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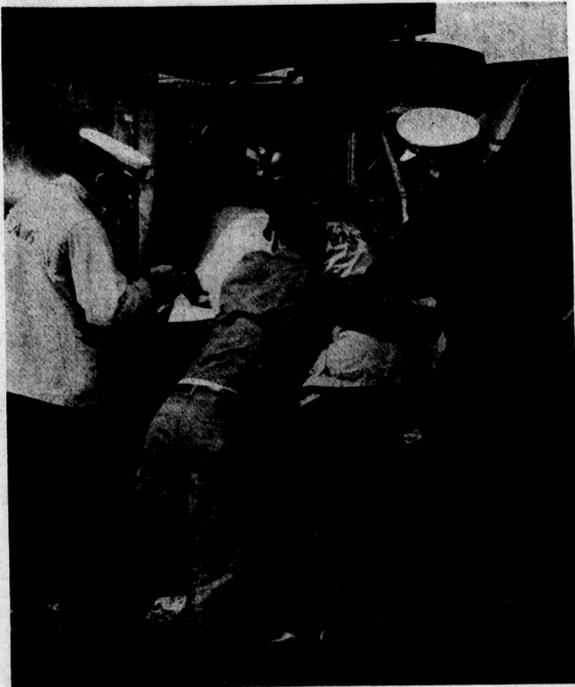
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FREE VICTIMS . . . Torrance firemen are pictured as they worked Wednesday afternoon to free a man and his wife trapped inside a large truck at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard. William J. Greer, 34, and his wife, Mary, were trapped inside the truck after it collided with a state highway maintenance truck at the intersection. Both are in fair condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Three other persons were hurt in the crash. (Press-Herald Photo)

Runaway Truck Hits Another, Hurts Five

Five persons were injured Wednesday afternoon when the brakes on a large truck failed near the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard.

Two of the injured—truck driver William J. Greer, 34, and his wife, Mary, were trapped inside one of the trucks for more than an hour. Both suffered serious injuries, but were reported in fair condition early yesterday.

Three other persons were treated for injuries at Little Company of Mary Hospital and released. They were Arthur R. Silva, 29, of Los Angeles; Everette A. Lewis, 42, South Gate, and Carter W. Childs, 31, Los Angeles.

Greer suffered internal injuries. His wife's injuries were not disclosed. Both were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital after firemen freed them from the smashed cab of the truck.

The accident occurred about 1:40 p.m., police said. Greer said the brakes failed on his truck as he approached the Pacific Coast Highway intersection from the south. He told police he attempted to down-shift to slow the truck, then began sounding the horn to warn cross traffic.

Silva, driver of the second truck, apparently did not hear the horn until he had pulled into the intersection to complete a left turn onto Crenshaw Boulevard. Silva was headed east on Pacific Coast Highway.

The collision overturned the Silva truck and forced the motor of the Greer truck back into the cab section. Firemen worked for more than an hour to free the trapped victims. A third truck driver suffered minor injuries Friday afternoon when his truck and trailer of wet cement flipped on Hawthorne Boulevard near Palos Verdes Drive West, dumping 25 tons of wet cement on the street.

Robert Rydell, 23, of Los Angeles guided his truck down the steep grades of Hawthorne Boulevard, honking the horn to warn traffic, after the brakes failed about 1 p.m. Friday.

Rydell avoided several oncoming cars and was headed for an open field when the truck struck the center divider and flipped. Witnesses said the truck was airborne for about 50 feet after striking the divider.

The driver was treated for a cut at San Pedro Community Hospital and released. County road crews cleared the roadway before the Friday afternoon traffic rush.



