

TINY GIRL SAVES FOUR FROM DEATH BY GAS

A STORY OF COURAGE

Be sure to read "A Story of Courage," beginning in The Press next Wednesday. It tells how a 15-year-old local boy faced a lifetime of paralysis, his achievements to date, and his confident plans for a bright future.

Hawthorne Floors South, '65 to '51

By GLENN FISHER
The Hawthorne Cougars overcame a three point deficit in the first quarter to earn a hard-fought 65 to 51 victory over the South High Spartans Friday night.

The Cougars were surprised in the early stages by the Spartans fast breaks, and found themselves trailing 10 to 16 at the first quarter.

The Spartans' glory was soon lost, as Cougar Ace Gary Mykkanen sparked his team.

Mykkanen directed the Cougars from the floor and Hawthorne had a 38 to 29 lead by half time.

The Cougars' Mykkanen lead the game scoring with 22 points, back up by teammate Gary Bickers with 12 points.

Mykkanen was on the All-Bay-League team last year and is a definite contender to repeat this year.

The Spartans' big spark came from Don Denson. Denson had a fine night, scoring 21 points.

The win for Hawthorne was their seventh without a defeat, and they hold the top spot in the Bay League standings.

The Spartans remain in seventh place with two wins and five losses.

Don Wilson Joins Board Of C of C

Don Wilson, president of the Southwood Construction Co., has been appointed to the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce by Martin M. Denn, president.

Wilson fills the unexpired term of William Jameson, plant manager, Bethlehem Steel, who recently was transferred from Torrance.

Patrick O'Melveny, vice-president of Del Amo Estates Co., also was named by Denn to fill the term of William Shawgar, who recently resigned.

Carson Park Plans Okayed

Revised plans for development of the Carson Neighborhood Park have been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Plans provide for a revised \$1,028,000 project, which includes a recreational activity building and a development to provide for outside athletic games, public parking and lighting. Supervisor Burton W. Chace said, "The board authorized that the project be advertised for bids to be opened Feb. 13."

Hello, Boys

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MR. FLAVIO

Flavio Heads Search for Miss Torrance

Flavio Bisignano, president of the Flavio Beauty Colleges, has been named chairman of the 1963 Miss Torrance contest, which is sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Flavio, whose Torrance school is located at 1978 W. Carson St., said details for this year's contest have not been worked out in complete detail, but he hopes to make this information available shortly.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the young ladies of Torrance to take part in a civic affair that not only helps the community, but also gains wide recognition for the winner," said Flavio.

"The girl selected as Miss Torrance, in addition to winning a trophy and other prizes, will represent the city in various civic activities, including the Armed Forces Day parade and other similar celebrations," added Flavio.

He commended the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring this important contest.

"I hope all eligible Torrance girls take advantage of this splendid opportunity to represent the community," Flavio said.

The 1962 winner of the contest was Bobbet King.

Nurses Get Caps Jan. 30

At 1:30 in the afternoon, Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Harbor Hospital, 14 in the vocational nursing class will receive their caps, including two from Torrance.

The capping ceremony celebrates completion of the first of three semesters in the class, which is held through cooperation of the hospital and L. A. Harbor College.

Those in the class receive both classroom work and actual hospital experience. About 200 are expected to attend and the ceremony will be held in the auditorium of the new hospital building at 1124 W. Carson St., Torrance.

Those from Torrance are Mrs. Nita Schwab and Mrs. Edith Thomas. The latter is a great-grandmother.

WATCH TORRANCE GROW

Week ago 114,872
Today 114,963

Profiles at Work . . .

Frankie and Frances 'Wait'

(Editor's Note: First in a series about people who work in Torrance, and what they do.)

At seven o'clock this Sunday morning, while most of us in Torrance are asleep, two mothers are at work waiting upon those who are awake and hungry.

At the Gable House bowling center on Hawthorne, south of Sepulveda, Mrs. Richard Shortridge is busy opening the coffee shop for a day's work.

A few blocks to the east, at the Silver Skates, on Western south of Sepulveda, Mrs. Joel Bundrick has an hour to go on her "graveyard" shift which begins at midnight.

Both like being waitresses, and get real enjoyment from their work. Each likes the shift she works because it fits into the schedule of the family.

There is a similarity of names, too. Mrs. Shortridge is Frankie, and Mrs. Bundrick is Frances (and adds, "I'll bet Frankie's name is Frances, too.")

Each has a son named Richard, but Frankie calls her boy by the nickname, Rickie.

Frankie has been a waitress for three and a half months, Frances has worked as a waitress "off and on" for 20 years.

Both have done factory work, but prefer being a waitress.

"There's more freedom," says Frankie. "I get to move around more." She laughed, adding, "sometimes I REALLY have to move around!"

"It's a happier job," agrees Frances. During the week, Frankie works a later shift, leaving home at 4 p.m., after her husband gets home to care for their three children, Debbie, 8; Rickie, 5; and Cheryl, 3.

Frances works the same shift, midnight until eight in the morning each day, so that she can be with her two children, Richard, 17; and Patricia, 14, in the evenings.

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"Treat your customers like they are one of the family," is the way that Frankie puts it.

"Pleasing the customer is most important," agrees Frances. "Pleasant service satisfies customers and brings them back again."

