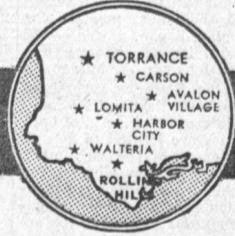


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**INVESTIGATE DANGERS**—Charles F. Caterlin, city prosecutor, and Douglas Horlander of the city's Public Works department, were two of the investigating deputations that toured oil properties in Torrance Friday. Deplorable conditions in the fields, condition

that had been termed 'dangerous' and a 'hazard to children' came to light during the controversial weed abatement fee hearings at city council meetings. Councilmen authorized the investigation and suggested court action to bring them under control.

#### POSSIBLE COURT ACTION

### City Investigates 'Dangerous' Conditions At Area Oil Sites

Torrance city officials this week intensified their campaign to remove hazards and unsightly piles of trash and weeds from city lots.

A deputation consisting of the city attorney, city prosecutor, and representatives of the public works department toured oil properties Friday morning checking complaints of hazards, open oil pits and tanks, and unprotected heavy machinery. Purpose of the tour was to gather evidence for possible court actions, and to determine which of the properties was in direct violation of city laws and ordinances.

Stanley E. Remelmeyer, city attorney, reported that more than 30 of the properties constitute a danger to citizens and to small children that might be attracted to the open pits, tanks and machinery. Remelmeyer said that the

proposed action against the property owners was the last in a long series of attempts to clean up the properties, most of which are a threat to public health or to public safety.

Attention of city councilmen had been called to the unsightly and dangerous condition of some of the properties during the controversial weed abatement fee hearings. Councilmen had specifically detailed department personnel to make the investigation and to get the evidence for possible actions.

### Torrance Woman Dead in LA Crash

Mrs. Frances L. Rolland, 65, of 20810 S. Western Ave., was killed in a traffic collision last week in downtown Los Angeles.

Police said that Mrs. Rolland apparently drove through a traffic light and collided with another car. Accident occurred at the corner of Cimarron Ave. and 27th St.

Driver of the second car escaped serious injury.

#### BOARD MEETS MONDAY

Torrance Board of Education will meet Tuesday evening in the board room, 2335 Plaza Del Amo, to discuss budgetary problems with members of the newly picked committee, selected to investigate financial problems of the district. Meeting will start at 8 p.m.

# Bay Area Youth Hangs Himself In School Yard

## Life Saved By Quick Action Of Principal

Speedy action by a Torrance elementary school principal Friday afternoon is credited with saving the life of a 14-year old student.

The student, Grant Willis Brooks, of Hermosa Beach, had accidentally hanged himself while playing with a jump rope, and the principal, Thurman Winkels of the South Bay Community Christian School, cut the boy down and applied artificial respiration until he began breathing again.

#### CREDITS TRAINING

Winkels, who holds an 'advanced' life saving credential from the Red Cross, said that the training was responsible for saving the boy.

Recovering in South Bay Hospital, the youngster told physicians and school authorities that, while playing in the school yard he had fashioned a hangman's noose from the discarded jumping rope and had pretended to hang himself as his horrified playmates looked on. One end of the rope he had thrown over a top bar in the fence where it had caught.

#### SLIPS, FALLS

When he bent down, the noose tightened and he blacked out, throwing his full weight on the rope which tightened even more around his neck.

Playmates ran to Winkels for help.

When he arrived, the principal said, the youngsters face was turned black and he had stopped breathing. Cutting him down, the principal placed him on the ground face down and applied artificial respiration until the resuscitator unit and the ambulance arrived.

## Rescue Children As Flames Engulf Parked Automobile

A Torrance mother left her two children in the family auto Friday afternoon while she kept a dentist's appointment, and only the presence of mind of passers-by saved the two youngsters when the car burst into flames.

Doris Tiebel, 27, of 1620 W. 206th St., told investigating officers that she left her two daughters, Terry, 7, and Susie, 2, in the automobile while she kept the appointment.

#### SEE SMOKE

Kenneth Blonsky, and wife, Jane, were walking near the Cravens and Post St. intersection where the car was parked when they noticed that the interior was full of smoke.

Pulling the door open they yanked the two youngsters to safety only moments before the exterior of the auto caught on fire.

By the time the fire department arrived the inside of the car had been gutted.

Heat of the fire was so intense that the glass in the windows had melted.

Police officers Robert Smith and Jim Popp, first on the scene, credited the swift thinking of the Blonsky's with saving the children's lives.

Origin of the fire was not determined.

## Immediate Response Noted In JC's Christmas Home Decor Competition

Entries in the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce Home Decoration Contest will be received until December 19, first day of the judging, it was reported by Dick Hatch, chairman of the arrangements committee.

