

WEDDING IN FATAL

Major Sells Killed As Two Cars Collide

One man was killed and a wedding secret was bared in an early Christmas morning crash at Hawthorne ave. and Lomita Blvd.

Killed was Major Sells, 42, of 24458 Park st., Walteria. Injured critically and said to be in fair condition at Harbor General hospital was Sells' passenger, Mrs. Sally June McQuillen, 23, of 1819 W. 182nd st., Gardena.

Darrell Brown, 19, of 19425 Anza, Torrance, driver of the other car, reportedly suffered a



MAJOR SELLS dies in crash

Services For Sells Set Friday

Funeral services for Major Sells, 42, of 24458 Park street, who died in a traffic crash early Christmas morning, will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Stone and Myers mortuary, corner Cravens and Engracia.

Officiating at the service will be members of the American Legion Post 170 and Elks club to which Sells belonged.

Sells lived in the Torrance area most of his life. He was born in Berkeley, California, and graduated from Redondo Beach high school and attended Fresno State college.

He was the last civilian to leave Guam in 1942 and served with the army in the Ninety-first division throughout the Italian campaign.

Sells is survived by his wife, Bonnie; a daughter, Linda, 18; and a brother, Bill Sells, of Torrance.

First Baby in '56 to Receive Valuable Gifts

The first baby born in 1956 within the circulation area of the Torrance Press will be a lucky baby indeed—because it will receive hundreds of dollars worth of lovely gifts from local merchants.

And, as a consolation prize, the last baby born in 1955 will also receive a lovely gift—a six-piece set of child's silverware from Allen Jewelers.

Here's how the parents of the first baby born in 1956 or the last one born in 1955 may qualify for the gifts.

Fill out the adjoining coupon and either bring it or mail it to the Torrance Press so that it will arrive no later than Tuesday morning, January 3, at 8:45 a.m.

Winners will be notified. The first baby born in 1956 will receive the following pres-

concussion and was released to recuperate at home.

On Way Home
Brown, who had been secretly married December 10 to Molly Cash (Brown) 18, of 2903 Dalemead, was on his way home to his own Anza street address when the crash occurred, according to Officers Tom Pattishall and Mac Blanchard, who investigated the crash.

Confusion arose when officers called Mr. and Mrs. Hilles Cash around 3 a.m. Christmas morning to inform their daughter that her husband had been involved and injured in a collision.

Not knowing of the secret wedding, the father questioned the officer's accuracy. Upon checking with his daughter, however, he discovered that the facts were right.

'Close'
"From the little things that Darrell Brown said we knew that the event was close—but not this close," the mother told the Torrance Press yesterday. "There's no opposition on our part, however. They just wanted to keep it a secret and planned to tell us about it the first of the year."

Brown recently received a medical discharge from the Navy after being injured when a boiler blew up. His wife, Molly, is a student at El Camino college.

The two were married in (Continued on Page 16)

LATE NEWS

Charter Amendments: The City Council will consider placing the proposed charter amendments on the ballot at the January 10 meeting of the council, starting at 8 p.m.

Christmas Cards: Request that individuals turn their Christmas cards over for children at orphanages, hospitals, and youth centers, instead of throwing them away was issued this week. Cards may be turned over to Maxine Herman, Torrance Police Department, Juvenile Bureau, City Hall, Torrance (corner Cravens and El Prado).

Dump Site: Residents appealed the granting of a zone variance allowing establishment of a public dump in the Rolling Hills area.

