

# OUT OF JOB, TAKES OWN LIFE

## Boy, 13 Finds Father

Apparently despondent over the loss of his job and the difficulty of finding a new one, a Torrance resident committed suicide Monday in his car by means of carbon monoxide, according to the detective bureau of the Torrance Police Department.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital was Joseph Edward Rogan, 44, of 23247 Roberts rd.

Rogan's body was discovered by his son, Dennis 13, who sensed that something was wrong when he saw the garage door standing open, according to police reports.

Rogan's wife and his 17-year-old daughter, Patricia, were away at work when he took his life.

Funeral arrangements were made with Niland Funeral Directors in Redondo Beach.

## Canine Quarantine Ordered

A year quarantine of dogs in Los Angeles, Ventura, and 24 other counties was ordered Tuesday by the State Health Department.

The state warned that if the quarantine is not made effective within 30 days, it will step in, assign inspectors and bill Los Angeles city and county as was done when the city was quarantined for rabies in 1937.

As of now, 153 rabid dogs have been reported in Los Angeles since the beginning of the year—86 in the county and 67 in the city.

The state's quarantine would cover all of the city and county of Los Angeles, it was reported.

Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, county health officer, reportedly stated that he and his staff were "leaning toward favoring compulsory inoculation of dogs" as an alternative to the quarantine. He said he would consult other health officers as soon as he returned to his office.

Dr. George M. Uhl, Los Angeles city health officer, reported to the City Council two weeks ago that the city could probably escape quarantine if

## Radio Program To Originate At McMahan's

Stu Erwin of radio station KBIG will broadcast his regular afternoon show from the corner window of McMahan's beginning Monday through Friday. The public is cordially invited to watch the broadcast of the popular afternoon show at McMahan's located on the corner of El Prado and Sartori.

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## Issue Over Rabies Law Clarified

On September 13, the City Council met and advocated, by a 3-2 vote, an ordinance for the compulsory vaccination of dogs against rabies.

In order to adopt a bill into law, two readings are necessary.

At a regular meeting of the City Council September 27 only three councilmen appeared. They were Mayor Albert Isen, Councilman Nick Draie, and Councilman Willys Blount.

Councilman Blount unexpectedly attempted to reintroduce the ordinance.

Since three councilmen are necessary to constitute a quorum and since Mayor Isen felt that the ordinance was of sufficient importance to warrant the presence of the full council, he automatically declared the meeting at an end by walking out, thus preventing further discussion and a vote on the issue.

If this newspaper has previously created the impression that the attempt to bring the matter up on September 27 was in any way instigated by Councilman Draie, it was not so intended. As far as we are concerned we have no knowledge that Councilman Draie anticipated or knew in any way that the ordinance would be proposed again for discussion, nor was there any intent on the part of this newspaper to imply this.

## Man Shoots Wife, Takes Own Life

A 42-year-old Torrance man shot his estranged wife, wounding her critically, and then killed himself Saturday as they were leaving the Pacific State hospital for mentally retarded at Spadra after visiting a son.

Clifford William Shaffer of 1502 227th street, Torrance, shot himself in the chest with a .38-caliber revolver after shooting his wife, Pearl, in the head, according to Sgt. Jim Wahlke of sheriff's homicide division.

Officers said the Shaffers were married in Tijuana six months ago and subsequently remarried in this country. They separated about three weeks ago and Mrs. Shaffer obtained a court order restraining him from harming her.

Shaffer apparently followed his wife as she drove to the hospital with her son by a former marriage, Danny, 7, to visit another son, a wheel chair patient, according to Wahlke.

Catches Up With Her She stopped at a service station near the hospital where Shaffer caught up with her, according to Wahlke.

Mrs. Shaffer, who moved to Los Angeles following the separation, was following the sep-

# Strike Delays Schools, Civic Center, Homes



WHAT ABOUT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY? That's what members of the Committee on Juvenile Delinquency are trying to determine through community-wide discussion of the topic at the request of Mayor Albert Isen and Governor Goodwin Knight. Among the committee members are (l-r) Mrs. Helen Leichtweis, Carr P-TA; Mrs. Frances Lee, YWCA; Mrs.

