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FOUR OF THE FIVE Sheffield generations get together for a man to man talk on their boy prone family. From the left are: Great-grandfather Edgar Sheffield of Wilmington, grandfather

Harold Sheffield of Torrance, papa Arvis Sheffield and of course the recent addition Michael Harold Sheffield.

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Lloyd A. Reist Receives Education Doctorate

The School of Education of the University of Southern California announced last week the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Education to Lloyd A. Reist, presently Personnel Consultant of the Torrance Unified School District.

Dr. Reist was born and raised in Oberlin, Kansas, and received his Bachelor of Science degree at Kansas University, and both his Master's and Doctor's degrees at University of Southern California.

In 1945 Dr. Reist was discharged from the Navy in San Diego and has made California his home ever since. In 1946 he began teaching instrumental music in High School and Junior High School at Brawley. In 1948 and 1949 he taught music at El Segundo.

10-Year-Old Hits Open Door Of Parked Auto

A Torrance 10-year-old received head and throat injuries Wednesday afternoon when he ran into the door of a parked car.

Police report Eddie Anthony Davidson, 10, 17021 Ainsworth Ave., was riding his bike on 170th St. when the driver of a parked auto opened his door to get out. The boy ran head on into the open door.

Driver of the car, Johnson Delton Cyrus, 17, 2410 W. 171st St., was legally parked at the time of the accident and no action was taken by the police department, according to officers.



LLOYD A. REIST

If' a Baby, Color Him BOY! Say Sheffields

The stork is boy-prone, claim the Arvis Sheffields of 1858 259th Place.

And they've plenty of proof for their theory—five generations of living proofs as of Wednesday, Oct. 9.

On that date Mrs. Sheffield, whose husband was a first-born son in a family which boasted four generations of first born sons, became a mother for the first time.

What did the stork see fit to bestow upon the Sheffields? You guessed it. What else?

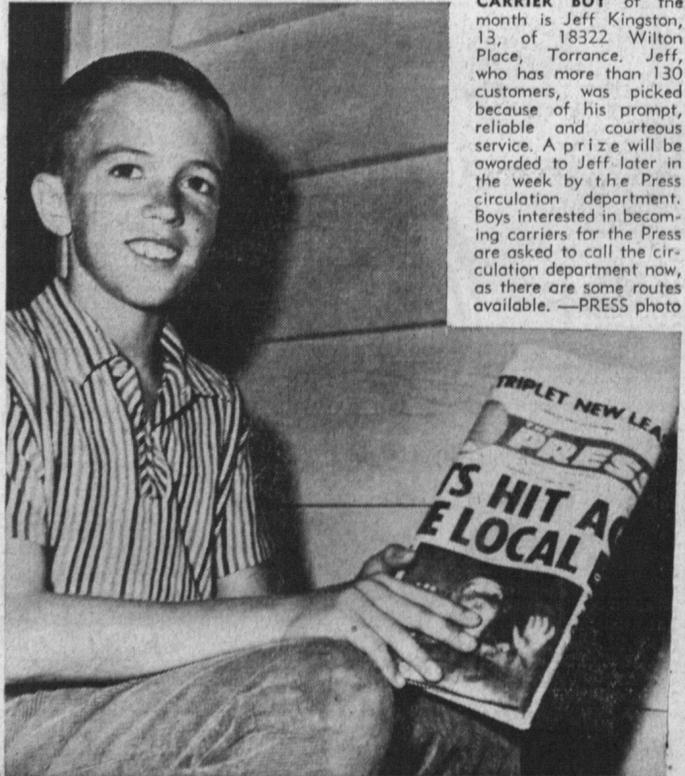
Living links in the chain of males which became a quintet with the birth of Michael Harold at South Bay Hospital are: great-grandfather Billy Sheffield of Bismark, Ark.; great-grandfather Edgar Sheffield, 69, of Wilmington, 48, of 1635 Amapola; and proud papa Arvis Sheffield, 29.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carter of Torrance.

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CARRIER BOY of the month is Jeff Kingston, 13, of 18322 Wilton Place, Torrance. Jeff, who has more than 130 customers, was picked because of his prompt, reliable and courteous service. A prize will be awarded to Jeff later in the week by the Press circulation department. Boys interested in becoming carriers for the Press are asked to call the circulation department now, as there are some routes available. —PRESS photo



Voters May Decide on Chief Selection

YMCA Purchasing Land for New Headquarters

Dr. Allen Pyeatt, board chairman, announced today that the Torrance Family YMCA is in the process of purchasing two and one-fifth acres of property on the south side of Sepulveda Blvd.