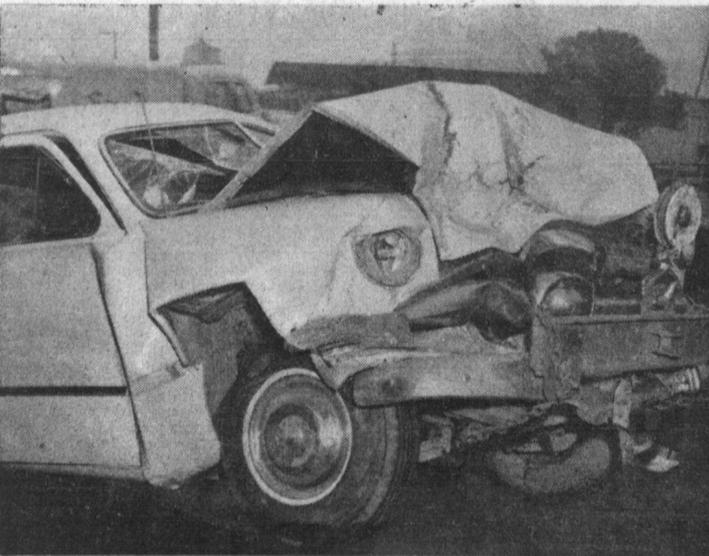
SECRET REVEALED CHRISTMAS CRASH

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Right Through the Windshield



PRE-HOLIDAY CRASH . . . William Gilmore Jacobs, 19, of Wilmington, was hurled through the windshield of the car in which he was riding when the car collided with a parked car owned by Eva Joe Weaver, 36, of 20520 S. Western ave. Mrs. Weaver, who was load-

ing goods into the car, and Jacobs suffered serious head injuries. The accident occurred Thursday at 2093 W. 174th st. Driver of the car, Lawrence C. Jacobs, 17, claims he may have dozed off for a second and did not see the woman's car.—Press Photo.

Crack-down Starts on Sump Law Violators

With the sump law now in effect, the city announced that it would make short shrift of any remaining violation. That this will be done was evident Tuesday night when George Powell, land use coordinator, reported at least 50 violations and was empowered to take instant legal action against them.

Everything which constitutes a hazard—whether it abides by the letter of the law or not—will be a target in an all-out effort to rid the city of traps which are potential dangers to animals and children, according to the council's decision.

When Powell asked whether Mayor Albert Isen's orders referred to sumps, unguarded machinery, shacks, or other conditions outside the oil fields, Isen replied:

"That's like asking what kind of death do you want—hanging or electrocution. Let's go after everything at once!"

Ostensible owners will be notified of violations or hazards and if they do not take care of them within the three-

day grace period being allowed, the city will move in and clean up the hazards and then bill the owners or take them to court if they fail to follow through.

Powell's survey listed among

the hazards the following: sumps and unguarded machinery; sumps and cellars; abandoned shacks; sumps; occupied trailers; and abandoned derricks. He gave specific locations.

Gardena Youth Shot In Leg By Torrance Gang

Teenage skirmishes ended in an outbreak of shooting over the holiday weekend, leaving one youth wounded in the leg by a .22 caliber bullet.

Taken to Daniel Freeman Memorial hospital with a bullet in his left leg was Roger Ybarra, 16, of 716 West 165th place, victim of a shot fired from an automobile filled with teenage Torrance youths.

Ybarra told police that he was walking along 165th place near Menlo street when three cars bearing Torrance teenagers passed. The youths allegedly shouted insults at him and then the shot was fired.

Officers said members of Torrance and Gardena gangs had been damaging each other's cars over the week-end and engaging in fist fights. Ybarra is a member of the Gardena faction.

The gang cars fled away on Vermont ave., and police cars began a widespread search for them.

Man Receives 180 Days In Traffic Death

Found guilty of misdemeanor manslaughter, Vernon Leroy Pollard, 37, of 3819 Narrot st., was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail, a \$200 fine, deprived of the use of his auto for 60 days, and placed on two years' probation.

Sentence was pronounced by Judge John Shidler of the South Bay Municipal Court. Pollard's car was involved in a traffic accident in which Mrs. Joyce Kelch of Redondo Beach was killed.

School Officials Take Issue with Consolidation

School officials had some definite opinions this week regarding the proposed consolidation of city council and school board elections. Those opinions boiled down to one thing—they didn't like it.

