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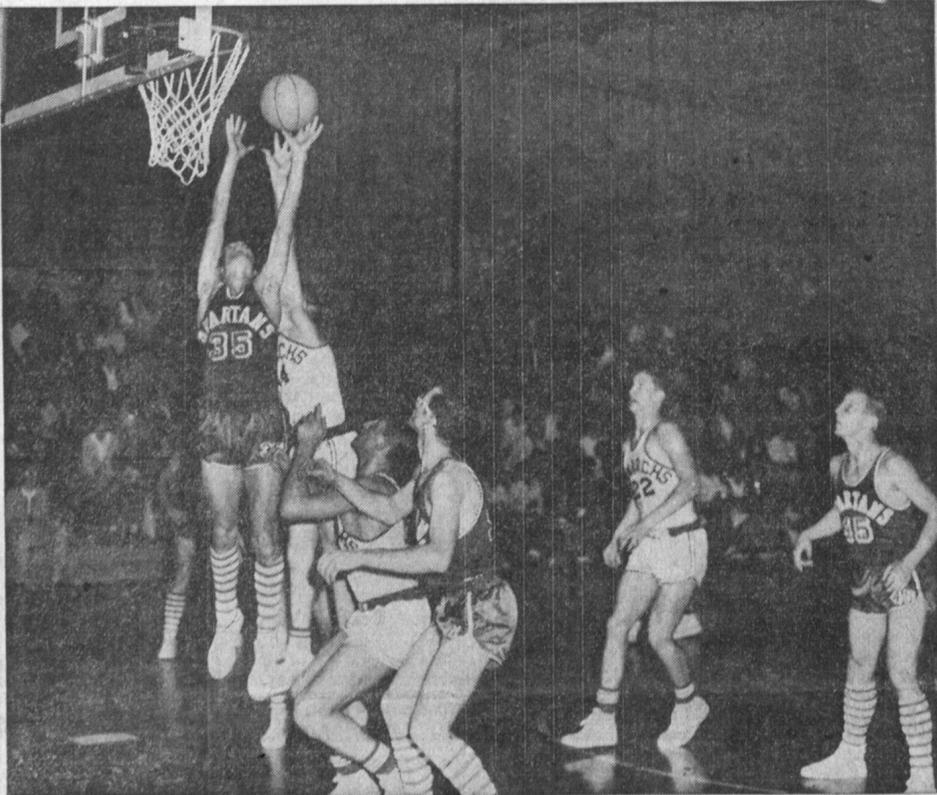
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POLICE ISSUE ALL-POINTS BULLETIN ON MISSING TORRANCE HIGH CO-ED



CLOSE ONE—After a halftime lead of 30-32, South High School dropped a close game Friday night to traditional rivals, Morningside High, by a heartbreaking score of 66-52. Game, which was played in the Spartan gym, attracted a record turnout. Spartan five has been followed by a cloud of bad luck for their past few games. Coaches predict that the team will come out of its slump in time for key games of the series.

School Administrators, Trustees Attend Vital Meet; Hear Educational Viewpoint

Members of the Torrance School Board and administration, including President William Hanson, members Dr. Kurt Shery, William Boswell and Bert Lynn, and Dr. J. H. Hull, attended the quarterly meeting of the Los Angeles School Trustee Association this week. Meeting was held at Earl Warren High School in Downey.

Dr. Irving R. Melbo, Dean of the School of Education at the University of Southern California, was the featured speaker as more than 300 school trustees and administrators met. Speaking from the title, "View From 358," Dr. Melbo pointed out some of the conditions of the past that have resulted in our present educational procedures.

The speaker pointed out that, historically, public education in America served to develop literacy so that citizens could make intelligent choices for self-government and to prepare for better vocational opportunities. Dr. Melbo emphasized that, on the whole, the educational system has served well during more than 300 years.

Friday Checkup Reveals New Candidates File

Last minute filing and taking-out of papers for city offices was still going strong as of closing time Friday night.

Wm. (Bob) Steele, 826 Cranbrook, took out and returned papers for city council, thereby making his filing official.

Also taking out papers were: Robt. B. White, 3242 Torrance, one set for city council and one set for the office of mayor; Nat Mondati, 3125 Sonoma, one set for city council (refused to state if they were for himself); Cmdr. of American Legion Post Earle Sumpter, 11509 Ladeene, one set for office of city clerk; and Frank Burk, 5104 Zakon Rd., one set of papers taken out for the office of mayor (also refused to state for whom).

State, County Street Projects Underway Here

The California Public Utilities Commission allocated \$4,055 to Torrance Friday to assist the city in paying its share of the cost of installing improved grade crossing protective devices at the Carson St. and Sepulveda Blvd. crossing of the Santa Fe Railway harbor branch tracks.

According to commission records, during the last five years there have been four accidents at the Carson St. crossing. At the Sepulveda Blvd crossing, during the same period, there has been one accident.

Existing protection consists of one wigwag signal at both crossings, to be replaced by two flashing signals. The city and railroad have agreed to share equally in the cost of installing the new devices, estimated at a total of \$16,220 at both crossings.

