

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

TORRANCE BRIDES

The art of learning how to run a household is on the upswing. To find out where the young bright eyed future brides learn to be competent housewives see the Women's Page in today's PRESS and the story on "Tomorrows Brides" by Women's Editor, Ronnie Saunders.

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CITY HUNTS KILLER

POLICE OUT TO STOP HOLIDAY ACCIDENTS

For the remainder of the holidays Torrance, as well as most other police agencies, has cancelled all days off for their personnel in hopes that through increased traffic patrols the number of traffic accidents can be held to a minimum.

The prime objective of the traffic officers will be removing every drinking driver from the road and thus eliminating a potential traffic accident.

Last year drunk drivers were involved in one-third

of all fatal traffic accidents, according to Capt. Erret Greer, commander of the California Highway Patrol's South Los Angeles office.

Lt. Don Nash head of the traffic division of the Torrance police department pointed out that each year in California for every tank of gas sold a gallon of some alcoholic beverage is also sold.

Most people have the idea that a few drinks will not affect their driving. This according to Nash is false. Drinkers are never the competent persons to judge their own abilities after a few drinks. Scientific studies have determined that critical judgement and ability are impaired by every drink and each successive drink.

It was also pointed out by Nash, that if a person does attend a New Year's party and has a few drinks the best thing to do before leaving is to consume food and coffee to eliminate all effects of the alcohol.

Capt. Greer said, "You have heard time and again that driving when drinking can be one of the gravest mistakes a driver commits. We think it is so hazardous that to us the drinking driver is the most dangerous." (Continued on Page Two)

Local Girl Gets Picture of Kennedy

Critics of modern youth indicate that the young people of today have little interest in national affairs and are calloused and indifferent to deep feelings.

"This is not so," stated Mrs. Clara Connors, Torrance Postmaster, today.

Mrs. Connors negated the criticism and cited a request made to her by Christine LaCouture, Torrance High School senior, for a picture of the late President John F. Kennedy. Christine had contacted Mrs. Connors to request that she be given the picture that has hung in the post office since the late President's inauguration.

Mrs. Connors stated that Christine's interest reflects the deep concern young people, particularly those of Torrance, have felt in the death of President Kennedy. Young people were particularly drawn to Mr. Kennedy because he was a young man whose youth and enthusiasm created in young people a kindred spirit.

Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred LaCouture, was assured today that her request will be granted. Christine has made arrangements with Dr. Carl R. Ahee, to have the picture placed in an honored spot in the school.

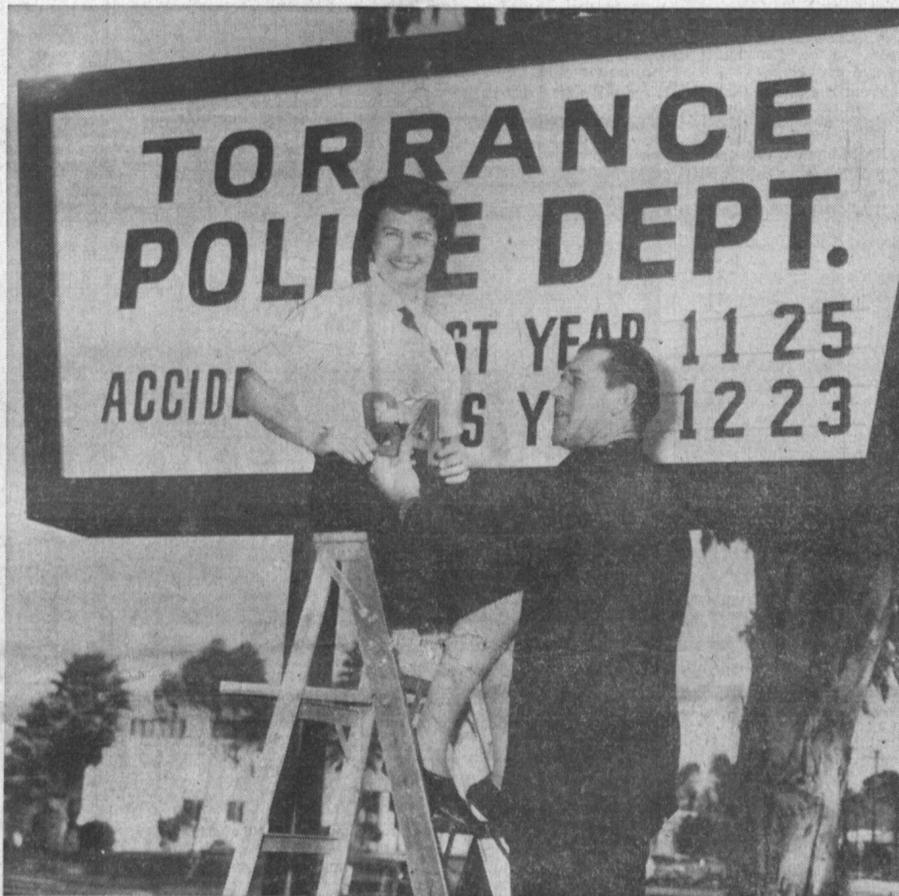
AN APOLOGY

Due to circumstances beyond our control, a poem intended to appear in our Christmas edition failed to appear. The poem is by Press Columnist Becky Shaeffer and is entitled "The Night Before Christmas."