G. F. Billingsley, Torrance mother; Maxine Herman, committee secretary; Sgt. D. C. Cook, juvenile officer, Torrance police; Mrs. J. Andrade, St. Catherine Labouré parish council; Rev. Nathan Bond, First Baptist church and committee chairman; Dr. Kurt Shery, professional groups; Frank Kristufek, Nativity Catholic church; and Al Turner, YMCA.—Press Photo

## Juvenile Delinquency Discussion Scheduled

A community-wide old-fashioned town meeting will be held on the subject of juvenile delinquency sometime in February, as part of a State-wide program requested by Governor Goodwin Knight.

Preliminary plans for this meeting have been made by a Committee on Juvenile Delinquency appointed by Mayor Albert Isen.

The committee has contacted

## Kids Cause Rerouting Of Buses

Bombardment of Torrance buses by rocks and eggs thrown by juveniles has resulted in rerouting of the El Nido bus line, according to Marshall Chamberlain, bus superintendent.

The El Nido buses will be shifted to Torrance Blvd. rather than go along Border ave., Arlington ave. and 203rd st.

The change was approved by the County Council. Chamberlain stated that "almost every day children throw rocks, eggs, and other items at the buses, sometimes breaking the windows."

## Higher Wages Asked

A large portion of civic, school, and home construction in this area stopped last week as a result of a Teamsters Union strike which stopped delivery of sand and gravel.

The teamsters are demanding wage increases and other benefits. Representatives of Local 692 of the Teamsters Union are now negotiating with representatives of the National Sand

BULLETIN: Work on the city hall has come to a complete stop and work on the police station is expected to come to a halt within five days, according to Architect Marion J. Varner.

Torrance Sand and Gravel company of 25701 Crenshaw boulevard, which is not a member of the association, is the only local plant unaffected by the strike.

Work on the civic center was proceeding with a limited amount of sand and gravel, according to Architect Marion J. Varner.

Work on the new gymnasium at North high school as well as work on the new school

## Christmas Plans Now Under Way

Elaborate plans for providing a colorful Christmas atmosphere in downtown Torrance and for making this the biggest and best holiday season ever are presently being formulated by the Christmas Committee of the Retail Merchants division of Torrance's Chamber of Commerce.

BULLETIN: Full discussion of plans and programs for the Christmas Season for Torrance will be the subject for the October Chamber breakfast meeting next Tuesday morning, October 18.

Tickets for the breakfast may be secured by calling Chamber office, FAirfax 8-2814 or contacting any of the retail merchants who can supply tickets.

The season, as far as the downtown shopping area is concerned, will begin officially December 2. Among activities planned this year are: an auto show, street dance, Santa Claus parade, street decorations, the giving away of a 19-inch color



HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN — Saturday night will be the gala Fireman's Ball at the American Legion Hall. Preparing for the party are: Mrs. Walter West (kneeling), her husband, Captain Walter West; and, standing, (l-r) Mrs. Walter Wass, decorating committee member, and Mrs. Sam Dial of the ticket committee. The dance is open to the public.—Press Photo.

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRL DROWNS IN TUB

Apparently the victim of a fainting spell, a 16-year-old Torrance high school co-ed drowned Monday while bathing, according to the coroner's report and police records.



HELEN J. REID ... drowns

Helen Jean Reid of 1636 Fern avenue, Torrance, was found lying in the bathtub by two girl friends who had stopped by the house early Monday morning on their way to school.

The girls, Shirley Bullock, 15, of 1323 Teri avenue, and Toni Gross, 816 Faysmith, became suspicious when they saw the light on in the house but no response from Miss Reid.

Miss Bullock found an unlocked window screen and climbed through the window. Finding the dead girl in the bathtub, she pulled her out and then let Miss Gross in the back door.

