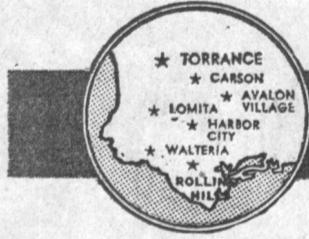


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# Torrance Youth Dead; Victim Of Knife Wound in Gang Fight

## Local YWCA Included in Chest Budget

Torrance YWCA will be included in the annual Community Chest appeal, it was jointly announced this week by Mrs. Kenneth Clutter, president, Torrance YWCA, and Jimmy Visceglia, chairman, Harbor Area Community Chest board.

Admission of the Torrance YWCA, officially approved at the April meeting of the board of directors, Community Chest, Los Angeles area, which means that it will be a participating cause in the Red Feather-United Way appeal, which last year included 170 services.

Torrance YWCA will be included in the current budget year, Mrs. Clutter said, as soon as it received a statement providing for tax exemption status from the U.S. government.

### REVIEW

Upon receipt of this statement there will be a review of the agency's program conducted by the volunteer Community Chest budget committee with assistance from the National YWCA. An allocation for the current budget year will be set at that time. (Continued on Page Two)

## Annual Show Set For Today by Chihuahua Club

Members of the South Bay Chihuahua Club will stage their annual get-together today with a luncheon and dog show at El Nido Park, club officers reported.

Park is located two blocks west of Hawthorne on 182nd St. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a. m. and entries for the show close at 12:30 sharp.

Dogs over two months of age may be entered in the match for judging.



**TINY ENTRY**—Brian West, 2, and not too big himself, holds tiny entry in Sunday's chihuahua show at El Nido Park, 182nd near Hawthorne. Dog, "Two Cents," is a four

month old long coat chihuahua, one of the eight rare breeds listed by the American Kennel Club.



**DEATH WEAPONS**—Torrance police officers above prepare weapons taken from suspects in Thursday evening's killing of William C. Conger Jr., 19, for presentation at the coroner's inquest called for tomorrow morning. Shown are Detective

Wally Nitz, holding tire iron; Policewoman Charlene Alarcon, holding the hunting knife that caused the youth's death; and Sergeant Buck Ingram, holding claw hammer.



**WILLIAM CONGER JR.**  
... Knife victim

## Police Arrest Five Suspects After Brawl

A coroner's inquest tomorrow will determine whether the death of a Torrance youth, stabbed Thursday evening in a teenage brawl, was a case of murder or justifiable homicide.

William Clark Conger, Jr., 19, of 5009 Sepulveda, died a few hours after the fray at Little Company of Mary Hospital where he had been taken for treatment.

The youth was stabbed several times in the arms and once in the hip. Preliminary reports indicate that the hip wound, which severed an artery, was the cause of death.

### HELD

Held at Torrance police station are Richard Alan Snyder, 20, 1624 Fern Ave., Torrance; Morris Wayne Gregory, 20, of Hermosa Beach; David Joseph Dimeglio, 17, Redondo Beach; Jack Lee Stover, 17, 18520 Burin Ave., Torrance; and Dennis Gordon Amundson, 16, of Redondo Beach.

Police department reports indicated that the car carrying Snyder and Gregory was moving on Torrance Blvd., when a second car carrying the victim and the other three youths pulled up beside it.

A verbal altercation took place with the occupants of both cars hurling remarks at each other. The two automobiles progressed down Torrance to Maple St., down

Maple to Carson, and east on Carson to Hickory St. where the fight took place.

### DEATH WEAPON

Police are holding the death weapon, a hunting knife with a seven-inch blade, a tire iron and a claw hammer as evidence. All were used in the altercation.

An unusual aspect to the case developed yesterday when it was learned that the two major suspects, Snyder and Gregory, had reported to the police station and attempted to lodge an assault complaint against the other four shortly after the fight.

They were still in the station when it was learned that Conger had been taken to the hospital with stab wounds. They were promptly taken into custody.

Officers then went to the hospital and arrested the three remaining suspects who had taken the victim there for treatment.

All five of the suspects were in city jail when it was learned that Conger had died.

## Alert Newsboy Calls Deputies

A 14-year old newsboy, delivering his route Saturday morning, was instrumental in the on-the-spot capture of two men busily engaged in burglarizing a local laundromat. The youngster, Jimmy E. Sneed, of 2358 W. 247th St., was distributing his newspapers during the pre-dawn hours when he saw the two breaking into coinboxes through the windows in front of the building.

He called police who arrested Robert Leonard Sherwood, 23, and Jerry Patrick Sisco, 20, both of San Pedro.

Suspects were booked at Lennox sheriff's station on burglary, grand theft, auto, and possession of narcotics charges.

## ONLY FIVE CLOSE DOORS . . .

## Chamber of Commerce Notes Upswing in New Business; Thirty-Four Licenses Issued by City in Two Weeks

For the first time in several months the bi-monthly business license list circulated by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce optimistically reports an upswing in new businesses in the city compared to the number of firms that have

quit. The list, released Thursday, shows that 34 new businesses came to Torrance in the two-week period between April 15 and April 30, compared to five that have gone out of business and two changes of

ownership.