STATE FUND

Allocation was made from the crossing protection fund created by the State Legislature to help defray the cost of installing adequate protective devices at hazardous railroad-highway grade crossings throughout the State.

In a second announcement by county officials it was reported that contracts for the improvement of a vital link of Hawthorne Ave. to provide a more direct route from the Pacific Ocean and Palos Verdes to Torrance, was awarded this week to a Redondo Beach firm.

Company was awarded the contract on its low bid of \$104,165.36 to provide a six-lane highway in a 100-foot right of way with curbs, gutters and drainage structures from Pacific Coast Highway to Newton St. in the city of Torrance.

Water Company Asks Rate Hike In Torrance Area

Dominguez Water Corporation this week asked the California Public Utilities Commission for authority to raise certain of its block rates by about \$11,500 a year to offset the higher cost of water purchased from the Metropolitan Water District.

The West Basin Municipal Water District, from which the company buys its MWD water, increased the 1962 cost by \$2 an acre foot, according to the application.

The company wants to raise its rate for one unit by one cent per 100 cubic feet; its rate for two others by one-half cent per 100 cubic feet.

Company also proposes to increase its metered irrigation service and combination residential and irrigation service charges by 1.8 mills per 100 cubic feet of water per month.

Dominguez Water Corporation serves some 16,000 customers in a 35-mile square area which includes Torrance and nearby communities.

Safety Meeting

Next meeting of the Torrance Traffic Safety Council will be held tomorrow at the Palms Restaurant. Guest speaker at the luncheon meeting will be Lt. Gus Rethwich, of the Torrance Police Department. His topic will be "Causes of Juvenile Delinquency."

Mystery Surrounds Girl's Disappearance From Home Jan. 25

Juvenile officers and detectives Friday broadcast an all-points bulletin as they attempted to find a 17-year old Torrance High School girl missing from her home since Jan. 25.

Bulletins were sent to all law enforcement agencies in California and bordering areas complete with descriptions of Mirian Theresa Arenas, daughter of John Arenas, 814 Sartori Ave.

Officers said that the missing girl is 5 feet, 4 inches tall weighs about 125 pounds, and has dark hair and eyes.

In addition to attending

Torrance High she was taking special courses at

Harbor Junior College, juvenile officers said.

A part of the mystery surrounding the girl's disappearance involves the fact that she had no money and took no clothes with her when she left.

By questioning her girlfriends, officers have determined that she was not dating any particular boy and had, for some time, discussed leaving home.

Investigators said that they doubted that foul play was involved in the girl's disappearance but, at the same time, could not explain why she left her clothes and money at home when she left.



MIRIAN ARENAS
... Missing

RUSH OF ACCIDENTS...

Torrance Police Capture 'Hot Car' Suspect Involved in Hit-Run Crash Friday Night

Torrance police officers Friday night pursued and captured a suspect wanted for grand theft after his stolen auto crashed into another car in the fog.

Booked at Torrance station was James Vincent Gordon, 24, of 903 Lilienthal Lane, Redondo Beach.

Police first answered the call on a minor hit and run involving the two vehicles. When they arrived on the scene witnesses stated that the driver had left the accident running.

Assuming that the car was stolen officers searched the area and finally located the suspect walking near 190th St. and Anza where he was taken into custody.

Stolen vehicle was re-

gistered to Robert C. Block, 5212 Tower St., Torrance. Block said that the last time he had seen the car it was parked in front of his home Friday night.

A rush of other "fender banger" accidents took

place Friday night and early yesterday morning as the thick fog descended upon beach areas.

No major injury accidents had been reported by Saturday morning although the tally of damaged vehicles was great.

Bread Truck Spills Near C.M.A. Blocks Street Traffic For Hour

An accident which could have resulted in serious damage, possible injuries, and a load of ruined bread, turned out alright yesterday when a truck overturned by driver Jack Bynum was righted.

Bynum, who resides at 1103 Patronella, told Torrance police officers he had been slowing down to en-

ter a driveway on Western Ave. near C.M.A. when the right front brake of his bread truck locked, causing the vehicle to swerve and overturn onto a soft dirt shoulder at the road's edge.

No injuries were reported and the truck sustained little damage. After the vehicle was righted, Bynum left the scene of the accident to continue his bread route.



BLOCKS TRAFFIC—Bread truck driven by Jack Bynum, 1103 Patronella St., Torrance, turned over Friday afternoon on the access road leading to Consumers Mart of America. Righted by passersby and police the truck was driven away after blocking traffic

for an hour. Bynum said that he negotiated a turn and then brought the vehicle to a halt. After he stopped, he said, the top-heavy truck slowly turned over and fell. Bynum said all he could do was grab the steering wheel and hold on. He was unhurt.



ST. VALENTINE'S DAY—Signs of the approaching Valentine's Day here are shown by members of the Victor Woman's Club in Torrance. Members of the club are planning a dance to

celebrate the event next weekend in the RB Elks Club. Here Mmes. Wm. Fraser, Ivan Lundeen and Roy Wiseman prepare decorations for the event.