Among reasons given why they were against the idea were the following:

1. Present school elections only require 20 precincts and cost \$780. City elections require 109 precincts and cost \$5559. If

consolidated, a special election would cost another \$5559 and be extremely expensive.

2. The State school code calls for elections to be held on the third Friday in May (in other words, separate from municipal elections).

3. Few cities consolidate elections.

4. Despite charges to the contrary, school elections are representative and widely publicized. Every voter in the district re-

ceives a notice. A total of 3500 voters voted at the last election—representing 19% of the registered voters.

5. Lumping everything together helps to confuse issues.

This proposed charter amendment will be considered formally, together with other proposed amendments, at the January 10 council meeting which starts at 8 p.m., according to action taken by the City Council Tuesday night.

No Phantom Did This



TORRANCE'S PHANTOM SNIPER seemingly made his reappearance a day after his first shooting spree last week when Dick Walbergh, of Torrance Lincoln Mercury, 1885 Torrance Blvd., found a hole in the firm's display window. In addition, seven wheels and tires were stolen from new Mercurys with damage estimated at \$300.—Press Photo

Reject Bids For Hospital

Because bids ran higher than anticipated, all bids for the addition to Torrance Memorial Hospital have been rejected by the hospital board, according to Henry W. Creeger, chairman.

Revised plans will call for construction of new wings but alterations and remodeling of the present hospital structure, as originally intended, will be eliminated for the time being, Creeger said.

Bids ran more than 40 per cent higher than the expected \$600,000.

"It will be necessary to revise our plans because we do not have enough money," Creeger said.

Low bid of \$868,431 was submitted by C. W. Drizer and high bid of \$917,335 was offered by Steed Brothers Construction co. Six bids were submitted.

The change in plans will not affect the \$45,200 grant received recently from the Ford Foundation.

Nor will it affect the money to (Continued on Page 16)

Holy Smokey, They Ended In The Pokey

Seventeen individuals were arrested on suspicion of drunk driving and 10 were arrested on plain drunk charges over the holiday week-end, according to Torrance police.

Sentenced to serve 10 days in the county jail and temporary loss of his driver's license was Louis M. Woodyby, who pleaded guilty to the drunk driving charge.

Also pleading guilty and fined \$105 to the same charge was Laura Opel Bonnell.

Still to appear in court to answer drunk driving charges are: George W. Rawley, John E. Crampton, Edward L. Poore, Richard Lee Shamblin, Ramond H. Seward, Edgar W. Henry, Jacques Einar Erickson, William Alvin Reeves, Michael A. Mosca, Robert W. McPherson Jr., Albert H. Menzo, Kenneth Lackey, William Alfonso Letourneau, Leo A. LaConey, and Raymond E. Lambert.

All but Woodyby and Mrs. Bonnell posted \$263 bail bond upon being booked.

EDITORIAL

'Concrete' by Any Other Name Smells Fishy . . . !

The City Council struck a blow on behalf of integrity and fair play last week when it refused to pay black market prices for badly needed sand and gravel for the municipal swimming pool now under construction.

The drawn-out strike has jeopardized construction of the pool causing the general contractor to request money from the City Council for the purchase of "premium" concrete.

"Premium" concrete is just a sugar-coated way of saying "black market" concrete, because the price of hard-to-get concrete has sky-rocketed since the beginning of the strike. Quality and promptness of delivery, on the other hand, have suffered curiously.

By its action the council has indicated that it would rather get along without a certain thing than obtain it through irregular means.

The council has also shown that it does not believe in weakening strike negotiations by encouraging black market practices.

The practices of certain sand and gravel operators not affected by the strike seems to indicate that there will always be people who will exploit the hardships, misfortunes, and conflicts of others for their own petty material ends.

Fortunately the members of the Torrance City Council, on the recommendation of City Manager George Stevens, firmly indicated last week that they will have no truck with such hucksters.

We believe that the City Council has acted in the best interest of the public and of a democratic society.