Frankie became a waitress because, "I didn't want to go back to a factory. I thought I would try being a waitress for a while."

She tried it, and hasn't had a twinge of regret since, although the breaking in period — as it is on all new jobs — wasn't exactly a bed of roses.

"I dropped a glass of milk and a piece of pie when I first began," Frankie recalls with a wry smile. "But, I went back and got some more and tried it all over again."

She laughed, and added, "but at least I didn't drop it on the customer. The pie and milk went on the floor."

But Frankie's a happy person, and all that is behind her now.

"I like all the people here," she says, "and have lots of fun. I meet all sorts of people because this is a bowling center, and lots of people love to bowl."

Like any sales representative, Frankie finds that to become a good waitress, you've got to know your product and prices.

"It's very important to know the foods on the menu,

and how much they cost," she says. "Once you've got all that down, then you can concentrate better on serving the people."

She finds the hardest part of being a waitress is to "serve a lot of people at one time and keep them satisfied and happy."

Like all human beings who get a lot of satisfaction out of doing a good job, Frankie adds, "it makes me feel good when I can handle everything smoothly, and all goes well."

Like Frankie, Frances remembers well her first venture as a waitress, even after 20 years.

"The first time I waited on a customer was in my mother's restaurant," she recalls with a smile. "The customer was a connoisseur of hot cakes — he liked them just so, and loved to eat them."

She paused to explain that the syrup containers were kept under the counter and resembled those that contained something not so sweet.

"I reached under the counter for what I thought was the syrup, and placed it in front of this customer," she said.

"He poured it over his hot cakes, ever so carefully, and then took his first bite," she said. "He made the most awful face — it was vinegar!"

Frances laughs now at the memory, but it was different when it happened.

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MORE COFFEE? asks Mrs. Frankie Shortridge, of early Sunday morning customers at the coffee shop of the Gable House bowling center. She believes that most of her time Sunday mornings is spent filling and refilling cups of customers with hot coffee. —PRESS photo

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Torrance Man Alerts Rescuers to Danger

A tiny girl, only one year old, summoned the strength to crawl or stumble from a gas-filled home Friday morning and to collapse on the front steps, alerting a Torrance man to the peril that lurked inside.

Bruce Owen Pinkston, 22, of 1020 W. 212th St., Torrance, while on his rubbish collection route, saw the child, Elaine Brown, crumple on the steps of the home at 14710 Inglewood Ave., and ran to her side.

"I went up and opened the door, and saw two people laying on the floor," Pinkston told The Press by telephone.

The two were James Gallegos, 23, and Alex Brown, 14.

"I went over and called the Fire Department and the Lennox sheriff's office," continued Pinkston, "and they came with respirators."

When Capt. C. H. Keylon of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and Sheriff's Deputies R. W. Winters and D. E. Holloway arrived, they found Lupe Brown, 36, and her daughter, Maria, 10, the sister of Elaine and Alex, overcome in the back bedrooms of the home.

The five were taken to Hawthorne Community Hospital for emergency treatment.

Capt. Keylon said he was amazed at the stamina and presence of mind of little Elaine.

"How the little girl had the capacity to stumble outside is beyond me," said Capt. Keylon.

Keylon said the gas fumes in the house were caused by a faulty wall heater. One of the burners apparently tipped over and the fumes came into the house instead of passing safely out the vent.

Letters

Editor: It was so nice to see our sons' (the Watson triplets) picture, taken at the Harbor General Hospital dedication, appear in your paper.

It gives us great pleasure to add this picture to our scrapbook, along with other pictures your paper has done on our sons.

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Ryan 'Regret' Told to City Delegation

Ryan Aeronautical Co. Friday expressed regret to a delegation from Torrance at the company's "regrouping" which, it is said, will involve the move of the Electronics Division of the company from Torrance to San Diego.

Present for the conference were Mayor Albert Isen, O. P. Johnson, assistant city manager, Martin Denn, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and Don Reining, chamber of commerce manager.

They were flown to San Diego by one of Ryan's aircraft.

The Ryan executives expressed gratitude to Torrance for receiving the company so well.

The Torrance delegation, in turn, were highly complimentary to Ryan, and hoped that the Electronics Division could remain here under the Ryan banner.

G. W. Rutherford, Ryan vice president in charge of operations, said that the plant, in the event it was vacated by Ryan, would be very much in demand by other firms.

Rutherford said that, rather than for Ryan to maintain only a working force of 150 or less in a "difficult economic situation," that it would be better for Torrance to have a change of ownership to a company which was in a good position to maintain maximum employment in the plant.

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PHILIP M. WALSH

Watt Names Philip Walsh Director of Sales Force

Philip W. Walsh has been appointed director of sales for R. A. Watt Construction Co. and its subsidiaries, it has been announced by R. A. Watt, president.

Walsh, who has been with Watt for eight years, also will serve as a member of the corporate executive committee as well as direct the 20-man sales staff.

The appointment was described by Watt as another step in the expansion of the personnel of the organization.

Ray Watt is the new president of the Home Builders Assn., and his residential, apartment, industrial, commercial and mobile home projects stretch from Sacramento to Escondido.

The first major assignment of Walsh was described as to coordinate five large projects in the Palo