For a morning-after view of Christmas Eve in a newspaper plant, see page A-2.

CORRECTION

An article in the Dec. 22 edition of The PRESS stated in error that Police Officer Ray Silagy had been elected president of the Police Officers' Research Association. In fact, Silagy was named head of the Torrance Police Officers' Association. Officer Charles Oates is president of PORAC.



CHANGING TRAFFIC SCOREBOARD located in front of the Torrance Police station, are Lt. Don Nash, head of the department's traffic division, and Pat Findley, police matron. At the beginning of each year the accident scoreboard boasts all zeros. But far too soon

the totals climb as automobiles crash into each other due to drunk, reckless and/or careless drivers. Local authorities will be out in force for the remainder of the holidays to try and prevent the accident toll from climbing higher. (PRESS photo)

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Warn Against Firearms

Each year there are a number of irresponsible citizens who feel it necessary to usher in the New Year by discharging firearms. Whether done in the confines of one's home or recklessly from a moving car, this ridiculous practice has many serious ramifications.

Bullet Falls

A bullet in flight falls with almost the same shocking

power as it has upon leaving the muzzle of a weapon. For example, forty grain .22 long rifle ammunition falls at 130 feet per second, while a 220 grain 30-60 bullet will fall at 500 feet per second.

Every New Year's Eve there are numerous injuries, some near fatalities occur by this irresponsible practice. The grave danger evident in the activity is readily apparent.

Firing Illegal

All persons of this community should be made aware that it is illegal to fire a weapon within the city

limits of Los Angeles without first obtaining a permit from the Police Commission. A violation of this offense is punishable by six months in the County Jail and/or a \$500 fine in addition to the confiscation of the weapon.

Several Arrested

Several persons were arrested and prosecuted by the Los Angeles Police Department last year during the New Year's holiday. Firm and positive action will be taken with all violators until this menace to persons and property has been abandoned.

MEETING CHANGED

The Torrance Airport Commission Meeting Scheduled for Dec. 26, has been adjourned to Jan. 17, it was announced yesterday by Homer B. Morgan, commission president.

WEATHER

Clear and mostly sunny today and tomorrow. Patchy early morning fog along the coast. Expected high 64 with a low of 46. Water temperature at Torrance Beach about 58.

Police Discover Strangled Man

Police today are searching for the former employee of a Torrance man who was found strangled to death in his home Tuesday morning.

Sought for questioning in the death of Ernest Edwin Jones, 46, is Joe Reed Mason, 34, who, police believe is driving the dead man's car bearing license number GHZ 960.

Fire

Jones was the owner of a radiator-repair shop at 10411 Prairie Ave. Early Tuesday morning the shop caught fire and burned. Police were sent to Jones' home to notify him of the fire at which time they discovered the body.

Police broke into the victims home at 2433 W. 165th St. and found him on the bed with his hands and feet tied. There was no apparent struggle or force, according to detectives and a coroner's report stated Jones had been strangled by hand.

According to investigating (Continued on Page Two)



ERNEST EDWIN JONES

Library Circulation Hits Record High

Circulation at Torrance's branch of the Los Angeles County Library hit 16,093 volumes last month for an all-time high for the month of November. Librarian William S. Geller reported recently. Public patronage at the county facilities was up 5.6 per cent over last year. Total number of books circulated in the system was 815,890.

County Librarian William S. Geller stated, that the gain was more than had been anticipated because of the two national holidays in November, several days of bad weather, and the closing of the 90 community libraries on Nov. 25 as a part of the national day of mourning for the late President John F. Kennedy.

Largest Category

The largest single category of use was works of fiction for children with 230,242 volumes being circulated. Total circulation of books of all types for chil-

dren was 359,909. The second largest category was adult non-fiction with 211,820 books being loaned. Total of adult circulation was 455,981.

Five Month Total

The five month total circulation since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, was 3,960,177, which represents an average gain of 8.79 over the same period in fiscal 1962. Numerically circulation for this same period is running 320,062 ahead of the same months last year.



BRINGING HOLIDAY CHEER to senior citizens living in a local convalescent home are members of Girl Scout troop 1266. The girls decorated tissue boxes as a Christmas project and distributed

them to the persons in the home. Above, Mrs. Sara Harris receives her gift from Cheryl Yeley and Mary Oakes as troop leader Mrs. Harvey Slaton looks on. —PRESS photo

Christmas Gift for City Police Officers

It's a clean sweep for the Torrance Police Department ... yesterday the only babies born at Little Company of Mary Hospital had something in common: their daddies were Torrance Police Officers.

Patrolmen Roy Gross's wife, Marie, gave birth to a 6 pound baby girl at 7:30 a.m. The name of the new arrival is Cheryl Lynn Gross.

Detective Gene Erbetta's wife, Marie, gave birth to a 6 pound, 2 ounce baby girl at 11:30 a.m. The little girl hasn't been named yet, according to Capt. John Maestri of the Torrance Police Dept.

Carrier Boys Wanted

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OVERTURNED VEHICLE is inspected by a Torrance fireman following collision at Sepulveda Blvd. and Hickory Ave. Sunday. Neither Donald L. Sanchez, 19, 4304 W. 18th St. or William Reed, 21, of Hawthorne occupants of the vehicle

were seriously injured. Police will be out in full force for the rest of the holiday season to try and prevent accidents like the one above where serious injury or death could result. (PRESS photo)