

Our Readers Write

Citizen Protests careless Truck Driving on Western

Editor,
Torrance Press:

Who is responsible for the protection of life and property on Western Avenue?

In my business, I travel Western Avenue between Los Angeles and San Pedro regularly, and because most of the section I travel is in Torrance, I ask you this and perhaps we can stop some of the reckless driving, speeding and carelessness by truck drivers.

On Friday, February 13, 1953, because of their own carelessness, at 10:50 a.m., I was driving northward on Western Avenue at the area between San Pedro and Palms Verdes Drive North, traveling on the down grade at a speed of about 50 miles per hour. I had, just south of the area, passed a truck on the up-grade at about 1st street in San Pedro, carrying gravel for Livingston Rock and Gravel Co.

I was astounded to see this same truck, as I glanced into my rear view mirror, straddling the center line and passing cars and traffic at what I determined to be an unlawful speed. Being a regular traveler on Western Avenue, and having noted to my disgust the way these truck drivers ignore the law, I decided to see how fast he was going and trailed him.

As he was approaching Green Hills Memorial Park, I said to myself, "you poor man, you are no more in control of that vehicle than the devil, and who knows who might be killed or hurt by your actions. Who might end up in that cemetery because of the way you are driving."

This truck traveled the whole length of that decline approaching the cemetery gate at 70 miles per hour, carrying a load of 20 tons, 40,000 pounds—plus the weight of the truck, and straving sand and gravel by the force of the wind created by his speed on automobiles as he passed. This truck, a semi-with-tractor, carried trailer license No. 575-595 and vehicle license number on the tractor, No. Com. P36832. Also it carried Livingston's No. 72 on the semi-trailer.

I do not want to get this poor soul in trouble; all I want to do is see that public life and property is protected. How often do you see the police stop a truck? It is always the unfortunate civilian who gets the ticket, because he went through a red light, was speeding five or ten miles over the limit.

I can remember when we used to glorify the truckers, just like we used to glorify the locomotive engineer. He was a hero, "trucks that pass in the night."

But I find it hard to glorify an actual or potential murderer—and that is exactly what these men who drive the way they do are,

enforcements of the traffic laws governing them.

I have seen trucks travel side by side on Western Avenue for miles, blocking traffic of others, cut in on passenger cars, and otherwise heinously ignore the laws and go their way. But, I have seen less patrolling of Western Avenue by the law—and I mean Gardena, Torrance, Los Angeles or the Sheriff's Department, than on any other thoroughfare I travel. Sure, once in a while I see a police car parked up the way, watching for traffic light violators. But that does not stop 40,000 pounds of death-dealing gravel from traveling down a slope at 70 miles-per-hour, or the racing trucks, the truck road hogs and others who consistently violate the laws on Western Avenue.

When you find out who is responsible for traffic control on Western Avenue, I will be happy

YWCA Officer Says 'Thanks'

Torrance Press
Gentlemen:
Thank you very much for your generous contribution to the Torrance Branch Y.M.C.A.
We are grateful for your support as we feel that the Y.M.C.A. is conducting a worthwhile program of youth activity.
Yours very truly,
R. I. Plomert, Jr. Treasurer

to sign a complaint against that Livingston truck driver who passes miles-per-hour, and you may ed me with his 20-ton load at 70-miles-per-hour, and you may identify me to the proper law enforcement body. But, please, let's have some law enforcement, and protect the people.
Yours truly
T.S.E.

Nursery School Has Assistant Teacher Opening

The Torrance Co-operative Nursery School is planning an increase in enrollment of children of preschool age, and a position as an assistant teacher has been opened, according to group officials.
Applications for this job are being accepted now.
Persons interested in obtaining more information may contact Mrs. Barbara Hardinghaus, 808 Fonthill Ave., Torrance 1843-M, or Mrs. Joan Schmidt, 1220 Maple Ave., Torrance 3760-J.
The next regular meeting of the parent education class will be Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m., it was disclosed.

Pvt. L. B. Evans Finishes Army Aidman Course

Army Pvt. Leland B. Evans, son of Mrs. Edith Latham, 1614 Crenshaw, recently completed a course for medical aidmen at the Army's Eta Jima Specialist School in Japan.
He received classroom and field training in the emergency medical treatment of the sick and wounded during the four-week course.
Private Evans was employed by American Rock Wool in Torrance before entering the Army last April.

Stores to Remain Open on Feb. 23

Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, is a straight time working day under the terms of all contracts with Retail Clerks Local 905, according to Frank S. Selover, ex-23 is a triple-time holiday.
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