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## Policeman One of Nine Traffic Mishap Victims



**FETE ANNIVERSARY**—Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Davis were forced to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary at Harbor General Hospital, where Davis is undergoing blood tests. Here they are cutting the cake in his hospital room. Press Photo

### Couple Fetes Golden Wedding in Hospital

A Torrance couple who have had a "quite ordinary" married life celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in strange surroundings.

Because Shelby Davis, 73, is confined to Harbor General Hospital, the observation of the golden wedding took place in his room Wednesday.

J. J. Fenner, hospital chaplain, found out about the anniversary only that morning and immediately rounded up a decorated cake and flowers to brighten the occasion.

**Surprise Party**  
"I was quite surprised at the cake," explained Mrs. Davis, 70, as she helped her husband cut two hefty slices.

Davis, a retired pharmacy owner and resident of 3908 Emerald St., is undergoing tests in the hospital and hopes to be released this week.

The couple were married in Lewisburg, Mo., where he was in business and the bride was the only teacher in the one-room school house.

According to relatives, the courtship was quite brief, because Davis wanted to marry before his bride signed her contract renewal for the following school year.

**No Complaints**  
"I've got no complaints. I'd do it all over again," said Davis in commenting on his 50 years of marriage.

Pressed for anything unusual in their lives, both insisted it had been quite ordinary.

"About as normal as any couple could be," explained Mrs. Davis.  
The couple, who moved here 18 years ago, have two children, Mrs. Elmae Mullin of Portland, Ore., also a school teacher, and a son, William P. Davis of 3910 Emerald St., a bank employe, two grandsons and two great-grandsons.

### Councilman Urges Togetherness of Civic Leaders

Presidents of various home owner associations should form a committee to get a better overall view of city problems.

That was the suggestion made by Councilman George Bradford.

He said the committee could get together with City Manager George Stevens and find out what's being done in all parts of the city so that they would know what funds are available for various improvements.

### No Quorum for Airport Meet

Lack of quorum nipped an Airport Commission meeting Thursday night at which it was to consider bids for the lease of a huge chunk of land at Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy.

President Tom Abrams of the commission said that the bids will be presented to the City Council Tuesday, even though the commission did not hold its meeting.

Only Abrams and Dick Floyd showed up for the meeting.

### Water Hearing Tuesday

Board members of the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3 huddled with city officials Friday afternoon to determine the future of the private water company.

The meeting was called in order to find out if the company wants to sell out to the city and under what conditions.

At the same time, a public hearing is slated Tuesday on the formation of an involuntary assessment district to pay for improvements to the water system which serves the area where a hazard building ban has been imposed.

Although the hearing was originally slated for last Tuesday, it was postponed on request of Harold F. LaMour, president of the South Torrance Civic Improvement Association in order that Walter N. Anderson, their attorney, can appear.

### City Dads to Study Houdini Magic Methods

Torrance councilmen may have to apprentice themselves to a magician to learn some tricks of the trade.

Their problem: How to saw a woman in half.

The city fathers got into the Houdini act Tuesday when Councilman Victor Benstead suggested that the parking fund, which is said to be broke, be charged for only one and one-half meterettes.

"I guess you've got to saw a woman in half," speculated Mayor Albert Isen as he pondered the problem.

"In light of the hour," interjected Councilman Willy Blount, "which half?"



CAPTAIN FUCHIDA



**READING UP**—A trio of Torrance High School teachers reads up on brochures for Business-Industry-Education Day to be held Tuesday. Nearly 1000 teachers will spend the days in industries and commercial establishments. The event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. In photo are Jo Kaye Meek, left, Ellen Granahan, seated, and Barbara G. Penner. Press Photo

### Leader of Pearl Harbor Raid Now Christian Crusader

Seventeen years ago Capt. Mitsuo Fuchida led the Japanese air attack on Pearl Harbor.

But on the same night that Hawaii became the 50th state, the same man stood in Torrance to plead for peace and Christianity.

"No more bombs, only Bibles" is the new motto of the former Japanese naval air officer, who is the only commissioned participant of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack which nearly destroyed the entire U. S. Pacific fleet in one terrible swoop.

Thursday night, to an overflow audience at the South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon Ave., Fuchida told how he had been converted to Christianity and his desire to crusade as a Presbyterian lay missionary.

After Japan's surrender, Fuchida became a staff officer at General MacArthur's headquarters.

While on his way to work one day, an American handed him a religious tract written by one of General Doolittle's bombardiers who had participated in the first air raid on Tokyo.

"The pamphlet told of Christ and Christianity," said Fuchida. "I had been a good Buddhist all my life, but this seemed to be something to fill a void in my life."

When he was asked to be-

### Intellectual Lingo Is Used in Safety Drive

The Calle Mayor Elementary School safety campaign has taken an intellectual twist.

After debating the best ways to focus attention of their fellow students on safety, the eight-man student safety committee came up with a novel idea. They painted signs on the sidewalks which sent students scurrying to their dictionaries to find the meanings.

