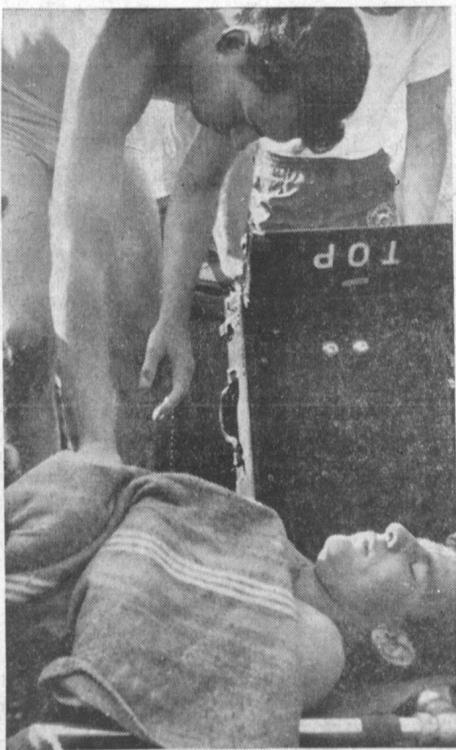




WALTER HETZ, standing with sun glasses, saved five people from the sea last Sunday. Hetz is a physical education teacher at North High School, Torrance, and works part-time as a County Lifeguard. Hetz earned

the money for his education by working as a lifeguard. Members of the back-up crew are shown at work resuscitating one of the boys Hetz pulled from the sea Sunday.

—PRESS photo by Gordon Akers



THE CRISIS IS OVER and one of the boys pulled from the sea by Walter Hetz, a teacher at North High School, Torrance, is ready to be taken to South Bay Community Hospital. He is shown on a stretcher with an attendant tucking in a blanket around him. Both boys recovered.

STETHOSCOPE

The stethoscope was invented by a French physician, Rene T. H. Laennec, in 1816.

BLOOD CIRCULATION

William Harvey, an English physician, first described the circulation of the blood through the body in 1628.

Hahn Urges Stricter Laws On Incorporation of Cities

Stricter laws governing the incorporation of cities to "prevent the formation of single-purpose cities and those with a dangerously inadequate population and tax base," has been asked by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hahn would set a minimum of 5,000 registered voters to incorporate a city, an increase from the 500 presently required.

In Hahn's view, Vernon, Commerce, Industry, Dairy Valley, Bradbury, Palos Verdes Estates, and Hidden Hills, are "special purpose" cities.

Hahn said the small cities makes up a huge metropolitan area, but quality of emergency services is not constant.

"A taxpayer involved in an accident or trouble on any highway that crosses city lines should be guaranteed the best and quickest emergency services at any location," Hahn said.

He stressed that another danger of too small a population is that the fate of the entire community can be decided by just a few people.

"There are several examples of mayors and councilmen being elected by fewer than 50 votes," said Hahn, citing the instance of the city of Bradbury where a councilman was elected to office with just 14 votes cast for him.

Examples Hahn gave of small cities within Los Angeles County are Bradbury, population 650; Walnut, 1132; Hidden Hills, 1060; Industry, 747; and Irwindale, 1549.

Some precincts in Hahn's Second Supervisorial District have more voters than some small cities, he said.

"It is time to review the trend toward small incorporations," he added. "The responsibility of municipal government are serious. We should plan for future growth with this in mind," he said.

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Torrance Teacher Saves Two Boys from Drowning

Walter Hetz, physical education teacher at North High School, Torrance, and a part-time lifeguard for Los Angeles County, took part in five dramatic rescues last Sunday.

One saw Hetz bring two boys from the surf in one trip. They are Nick Rader,

Jr., 18, of 22908 Van Deene St., Torrance, and Dean H. Anderson, 18, of 24138 Censor St., Harbor City.

Last Sunday, Hetz was on duty at Redondo Beach, in the southern section of the city.

He saw Rader struggling in the strong current. He swam out, towing what is called a "rescue can" from a line around his chest.

Reaching Rader, Hetz then saw Anderson floating face down about 300 feet farther out in the sea.

