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Flagrant Violator CITY SUES GRAVEL FIRM

MAN, 82, COMMITS SUICIDE

An 82-year-old man shot himself through the heart with an old, rusty rifle last Friday because his health was failing and he could not bear living any longer.

William Thornburgh, 87, of 915 Beech Ave., was discovered on the kitchen floor by his wife following a rifle report about 5:30 p.m. Friday. When a neighbor arrived a few minutes later, Thornburgh was already dead.

Getting Feeble
The retired Santa Fe railroad telegrapher had been contending with ill health for a long period of time already. Since a year ago he had been getting feeble. He hardly ate and whenever he tried to walk he kept falling down. His eyesight had begun to fade as well.

Thornburgh had mentioned that he would kill himself several times, to his wife, so that she did not pay much attention to him when he declared, Friday: "I won't put up with this and wait. Today I will shoot myself."

Those who knew him say that (Continued on Page 16)



HEAP MANY MOCCASINS . . . Mrs. Jaunita Lickers, Jr., a full-blooded Navajo Indian, accepts the more than 3000 pairs of shoes on behalf of the Navajos to whom these will go. The shoes were collected in a recent contest held by the Torrance Bootery. Dale Isenberg of the Chamber of Commerce thought of turning the shoes over to the Save The Children Federation.

Navajos Get 3000 'Moccasins'

More than 3000 pairs of shoes are on the way to the children of Indian Service boarding schools on the Navajo reservation.

Collected by Torrance school kids in a community contest, the shoes were turned over to Mrs. Juanita Lickers, Jr., a Navajo, and to Hank Shippey, Associate Director of the West Coast office of the Save the Children Federation, for use in their program of aid to the Navajo children.

The shoes were collected recently as a result of a contest sponsored by Sol Young, owner of the Torrance Bootery, a branch of the International Shoe Company. By bringing in old pairs of shoes, local youngsters were given points which they could use towards winning a bike.

This advertising campaign carried on by the Torrance (Continued on Page 3)

POLIO TWIN SAFE

Little Donna Broos, 4, who was reported in critical condition last week as a result of a severe polio attack, was said to be out of danger this week.

Her twin sister, Doris, died last week within 24 hours of being struck by the dread disease. Donna, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Broos, 1901-B Sartori avenue, has begun Sister Kenny treatments at the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

She cannot walk as yet and her back is stiff. It will be a long time before she can come home. The extent to which a cure will be possible is not known yet, it was revealed.

OPEN HOUSE

An "open house" for two of the 77th Anti-aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion's batteries located on gunsites in the Los Angeles area is scheduled for United Nations Day, Saturday, October 24.

3 Violations Charged to Company

Becoming impatient with the evasive tactics of the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company, in regard to correcting dangerous open sumps, the city took legal actions against the company by filing three complaints in the South Bay Municipal Court Tuesday.

The sudden action arose out of the dissatisfactions of the City Council at its last meeting with what had been done about the Sand and Gravel pit hazards.

Council Acts
Councilman Willys Blount declared himself in favor of closing down the company. Councilman Victor Benstead moved that an investigation be held to see if the company was in violation of Ordinance 593 (the Kathy Fiscus Ordinance). If so, the attorney should take the necessary steps to prosecute.

Land Use Investigator George Powell signed complaints against Charles Shepard and Thomas Block, Monday. Powell had made repeated attempts to work out an agreement between the company and the Pacific Hills Homeowners Association which would be mutually agreeable.

At one time such agreement was reached. The company, however, was said to have submitted a reworded statement of the original agreement to the City Council. The revised agreement left (Continued on Page 9)

Heavy Fog, Car Plunges Down Ravine

A man was seriously injured when he was forced off the road into a ravine by a vehicle which loomed up in front of him out of the fog.

Thomas D. Sanford, 31-year-old Sun Valley man, plunged approximately 150 feet down a ravine with his car at the end of Via Pima in Palos Verdes Sunday morning at 1:30 a.m., it was reported.

Regaining consciousness at 6 a.m., Sanford crawled 75 feet up the side of the canyon while suffering a broken leg and pelvis.

