

# An Effective Cure for Highway Slaughter

The only way to stop reckless and drunk driving is to throw a big enough scare into drivers so that they will not only think twice but constantly about their driving habits.

The answer is simple: whopping penalties.

California State Assemblyman Lindsay (R) Loomis, has come up with what we think is the right and only effective idea which will cut down on the irresponsible highway slaughter.

Penalties proposed for drunk driving include:

First offense—a minimum of \$200 fine, possible license suspension and a minimum 30 days in jail.

Second offense—a \$500 fine, one year mandatory license suspension and a mandatory six months in jail.

Third offense—a \$750 fine, mandatory license suspension for life and six months in jail.

Speeders would get the following:

Penalty for speeding 65-75 m.p.h.—discretionary with judge.

Speeders between 75-80 m.p.h.—minimum fine of \$50.

Speeders between 81-90 m.p.h.—minimum fine of \$100.

Speeders in excess of 90 m.p.h.—minimum fine of \$200 and 15 days in jail.

We have a feeling that anyone objecting violently will do so because these proposals strike too close for comfort.

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## Hot Debate Packs Chamber

# COUNCIL POSTPONES FLUORIDATION ISSUE

### Petitions Containing 1010 Names Favor Fluoridation

Residents concerned about the fluoridation issue packed the council chamber Tuesday night. Opponents and proponents debated the controversial matter for two hours.

Councilman Bob Jahn then moved to hold the issue up for "study." Motion was seconded by Councilman Victor Benstead and unanimously approved by the council.

A few letters opposed to fluoridation were received. Those favoring fluoridation presented petitions bearing 1010 signatures.

The case for fluoridation was presented by Donald J. Hitchcock, president, Torrance Dental Health Assn. and various spokesmen from his group.

The association urged the council to take action to fluoridate the city's water supply to protect children's teeth against decay.

#### Teeth In Bad Shape

First to speak was Warren Hamilton who pointed out the need for action by informing the council that 50 percent of first grade children are in need of dental care and that the need is even greater on other levels.

Mrs. Ralph McBee echoed Hamilton's sentiments on the basis of her own experiences in surveys made as a member of the dental health committee.

Hitchcock next stated that filling teeth is not the solution but that fluoridation was a method which was medically safe, effective, and inexpensive.

A local dentist testified next, citing detailed medical statistics of the benefit derived from fluoridation.

He dwelled particularly on the Newburgh-Kingston (New York) study in which two groups of children were studied over a period of 10 years. Teeth of those who drank fluoridated water were in better condition than those of the other group, without any harmful side-effects being noted, he pointed out.

In adults, the dentist went on to say.

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### Cities That Fluoridate Their Water

Following is a partial list of cities that are fluoridating their water supplies.

Little Rock, Ark.; San Francisco; Miami, Fla.; Evanston, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Louisville, Ky.; Baltimore, Md.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Schenectady, N.Y.; Canton and Youngstown, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Providence, R. I.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Norfolk and Richmond, Va.; Wheeling, W. Va.; Racine, Wis.; Washington, D.C.; Charlotte, N. C.; Aberdeen, S. D.; and Madison, Wis.

### Trial Begins In Horsley Murder Case

On Tuesday, January 8, jury selection began in the court of Superior Judge Clement D. Nye for the trial of Fred Elijah Horsley, charged with the murder of his wife on October 16, 1956.

Horsley, 35, and father of two children, told police he was awakened by the screams of his wife, Maudie Lee, 34, and rushed from his bedroom to the kitchen in time to see an assailant fleeing. She had just returned to their apartment at 3221 West 190th street from a night job at a Santa Monica aircraft plant. Horsley is a day-shift aircraft worker.

In preliminary hearings Horsley pleaded innocent to the murder charge.



#### LOOK STAFFERS HERE

Ben Kovar, Look staff writer, is now in Torrance with a staff photographer taking pictures for the All-America coverage which will appear in Look magazine in about two months. The initial announcement of the award can be found in the January 22 issue of Look, now on local newsstands.—Press Photo.

### Secretary Of The Navy Visits Douglas Aircraft

Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas conferred Friday with Donald W. Douglas, president of the Douglas Aircraft Co. and other top company executives on current and proposed aircraft for the Navy, during a visit to the Douglas El Segundo division.

### Car Riddled By Gunfire

Six gunshot holes were found in the rear of a car driven by Joe Madrid, 19, from Lawndale, after another car drove up alongside of him on Prairie avenue Monday night.

Madrid told police that several youths in the other car began to throw stones at him. When he tried to pull away, they drew guns and fired at his auto. Madrid, who then went home and telephoned Torrance police of the incident, was unharmed by the gunfire.

#### ROSE PARADE PLANS

### All-America City Wants To Uphold Its Reputation

Now that Torrance has been chosen as one of 11 "All-America Cities," local officials and civic leaders feel that the city has a reputation to uphold and have started to investigate the possibility of entering a float in next year's Rose Parade.

Torrance's City Council went on record favoring such a move and the local Chamber of Commerce has already submitted the request to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Assn.

### House Is Gone, Press Real 'Gone'

Want to sell a house? There's nothing to it. Just place an inexpensive ad in the Torrance Press, classified section and you're bound to have good results.

That, at least, was Donald E. Flentge's experience. Flentge, who lived at 1530 W. 179th pl., placed the following ad in the Torrance Press.

FOR SALE: Three bdrm. house in Gardena. Open beam ceiling, picture windows, traverse drapes, hardwood floor, thermostat heat, knotty pine cabinets, vent fan disposal, the drainboard and breakfast bar, Pullman bath, enclosed tub, landscaped with shrubs, sprinklers, diondora lawn, and flowers. Immediate possession. \$13,500 with \$1,350 down. Owner DA. 4-5271.

