

SKIN DIVER SLIPS, DIES IN 80 FOOT FALL

Cliff Claims Hero

A paratrooper war hero, who, together with his men jumped into a German trap but held the enemy at bay three days until help arrived, accidentally plunged to his death Sunday down an 80-foot cliff.

The ex-paratrooper, who had taken up skin diving for a hobby, lost his footing while climbing down a trail at Hager's Landing, Palos Verdes. A companion witnessed the tragedy but was unable to avert it.

Dying shortly after arrival at Harbor General hospital was William Theodore Hammond, 36, of 3650 Garnet st., Torrance.

Hammond and a friend, Oliver H. Keelor, 222 Ave. G, Redondo Beach, had started out to go skin diving.

Decides To Carry Pack

As they were about to make their descent down the steep trail, a favorite with skin divers, Hammond decided to carry the 40-pound pack of diving equipment.

He put the pack on his back, and, referring to his companion's chubbiness, joked: "I'll carry this down, you got enough to carry."

Then he threw his head back and laughed. While adjusting his pack, he apparently lost his balance and plunged 80 feet down the cliff. He landed on a flat rock on his back.

Keelor ran for help and County life guards set the rescue machinery in operation the moment they were contacted at (Turn to Page 9)

Man Found Hanging In Garage

Apparently despondent over ill health, a 73-year-old man hanged himself in his garage sometime around noon Monday.

Dead is John C. Frye, 73, of 18708 Florwood ave., Torrance, who was found hanging in his garage by his wife, Juanita, according to police.

Frye was dressed when his wife left the house around 10:20 a.m.

She remembered him saying: "Good bye, I won't be here when you get back."

Mrs. Frye did not pay much attention to the remark since her husband has been known to say this before.

When she returned around (Turn to Page 9)



WAR HERO DIES IN FALL

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Registration Scheduled For New High School Students

Enrollment for high school students entering the Torrance system from other districts will be from August 27 through September 5 at both North high and Torrance high schools. New students are asked to bring report cards or transcript of records when registering, if possible.

Recreation

Open House Set Friday

Climaxing the summer's recreational activities will be a community-wide open house this Friday night, August 24, at the Civic Auditorium, corner Cravens and El Prado. The event, which will feature a display of 25 craft items from each of the parks and playgrounds, has been scheduled from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Each area will use a special theme in its displays. An all staff show will be presented at 8 p.m., including some of the significant events that have taken place during the summer recreation program, such as the family picnic, circus, bandshell talent shows, and others.

The event is free and open to the public.

Physicians Organize For Catholic Hospital Drive

Doctors of the South Bay area met Monday night to initiate formation of the medical staff and participation in the \$766,000 fund drive for the new 125-bed tax-free Little Company of Mary hospital.

Frederic Ewing, M. D., of Manhattan Beach, presided at the gathering of about 20 doctors. Five special committees were appointed, one to determine the extent of the doctors' financial participation in the campaign, another to consult with the architect regarding plans for construction and equipment of the new institution, and the other three to supervise organization of a new medical staff and to act as liaison between the staff and Sisters of the Little Company of Mary.



HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

Looking over a campaign organization chart for the new Catholic hospital fund raising drive are (l-r) George Post, campaign treasurer; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, representing the Little Company of Mary hospital, and Leonard Ensminger, Torrance Memorial hospital administrator.—Seeman Photo.



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'Pops' Concert Sunday In Torrance Park Bowl

The city of Torrance is going to have something new in the realm of culture. The South Bay Civic Symphony is going to present a "pops" concert August 26, Sunday, at 3 p.m. in the Torrance bandshell, located in Torrance park on Arlington and Santa Fe avenues in the city of Torrance. The event is free and open to the public.



ARTHUR LANGE ... noted composer to appear.

Modern Style
A promenade pops concert is a feature of community life in other large cities such as London, Boston and San Francisco.

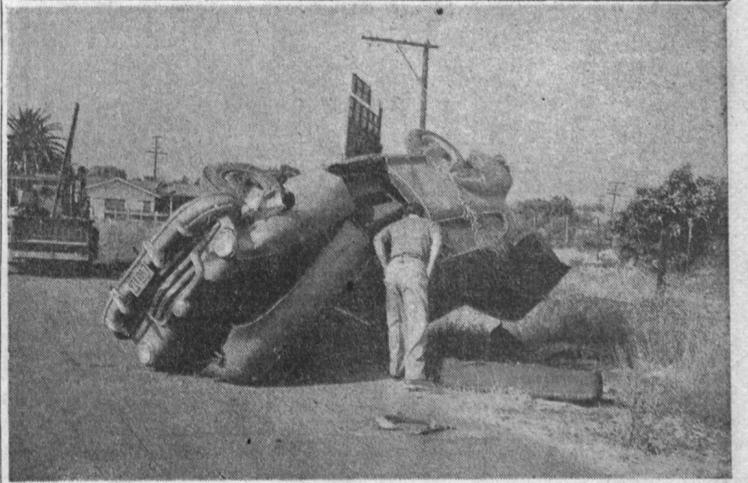
Audience will be situated in the beautiful setting of Torrance park, eating their picnic lunches or obtaining their refreshments from the concessions and listening to light and semi-classical music.

