

CRASH HELMET SAVES COP



USING HIS HEAD

This crash helmet was credited with saving Officer A. L. Jackson's life.—Press Photo.

A Torrance motorcycle officer struck the ground head-first with an estimated 5-ton impact Sunday when his motorcycle went out of control at around 50 m.p.h.

Credited with saving his life was a thick, solid crash helmet which absorbed the shock and scrapes. The crash helmet was slightly cracked following the crash and the side which had scraped along the ground was transparent.

Miraculously emerging with only minor scrapes and bruises was Officer A. L. Jackson who was chasing a motorcycle speeder when the accident happened at Del Amo and Henrietta.

Jackson said that at times he was going 90 m.p.h. during the one-half mile chase.

Hits Dirt

He was going about 50 m.p.h. when he suddenly saw that he was approaching the end of the paved street. He said he went about 158 ft. with his brakes on when the cycle hit the dirt road and flopped over.

"I jumped off and landed head-first on the road," Jackson recalled. "Then the rest of my body hit the road. The bike slid about 56 feet and I found myself 10 feet from the motorcycle when I stopped moving."

Jackson said that the helmet company estimated that his head hit the ground with a 5-ton impact.

No Headache

"It cracked the helmet and scraped it—but I didn't even have a headache," Jackson marveled. "If I hadn't been wearing that helmet I would have been dead. I know for sure now that I won't ride a motorcycle for even five minutes without wearing a crash helmet. I'm all for safety!"

Jackson got dirt in his mouth, nose, and ears in the fall. He thinks that the visor on the helmet kept his glasses from breaking. He was still wearing them. Jackson phoned the accident in himself by means of his police radio.

Although walking around, he will be off work for about four days. The speeder, whom he was chasing, got away.

Jackson was involved in another major accident in July, 1954. While writing a ticket near Crenshaw and Dominguez, a passing car struck him and carried him 57 feet on its hood.

Jackson suffered a broken leg and fractured skull. He was unconscious 18 hours and had to stay in the hospital 23 days. He was laid off work for 10 months.



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Carnation Co. Locates Frozen Pie Plant Here

Carnation co. will soon be producing frozen pies on a full scale with headquarters located in Torrance.

According to Carnation co. officials, the firm purchased Mrs. Lee's Pies, Inc., makers of Simple Simon frozen pies.

Jahn Served with Recount Summons

A recount will be started in the California Superior Court May 29 unless Councilman Bob Jahn, whose election to the City Council is being contested, can show reason why the court should not take steps to proceed with the recount.

HOSPITAL TO START ADDITION

Construction of the new 43-bed addition to the Torrance Memorial hospital will start immediately following ground breaking ceremonies, Monday, June 4, at 11:45 a.m. according to Dr. Howard A. Wood, chairman of the ground breaking program.

The new addition is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy by June 1957. Contract for the construction was awarded to Tom E. Norcross Construction co. of Long Beach, lowest among seven bidders, according to Otto Kresse, vice-president of the hospital board of directors.

Plans and specifications for the hospital addition are under the direction of Architect Merrill W. Baird, of Glendale.

Hospital administrator Leonard Ensminger, stated that the cost of building and furnishing the new hospital addition will be approximately \$825,000. This will include new surgeries, delivery rooms, nurseries, and bed facilities. With the rapid growth of Torrance, hospital accommodations have to be increased to meet the community need, Ensminger said.

As a non-profit community hospital, funds for this building program must come from public support. The response of the community and local industry has prompted the federal, state, and local agencies to award grants for hospital construction.

Mrs. Lee's Pies Inc.
One of the locations of the former firm is at Torrance boulevard and Western avenue. The other is in Los Angeles. Carnation company will close down the Los Angeles branch and carry out all its production work at the Torrance plant which is presently undergoing major expansion and remodeling.

The local plant, officials stated, is expected to be in full operation by the beginning of August. Carnation will continue producing these frozen pies under the Simple Simon label, it was stated.

The present expansion program will quadruple in production both the facilities and output.

The present expansion program affects the dry storage, processing and freezing facilities.

Whereas the former firm had three pie production lines (two here, and one in Los Angeles), Carnation will have five such lines at the local plant. Four huge freezing tunnels are also being installed. These (Turn to Page 8)

"I concur with the city attorney's recommendation. Mr. Jahn has been elected to the council and should be offered a defense by the city. I think it is in the best interest and harmony of the city."

Seek Legal Action on Zone Issue
Legal action will be brought against the city of Torrance in a few days to determine whether a new City Council has the right to reverse the intention of a former City Council on matters which were ordered drafted into law.

The issue involved deals with the present council's decision not to permit the rezoning for industrial purposes of a site at the corner of Crenshaw and Carson. The previous council ordered the drafting of such a rezoning ordinance but did not have a chance to act on it.

Don Armstrong, attorney for McDonald brothers, who propose to develop the site, said he has been authorized to bring action in Superior Court.

SPECIAL DEADLINE
Because of the Memorial Day holiday, May 30, all deadlines have been moved back 24 hours. All editorial copy for next week's paper must be in the Torrance Press office by Monday morning, May 28, 10 a.m. Classified deadline is Monday, 5 p.m.

9% School Vote Reelects Arnold, Parrish, Wright



GRACE WRIGHT
One . . .

DARWIN PARRISH
. . . two . . .