"I had very good results and lots of calls," he said enthusiastically. "The Torrance Press certainly reaches a lot of people."

Do it the easy way. Call FA. 8-2345 and place your ad for fast and the best results.

### Knox Will Emcee at City Fete

Philip Knox, Jr. young attorney, will act as master of ceremonies for the gigantic All-America City presentation banquet, January 26, it was announced today by President A. E. (Tommy) Thompson of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Knox is general legal counsel of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and is a past president of the California State Jay-Cees. In addition to being rated as one of California's finest speakers, he is considered one of the most promising young attorneys in the State, Thompson stated. In announcing the selection of Knox, Thompson stated, "The Citizen's Committee in charge of this celebration is proud to announce that Mr. Knox has been secured as the Master of Ceremonies. In addition to being one of the finest speakers available, Knox was named as Oakland's 'Outstanding Young Man of 1955' and because Oakland is a sister city receiving this coveted award we feel this will cement the bond of friendship between Torrance and Oakland." Thompson added that city officials in Oakland have been invited to the banquet.

### Industrial Leaders Will Meet for Hospital Drive

Executives of major Torrance area industries will meet today, Thursday, January 10, to discuss immediate financial participation in the \$776,000 fund drive for the new Little Company of Mary Hospital.



"POP" HASLAM ... turning in the badge

### Police Chief Announces Retirement

Police Chief Willard H. Haslam indicated that he will ask to be retired as of April 1 of this year.

Haslam, who has been chief since the retirement of John Stroh in 1954, joined the force as a patrolman in 1934.

He served in all ranks including captain and assistant chief. Before joining the city he spent three years in the plant protection service at General Petroleum refinery here.

Prior to that time he worked for the city in 1927 in the street department.

Haslam plans to begin his annual leave on March 1. He and his wife, Mable, live at 1519 Amapole ave. They have one son, Kenneth, and a daughter, May.

The chief's successor will be chosen through Civil Service procedure. The present law makes the captain and assistant chief eligible (Asst. Chief Percy Bennett and Capt. Ernie Ashton).

The examinations can be opened to outsiders only through special action of the City Council, according to the city manager's office.

### EMERGENCY CALL MADE FOR BLOOD

Blood is the magic substance that is helping a little girl wage her battle for life at Harbor General hospital.

An emergency call has been issued for more blood because all previous sources have now been exhausted, according to Volunteers for Children, local hospital group.

The little girl, Carolyn Ferrel, 5½, of 1521 Clearsite, was burned critically about a month ago when her dress caught fire.

She needs O-negative blood but any blood donations will do because they can be traded in for her type of blood.

Torrance Kiwanians, Legionnaires, policemen and firemen responded during an emergency call Monday night, providing 12 pints of blood.

Individuals who wish to donate are asked to call the hospital (FA. 8-2380) or the local Red Cross (FA. 8-0510) for an appointment.

### Winners Of Baby Contest Receive Gifts

Sylvia Smith of 1112 Dominguez ave. gave birth to a baby boy, Tyrone James, 6 lbs. 6½ oz. at 12:04 a.m. New Year's day. The baby was born at Harbor General hospital.

In accordance with the rules of the Torrance Press New Year's baby contest, she was awarded hundreds of dollars of prizes donated by Torrance merchants.

The baby nosed out by two minutes a baby girl, Diane, born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Karhu of 2521 Grand Summit rd. whose baby was born at Kaiser Foundation hospital. The baby weighed 5 lbs. 6 oz. and was delivered by Henry Hirsh, MD.

The last baby born December 31 was Richard W. Crane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watson F. Crane of 22413 Kathryn ave. who will receive the six-piece child's silverware set from Allen Jewelers. The baby was born at 9:45 p.m. at Centinella Valley hospital. Attending physician was F. G. Nicholas, MD. The child weighed 6 lbs. 9½ oz.

The two winners may pick up their letters of eligibility at the Torrance Press office.

Other New Year's day babies included:

Elizabeth Ann Gunderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gunderson of 19909 Grevilla. The child born at Centinella Valley hospital, arrived at 1:06 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Steven Elliott Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, 21301 Anza. The child, born at (Turn to Page 16)

### Torrance Tax Group Against Annexation Move

Torrance Industry Tax committee unanimously opposed the proposed annexation of Lomita and Rolling Hills on the basis that the move will be more of a liability than an asset.

### Know Your Gold Seal Merchants

Gold Seal Merchants who are outstanding leaders in their particular fields have been selected for their integrity and honesty and are especially pledged to uphold the highest code of business ethics.

Displayed in their window will be a Gold Seal which is the symbol of satisfaction when shopping.



CARSON'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE, 610 W. CARSON ST., specializes in automatic transmissions, front wheel alignment, balancing, motor tune-up and repair and is also an official brake station. WALTER A. BRUHN, owner, has been serving the people of Torrance well since he became a partner 2½ years ago and became sole owner 7 months ago. Formerly he was associated with the Edison Co., Los Angeles, for 11 years, as a special mechanic, and prior to that he worked for the Telephone Co.



WILLIAM E. BOWEN has been established 20 years at his Insurance and Real Estate office, 1327 Post ave., but has been in business in Torrance since 1922. He is a native of San Jose, California. Not only is he an active businessman, but he is president of the Torrance Area Youth band, treasurer of the Torrance-Lomita Realty board and director of the YMCA. He and his wife, Laila, have one son, John Rudolph, who is in the US Air Force.