Residents Aid Flood Victims The Purrfect New Year's Resolution

Members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce went into action Monday when a call was issued for helping the northern flood victims.

Local JayCees collected the following from generous residents who were anxious to help: 40 boxes of men's clothing; 30 boxes of women's clothing; 34 boxes of children's clothing; 15 boxes of shoes; 2 boxes of socks; 5 boxes of blankets; 4 towels and miscellaneous items—130 boxes in all.

Fifteen cases of food were also collected and about 10 boxes of clothing were still to be picked up, according to JayCee President Phil Lisman.

What would you name the top New Year's resolution for 1956? Why, to solve all problems with a Torrance Press classified ad, of course.

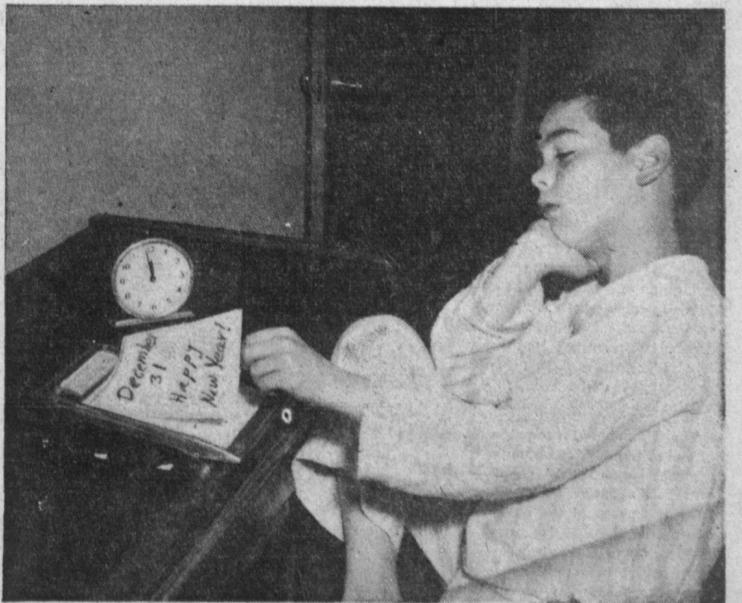
The reason's simple—here's one resolution that's not hard to keep because it's so painless and pleasant.

Take Wesley Henderson of 21602 S. Denker Ave., for instance. He ran the following ad just once and sold the items instantly:

BRD & CHEST, \$14; chest, \$4.50; stuffed chair, \$4; large mirror, \$6; smaller mirror, \$2; 2 maple end tables, \$4; wood kitchen table and 4 chairs, \$6; Apt. size stove, \$4; 9x12 rug, \$10. FA. 8-0549 after 2 p.m.

So start the New Year right! Call FA. 8-2345 whenever a classified ad can solve your problem—and let it!

... Ring Out the Old, Ring In the New ...



DROWSY BUT DETERMINED . . . While most adults will hit their most convivial peak at midnight Saturday, a few youngsters—determined to make their first nodding acquaintance with

the New Year—will stay up to greet it with grim but undaunted determination. One such is Bobby Prickett, 9, of 3510 W. 229th st.—Press Photo.

Who'll Be First In 1956?

The first baby born January 1, 1956 within the circulation area of the Torrance Press will receive several hundred dollars worth of baby clothes, furniture, and equipment.

Simply fill out this coupon if your baby is born on January 1. Bring or mail the coupon to the Torrance Press Baby Contest, 1406 Cravens avenue.

If mailed, the coupon must be in the Torrance Press office in Tuesday morning's mail. If brought to the Torrance Press, it should be here by 8:45 a.m. Tuesday morning, January 3.

PRINT PLAINLY

Exact date and hour of birth

Weight

Hospital

Doctor's Name

Baby's Name Sex

Parents' Names

Address

Telephone No.

(Also use this coupon for the last baby born in 1955)

Torrance Merchants Shower 1st Baby with Gifts