Following is the program as scheduled for Sunday: The Star Spangled Banner and Pledge of Allegiance will be led by John Ebbinghouse, president of the Chamber of Commerce; the words of welcome by Mayor Albert Isen.

The orchestra will then play "Pique Dame" overture and "Ballet Egyptian."

Following will be Arthur Lange, guest conductor, conducting his own composition, "Arabesque," Lois Craft, soloist.

Rosemary DeCamp will talk about the playground and the need for equipment, which is (Turn to Page 9)



ROLLED OVER

Miranda Pabellon, 45, of Wilmington, was rushed to Harbor General hospital with neck injury and skin abrasions after being flung from her car which rolled over four times near 247th st. on Crenshaw blvd. The woman was northbound when she lost control of the car. She was about 50 feet from the vehicle.

New County Hospital Proposed

Approval of the placement on the November ballot of a \$15,400,000 bond issue for the construction of a completely new Harbor hospital at its present location in the Torrance area was given Tuesday by the Board Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace said he felt it was imperative the matter be placed on the November ballot as the present facilities of the Harbor General hospital "are completely inadequate and certainly not a credit to county government."

Those Who Know-Glow!

When we say Torrance Press classified advertisers speak in glowing terms of their results, we mean GLOWING!

Take Ross Scliarotta of 2121 Andree for instance, who ran the following ad:

FURNISHED APARTMENT 3 blocks from downtown. Private entrance in front and rear. Has living room, bedroom, kitchenette. Utilities paid. \$40 a month. FA. 8-6865.

When he was called to see if he wanted to re-run his ad which had run once, this is what he said:

"Gee, no! That phone began ringing at 6 a.m. Thursday—SIX! It kept ringing from then on through late into the evening and ALL day Friday and Saturday. I'd say roughly we had at LEAST 50 calls! I've never known that results were THAT terrific! Even now we keep getting calls. In fact—I have two other ads for you! Boy—I'm a living testimonial for Torrance Press classified ads!"

Convinced? Try it yourself! Call FA. 8-2345 and place your inexpensive classified ad right now!

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Set At Newberry's Today

J. J. Newberry's remodeled, expanded and completely modernized store at Sartori and El Prado in downtown Torrance will hold a grand opening celebration this weekend starting today, Thursday, with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for 9 a.m. Mayor Albert Isen will be present for the ribbon cutting.

During the last few months the entire building received a complete face lifting job, the new store now presenting the latest innovations in lighting, air conditioning, and interior decoration.

It is one of the most modern merchandising marts in the entire area.

Restful Color Scheme
A restful, soothing color scheme has been used in the

interior; everything harmonizes and blends; the lighting is soft and mellow, without glare and causing no eye strain.

New fixtures and counters are attractive with merchandise plainly displayed and without cluttering. Lower levels of the counters afford additional selling space, allowing the shopper a clear view of everything.

The counters are arranged (Turn to Page 16)

Church Group Brings Dutch Family Here

Under the sponsorship of the First Christian church the Dirk Rijke family of Rotterdam, Netherlands, arrived in Torrance on Saturday, August 18. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Rijke and their children, Reinier, age 14; Willemina, age 13 and Dirk Jr., age 3.

In the Refugee Act of 1953, Congress allowed 28,000 refugees to come to America providing they had sponsors, someone who would be responsible for them, and provide them with a home and a job. The First Christian Church offered to sponsor a family and the Rijke family was selected because Rijke is an expert tool and die maker and the family has young children which the committee felt could fit into the local picture.

Since Saturday the family has been at home, at 23816 Park st., and has been experimenting with American household appliances and getting acquainted with American foods. It is a little confusing to make coffee in a drip coffee pot when you have never seen one, Mrs. Rijke discovered. The first lessons in using a washing machine were also a little trying since Mrs. Rijke speaks no English and her teacher speaks no Dutch. However the family wash made it to the line on Monday.

The sponsorship is a total church project, with various groups gathering furniture, pro-

Incorporation Hearing Set

Thursday morning, October 4, was set by the County Supervisors as the date for the hearing on the boundaries of the proposed incorporation of the City of Rolling Hills, it was announced Tuesday by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

How Is Torrance Coping With Mental Illness?

"Mental illness plays no favorites. It affects the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the factory worker, farmer, office worker, executive."

Special Feature

At the present rate, one out of every 12 children born each year will need to go to a mental hospital sometime during his life because of severe mental illness." For a provocative article, turn to page 23 and read: "How is Torrance Coping with Mental Illness—The Nation's Number One Health Problem?" by Ralph R. Gompertz, managing editor.



BETTER BUYS

Mrs. Valda Wilkins of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce displays some of the ads which the Torrance Retail Merchants association will be using in their newspaper advertising campaign, calling attention to the advantages of shopping in downtown Torrance.—Press Photo.

Newberry's Holds Grand Opening This Week-End