem in Torrance as well as along the entire west coast. We're hampered by lax laws and lax parents. Lack of adequate parental supervision is the major cause of incidents such as last Sunday's," Cook stated. "Fortunately there were no Torrance youngsters involved, but there may be the next time it happens."

**Jaycees Elect Officers Tonite**

The Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce will elect officers tonight at 7:30 at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club.

Marvin Goetsch is the only announced candidate for the president's job, now held by Bert Lamb. Ed Karlow is seeking reelection as state director. Warren Perry is opposing him.

There will be nominations made from the floor before the election.

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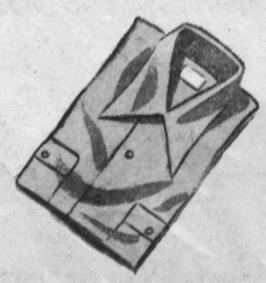
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