Rader kept sliding off the "rescue can" — so Hetz clutched him, shielding the boy's face from the sea with his body as he swam.

"The thought flashed through my mind," Hetz told The Press yesterday, "that I wouldn't be able to reach the other boy and save them both."

Hetz kept persevering and managed to reach Anderson, clutch him by the wrist and to bring both boys to the safety of the shore.

Hetz used mouth-to-mouth resuscitation methods and squeezed the boys' chests to keep the spark of life burning until he could reach the beach.

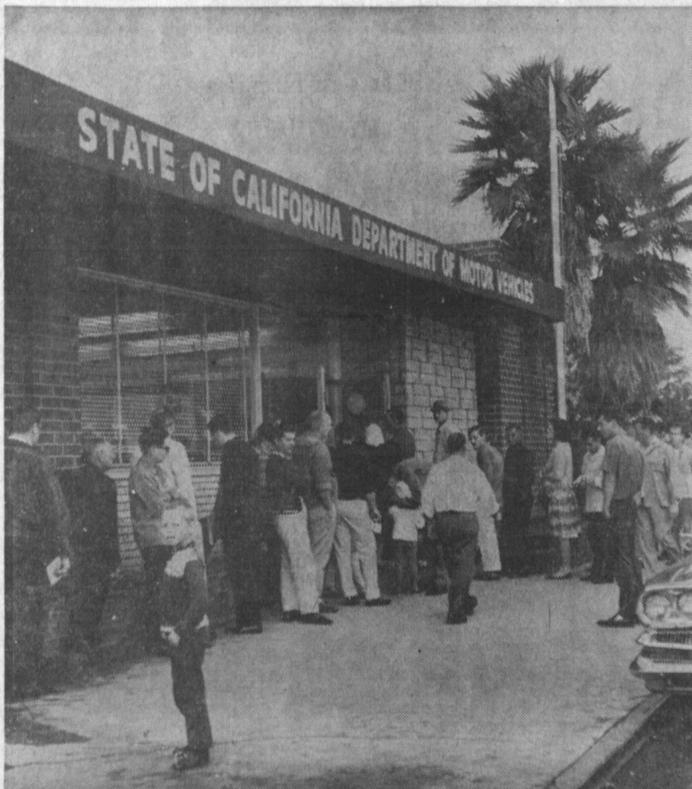
Once ashore, the back-up forces of the County Lifeguards took over with respirators to bring the boys back to consciousness.

Both were taken to South Bay Community Hospital, and later were released.

Hetz worked as a lifeguard to earn the money to finance his education to enable him to teach.

Monday night the Board of Education approved a sabbatical leave to permit Hetz to continue his studies in physical education.

He will travel to Europe to study physical fitness programs. Hetz has been with the Torrance school system for seven years.



A FAMILIAR SIGHT about this time of the year is the long lines which gather at the Department of Motor Vehicles. This picture was taken Monday, the last day license plates could be purchased without the payment of a penalty.

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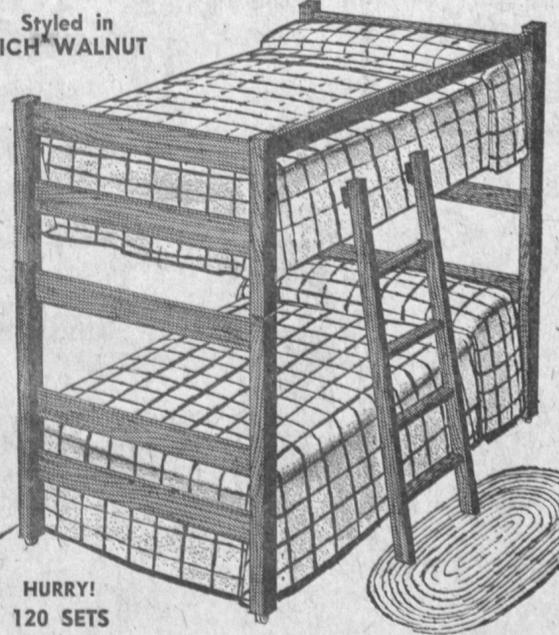
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