Second of the annual contests, it will be conducted under the direction and sponsorship of the Jaycees, Hatch said.

Torrance homeowners wishing to have their residence displays judged may obtain entry blanks at the Chamber of Commerce building, 1511 Cravens Ave., may clip the application below, or may call the Chamber office at FAirfax 8-2814.

Judging will be conducted between Dec. 19 and Dec. 22 and awards will be made in two divisions, Religious and Novelty.

Plaques will be presented to the winners in each category.

Interest in the annual project has increased tremendously since the story and box application appeared in the Thursday edition of the Torrance Press. More than 20 calls concerning the project have been processed through the Press switchboard.

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#### FIRES AS HE FALLS

## Torrance Family Mourns Dead Officer; Policeman Killed in Downtown Holdup



A 30-year old Torrance man, a member of the Los Angeles City police force, died Thursday evening in a fusillade of bullets fired by a fleeing gunman.

Richard D. Kent, 18509 South Spinning Ave. had entered a downtown auto supply store to purchase some flashlight batteries and surprised the gunman in a hold-up attempt.

Shot through the throat, he managed to pull his own gun and fired five shots after the running man, hitting him in the shoulder.

The officer died moments later.

Another officer, Leon Pogr, waiting in the car outside, heard the shots and ran to the scene in time to capture the gunman, later identified as Charles L. Pike, 27. A few moments later he also arrested Richard Cenicerros, the lookout man, who was waiting in Pike's car outside the shop.

The dead officer had made his home in Torrance for several years. He is survived by his widow, Mary Jane, who had been out shopping for a daughter's birthday present when the shooting occurred. When she arrived home companion officers of the dead man were waiting with the tragic news. Kent was the father of two daughters, Ruth Lynn, 12, Lenore, 4, and a son Mark, 6.

Kent had been with the Los Angeles police force since 1954. Both he and Pogr were assigned as detectives and were in plain clothes at the time of the shooting.

## 'City of Carson' Movement Meets For Third Try

A third effort to incorporate the community of Carson got underway yesterday afternoon after incorporation officers reported that engineers are busy redrawing boundary lines for the movement.

Organization officials met at 2 p.m. to set up a committee of those active and interested in organizing the community as a city. Meeting was called by R. B. Keith, Carson realtor.

Tentative plans call for an area of approximately 6-7 square miles to be included. Officials pledged that there would be no secret meetings and that residents of the community would be informed of every action that the committee contemplated.

#### SPONSORED BY 'PRESS' ...

## Honor All-City Grid Team at High School Basketball Meet

Torrance high schools' most outstanding grid stars will be honored December 23 at the round robin basketball tourney between Bishop Montgomery High School and three Torrance high schools.

Trophies will be presented to the second annual 'All-City' team during half-time activities at the basketball tourney.

Presentations will be made to the local grid stars by representatives of the Torrance Press. Selections of the players, based on write-in ballots, was sponsored by the Press.

#### FIRST STRINGERS

Included in the roster of local high school grid stars who will receive the trophies are: Cliff Weimer, Torrance High, LE; Gary Sexton, North High, LT; Al Becker, North High, LG; Tom Holdsworth, Torrance High, Center; John Sibley, North High, RG; John Carlson, Torrance High, RT; Mike Andrews, South High, RE; Howard Taylor, Torrance High, QB.

More than 3,000 ballots were cast by Torrance grid boosters for the eleven-man first string and eleven honorable mentions.

The proposed basketball tourney will be held in the South High gym on Friday, Dec. 23. In the tourney, the school district will cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce to help raise funds for the city's entry in the Jan. 2 Tournament of Roses Parade.

#### THREE GAMES

Under the proposal, each of the four teams would play each of the others, making a total of three games for each school.

The 93-piece Torrance All-Star High School band, which will march in the Rose Parade, will perform for the spectators at half-time.

## Local Lines Schedule Buses For Rose Tourney

Special buses will be available to transport Torrance citizens to the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena January 2, it was reported yesterday by Marshall Chamberlain, superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

Tickets may be bought from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1511 Cravens, at Torrance city hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., or from any municipal bus driver.

Round trip fare, including tax, is \$2.75 per person. Fare does not include grandstand seats. Persons wishing to reserve seats in grandstands may call Pasadena City College for reservations.



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## Famed Scientist Tells Role Of Junior College

Emphasizing the role of the junior college in future educational patterns of the country, Dr. Edward Teller, internationally renowned scientist, outlined challenges to El Camino College faculty members Thursday.

"We have developed well, but we must do better," the noted scientist and educator said. Noting the tremendous progress in education by Russia and China, Dr. Teller observed that America is losing in the race for education.