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"GLAD IT'S OVER," says Postal Employee Harry Thielman as he relaxes his steaming "dogs" after delivering his share of the mail during the Christmas rush. Thielman has been with

the post office for 23 years and lives at 4818 Sharynne Lane. Harry, however, thanks all who mailed early this year.

—Press Photo by Art Willey

City Schools Tackle Speech Problems

Nearly 900 Torrance students are getting help of some kind with speech problems, while another 430 students are on a "waiting list."

This was the gist of a report presented to the Board of Education Tuesday night by Assistant Superintendent Louis Kaplan, who reported that six speech therapists work with local children.

Of 4934 students tested in a recent speech survey, some 1300, or about one in four, needed some type of help with a speech problem. Those tested included all students in grades 2 and 9, plus students of other grades who were referred by their teachers.

Eighty-five per cent of the speech difficulties were in articulation—correct pronunciation of words.

Some five per cent of the cases involved students who stutter. Usually, no direct therapy is given, but conferences are held with parents to try to alleviate conditions causing the problem.

Another five per cent of those tested have various voice problems, such as pitch, nasality, or hoarseness. About half of these are getting direct therapy.

Twenty-five children are getting lip-reading instructions because of partial loss of hearing. Other speech problems include foreign-speaking youngsters, and those with cerebral palsy.

Six speech therapists, each assigned to five schools, work with individuals or small groups in speech therapy on a once-a-week basis. Two of the therapists work on a block-of-time schedule, where speech help is given several times a week for a six-week period, followed by a half-day per week schedule for the rest of the year. Follow-up with parents and teachers also is a re-

quirement.

A speech and hearing therapist is a person who has completed requirements for a California teaching credential, plus additional courses in teaching remedial speech, psychology, physiology, and teaching of lip reading. Several Torrance therapists have masters' degrees and belong to the American Speech and Hearing Association and the California Speech and Hearing Association.

Therapists report that other difficulties often contribute to speech problems. They work with parents to straighten out any other problems, since much work can be done at home. Instructions are given as to how the child may be helped.

Most of the children receiving therapy are in lower grades.

Museum Slates Exhibit Dec. 29, 30

The current exhibit at the California Museum of Science and Industry, "INVITATION TO PLAY," is drawing thousands of boys and girls to play on the brightly colored steel structures.

In order to give others a chance to see the exhibit, which will close on Jan. 24, there will be two nights between Christmas and New Years when the Museum will remain open. Tuesday, Dec. 29 and Wednesday, Dec. 30 the Museum will remain open until 8:30 p.m.

"Invitation to Play" is a series of modern playground equipment in unusual shapes, including a giant dinosaur, swinging horses, and an elephant slide.

The play structures are made of metal pipe but an imaginative child can convert the cold steel into the creatures they represent.

HILEMAN HEADS FOR UCLA ON NSF AWARD

Jack C. Hileman, chemistry instructor of El Camino College, will receive a full year of study under terms of the National Science Foundation, it was announced today by Dr. William H. Harless, director of instruction.

The recipient of one of the NSF's awards reserved for highly competent instructional personnel, Hileman was elected to continue his graduate work at the University of California at Los Angeles.

The National Science Foundation is an independent agency of the executive department under the direction of Alan T. Waterman; the foundation was established in 1950 for the improvement of science instruction. The award consists of the winner's salary for one year, a free graduate course in the field in which he teaches at the university of his choice, plus expenses. All will be paid by the NSF.

Hileman, who has also served on the college administrative staff as assistant director of instruction, is a junior college graduate, having an associate in arts degree from Ventura College. His bachelor of science degree in chemistry was awarded by the University of California at Berkeley; he completed work for his master of science degree in education at the University of Southern California.

In the industrial field, the science award winner has six years experience in the fields of petroleum and aviation.

Now teaching Chemistry 1A and 1B at El Camino, Hileman is a Torrance resident. He and his wife have one daughter, a student of North High School.

The Hileman home was a family construction project. Plant propagation and cabinet making are hobbies engaged in by the instructor.

A member of the college faculty since 1950, Hileman is

instructor of the Pacific Southwest Chemistry Teachers Association and holds memberships in the American Chemical Society, the California Teachers Association and the National Education Association.

On completion of his advanced work at UCLA, Hileman will return to the El Camino campus in September, 1961.

