

Press Offers \$1000 Reward . . .

EDITORIAL . . .

A \$1000 reward will be offered by this newspaper to the person contributing information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the individual who murdered 11-year-old Dorothy Gale Brown.

As late as around 6 p.m. Tuesday, Gale was a happy child. Sometime that evening an unpardonable crime took her life.

We feel that every effort should be

made to bring the culprit to justice. We ask the public to join with us in contributing additional money toward the reward. There is no price too high to pay for the capture of a man who would molest a youngster.

Parents are frantic in Torrance and surrounding areas. There is a general uneasiness which cannot be put to rest by reassurance. A criminal has struck twice within a year. He must be found, or another child could meet a similar fate.

Police authorities in both Torrance and Orange County are doing everything possible to check out facts, and screen sexual deviants and known child molesters. However, as late as yesterday morning, there was no new evidence. Even though it seemed at times the criminal would be caught momentarily, the trail finally lead to a dead end.

The only positive suggestion that can be given to parents is to redouble their efforts to keep their children out

of the range of society's maladjusted individuals.

Unfortunately, keeping children away from strangers is not enough. Police Chief Percy Bennett believes Gale (as the murdered girl was known) was abducted and killed by someone she knew.

There's only one answer: Catch the murderer and serve notice on all perpetrators that Torrance is an unhealthy center for their operation.

Sadly enough, Gale is dead and Karen Tompkins, who disappeared a

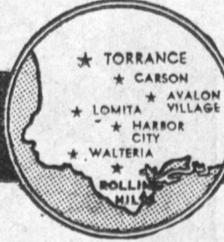
year ago, may have met a similar fate. We commiserate with the parents of both children.

With all of the sorrow, nothing can return either youngsters to her respective home. That is the reason the Torrance Press decided to offer a reward. We would like to do our part in apprehending the guilty individual.

Remember—we're offering \$1000. Anyone desiring to add to the reward fund, please contact the Torrance Press by calling Davenport 5-1515.

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SERVICES TO BE HELD TOMORROW FOR 11-YEAR-OLD MURDER VICTIM



STOPS INTRUDERS — Officer Tom Wooldridge was posted at the William F. Brown trailer-home, 1820 Torrance Blvd., after the couple's only daughter, Dorothy Gale Brown, 11, was found murdered at the bottom of

the sea in Corona del Mar. Wooldridge said the Police Department sent him to the home so that newspaper, radio and television reporters and photographers would not prevent Mr. and Mrs. Brown from getting some sleep.

Police Search for Suspects as Clues Become More Scanty

Burial services will be conducted tomorrow for murder victim Dorothy Gale Brown.

The 11-year-old girl, whose unclad body was found by a skindiver near Corona del Mar, may be seen by the public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. tomorrow at Stone and Myers Mortuary, 1221 Engracia.

Service will be conducted at the mortuary at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Ted Hix of the Calvary Baptist Church of National City. Mr. Hix of the brother-in-law of William F. Brown.

Following the services, the youngster will be interred at Roosevelt Memorial Park, 182nd St. and Normandie.

PACKING CLOTHES
While the parents are very distraught, they are already thinking about other unfortunate families.

"We are packing up her clothes and would like to give them to some children who might need them," Brown said.

Brown's wife concurred. Both of the parents showed overtones of deep sorrow.

Meanwhile the young girl's murderer is still at large, and police authorities have no new clues as to who he might be.

A search for the child began July 3 at about 8:47 p.m.

when the parents, the William F. Browns, informed the Torrance Police that their daughter was missing. The Browns live in a trailer court at 1820 Torrance Blvd.

CHIEF BELIEVES

Police Chief Percy Bennett said he believes the young girl was picked up and kidnapped. There was no evidence of a scuffle or struggle near the bicycle which was found by her father and a friend on the sidewalk on 213th St. just west of Bow Ave. The area is about a block and a half from the trailer court.

Bennett compared the case to the disappearance of 11-year-old Karen Lynn Tompkins in the same area last August. He said both girls are the same age, and the circumstances are similar.

Police authorities in Corona del Mar and Torrance are still weighing all evidence. A number of suspects were questioned and then released when they were able

to vindicate themselves.

DRESS FOUND

On July 4, the murdered child's dress was found at "Tin Can Beach," an area near Seal Beach. A woman had found the dress on the strand. She laundered it and ironed the frock, not realizing it belonged to the victim. When she heard television reports, she immediately informed Torrance Police.

The dress was picked up July 6 and identified by the parents.

The murder story gave Torrance national publicity. Every news media in Greater Los Angeles County sent representatives to the Torrance Police Department.

At the request of newspaper, radio and television reporters, Chief Bennett conducted daily press conferences.

Gale, a Torrance elementary school sixth grader, weighed 92 pounds, was 4 ft. 11 in. tall and had blue eyes.

When the youngster disappeared from home, a police search was conducted within three square miles bounded by Normandie Ave., Carson St., Cabrillo Ave., and a channel at 209th St.



