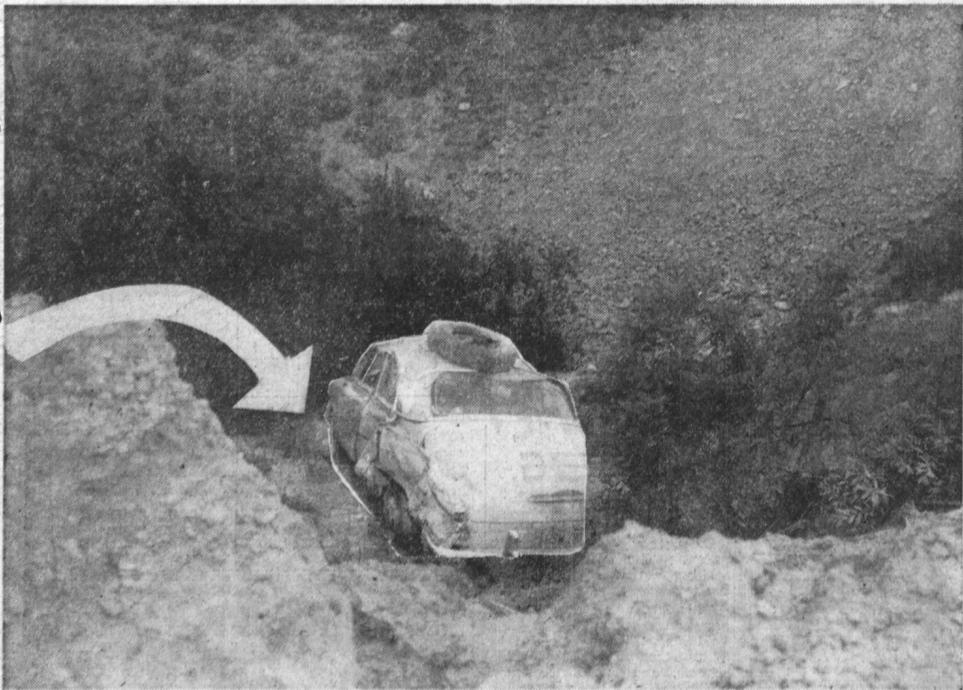


17 TEENAGE FIENDS RAPE 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL



AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS

A man, booked for molesting a 12-year-old Lomita boy, was arrested shortly after the car in which he and the boy were driving spun out of control over a perpendicular, 100-foot embankment. The two were hurt, but not critically.—Press Photo

Old Perry School Razed by Wreckers

There is a time to build up and a time to tear down... The old Perry elementary school building at 17831 Prairie ave. with its old-fashioned school bell is no more. Wreckers were at work Friday tearing down the 64-year-old building in order to make way for a modern cafeteria and administration building. The fifth grade children who were told to draw the old building before it came tumbling down probably thought that it was great fun to see the little school house fall. But Mrs. May Dalton, a teacher at Perry, had reason for much deeper personal feelings. "We had 50 students and two classrooms. Miss Ruby Cobb (deceased) and I were the only teachers," Mrs. Dalton recalls. Times have changed. There are 30 teachers and 950 students at Perry elementary school now. With the destruction of the old building, something of the spirit of the old school house has vanished, too. "There was a time when you knew everybody. We were like one big family," Mrs. Dalton mused. But the present has its merits as well as the past. "Teaching is much more interesting now," Mrs. Dalton asserted. "And I think we are doing more for our children." Although the only thing that will remain of the old school house is the bell which will be kept as a memento, Mrs. Dalton isn't sorry. She knows that something equally valuable will follow. "I don't like to see the old building go, but we do need a multiple purpose unit badly." As Mrs. Dalton looked at the building one last time, she was suddenly surrounded by the fifth grade students who had been drawing the old school house. They had learned that Mrs. Dalton was a teacher at the little school. They wanted her autograph.



ONE LAST LOOK AT 64-YEAR-OLD SCHOOL

The old Torrance elementary school was torn down Friday. Mrs. Dalton, who is one of the two teachers who taught at the school 34 years ago, looks at it one more time. Insert is Rosalyn Kirkpatrick's version of the old school. Rosalyn, a fifth grader, was one of a number of students who drew the school before it was torn down.—Press Photo.

MEMORIAL DAY RITES

Amer. Legion Commander Dedicates Harvey Facilities

A memorial ceremony of national significance was held here Tuesday. J. Addington Wagner, national commander of the American Legion, dedicated Harvey Aluminum defense facilities in memory of the war dead. The memorial rites preceded a luncheon at Harvey Aluminum, welcoming the Legion commander to Southern California. An estimated five hundred business, civic, and military leaders will attend the affair. Dedication of the defense facility in memory of the war dead represents a major departure from traditional memorial rites, a spokesman said. The dedication ceremony, having "Peace Through Strength" as its theme, served notice on aggressors that the nation's veterans support full national defense measures. It is anticipated that Commander Wagner in his dedication address will emphasize that the welfare of free men everywhere is being safeguarded by America's military power. Wagner's two-day visit to Los Angeles is expected to be a curtain-raiser for the organization's national convention which opens on Labor Day. One hundred thousand visitors are expected here for the four-day annual party, September 3-6. Sessions of the convention will be held in the Shrine Auditorium. An estimated ten hour parade will kickoff the world's largest convention. Harvey will be host to the Legionnaires during their stay here, the announcement said. Area military musical units and a Marine color guard participated in the memorial service. An aluminum plaque, brought here by Pennsylvania American Legion Commander John F. Stay, will be erected at Harvey Aluminum by Wagner as part of the memorial ceremony. Wagner and his party will stay at the Biltmore Hotel. A private dinner party will be given in Wagner's honor by Harvey.