USAF Recruiting Air Technicians

The United States Air Force is recruiting men to serve as Air Reserve technicians. Air Reserve Technicians are civilian employees who are also active members of the local Air Force Reserve unit. The program affords unusual employment stability with attractive pay and retirement features. Individuals selected will be assigned a military grade in the Air Force Reserve comparable to his Air Reserve Technician position.

Applications are currently being accepted for the following positions for employment in Air Reserve Technician positions at Long Beach Air Base, Long Beach.

Aircraft components repair foreman, grade F-9, \$3,52 per hour; aircraft components repair foreman, grade F-8, \$3,40 per hour.

Additional information and application forms may be obtained from any post office or from the director, Twelfth U. S. Civil Service Region, 630 Sansome St., San Francisco 11, Calif. Applications will be accepted until further notice by the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners 2347th Air Base Group, USAF, Long Beach Municipal Airport, Long Beach.

"Double Hazard" Says Mayor on Integration

Accident Toll Heavy in City

Nineteen traffic accidents occurred in Torrance over the holidays to serve as a grim reminder of caution to motorists over the forthcoming New Year's holiday.

Fortunately the long string of accidents were free of serious mishap.

Police reports showed no deaths in the city and only one serious injury over the two and a half day period beginning Wednesday evening and ending Christmas at midnight.

Two hit and runs were included in the 19 accidents.

The worst traffic mishap occurred at the intersection of 207th St. and Western Ave. early Christmas Eve.

George Edward Tarango, 35, of 18510 Illinois Court was taken to Harbor General Hospital with possible broken ribs and glass in his left hand after his vehicle was involved in a traffic accident with a car driven by Lloyd M. Hughes, also 35, of Artesia. Hughes was not injured.

The intersection of Crenshaw Blvd. and Hwy. 101 was the scene of an accident involving major vehicle damage. Roland Winter Ward of 8859 Guatemala and Everett Daniel McClellan of 25920 Richville Dr. collided and both vehicles were towed to the R. C. Williams Garage.

Ward's 1960 Ford T-Bird was smashed in at the right front fender and McClellan's 1959 Ford received extensive damage to the left side.

Four persons, all non-Torrance residents, were injured in a collision at Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave. Christmas morning. The injuries were minor and none of the victims required hospitalization.

A two-car collision occurred on the 1400 block of Madrid Ave. A vehicle driven by James DeHaven Birchfield of Redondo Beach collided with a parked car owned by Lawrence Gambone. The car was parked in front of Gambone's home at 1422 Madrid Ave.

Another accident occurred at the intersection of Hawthorne Blvd. and 180th St. The accident caused by rain conditions involved John Francis Kaschak of 18420 Ashley St., Torrance, and Ventura Renee Felix of Lawndale.

Also involved in a minor traffic accident at 2516 Grand Summit Rd., Torrance, were Elwood McGuire of that address and Lillian Miller of 2526 Grand Summit Rd.

Numerous other accidents occurred in Torrance over the holidays, including two hit-and-run reports.

A hit-and-run was reported at 174th St. and Crenshaw Blvd., but no Torrance residents were involved. A second hit-and-run was reported by Allan Jay Allen of 2179 Sepulveda Blvd.

Allen reported minor damage

'Workable for Villages But Not for City,' Isen States

Because integration would place a "double hazard" on the individual, Mayor Albert Isen went on record today as opposing police and fire integration in commenting on stories appearing in last week's editions of the Press.

County Drops Complaint in Landslide Case

The County of Los Angeles has dropped its cross-complaint against the Filiorum Corporation in connection with the landslide problem in the Portuguese Bend area.

This was announced today by Supervisor Burton W. Chace who also disclosed that the Filiorum Corporation has dismissed its suit blaming the County's road construction as a cause of the landslide.

Chace said the County Counsel feels that a settlement based upon mutual dismissals in this case would be in the best interests of the County because the "Cross-complaint against the Filiorum Corporation would be more difficult to sustain than those against the Palos Verdes Properties, Capital Company and the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation."

Chace said the Filiorum Corporation apparently owns only one small parcel of land in the area affected by the slide and did not participate in the development of the Portuguese Bend Club and therefore can not be charged with negligence or fraud in connection with the development of the club area.