Instead of the customary "Walk, don't run" signs, the Calle Mayor students now read such warnings as "Promenade at Desirable Velocities," "Alacrity Is Obnoxious," "Mobilize Your Torso Meaningfully," or "Traverse Slowly."

The old warning to "Look Both Ways" has been replaced by a sign urging students to "Exercise Optical Muscles Diligently."

The safety committee, guided by faculty sponsor George Papadakis, painted the signs. A 58-member committee assists in patrolling various parts of the campus to be sure that students observe safety rules.

Robert Fisher is student safety chairman, assisted by Chere Bindley, Russ DeVore, Lynn Poser, Darig Edman, Sandra Wall, Greg Jurisich and Kay Simmons.

"In addition to making students more safety-conscious, the new signs also have helped to send many students to their dictionaries," noted Principal Myri C. Ruel.

### Nine Hurt in Auto Collisions

A policeman was injured when a police car crashed into a fire hydrant Friday morning.

He was one of nine persons hurt in traffic crashes Thursday and Friday.

Officer Phillip Wilson, 32, suffered an injured elbow when his partner, Officer Paul Singleton, 25, swerved into the plug when another car suddenly made a u-turn in front of him.

The officers reported they were eastbound on Pacific Coast Hwy. at Nece St. when the other machine suddenly whipped into a turn in front of them.

Damage to their patrol car prevented chasing the other vehicle which roared off eastbound.

**Second Hydrant**

Another fire hydrant was struck at 182nd St. and Hawthorne Blvd. in a collision between cars driven by Don E. Wallace, 23, and Johnny Nell Parr, both of Los Angeles, police said. Both cars received major damage.

Four teenagers were injured in a two-car collision at Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave. in which one of the vehicles caught fire.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital for checkup and later discharged were Daniel Melvin Hayes, 18, of 21601 Reynolds Drive, identified as the driver of one of the cars, Michele Young, 16 of Gardena, Wayne Paul Barnard, 18, of 16211 Osage Ave., and Robert A. Eller, 15, of 4060 W. 163rd St., Lawndale, police reported.

The other car, which caught fire, was driven by Leroy Walter Donnelly, of 4232 W. 170th St.

An elderly Bellflower man was taken to Riviera Hospital Thursday after he suffered head and shoulder injuries in a two car collision at Torrance Blvd. and Amapola St.

**Serious Injury**

Injured most seriously was Silas Munson, 85, who was flung from the car driven by his brother, John Munson Fielding, 73, of 4714 Narrot St., police said.

Their car collided with one driven by Margaret Ann Hermanson, 26, of Compton, officers said. Both drivers received minor injuries.

An El Camino student, Terry Lee Whittington, 19, of 22013 Linda Ave., was injured Thursday afternoon when his motorcycle collided with a truck at Torrance Blvd. and Prospect Ave., police said.

The truck was driven by George Lee Perkins of Compton, officers reported.



**"TRAVERSE SLOWLY"**—That's the message in this sign that Larry Edman and Kay Simmons are painting on the sidewalk at Calle Mayor School. The safety committee decided to try "intellectual" signs instead of the conventional "walk—don't run" variety. School officials say the signs create interest both in safety and in the dictionary.

### Lawndale Incorporation May Kill Torrance Annexation

Torrance officials speculated this week whether the proposed incorporation of Lawndale spells an end to an annexation drive in that area.

The papers petitioning for cityhood of Lawndale were filed Friday morning with the County Boundary Commission by Chester A. Brown, president of the Lawndale Chamber of Commerce.

The proposed city will include the area bounded by Rosecrans Ave. on the north, Inglewood Ave. on the west, Crenshaw Blvd. on the east and Redondo Beach Blvd. on the south.

It also includes the area to which the Torrance City Council has given approval for annexation. This area is bounded by Prairie Ave., Compton Blvd., Van Ness Ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd.

All but a narrow strip of the proposed Torrance annexation is included in the incorporation boundaries.

Privately several top Torrance officials admitted that the Boundary Commission may set aside the annexation in favor of incorporation, even though the former was filed first.

Brown said that the incorporation move was launched as a result of a poll showing that most people in Lawndale favored cityhood over annexation to its neighbors.

He said that at least two persons in the Torrance annexation



**STARRY EYED**—What to do with 49-star American flags now that Hawaii has been admitted to the Union, is the problem facing J. H. Paget, manager of J. J. Newberry Co., downtown, as he checks supply with clerk Theda White. They point out that people are still buying 48-star flags, mostly as souvenirs, and that the 49ers will probably also be snapped up as novelties by the time the 50-star flags arrive in fall this year. Press Photo



**CAESAR'S COURT**—Caesar and Calpurnia reigned supreme over the annual North High Roman Banquet, put on by students in Mrs. Loretta Japko's Latin classes, Thursday night. Here, a slave (Judy Keays) and a lyre player (Mike Mullen) perform for Calpurnia (Sandy Ernst) and Caesar (Jim Laird). The Latin students dressed up in authentic Roman costumes, ate Roman-style, heard Mark Anthony's famous oration, and viewed a play depicting the history of Rome.