

## No Money For Signals But Let's Be Friends

The desire to maintain good public relations between the city and the school district triumphed at the recent Board of Education meeting when members decided to meet with the city in order to discuss the purchase of school traffic signals.

However, that's as far as the Board would go in the matter, it appeared.

While the City Council asked for the meeting in order to get the School Board's OK on a joint financing of school traffic signals, the School Board indicated quite firmly that they would never agree to such a proposal.

They hoped that by agreeing to such a meeting they would be able to convince the Council that the School Board just doesn't have the money for such a program. They also want to point out to the Council that traffic signals lie within the jurisdiction of the city and that the school's responsi-

bilities are strictly educational.

The Board further felt that it was best to have representatives from the Council and School Board meet on the matter rather than all the members of both bodies for purposes of efficiency and diplomacy.

A letter will be addressed to Mayor Nick Drake agreeing to such a meeting.

**WALTERIA CIVIC GROUP:** Walteria Civic Organization will meet January 4, at 8 p.m. at the Walteria Recreation Center, 242nd and Ocean, for the purpose of electing permanent officers. Interested individuals are invited.



**DOIN' WHAT COMES NATURALLY:** Santa Christmas party last week at Clark's market in Claus passed out presents and kids crowded Walteria, corner Hawthorne ave. and Pacific in the droves to receive them at a children's Coast Hwy.

### ACCIDENTS

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65, of 1739 Andreo avenue. Roberts suffered facial lacerations and possible internal injuries. Both were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

The two were passengers in a car driven by Kenneth L. Roberts, 46, of 1635 Crenshaw boulevard, according to police. The collision involved a car driven by Bruce V. Kramer, 21, of Los Angeles.

#### Safety Factors

Police Chief Willard H. Haslam attributed the otherwise low accident rate to the fact that motorists were more traffic-conscious as a result of the timely "SD-Day" experiment.

The fact that industries were closed Friday, eliminating the great number of "office parties," was a significant factor in keeping the accident rate down to a minimum, Haslam conjectured.

Friday accidents included one at Crenshaw and 229th street, involving a car driven by Michael P. Habaush, 17, of 2055 West 250th street, Lomita, and another automobile driven by George Cain, 43, of San Pedro.

While Officer Buck Ingram investigated this crash, another accident occurred at the same location involving a car driven by Mike P. Duarte, 33, of 1752 West 254th street, Lomita, and a second car driven by Vincent P. Lechner, 41, of 2441 West 254th street, Lomita.

Officer Ingram handled this call as well.

Another collision occurred Christmas Eve at 174th street and Amie, involving autos driven by Pantel G. Chalekson, 64, of Redondo Beach, and Leonard D. Kane, 42, Chalekson was turning left onto Amie from 174th street.

#### Tete-a-Tete

Meeting in the intersection for a head-on collision at Sepulveda and Walnut were two

cars driven by Regino T. Ageolico, 46, of San Pedro, and Elizabeth F. Sullivan, 33, of 23320 Huber, Torrance.

Scene of another collision was Crenshaw boulevard and Pacific Coast highway, where George Hibbs, 71, of San Anselmo, California, and George J. Huber, 33, of Los Angeles rubbed automobiles. Huber's car traveled 51 feet upon impact, broadsiding into a curb and knocking down a tree.

An injury-accident was reported Friday afternoon at Roberts road and Pacific Coast highway, where Richard S. Murphy, 33, of 22402 Linda drive, and Elzie Z. Scothern, 66, of Long Beach joined cars in an unwelcome encounter. Murphy received minor injuries, according to police.

#### Drunk Arrests

Jailed for drunk driving Friday noon was Lynn V. Spaulding, 42, of Brisbane, Calif., in a collision involving an auto driven by Robert A. Johnson, 46, of 1417 Greenwood.

Also jailed on a plain drunk charge was Mary E. Spaulding, passenger in Spaulding's car.

Spaulding, upon questioning, admitted, "Yes, I've had a couple." He did not pass any of the sobriety tests administered, according to police.

Mrs. Spaulding allegedly used abusive language towards officers, also suggesting that they go catch robbers, instead of bothering about traffic accidents.

Officers found a bottle in the glove compartment.

Arrested on plain drunk charges in an automobile at 177th street and Crenshaw boulevard, were Ortega Gasset, 18, of 2134 West 203rd street; Ignazio Mendez, 25, of Redondo Beach, and Manuel Ologue, 18, of 2253 West 203rd street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lilley, of 22423 Anza, announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra Jean, weighing 6 pounds and 2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Fry, of 22919 So. Berendo Ave., announce the birth of a son, James William, weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces.

Marjorie Nelson George has been hired as a substitute teacher by the Torrance Board of Education.

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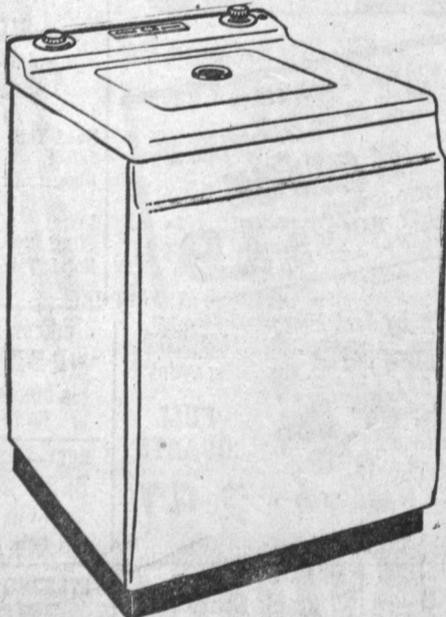
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