The two called police right away, who in turn notified the fire department, which sent a resuscitator squad. Efforts to revive the girl were unsuccessful.

Members of the family had all gone to work at the time the girl had reportedly suffered from previous fainting spells.

The victim was born in Ohio and has resided in Torrance for the past six years. She was in her second year at Torrance high school where she was a member of the Girls Athletic association and the Hi Toppers.

She is survived by her parents.

## Hawthorne Crossing Local Issue

The problem of a traffic signal at 230th st. and Hawthorne avenue has apparently been thrown right back into the lap of the Torrance Board of Education or the City Council, according to Mrs. Alfred Knoop, Meadow Park P-TA safety chairman.

Mrs. Knoop stated that a talk with A. L. Hutchison, assistant district engineer of the California Division of Highways in Los Angeles, revealed that the State did not think a regular traffic signal would be appropriate at the corner.

However, Hutchison reportedly said that the State would grant the local school district permission to install a flash signal which could be operated by the crossing guard.

As for posting the area, the State allegedly maintains that the pedestrian signs which have been erected are sufficient.

## Bowling Alley Slated Here

Escrow proceedings are now in progress for the construction of a 32-lane bowling alley at 220th and Western, according to an official of the J. N. Mead company of Los Angeles. Construction is expected to start within several months.

## Victim Of Polio Back With Family

Robert Groat, 22, of 4715 Milne drive, who was recently stricken with bulbar polio shortly after he, his wife, and two children came to Torrance from Iowa, is home again.

Groat was released from Rancho Los Amigos two weeks ago and has been permitted to recuperate at home, provided that weekly check-ups indicate he is making progress in recovering his health.

The community's generosity was displayed recently when, on hearing about the Groat's situation, residents came wholeheartedly to their aid. The Los Angeles County Bureau of Public Assistance is now aiding the family.

## It's Called 'Sacket'



SACKET

## Community Breakfast Saturday

The annual "Good Neighbor" breakfast, put on by the Torrance YMCA will be held at the civic auditorium Saturday morning, October 15, from 7 to 11. Supervision for the breakfast is in the hands of Ralph Morris, chairman of the Board of Directors, and Dr. Rollin Smith, breakfast chairman. Bill Evans will serve as master of ceremonies.

A feature of the breakfast will be presenting of the Good Neighbor award. This award is kept secret until the breakfast.

Chief cooks for the breakfast are Howard Schooley, from National Supply and Emille Rostorfer, from American Standard. They have planned a menu of pancakes, sausages, coffee, orange juice, and milk for children.

Music for the breakfast will be furnished by the Torrance Area Youth Bands under the direction of James Van Dyke and by the local Barber Shop quartet. The Ministerial Association will have local ministers giving the invocation each hour.

## YES, THEY READ IT IN THE PRESS

"I've had between 25 to 30 calls and I'm still getting more!"

That's what Mrs. Hughes of 1874 261st st., Lomita, said after running the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

FOR RENT—\$55 a month, 1-bedroom house near Douglas. Utilities paid. Small baby OK. DA. 4-0100

"People just kept calling, even after the day the paper came out. It at least proves that the Torrance Press is well read and not discarded after it comes out Thursdays," Mrs. Hughes said impressed.

Mrs. Hughes is just one of many residents who are sold on Torrance Press classified results. Find out for yourself what terrific pull Press classified ads have. Call FA. 8-2345.

A CROSS BETWEEN SOFTBALL AND CRICKET, that's how a new game, Sacket, is described. Sacket made its first appearance last night at the National Guard armory. Here comparing softball and sacket equipment are (l-r): Sgt. John Garcia, NCO club, Torrance

armory; Dutch Horlander, JayCeEs; Harry Van Bellehem, recreation director; Mott Farrell, Lions club proxy; Elmer "Red" Moon, director of athletics. The game was introduced by the above groups and individuals.—Press Photo.

# YMCA 'Good Neighbor' Breakfast Saturday