

'HUMAN TORCH' DIES —TRAPPED IN AUTO



DADS' DAY is a bit of all right for Arthur Timper, as his six children show him that today's his day. At the family home at 22109 Linda Dr., Timper—whose wife is momentarily expecting (again?)—is beset with kindness by, counter-clockwise, Caroline,

10, putting on his slipper; Patricia, 3; Steven, 11, presenting Dad with pie; Leslie, 13, offering slab of pie; Jean Marie, 9, glass of milk, and David, 7, bringing Dad his favorite newspaper, The Press, of course. —PRESS photo

Harold Smith to Head Junior Chamber

Harold Smith of 1005 Cranbrook Ave., a design engineer with AResearch Corp. and immediate past state director, was installed last night as president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce in ceremonies at the Hacienda Hotel.

Smith succeeds George Brewster of 20610 Annrita Ave., a senior engineer with North American Aviation. In handing the gavel of office to Smith, Brewster reviewed the impressive record set by the Torrance Jaycees this year and charged the incoming administration with responsibility for continuing the growth in membership and community service experienced over the past year.

Smith accepted the challenge, outlined plans for the coming year and briefly enumerated the obligations and responsibilities accruing from Jaycee membership.

Awards Given
While more than 60 persons watched, Robert Morris of Torrance, a past national director of the Junior Chamber, installed Smith as president, James Ackroyd and Henry Rice as vice presidents, Brewster as state director, Thomas Stade as treasurer, William Burbank as secretary, and Ronald Davis, Douglas Hedde, William Faulds, Arthur Reid and Harold Lindborg as directors.

Faulds, outgoing vice president, was named Jaycee-of-the-Year for enthusiasm, initiative and leadership in several Jaycee projects. Jaycee-of-the-Month awards were made to William Burbank, March, charity circus; James Ackroyd, May, seat belt clinics; Douglas Hedde, June, scholarships.

Certificates-of-Merit went to Douglas Nelson, April, My True Security speech contest, and to Joseph Bonanno for handling Jaycee Week activities. Presidential awards were given by Brewster to Smith for performance in the office of state director, to outgoing treasurer Milo Lystne for performance in that job and support



TAKING OVER—Harold Smith, right, takes gavel from George Brewster, in ceremony last night, to assume presidency of Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. —PRESS photo

of several Jaycees projects, and to outgoing director Robert Vroman for all-around participation.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to Morris and to past state vice president Sandy Reeves for contributions during the year, to the Jayceettes for their support of numerous Jaycee activities, and to Officer Don Hartel of the Torrance Police Department for valuable contributions to the Jaycee seat belt clinics. Special recognition was awarded Brewster in the form of a plaque, life membership in the Torrance Jaycees and a gift.

JAYCETTES INSTALL
Mrs. Robert Vroman, a past president of the Torrance Jayceettes, installed the new Jaycette officers, Mesdames Douglas Hedde, president; Harold Smith, vice president; Thomas Stade, recording secretary;

William Burbank, corresponding secretary; Gerald Russell, treasurer. Mrs. Hedde made appropriate acceptance remarks and presented outgoing president Mrs. George Brewster with a gift.

Guest dignitaries included Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker Owens, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, past vice president and Mrs. Sandy Reeves of El Segundo, and state vice president and Mrs. Donald Scroggs of Manhattan Beach.

The dinner-dance affair lasted from 8:30 to 1 p.m. and was preceded by a cocktail party at the home of the George Brewsters. Floral decorations were made by the Jaycettes under the direction of Mrs. Ronald Davis and carried out a blue and yellow motif. The installation banquet central committee included Mesdames Darrel Clement, Harold Smith and Douglas Hedde.

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BLAZING DEATH was fate for 21-year-old husband, Ronald C. Grubb of Hermosa Beach, early Thursday morning in Torrance. Police view charred remains of his sports car after crash in intersection of Artesia and Prairie. —PRESS photo by William Schell Jr.

Asst. Manager Of Shoe Store Held In Crash

The assistant manager of a shoe store in a Torrance shopping center today faced charges of felony drunk driving and manslaughter in connection with the "human torch" death of a 21-year-old married youth in a traffic accident here early Thursday morning.

Ronald Clifton Grubb, the victim, of Hermosa Beach, unable to get out of his sports car, burned to death as horrified spectators watched at 1 a.m. Thursday.

Grubb's car went up in flames in the intersection of Artesia Blvd and Prairie Avenue after it was apparently involved in a crash with a vehicle driven by Grover LaVern Belt, 35, of Los Angeles, the shoe store aide.

