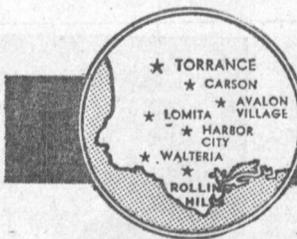


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Scooter, Semi Collide at Light

Mothers Stress Danger; Warn Children Beware

What did you tell your little daughter? How did you explain to her the danger which could be awaiting her if she stopped on the way home from playing to talk to a stranger?

Such were the questions asked of Torrance women by the Press this week. With the disappearance of little Karen Thompkins, the Press decided to question mothers in the community to see how they reacted to the Thompkins' heartbreaking story and how they plan to prevent a recurrence of it in the future.

Mrs. Edmund Irgens, 17603 Cranbrook, mother of Diane, seven, and Camille, nine, said she has warned her

daughters time and again not to speak to strangers or get in an automobile with anybody.

She said upon the disappearance of Karen Thompkins, she took her oldest daughter aside and stressed that "even a nine-year-old was not too old to be warned not to speak to strangers!"

STRESS

Mrs. Robert L. Stephenson, 16803 Casimir, who has a four-year-old daughter, Kim, said she tried to stress to the child that she is not to accept any offers and if a stranger tries to talk to her for her to hurry home.

Mrs. Stephenson continued

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Schools Prepare For Re-opening

"We are off to a flying start," stated Superintendent J. H. Hull as he returned from vacation and readied the Torrance schools for another year. Almost 29,000 elementary and high school students will return to their classrooms September 13.

Several curriculum and administrative changes will be in effect as these youngsters sit down to their desks. The Board of Education has specified all elementary students are to receive A-B-C letter grades on their report cards and high school students are to be enrolled in separate English and social studies classes; all pupils will begin each day singing the "Star Spangled Banner" as flag raising ceremonies take place at each school.

The teaching staff of 960 (221 of which are new to the district) will complete several days or orientation. New teachers will report September 7, and all teachers are to report September 11. Actual classes will begin Wednesday, September 13.

REGISTRATION

Registration of new high school students at North High and South High was scheduled to start Friday, August 25, and Torrance High will start tomorrow. The three schools will continue to register new students through Friday, September 1.

Hours for registration will be from 1 to 3 p.m. daily. New students should report to the counseling offices of their high school, the administration announced.

Torrance High School is located at 2200 Carson St., South High School at 4801 Pacific Coast Highway, and North High School at 3620

W. 182nd St. Students who cannot register during this

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LOOK WHAT A POLE DID—A patrol car of the Sheriff's Department struck a telephone pole Thursday morning during pursuit of a speeding auto on Hawthorne Blvd.

When the auto suddenly stopped, the patrol car was forced to swerve to the left and found itself facing a telephone pole.

Truck Wheels Crush Driver At Intersection

A Torrance man is in the hospital in serious condition following a collision of his motor scooter with a semi at the intersection of Arlington and Artesia Friday at 1:25 p.m.

Douglas R. Hoffman, 21, of 17107 Illinois St., Torrance, was thrown from the scooter and under the left rear wheels of the truck by the impact of the collision.

Hoffman was taken by ambulance to the Little Company of Mary Hospital. He is suffering from a broken back and a fractured skull.

Albert Leon Fogle, 21, who

resides at 5917 Carmelita St., was driver of the semi. He told Police he was traveling eastbound on Artesia at the time of the accident.

Hoffman, traveling west,

was making a left hand turn on to Arlington.

The truck was a 1946 International Semi. The left rear wheels on the truck were slightly damaged, police reported. Hoffman's vehicle was a 1959 Allstate maroon motor scooter.



PERCY G. BENNETT
... Recovering at Home

Out of My Way

Pole Stops Auto Chase

The pursuit of justice was suddenly called to a standstill Thursday morning when a Sheriff's patrol car struck a telephone pole while chasing a 1950 Ford.

The patrol car, driven by John Amundson of Lomita, was going south on Hawthorne Blvd. when Amundson saw an auto traveling at excessive speed.