Pyeatt stated that the purchase has been made possible through gifts from 44 families and groups, and that these gifts comprise a down payment of \$60,791 toward acquisition of the new location for a finer YMCA headquarters.

Pyeatt reported that escrow will close on Nov. 29, and the full purchase price must be paid at that time. A sum of \$60,037 remains to be raised in gifts and loans prior to that date, but YMCA leaders are confident that this can be achieved.

The action serves as the first step in the local youth agency's \$600,000 building campaign to be conducted this spring. The funds will be used to secure the site; construct a 15,000 square foot first unit building; install parking and outdoor athletic facilities; buy furnishings; and finance the "Y" program for the next two years during the change-over period. Since the Torrance YMCA is not a recipient of United Way, Inc., the campaign will be largely a local effort, with some assistance from the YMCA of Los Angeles.

The site is considered ideal for serving people from all sections of Torrance and Lomita. The approximate address is 2800 West Sepulveda Blvd., between Crenshaw

Explosion Rocks Refinery

An explosion set off a spectacular fire Wednesday night in the Mobile refinery on 190th St., near Crenshaw Blvd.

The fire was contained to a catalytic cracking unit and company officials report only minor damage.

The blast occurred approximately at 10:20 p.m., shaking residents of the immediate area and the resulting fire could be seen for miles before being doused.

Torrance firemen, assisted by company firefighters, fought the blaze for more than 15 minutes before bringing it under control.

The fire was reported to have been caused by a mechanical failure.

Petition Could Nullify Carson Incorporation

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn received petitions recently from the Carson Homeowners Association protesting incorporation of the Carson area. The group claims to have signatures of property owners representing 53 percent of the assessed valuation in the area which, if verified, will be sufficient to nullify the incorporation effort.

The petitions were filed with the clerk of the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, Oct.

Question May Go on Ballot

In another discussion on the selection of a police and fire chief at Tuesday's council meeting it was proposed by Councilman George Vico to put the question on the ballot for voters to decide.

Again each councilman stated his stand on the controversial question of who should be eligible to take the exams for the two top jobs in the police and fire departments.

Nickolas Drale stated the ordinance should remain as it is on the chief selection and the only post open at the time is the fire department and he is in favor of upgrading the men there.

"Since the police and fire departments are treated jointly in all matters such as pay raises, pension plans and such, why should they be separated for the choice of a chief?" asked Ken Miller. Miller has stated that he is in favor of opening the chief's exam to persons outside the city. Miller added, "If the best men are in Torrance let them prove it."

Ross Sciarrotta told fellow councilmen that he is in favor of opening the exams to the three ranks below chief in the fire department and not worry about the police department until a chief is needed. When a police chief is needed Sciarrotta stated he would be in favor of going outside the city for applicants.

Another in favor of going outside the city is Victor Benstead, who presented to the council a recommendation from the Council Committee for Police and Fire Matters, for the city to give

both exams on an open basis to cities with a population of 80,000 or more and to the first three ranks in each department. Anyone presently employed by the city of Torrance for each five years of service would be given a one percent point to a maximum of three percent points providing they pass the exam with a 70 percent or better.

Since the hiring of heads of other city departments is done separately, why try to change for the police and fire, was Jay Beasley's argument.

Mayor Albert Isen told councilmen that a city the size of Torrance needs more competition, that the people living in the city deserve it.

Councilmen threw several proposals around, all of which failed to pass with a majority vote. Both sides seemed to favor the putting of the question on the ballot.

Police Busy

Residents of the city reported such incidents as paint sprayed on parked vehicles, eggs being tossed at children as well as cars, sugar in gas tanks and one person told officers someone had put a garden hose in his front door mail slot and flooded the house.

So ends another Halloween.



AERIAL VIEW of Torrance Municipal Airport shows the sprawling facility. A new runway has been recently added to handle the traffic load at the airport. The control tower operated by the Federal Aviation Agency will hold an open house this weekend in observ-

ance of Federal Aviation Day, Sunday. All persons in the Torrance area are invited to visit the tower.

—Photo by Aerial Photo Engineering