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TORRANCE ATTORNEY KILLED

Wife Injured In Hawaiian Auto Crash

A vacationing Torrance attorney, scheduled to return to his home today, was killed instantly and his wife injured in an auto-truck collision on the island of Maui about midnight Monday.

Robert Goetz, 45, who had practiced law here more than a decade, died of injuries received when his car collided with a truck loaded with pineapple near the Kaanapali resort area where the couple had been vacationing. His wife, Ellen, was taken to Maui Central Hospital with head injuries and broken ribs.

Roger Wright, Torrance businessman and personal friend of the attorney, late yesterday was notifying members of the Goetz family of the tragedy.

THE ATTORNEY'S eldest son, Bruce, is in the military service, another son, Vincent, 13, was in camp in the San Bernardino mountains, and a daughter, Nancy, 12, was in Indiana. She and her grandmother are enroute to Torrance now. The couple has two other children, Michael, 5, and Theresa, 3.

He had maintained law offices at 1122 Crenshaw Blvd. They resided at 19 Seahurst Road, Rolling Hills.

Halverson - Leavell Mortuary of Torrance has been designated to handle funeral arrangements. Connie Hurley, operator of the Fremont Hotel in Las Vegas and father of Mrs. Goetz, is enroute to Hawaii to see his daughter and to handle details.

Patrolmen Fire Shots At Fugitive

A 39-year-old alleged traffic violator was reported in fair condition at the Los Angeles General Hospital prison ward after dragging a Gardena patrolman about 100 feet and fleeing in a hail of bullets Monday.

Clyde B. Stanton, 1066 W. 224th St., Carson, was booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon after being found hiding under a car.

Stanton was approached by two Gardena officers, Gary Vance and Garland Brown, who said they found him sleeping in his truck in the 1900 block of 139th Street about 3 a.m.

VANCE TOLD Stanton he was to be taken into custody on an Inglewood traffic warrant, then Stanton started his truck, carrying Vance about 30 feet.

The officer attempted to grapple with Stanton and the truck was started again. Vance was carried another 50 to 75 feet before he lost his grip and fell to the ground.

Vance was uninjured in the fall, and he and Brown fired five shots at Stanton as he sped from the scene. Other police and sheriff's units were summoned and began a search of the area.

Stanton was taken into custody near Van Ness Avenue and 139th Street, then treated at Gardena Emergency Hospital.

Redondo Girl Receives Grant

Valerie Anne Dawson, 17, of 647 Avenue B, Redondo Beach, has been awarded one of four \$500 March of Dimes scholarships.

Miss Dawson plans to attend the University of Southern California, where she will major in occupational therapy.

Surf Festival Planned . . .

Plans for the second International Surf Festival, to be held Aug. 19 to 23 in Redondo, Hermosa and Manhattan beaches, were revealed this week by mayors of the three communities. Most of the events, said the group, will be held on the Redondo-Hermosa boundary near County lifeguard station.

Siren Test Scheduled . . .

Civil defense warning sirens of the combined Los Angeles County and City systems will be sounded at 10 a. m. Friday for the customary month-end test. The sirens will sound the steady two-minute wail, followed by 30 seconds of silence and ending with a one-minute undulating sound.

Peninsula Youth Killed . . .

Robert Walton Musser, 16, son of C. Walton Musser of 928 Via Panorama, was killed Monday about 25 miles southwest of Fresno. Musser, riding a motorcycle, struck a car when he pulled out to pass a large tank truck parked on the roadway. He was thrown from the motorcycle.

A Penny for your Thoughts

It was West High that led the movement to establish drill teams at each of the city's four high schools, so the Pennies photographer asked several of the drill team members to comment on why West High wanted a drill team.

Dena Keene, 4611 Halison St., senior:

"I think the drill team will give more students a chance to participate in school activities. It will make the girls feel more a part of the school and feel that they are doing something for West High."

Kathi McKinney, 4708 Towers St., senior:

"I think the biggest contribution will be more school spirit. It should generate a lot of enthusiasm when the student body sees the team on the field during games. School spirit is the biggest thing and we need school spirit."

Chris Kelly, 19135 Frimona Ave., junior:

"I think the girls get a feeling of responsibility and have a chance to express their feelings toward the school. West High is small and new, so the drill team can build spirit. For me, I will have a chance to work with other people and learn."

Mary DeFussi, 21925 Marjorie Ave., senior:

"Like the per squad, the drill team will help to promote school spirit. The girls all get a chance to learn some responsibility in working with others in the team. We all will have a lot of fun at the same time."

Ginny Evans, 5517 Norton St., senior:

"The drill team will promote a lot of school spirit and give each girl a chance to contribute something to the school. It will teach us responsibility, too. And all this marching is a good physical fitness program!"

Parade, Rodeo Slated

One of the largest Rancho Days celebrations in the history of Torrance is slated to begin this afternoon when the carnival midway at Del Amo Center opens for the first of five times.