Needed: Some Real Advice!

A \$25 bad check carrying the name of Frank S. Faria was passed at the Bible Book and Gift Shop last Thursday afternoon. The suspect bought a volume of "How to Live 365 Days a Year."

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Sex Suspect Caught as Car Dives Over Cliff

The end of the trail came unexpectedly for a 42-year-old man when he was arrested for child-molesting after his car went out of control and hurtled down a 100-foot pit while he was assertedly molesting a 12-year-old youngster. The man and the boy were thrown into the rear of the car as it rolled sideways and front-over-end down the steep incline, coming to rest right-side-up when it hit bottom. Although the car was completely crushed, the two individuals miraculously escaped critical injury, according to Sgt. James Baust of the Lennox sheriff's station.

The man, Glenn W. Lawrence, 42, of 1851 Pacific Coast highway, received a broken right hand. The youngster suffered multiple cuts, bruises and contusions on his head and body. The accident occurred shortly before noon Saturday at the Sidebotham's sand pit, 26170 Pennsylvania avenue. According to the youngster, the incidents leading up to the crash were as follows:

Offered Ride
He had been gathering wood near the Little League ball park at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast highway and was on his way home, carrying the wood while driving his bike. As he was leaving the area, the suspect approached in his car. "Hide your bicycle and I'll drive you home," he quoted Lawrence as saying. The boy hid his bike in a clump of bushes and was driven home. After taking the wood inside, he returned to Lawrence who then drove his car to a garage at 25212 Pennsylvania avenue for minor repairs.

At this time the boy asked to be driven back to where his bike was but Lawrence allegedly said: "Let's drive around a little." "Want To Drive?" When they got within the vicinity of Sidebotham's sand pit, Lawrence allegedly said: "OK, get in the car," he ordered.

He said he was taking them to a local country club to take pictures, according to Ashton. He assured them that they would be "nice" pictures and that he would not hurt them. When they crossed Pacific Coast highway, he asked them how old they were. When they told him he said: "You're too young, I'll take you right back where I got you."

When they asked if the gun was real he told them that it was just a toy gun. The girls were not molested physically. The man then drove to the Inglewood Farms dairy, at 3400 Del Amo blvd. and robbed the attendant, Bob Kelly, of \$86 at the point of a gun. The suspect, dressed in blue trousers, and a dark jacket, was driving a white car.

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Taken To Oil Fields

A pack of 17 screaming howling fiends took turns raping a 14-year-old Lomita girl while others held her pinned to the ground from 11 p.m. Friday night to 3 a.m. Saturday morning.

Scene of the sordid brutal ritual were the haystacks in an oil field bounded by Sepulveda blvd., Lomita blvd., Crenshaw blvd. and Hawthorne ave.

Three arrests have been made and others are forthcoming, according to Sgt. D. C. Cook, of the Torrance Police Department's juvenile bureau.

Booked on suspicion of rape are Felipe Perez, 18, 2580 235th st.; Thomas Soto, 18, 2562 235th st.; and John Gomez, 18, of 23636 Pennsylvania ave., all of Torrance. Perez and Soto are laborers. Gomez is a student.

Ruse Used
The 14-year-old Lomita girl was picked up at her home at 8 p.m. Friday by three boys.

On the pretense that they were taking her to meet the boy with whom she had made a date that afternoon, the girl told Cook.

The youths kept driving around Torrance and the South Bay area, picking up one other youth on the way. When the girl asked when they were taking her to meet her boy friend, the youths kept stalling her off.

They finally headed for the oil field. Three of the youths got out of the car while the fourth tried to molest her. When she withstood his advances, he threatened to beat her up.

At about 11 p.m. another car containing about six more youths drove up.

Told She Would Be Raped
The girl was then informed that they were all going to rape her. She was dragged to the hay mounds.

They grabbed her, threw her to the ground, tore all her clothes.—(Turn to Page 8)

City Will Get \$54,010

Torrance will receive \$54,010 from the county for street improvement projects during the coming fiscal year, according to City Manager George Stevens.

Last year Torrance received \$46,000. The increase is the result of increased population.



THOUGHT INTO ACTION

Two years ago Tommy Wilkes proposed diagonal parking on Cabrillo as one answer to the parking problem. He maintained, after consultation with traffic engineers, that this would provide more space than parallel parking and make for easier parking. The city is now trying out the idea on Cabrillo.—Press Photo.

BE SURE AND VOTE TUESDAY, JUNE 5