JOSEPH ARNOLD
. . . three

1849 VOTERS GO TO POLLS

An exceedingly light turn-out of voters returned three incumbents to the School Board Friday by easy margins, according to an unofficial tabulation of the ballots.

Reelected were Mrs. Grace Wright, board member since the district's inception in 1947; Darwin D. Parrish, appointed to the board in 1954; and Joseph G. Arnold, appointed to the board last year.

A total of 15 candidates ran for the board. Of the approximately 22,000 registered voters, only 1849 turned out at the polls. The turn-out represents a 9 per cent vote.

Complete but unofficial tally of all precincts is as follows:

Grace Wright	1215
Darwin Parrish	1115
Joseph G. Arnold	727
William Boswell	346
John K. Kesson	241
Howard J. Percy	236
Clair W. Olson	201
Clyde C. Haslet	189
Cecil E. Alter	188
Nancy A. Carpenter	163
Don Brunet	145
Eleanore Z. Thill	139
Donald G. Cortum	124
Warren H. Low	118
Thelma C. Ledwidge	77
Two write-in votes were cast, one for a Mr. Smith, the other for Mrs. Elsie Powell.	
Total number of persons voting at the various locations were as follows:	
Perry School	55
Carr School	62
North Torrance	67
El Nido	17
North High	54
Crenshaw	32
Carl Steele	76
Southwood	16
Madrona School	202
Greenwood School	217
Torrance High	175
TOTAL	1849

Torrance Elementary	181
Seaside	63
Carol Drive	101
Meadow Park	55
Howard Wood	98
El Retiro	100
Riviera	110
Newton	76
Walteria	79
Hillside	63

Missile Site Completed By October

Torrance's guided missile site, now under construction on Crenshaw blvd. on the east side of the municipal airport, will be completed in October, according to Col. Everett Peddicord, acting commander of the 47th Anti-Aircraft Brigade.

The installation will be operated 24-hours-a-day by 109 officers and men of the brigade's Battery D, 933 Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion, now stationed at Costa Mesa.

The installation will consist of three launching sites, each of which will be capable of handling four of the super-sonic, 20-foot long weapons.

The missiles are designed to (Turn to Page 8)

EDITORIAL

The School Election—A Disgraceful Condition

One of the first matters which the new School Board should take into consideration should be the revision of the shameful election provisions.

Friday's turn-out of voters to the School Board election was a plain, simple disgrace.

Of the approximately 22,000 registered voters, only 1849—NINE PERCENT—turned out to vote!

This compares most unfavorably with the City Council election which saw a turn-out of 37 per cent of the registered voters. Whatever other explanations one might find to account for this, one major cause for such a deplorable showing is the shameful election provisions made by the local school district.

During City Council elections, for instance, voters are provided with 110 polls at which to vote. The school district, however, "consolidates" these polls, providing only 21 precincts.

Worse still, unless an eligible voter has a child attending school in Torrance who will bring the information home with him, the individual is not informed either of the place where he is to vote, the date of the election, or the nature of the ballot.

This has a definite tendency to confuse and inconvenience the voter.

During the recent controversy over consolidating City Council and School Board elections, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, sought to give the impression that one of the reasons why it is unnecessary to consolidate elections is because all voters are notified of School Board elections.

This, however, is not true. The only time all voters are notified is when the ballot calls for a consideration of financial issues.

We believe that there should be as many precincts during a school election as during a municipal election and that every registered voter is notified of the time, place, and issues.

Mayor Will Meet Groucho

Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance will be a guest on the Groucho Marx show soon. Instead of appearing May 31 as believed previously, the Mayor will appear either June 7 or 14, he stated. June 14 is the more likely date, he said.

Mounties Will Enter Parade

Twenty-five members of Torrance's Mounted Police will participate in the Pomona Lions Club rodeo and parade Saturday, May 26. The parade is scheduled to start at 10 in the morning.

K. S. Wing To Design New Torrance Municipal Court

A Municipal Court building for Torrance took another step towards reality Tuesday when the Board of Supervisors, on motion of Supervisor Burton W. Chace, approved an architectural contract with Kenneth S. Wing of Long Beach.

Under terms of the contract, Wing will design a Torrance County building to house a municipal court, sheriff's office,

the Branch district attorney's office, and quarters for the branch county marshal's office Chace announced.

The new County building, Chace said, will be located in the Torrance Civic Center on a site immediately adjacent to the Torrance Police Station.

The site of the building, Chace announced, was donated by the City of Torrance.



STATE COMMISSIONER VISITS HERE

About 600 realtors attended an open forum in the Torrance Civic Auditorium last Thursday to hear D. D. Watson, State commissioner of real estate, and to discuss the new real estate laws. Joining Watson for dinner were (l-r) Dick Miller of Alter Realty; Paul Pope, Los Angeles field deputy; M. R. Griffin, acting chief deputy for Southern California; Josephine Pfandler, Sacramento field deputy; D. D. Watson; Jerry Alter, president of Alter Realty and Insurance; Gaylord Nye, chief deputy, Northern California; and Ralph Bell, San Diego field deputy.



COLLISION WITH A SAND TRUCK

This car, driven by Charlie Bennett, 19, of 4033 Hawthorne ave., collided with a sand truck on Hawthorne ave. near Del Amo Thursday. Bennett received a deep 5" cut across his skull, concussion, and a bad fracture of the right wrist. He was treated by a local physician and taken to Gardena hospital.—Press Photo.