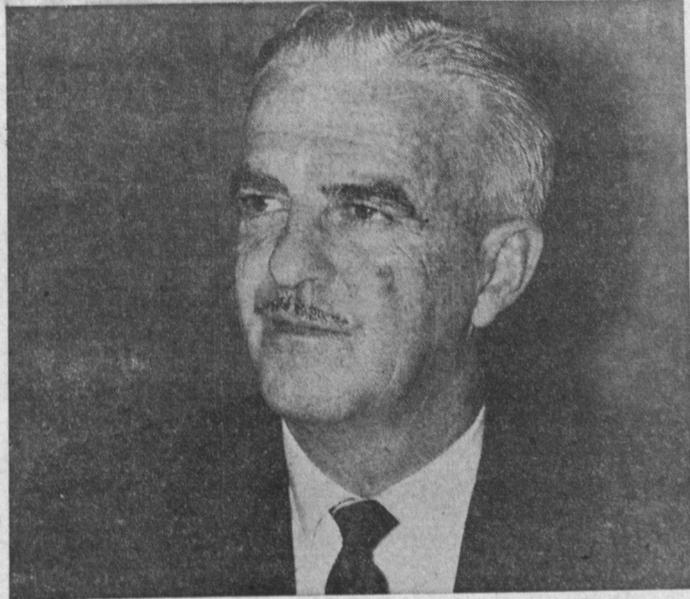
The Mayor reasoned that those seeking careers as policeman and firemen could not be called to do both jobs simultaneously as well. "Hazards in both jobs are unique and different. A policeman risks his life when pitted against a bandit's bullet or piled up in a wreck. It's unreasonable to expect him to face double hazards by also working at being a fireman and being subjected to the perils of fire fighting," the Mayor said.

Agreeing almost completely with Richard DeArmitt, head of the local fireman's union, Isen also remarked that "integration may be good for small villages but not for the size of the city of Torrance." The mayor added that the city's fire and police departments are now working at top efficiency. "I wouldn't want to gamble with public service welfare nor with the lives of men concerned," he asserted.

A survey on integration is forthcoming from City Manager George Stevens. Councilman Robert Jahn asked for the report. Commenting on the survey Isen said, "Regardless of the survey the principles I have stated previously are fundamental and persuasive against integration."

DRIVE SAFELY

Drive safely during the holiday season and save a life, Torrance Religious Groups urged today.



JEROME B. SCOTT

Scott Appointed Head of New Firm

Appointed to the executive position of managing Home Savings' newest office in Torrance is Jerome B. Scott, 51, formerly of Home's Los Angeles office. Scott has more than a dozen years experience in the financial world.

The nation's largest and strongest savings and loan association, Home Savings, opens its 23rd office Dec. 28, 1959, in Torrance, the city ranked third among communities of Los Angeles County in value of building permits.

Torrance had between the 10-month period between January and October of 1959, a staggering total of almost 27 million dollars in value of building permits, more than \$6 million higher than a similar period of 1958.

The renovated building, designed by noted artist-designer Millard Sheets of Claremont, is the site of Torrance's old City Hall, located at 1511 Cravens St. Invited to the ribbon-cutting

ceremonies were Albert Isen, city manager; J. H. Paget, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Howard Ahmanson, Home Board Chairman; and Kenneth D. Childs, Home president.

An added, special guest is Miss Torrance of 1959, 17-year-old Betty Baker.

Home Savings' grand opening celebration, extending through Jan. 9, 1960, has as its theme a Hawaiian Holiday for two via Pan American jet. Thousands of free gifts, ranging from a new portable transistor television set, an 8 mm. movie camera, to free Hawaiian dinners and Home Savings guest pacs, will be given to those who attend the festivities.

The Hawaiian theme was selected for the gala event to honor America's newest state and Home's newest office. The winner of the grand prize drawing will spend five glorious days at the magnificent Royal Hawaiian Hotel on the colorful island para-

dise. The only requirement is of Torrance; George Stevens, mayor of Torrance; City Council that those entering the drawing deposit their names at Home's new office before noon, Jan. 9.

The Torrance opening is on the same day that Home Savings opens a new office building in Encino. This is all part of Home Savings' 5,000,000 expansion program that comprises the construction of eight new permanent offices, of which Torrance and Encino are two.

The \$5,000,000 being spent in the new construction and improvement program will "better accommodate" thousands of savers, stated Howard Ahmanson, Home's board chairman.

The Torrance office location was acquired on Aug. 15, 1959, when Home's president, Kenneth D. Childs, met with the Torrance City Council. Completion of the \$100,000 transaction gave Home Savings its 23rd office in the greater Los Angeles area.



LITTLE DAMAGE other than flood scenes like those at Anza Ave., north of Torrance Blvd., was reported in the city after

the pre-holiday rain Wednesday and Thursday. State authorities called rain "wonderful." —Press Photo by Art Willey