Engulfed in Flame
Torrance police officers Graber and van Wankum arrived at the accident scene to find Grubb's car completely engulfed in flames with Grubb's burning body still in the driver's seat. Witnesses said they had heard Grubb screaming as he died in the flames, unable to get out of his car, although the door was open.

Officers theorized that

Grubb was trapped in his seat by a faulty seat belt, or that he didn't have time to unbuckle it. However, there was no evidence to substantiate this, as the belt was completely burned, and only the buckles remained.

The officers said that Belt had told them at first that Grubb's car ran a red light and struck his, but that under questioning, Belt said he had turned left in front of Grubb's oncoming car.

Gas Tank Ruptured
Investigation indicated, officers said, that Grubb was driving west on Artesia, and that Belt made a left turn at 35-40 mph in front of Grubb, too quickly for either party to do anything except crash.

Grubb's gas tank ruptured and the car burst instantly into flames, according to witnesses.

Belt reportedly told officers he had lied at first about Grubb running a red light. Officers said Belt told them he had been to two bars after work and was on the way home. Belt did not pass all sobriety tests, the officers said. Belt's only injury apparently was a cut lip.

Brush Fire Erupts in Rolling Hills



FRONT ROW SEATS at brush fire in Rolling Hills area yesterday evening enable residents to view rolling smoke as some 15 acres were burned in area bordered by Palos Verdes Drive East, Vista Mesa Drive, Western Avenue and Chandelver Drive. Several homes were briefly menaced. County firemen said no cause had been determined for fire, which started near end of Vista Mesa, but juveniles were suspected. View from Chandelver Drive spots fireman (see arrow) battling blaze. —PRESS photo by Mitch Major

Freedoms Foundation Gives Medal to Dr. John H. Hull

Dr. John H. Hull, superintendent of schools of the Torrance Unified School District for the past 16 years, has been awarded the American Educators Medal of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Announcement of the selection of Dr. Hull by the Distinguished Awards Jury of the Freedoms Foundation was made Friday, Flag Day, in Torrance.

A letter from Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, foundation president, informed Dr. Hull of his award, stating "You have been singled out for this award because of your exemplary leadership in bringing about educational programs which build a better understanding of the foundation's Credo, on which our American Way of Life is based."

The letter continued: "Your application of responsible, resolute and reverent patriotism to the problems of education in these days of world-wide conflict deserves the highest commendation of all Americans."

"The presentation of your medal and citation will be made in ceremonies in your community when appropriate circumstances are established on a date following the public announcement of American Educators Medal recipients on Flag Day, June 14.

"May I add my heartiest personal congratulations to those of the officers and directors of Freedoms Foundation."

"You have been chosen by a jury of peers. You are one of seventeen distinguished educators so honored from throughout the United States. May you always be an exemplar of the high goals of our nation — politically, economically and spiritually free."



DR. J. H. HULL

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Juanita Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Watson of Torrance, and Joan Bommarito, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benedict M. Bommarito, also of Torrance, were named to the Curian Honor Society at Marymount College for superior academic achievement.

The society is the campus equivalent to Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary fraternity for students of high scholarship attainment.

Little Company Staff To Hear SC Doctor

A general meeting of Little Company of Mary Hospital medical staff will be held in the hospital Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Dr. Ralph Rhind, president of the medical staff, will conduct a short meeting followed by the introduction of Dr. Bernard Portnoy, deputy director of the Infectious Disease Laboratory at the University of Southern California.

'Council Back From Hawaii, Slates Meet

Torrance city council resumes its deliberations Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. after a two-week hiatus occasioned by four of its seven members taking a jaunt to Hawaii for a national conference of city officials.

Among items on the agenda are a public hearing on the city's proposed 1963-64 \$9 million-plus budget which includes a recommended increase in the city's rubbish collection fee from \$1 to \$1.50 a month, and which calls for "no general in-

crease" in municipal salaries, according to city manager Wade Peebles.

In addition, the city council is expected to reach a decision on the controversial question of ousting dairies from the city limits — at least, the cow part of the

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operation.

A proposed contract for joint library services with the county — approved by the city's library commission — will come before the council for ratification or rejection.

Under terms of the contract, the county would provide personnel, materials and books for the library, while the city would retain "positive control" over library services and would receive "benefits of the countywide library system," according to local officials.

Harbor Area GOP to Air 'Winning' at Meeting

The Harbor Area Republican Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday at 8 p.m. at the Tasman Sea, 29601 S. Western Ave., San Pedro.

The meeting will be preceded by a social hour from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Guest speaker will be George R. Steffes, a young public relations man who is

currently director of research and public relations for Republican Associates of L.A. County. The topic of his talk will be "Philosophy for Winning."