FOUND AT SEA — Dorothy Gale Brown, 11, who disappeared from her home Tuesday, proved to be a murder victim. She was discovered Wednesday in the ocean off Corona del Mar by a skindiver. Her body was unclad, and Torrance police began an intensive search for a culprit. She is the second girl who has been spirited out of the city. The first child, Karen Tompkins, never has been found.

FIRST STEP . . .

Pacific Coast Highway Freeway Reaches Talking Stage, States City Councilman

While the proposed Pacific Coast Highway Freeway is only in the talking stage, there is little likelihood that large sections of homes will be wiped out when plans are completed, according to Councilman J. A. Beasley.

Beasley, who serves as president of the Inter-Highway Committee anticipates the freeway will run through vacant land wherever it is possible to do so.

He said there are two reasons: 1. It would become expensive to tear down public and private buildings, and 2. the Division of Highways does not want to contract opposition from communities through which the freeway will run.

Beasley said a large number of routes have been proposed and that it is anyone's guess which one will be the ultimate route.

Some members of the Inter-City Committee would favor sending the new freeway through vacant land along the following route: The freeway would leave the San Diego Freeway at about Anza and Rosecrans, go south generally to Pacific

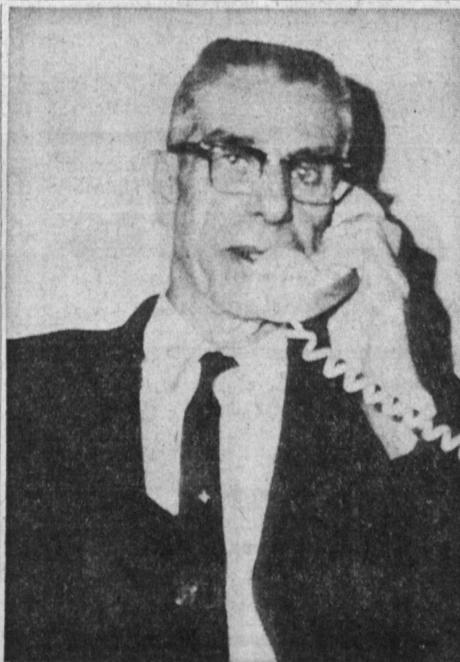
thorne Blvd. actually makes it necessary to have some relief now. He believes within the next three years, vehicular jams will be out of hand along Hawthorne.

In his talks with the Division of Highways, Beasley discovered the state group will give every consideration to the preserving of community entity and to providing the proper flow of traffic.

City Proclaims Cystic Month

July has been proclaimed "Cystic Fibrosis Month" in Torrance by the City Council.

In making the proclamation, it was noted that CF is now considered by the most authoritative medical sources to be the second most common cause of death from disease among our children.



LATEST WORD—Councilman J. A. Beasley checks out up-to-the-minute information on progress of the proposed Pacific Coast Highway Freeway. He predicts it will take shape in 1963.

Clare McCord Will Serve As Brown's Co-Chairman

Clare McCord, well known civic leader, has been named co-chairman with Rosemary DeCamp of the Harbor Area Committee to Re-elect Governor Brown. It was announced today by the Governor's committee headquarters in Los Angeles. The area includes 19 cities from Long Beach and Lakewood to Playa Del Rey and Westchester.

"We are fortunate in securing a man with McCord's background for this important position," stated Governor Brown. "He is not only well known and respected in Long Beach, but throughout California as well."

McCord was Exalted Ruler of Long Beach Elks Lodge in 1934-35. He was executive director of the city-wide War Bond Drive in 1943 which raised over \$1,250,000 and named a giant bomber "City of Long Beach."

In 1954 he was general chairman of the week-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Long Beach Elks Lodge, which ended

with a giant initiation of \$1,000 Elks from 22 lodges in Southern Calif.

He was sergeant-at-arms of the California Elks Assn. in 1959-60. For the last two years he has been membership director of the Assn., the largest in America, with 154 Lodges and 149,634 members.

He was formerly president of Long Beach Democratic Club, and a member of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee.

McCord has been active in other civic affairs of Long Beach. He is a past president of the Young Men's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, a forerunner of the present Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He served as president of the Long Beach Advertising Club. For several years he was editor of the monthly magazines of the Long Beach Elks Lodge, the Long Beach Moose Lodge, the Long Beach Executives Assn., and the year books of the Long Beach Bowling Assn. and the California State Bowling Assn.

Phillips Dies In Car Mishap

A Torrance youth who had been married for one week died in a Nevada traffic accident Tuesday.

He is Chester Phillips, 38, 3705 Artesia Blvd. The victim, who was killed near Caliente, Nev. when he lost control of his car, was interred yesterday at Green Hills Cemetery, San Pedro.

Funeral services were held in the McMillan Funeral Home, Gardena.

Friends who worked with Mr. Phillips at a market at Crenshaw and Artesia Blvds. served as pallbearers. He had worked as a journeyman checker prior to his death.

Mr. Phillips died in Lincoln County Hospital about one hour after the accident. He was alone at the time of the mishap, police said.

Mr. Phillips was president of a Torrance YMCA college-age group.

Surviving him are his widow, Mercedes, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Phillips.