Albert Julian, manager of the Palos Verdes stables, finally sighted him. An ambulance took Sanford to Harbor General hospital from where he was later transferred to the Physicians and Surgeons hospital in Glendale.

And Not A Grain Was Left . . .

You would think that it isn't hard to give something away. But—it's harder than you think, unless you do what George Palm did.

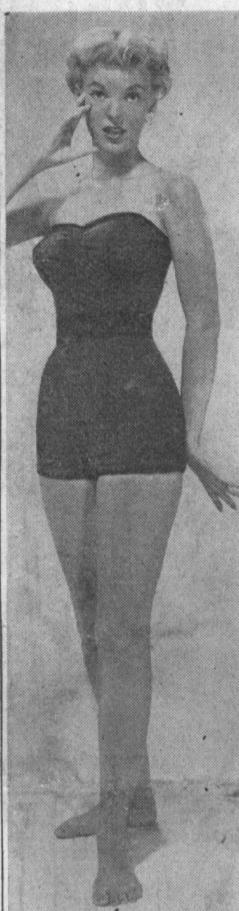
George Palm of 2924 Winlock Road had lots of dirt to give away—free. But whom to give it to, that was the question.

Palm did the most logical and effective thing. He placed the following few words in the Torrance Press classified section:

FREE DIRT. 2924 Winlock Road, WALTERIA. DA 6-2279

Reliable sources have it that not one grain of dirt was left, such was the response to a Torrance Press classified ad.

Whether you want to give away a fortune or just plain dirt—or, for that matter, just anything, you can't go wrong when you call FA 8-2345 to place an ad.



BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON HUBBY . . . Above is one of the models to appear at the Joint Service Clubs dinner Monday night modeling the new spring line of Rose Marie Reid creations.

Club Members To Preview Bathing Suits

Torrance men are getting fashion-conscious—or so it seems.

Judging from the unusual program planned by the Joint Service Clubs of Torrance for their semi-annual dinner meeting to be held Monday night, October 26 at 7 p.m. at the Richard Alan Hall on Carson near Cravens, the men of this city are starting to become vitally concerned about



ROSE MARIE REID . . . to speak.

the type of swim suit the "litle woman" should wear next spring.

Featured on the program is Rose Marie Reid, the noted designer of bathing suits, and her group of models who will demonstrate. (Continued on Page 9)



HOME AGAIN? . . . Mrs. Fred Schmidt and family, formerly of Torrance, returned here after eight years in the East. On arrival Thursday they were unable to obtain living quarters. The Schmidt's lived in their car overnight and Mrs. Schmidt cooked breakfast at the picnic grounds

in Torrance Park during the foggy early morning hours. Her husband had to go to work right away. Mrs. Schmidt and the children waited until he returned late at night to look around once more for a place to live.

—Press Photo

MOTHER, KIDS HOMELESS—COOK IN PARK

It was a cold, foggy morning last Friday.

As A. E. Treloar the senior maintenance man at Torrance Park made his routine rounds during the early morning hours, he noticed the rather unusual sight of a young mother preparing something to eat for her three little children at one of the picnic stoves.

A lone passerby had also witnessed the sight.

Treloar, who could not bear to see the little kids out in the cold morning air, offered the mother

the use of a nearby cabin in which the kids could warm themselves.

Just Returned
Mrs. Fred Schmidt told a Torrance Press reporter alerted to the situation that she and her husband had just returned to Torrance the day before after having been away from here for eight years. During that time they had lived in New York.

The mother stated that her husband had gone to find work right away as soon as they arrived. He was given a job as a machinist.

They needed a place to stay but she would not be able to go around looking for one till her husband returned that night with the car. She was hoping to find any place for the time being.

The Schmidt's had lived in their car overnight.

The reporter made another trip to the park during lunch time. Mrs. Schmidt, her children, Bobby, 6, Dicky, 4, and Maureen,

Efforts Made

The reporter informed the mother that efforts were being made to obtain housing for her and that a prominent local citizen had offered to pay the initial rent for the family on anything she or anyone else found. She was left a telephone number to call in case she and her husband had found an apartment.

The call was never made.

There were no early-morning visitors in Torrance Park the following day.