### NEW FACILITIES

New facilities in the community are Alsand Calibration Service, 2115 Torrance Blvd.; Beachcomber Master Hair Stylist, 2880 Pacific Hwy.; Bern-Bred Co., 20225 Western; Brownies Coffee Shop, 18178 Prairie; 38 units of apartments, listed for the 21000 block of Reynolds Drive as the Dunes, Sands, Riviera, Hacienda and Tropicana apartments;

Consumers Mart of America Liquors, 20225 Western; Roger D. Covey, apartments, 2204 Cabrillo; David Dawes, Realty, Inc., 1920 Carson; Discount Records Distributors, Inc., 20225 Western; Fabrics Discounts, Inc., 20225 Western; Glen Joe, Inc., 3128 W. 182nd; the Ice Cream Man, 5009 Pacific Coast Hwy.; Ingelwood Gallenkamp's, Inc., 21960 Hawthorne; Lynch Mandarino, 2519 Hawthorne; Michele's Beauty Salon, 5011 Pacific Coast Hwy.; M and L Sales Co., 20225 Western; Pacific Plaza Realty, 5011 Pacific Coast Hwy.;

Phil's Camera, 22519 Hawthorne; Pisciotto's Restaurant, 5007 Pacific Coast Hwy.; Dorothy L. Reilly, al-

terations, 24433 Hawthorne; Seasparry Apartments, 350 Palos Verdes Blvd.; San Jose Darling Shop, Inc., 20225 Western; South Bay Drafting, 2008 Carson; Dr. Melvin Stack, optometrist, 20225 Western; Take out Foods, 20225 Western; Times Furniture Co., 20225 Western; United Development Associates, 1124 Llewellyn; Wallace Construction Co., 5313 Ruby.

## Suspect Brought Here For Trial

A third forgery suspect, wanted by local police departments in connection with a bad check ring that operated in the southland early this year, was returned to Torrance yesterday.

Robert Batesman, 23, was discharged from the Army in Kansas so that he could stand trial with his confederates. Ring cashed more than \$2,000 worth of the bad checks before they were caught.

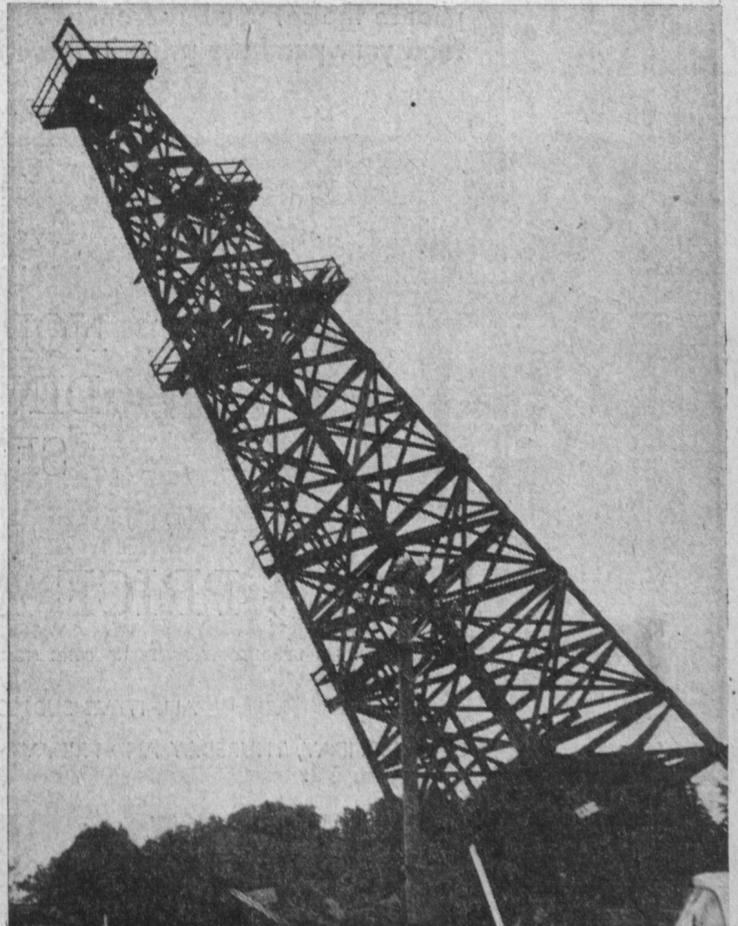
### APPROVES FUNDS

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday authorized \$4,200 for construction work on Edgar St. and 220th St. in the Carson area. Supervisor Burton W. Chace's office announced. To be scheduled by the Los Angeles County Road Department, the project will consist of reconstructing Edgar St. northerly of 220th St. widening the northerly side of 220th St.



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**TOPPLING TOWER**—Answering a demand from the city that abandoned and dangerous oil derricks be torn down, the unsightly towers have been toppling throughout Torrance for the past week. Here the derrick formerly located at the corner of Torrance

Bld. and Victor Ave. falls in a cloud of dust and a shower of crushed and broken timbers. Ancient structures are considered dangerous to children who might be attracted to them.