

THREE DIED in the flaming wreckage of the small foreign car above, early Saturday morning. A ten ton truck lost its brakes while descending Silver Spur Road in the county area. Out of control, the huge vehicle roared into the intersection of Silver Spur and

Palos Verdes Dr. No. striking one auto in the rear. The truck then jumped the divider and ran over the front end of the small car, crushing the gas tank and setting it on fire. Occupants of the vehicle from Bell and Huntington Park were trapped and died in the flames.

ORDINANCE PROPOSED BY HAHN

A county ordinance to outlaw trick shooting exhibitions endangering life has been proposed by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hahn cited a tragic occurrence in Calexico, California, recently, in which a trick shot artist fatally wounded his 15-year-old daughter while trying to shoot a balloon off her head.

"No matter how good a marksman a person is, just one slight mistake can cause a tragedy," Hahn said.

"Therefore, I feel Los Angeles County should forbid

shooting exhibitions in which a human life is endangered."

Hahn said this law should apply to all types of shooting experiment, including those used by drill teams of any kind in the county.

County Counsel Harold Kennedy is currently drafting the ordinance.

It would apply to rifle, pistol and bow and arrow exhibitions such as shooting a cigarette from a person's mouth, an object from a human hand, or "even an apple from a person's head like William Tell," Hahn related.

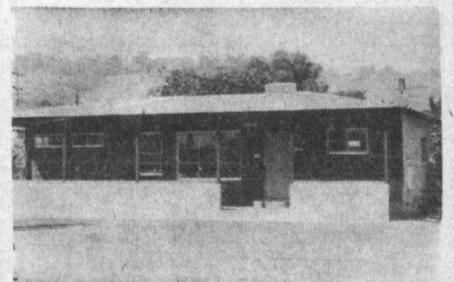


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Sixteen weeks of the most rigorous police training in the world end Friday, Sept. 20, 1963 as sixty-three new law enforcement officers receive their diplomas from Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess.

Among those completing the course at the Sheriff's Academy is one female deputy, two officers from the Torrance Police Department, one from the Whittier Police Department and fifty-nine Sheriff's Deputies.

Principal speaker for the occasion will be the noted news commentator, Mr. George Putnam of a Los Angeles television station.

The graduating cadets have successfully completed an intensive sixteen-week training course which consists of over 700 hours of classroom study and field problems, including such subjects as criminal law, homicide investigation, use of firearms, and even proper midwife technique, in "Emergency Aspects of Childbirth."

Graduation ceremonies will be held in the Board of Supervisors hearing room in the Hall of Administration at 10:30 a.m. Sheriff Pitchess will hold a formal inspection of the cadets in the Forecourt immediately preceding the graduation ceremonies. The public is welcome.

Toastmaster Chief Installation Set

Norman Biswanger, a salesman with Sands Realty will be installed president of Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors Toastmasters Club, of which he is a charter member.

An installation dinner will be held Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hunting Horn Restaurant in Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Others to be installed are: Rodney Lewis, educational vice president; Walter Boden, administrative vice president; Robert Westfield, secretary; Daniel Ingram, treasurer; and Donald Taylor, sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Biswanger, a native of Canada is a naturalized American and came to California in 1948. He has been engaged in the real estate business for the past six years in the Torrance area and Santa Monica.

The new Toastmasters president is married and has one daughter, Dr. Lorraine T. Biswanger, a surgeon who is at present practicing in India.



NORMAN BISWANGER

Most School Districts Are Levying Maximum Tax Rate, County Auditor Discloses

A check by County Auditor Roscoe Hollinger today disclosed that 78 of the 98 school districts in the county are levying their maximum legal tax rate this year.

These 78 districts will feel the impact next year of the Assessor's program to eliminate \$600 million from the tax base through a new formula of assessing business property.

Hollinger's survey was made at the request of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. Serious curtailment of services would be faced by at least 15 districts, each of which depends heavily on business property for its operating funds.

These districts (and their current general purpose tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation are:

Elementary School Districts — Hawthorne (\$1.85); Redondo Beach City (\$1.90); Wiseburn (\$1.45).

Unified Schools — Los Angeles (\$2.65); Azusa (\$2.95); Burbank (\$2.40); Culver City (\$3.15); Downey (\$2.67); Montebello (\$2.20); Santa Monica (\$2.00); Torrance (\$2.90).

High School Districts — Centinela Valley Union (\$1.44); South Bay Union (\$1.35).

Junior College Districts — El Camino (\$3.55); Los Angeles City (\$3.205).

With the exception of the Los Angeles City Junior College District, which has a statutory limit of \$.35 per \$100 assessed valuation, all the above school districts are currently "at the ceiling" of their tax rate.

A breakdown of Hollinger's figures show that 13 school districts in the County operate on a statutory tax limit (set by state law) while 85 operate above the statutory limit with approval of the voters through tax over-

rides. Of the 43 Elementary School Districts, 33 are currently levying their maximum allowable rate, while 10 are not.

Twenty-nine of the 36 Unified Districts are taxing the maximum. Seven still have some "air."

Nine of the 10 high school districts and seven of the nine junior college districts are levying maximum taxes.

West High Seniors Attend College

Attending El Camino College this semester as a part of the Advanced Placement Program are seven West High School seniors. This program enables advanced students to enroll in one class at El Camino College during the regular school day.

Students chose their classes after consulting with Miss Marianne Millard and Mr. Howard Cole, West High counselors, and with their parents.

Gloria Anderson, Toni Jones and Donna Nazuruk are enrolled in General Psychology. Martin Kehoe and James Ellis have selected Analytical Geometry. Peggy Hasegawa has selected Philosophy and Ann Peterson is studying Anthropology.

SERVE POTLUCK

Gardena Emblem Club, under chairmen Mrs. Eldridge Upton and Mrs. Eugene Doering, held a potluck dinner, Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Elk's Hall, 1735 W. 162nd St.

"Gold Rush Days," featuring when "Diamond Lil" and her can-can girls, highlighted the event.



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