There was no trace of the Schmidt's, but a strong hope was felt by all involved in this little drama that this returning Torrance family had found shelter again.

More P.O. Complaints Voiced

As complaints of inefficiency and poor management of Torrance post office affairs continued to mount this week, word from official sources indicated that the Post Office Department has taken full cognizance of the situation, and that a full-scale investigation is in the offing.

The office of Senator Kuechel announced that all complaints involving the Torrance post office situation had been forwarded to the Post Office Department and that action should be expected from that office.

Recently, Assistant Postmaster General N. R. Abrams revealed that a full-scale investigation of the Torrance office had been ordered.

New Complaints
Meanwhile, complaints leveled against the local post office in (Continued on Page 2)

MARINE ARRESTED FOR THEFT

A 19-year-old AWOL marine, who was involved in a \$50 robbery of the local Skipper Inn, was arrested this week in Morrison, Illinois.

Pfc. Donald Earl Schule, 19, was taken into custody this week for forgery and robbery, according to Detective Sergeant Percy Bennett.

The robbery of the Skipper Inn, 18930 Hawthorne Blvd., occurred September 27. The Inn was held up with a rifle. Schule was identified by a picture.

The youth is AWOL from Camp Pendleton and supposedly addicted to narcotics.

PLAN 11,000 HOMES FOR PALOS VERDES

The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation gave a detailed account this week of its plans for the Palos Verdes area in answer to protests over a talcum powder plant raised last week by residents of the Harbor district communities of Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes Estates, Portuguese Bend, Lomita, and Torrance.

Plans for development of a new city of 60,000 or 70,000 population within the next 10 years were made public this week by the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., producer of carbon products and diatomaceous earth.

Construction of 11,000 homesites in the panoramic Palos Verdes Hills section and development of shopping centers, schools, parks, and all the business and commercial adjuncts of a city will be undertaken, officials of the corporation said at a press conference, as a part of the proper exploitation of a new find of diatomaceous earth on 165 acres in the heart of the peninsula.

Must Buy Whole Tract

While the corporation has options on the 165-acre quarry site, it cannot acquire this property without also buying the remainder of a 6800-acre tract surrounding the quarry and now owned by the Palos Verdes Corp.

The Great Lakes concern feels it must develop the entire acreage to properly exploit the entire undertaking over a period of 25 to 30 years, the estimated life of the quarry, according to D. L. Marlett, vice-president of the company's operations in California.

Scope of Investment

Marlett said the project envisions an investment of several hundred million dollars in the next five to 10 years and an initial expenditure of more than \$6,000,000 to bring in water, electric power, sewers and roads.

The company in 1944 bought a diatomaceous earth quarry and processing plant at Waleria, on the north side of the Palos Verdes peninsula, but this quarry is nearly mined out and raw material now must be sought from the newly-discovered quarry near the top of the Palos Verdes hills, Marlett explained.

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Mom Made Glamour Queen On TV Show

"I never went to the high school reunion dances for the last five years because I didn't want to disappoint Don, my husband. I wanted to go but I didn't want him to be ashamed of me," was Mrs. Don Sturges' explanation which caused her to be chosen "Glamour Girl" October 9 on the TV program by that name.

The young housewife, of 2270 Linda drive still overwhelmed by the many presents which she

received as part of being "glamorized," tells how she was one of sixteen out of an audience of 600 to be chosen to "possibly" appear on the actual program.

Almost Walked Out
So little faith did Mrs. Sturges have, that she and her husband started walking out of the studio almost after they arrived. Halfway up the aisle the really attractive housewife heard her name called.

A few days later she was informed to appear on the actual program. She can still hardly believe that she won.

To one was allowed to see her for 24 hours while she was undergoing her "glamorization" process.

Husband Perplexed
Her husband, who is a bus driver for the Torrance Unified (Continued on Page 3)



THAT'S OUR MOM . . . Looking on in awe and admiration at their Mom who has been "glamorized" are Corrine, 2, and Mike, 4. Mrs. Don Sturges of 22720 Linda Dr. was the recent winner on the Glamour Girl TV show. She asked to be glamorized because she didn't want her husband to be ashamed of her at an alumni reunion.

Bathing Suit Models To Entertain Service Clubs