Heading the gigantic celebration's list of attractions is the RCA rodeo, to be seen Saturday and Sunday afternoons. A parade which will include more than 80 entries will move through town at 10 a. m. Saturday.

Presiding over the festivities are Miss Margaret Lewis, a 20-year-old University of Nevada student who was named queen of Rancho Days last Friday, and Chief of Police Walter H. Koenig, the grand marshal for the parade.

THE FIVE-DAY program is cosponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Mounted Police, with Robert Vroman and Police Lt. D. C. Cook serving as chairmen. Vroman will oversee the carnival, while Lt. Cook presides over preparations for the parade and rodeo parts of the festivities.

Local service and civic organizations will operate booths on the carnival midway, with most of the profits going to further charity work undertaken by the clubs during the past year.

MISS LEWIS, who succeeds Rita Hancock as Rancho Days Queen, will be assisted by three lovely princesses—Teresa O'Jibway, Carolyn Walsh and Ginger Cushman. In addition, Linda Knox, Miss Torrance of 1964, will be on hand.

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CELEBRATION CHIEFS . . . Margaret Lewis and Police Chief Walter H. Koenig will share the spotlight this weekend during the annual Rancho Days celebration. Miss Lewis, a student at the University of Nevada, will reign over the festivities as Rancho Days queen. Chief Koenig will serve as grand marshal for Saturday's big parade. The celebration gets under way this afternoon when the carnival midway opens at the Del Amo Center.

Two Bandits Take \$4,000 In Early Morning Robbery

Two armed bandits held up a North Torrance department store Monday morning and made their get-away with about \$4,100 in cash and checks.

The bandits struck before the store opened for business. Rudolph Vastlik, 40, manager of Scotty's Department Store at 17504 S. Crenshaw Blvd., told police he was in the store doing bookwork when he received a telephone call from a woman inquiring if any jobs were available and what time the store opened.

Shortly after the telephone call he heard a knock on a rear door. Vastlik said he went downstairs to the door

and asked who was there and heard the reply "delivery." He asked what delivery and was answered "parcel post."

WHEN VASTLIK unlocked the door he saw one man with a pistol in his right hand and another man standing behind. The first bandit pointed the pistol at the victim's throat and backed him into the store. One of the bandits went upstairs with Vastlik while the other remained downstairs.

The bandit who accompanied Vastlik upstairs carried a dark brown canvas zipper bag with him. When they entered the store's office the holdup

man saw some money on a desk top and said "that's mine" and placed the money in his bag. . . .

HE THEN asked his victim where the safe was and ordered that it be opened. Vastlik said he opened the safe

and placed the cash and checks in the bag. The bandit made Vastlik tear the telephone cords from the wall connections and ordered him to sit in a chair until he left. Vastlik said he went to a grocery store nearby to telephone police.

In Chicago

He's Riding a Bike To Grandma's House

An 18-year-old North High grad is on his way to Chicago today — by bicycle.

William Feierabend II, 4041 W. 184th St., left early Sunday, checked in Monday morning by phone from Victorville, and headed east to visit his grandmother and other relatives in the Chicago area.

"This is not a spur of the moment outing. He has been talking about it for a long time," his father, William, told the Press-Herald.

Bill, who was graduated from North High last month, lettered in wrestling at the school, and has been active in the Ascension Lutheran Church. He was president of the church during the past year, and had planned to attend a Waltham League class in Canada this summer only to receive notice that it was canceled after he had gone as far as Sacramento enroute to the north. . . .

"THAT SETTLES it," he told his folks. "I'm riding my bike to Chicago."

His parents had opposed but finally agreed reluctantly to let him make the trip. He is riding a 10-speed bike, and hopes to make the trip in 18 to 20 days.

Bill plans to travel Route 66 east to Tucuman, N.M., then switch to U.S. 54 and go up through the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, through Kansas and on to Chicago. . . .

"HE'LL MISS the turnpikes and toll roads that way, and it is supposed to be shorter," his father said.

He permitted himself 20 pounds of luggage, and will eat one hearty meal—breakfast—in a restaurant. Other meals will be snacks. He is carrying a sleeping bag and will stop along the way to sleep.

His father, a night supervisor in the forge division of The Deutsch Co. at 14800 S. Figueroa, said Bill reported he was stiff and sore after the first day's trek over Cajon Pass, but that he thought that would pass. He is carrying a special linament concocted under the direction of an ex-professional cyclist.

Bill has two brothers, Ricky, 12, a student at Magruder Elementary School, and Robert, 15, a student at North High.

He plans to return to Torrance by train in time to enter El Camino College in September.



RODEO THRILLS . . . Watching the pros ride the fierce rodeo bulls has a special thrill all its own, despite the relative safety of the spectator's vantage point. Such performances as this are in store for Torrance area residents Saturday and Sunday at the Rancho Days Rodeo. Performances are slated for 2 p. m. each day at the arena, located on the Del Amo Center grounds. Tickets are still available.