Driving with red light and siren, the patrol car began pursuit of the speeding auto. Then the Ford, patrol car close behind, suddenly stopped, and Amundson was forced to swerve to the left where a telephone pole got in his way.

The driver of the auto sped away.

Amundson, who suffered from minor injuries, is nursing his abrasions and will be back to work tomorrow, police reported.

Collision Hurts Torrance Woman

Margaret Hollingshead of Torrance suffered minor injuries, a Montana man was killed and his wife seriously injured when a car skidded into the side of a logging truck near Nevada City.

Mrs. Hollingshead a passenger in the auto, was sent to the hospital for treatment of leg injuries.

James J. Robson, 66, of Roundup, Montana, was dead on arrival at Miner's Hospital. His wife, Carol, 64, suffered chest injuries and leg fractures.

The Highway Patrol said Robson approached the intersection on the outskirts of the community, braked too late and skidded into the left rear wheels of the log truck.

Woman, 75, Seeks Home for Pets

Three more cats are just too much for Mrs. Amy Bolton, who was surprised seven months ago by her feline who brought two calicos and one black into the world.

Mrs. Bolton, 25408 Cypress, who is 75 years old, said she loves her kittens and is unable to find suitable homes for them.

Showing fear that they would be put to sleep if given over to the Animal Shelter, she is commencing a one-woman search for three families who would like to adopt kittens.

Described by Mrs. Bolton as "lovely animals," she said the calicos are predominantly yellow and white with specks of black.

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EXPENSIVE SHAVE—Carson area merchants last week posted a \$1000 bounty for the first man who can prove he has shaved the beard off Fidel Castro. Money was actually collected and deposited in a special fund for that purpose. Local merchants, incensed at the national news concerning the hijacking of air-

craft and other illegal and extralegal activities of the Castro regime in Cuba, felt that some evidence of their feeling for the bearded Cuban should be shown. Thus the signs, which have appeared at several Carson locations.



MEDAL OF VALOR, which was awarded to Mrs. Richard D. Kent this week in behalf of her husband, a L.A. policeman who was killed

during a gun battle in December, is shown by Mrs. Kent and son Mark, six.

Officials Honor Slain Policeman

In behalf of Richard D. Kent, L.A. Police officer who was killed in a gun battle during an attempted auto parts store holdup in December, his widow received the Medal of Valor from L.A. officials Wednesday.

Mrs. Kent, who resides with her children at 18509 Spinning Ave., Torrance, received the medal from Los Angeles Police Chief William H. Parker. The medal was in recognition of her husband's courage "above and beyond the call of duty in the highest tradition of the Los Angeles Police Service."

The deceased officer was

honored at a luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel at which six other officers were honored. Leon Poor, who captured Kent's killer, was among the six.

DESCRIPTION

Chief Parker, describing the medal, said an officer must perform an act not expected of him in his regular line of duty and must be conscious of the danger while performing the act to receive it.

Kent, 30 at the time of his death, was the father of three, Ruth Ann, nine; Mark, six; and Lenore, four.

The young father was killed December 8 when he en-

tered a store at 8656 S. Broadway, where Charles L. Pike, 27, was holding the proprietor, staff and a customer at gunpoint.

OPEN FIRE

Pike opened fire on Kent who returned fire. Even though mortally wounded, the officer attempted to pursue Pike and, with one of his shots, wounded him. Kent died trying to reload his gun.

Kent received a death sentence and Cinceros was sentenced to life imprisonment last month after a jury found them both guilty of first degree murder.

Burglar Takes \$350 in Tuning Tools from Auto

Over \$350 worth of tuning tools were taken from the automobile of Herbe Sorg, 18316 Falda, Thursday at midnight, police reported.

Sorg, 52, piano tuner, said the tools were in his 1957 yellow Chevrolet at the time of the theft. The wind wing on the passenger entrance was broken, he reported.

BREAK IN CHURCH

The Church of Latter Day Saints was broken into Friday at 5:30 a.m. However nothing was taken, police reported.

Entrance was made through a louvred window. Policemen reporting on damage said suspects had kicked out several vent grills and had entered during their tour of the church.