WITH CERTIFICATE . . . Press-Herald carrier Edward Dahlen Jr., 15, of 1504 Post Ave., admires a certificate of merit awarded him by the California Newspaper Foundation. Dahlen received the certificate after he was nominated for a scholarship awarded annually by the statewide organization. He is a freshman at Torrance High School. (Press-Herald Photo)

Thief Walks Right In, Leaves \$1,500 Richer

Other Victims Report Radios, Furs Missing

Ken Miller, Coil, Rupert Win P-H Nod

The Press-Herald today publishes its endorsement of Ken Miller for re-election to the City Council and for the re-election of Vernon Coil as city clerk and Thomas C. Rupert's election as city treasurer.

Miller has been a member of the City Council since 1962. He is a native of Torrance and has been active in a number of civic and professional organizations.

Vernon W. Coil, also elected four years ago, was the first new city clerk in Torrance in more than 40 years when he succeeded the late A. H. Bartlett on his retirement.

Thomas C. Rupert succeeded to the post held by Harriett Leech for many years when health forced her retirement in July, 1964.

Reasons for the Press-Herald endorsements are published today on Page A-4.



BOOKS FOR VIET NAM . . . Members of the Harbor College German Club, Die Bayern, stack some 2,460 paperback books collected for servicemen in Viet Nam. Working with the books, collected by students and faculty in a week-long drive at the college are Bob Ciborowski, Jacquelline Allen, and Marilyn Haddow.

Air Study Of Center Under Way

An aeronautical study of the possible effects of high-rise towers in the Del Amo Financial Center in relation to the Torrance Municipal Airport will be made by the Federal Aviation Agency, it has been announced.

Elmer M. Parks, chief of the air traffic branch of the FAA, said the study will be confined to the effects which the center may have "on the safe and efficient utilization of the navigable airspace."

The proposed construction, which will reach a height of 184 feet above ground level, exceeds standards for determining obstructions to air navigation by 84 feet, Parks said. The standards are set forth in the Federal Aviation Agency Regulations.

Comments on the proposed construction should be sent to the Federal Aviation Agency's Los Angeles office, 5895 W. Imperial Hwy., Los Angeles 90045. All comments should be confined to aeronautical considerations, Parks said.

BB Shots Fired At Car Window

Vandals fired a BB gun through the rear window of his small foreign car Friday afternoon, Marcos Araujo told police.

Araujo, 3826 W. 184th St., was unable to identify the vandals. He said the damage would cost \$15 to repair.

Press-Herald Carrier Nominated for Award

Press-Herald carrier Edward Dahlen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dahlen Sr. of 1504 Post Ave., has been nominated for a scholarship awarded annually by the California Newspaperboys Foundation.

Young Dahlen received a special certificate of merit from the foundation following his nomination. He will compete with carriers from throughout California for the award.

A freshman at Torrance High School, Dahlen plays basketball and competes with the track team. He also is an avid swimmer.

The Dahlen family currently is hosting exchange student Anna Maria Bezerra, who is completing her senior year at Torrance High. The other Dahlen children are Roy, Patti, and Debbie.

Set at \$21 Million School Budget Goes to Board

A preliminary budget of \$21.1 million for the 1966-67 school year will be presented to members of the Torrance Board of Education tomorrow evening by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

Dr. Hull will ask that the board schedule a special meeting Monday, April 11 to discuss the preliminary budget.

Initial figures show an increase of 13.8 per cent over the current budget, or slightly more than \$3 million in actual costs.

ask for a 5 per cent hike and extended vacation allowances.

ESTIMATED income for the 1966-67 school year is \$19,277,212 — an increase of \$991,000 over income during the current year. Dr. Hull said the estimate is based on the assumption that the tax rate — now \$3.0633 — will not be increased.

Each one-cent hike in the tax rate would raise an additional \$25,516.

Major factors in the increase, Dr. Hull said, include the need for increased staff, and salary increases which will cost nearly \$1 million during the new year.

TRUSTEES also are scheduled to consider a proposal to increase salaries of all non-teaching personnel. Action was deferred at a meeting two weeks ago at the request of employe groups.

The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 1101, will seek a 5 per cent across-the-board hike and extended vacation and sick leave benefits.

The California School Employees Association also will

The board will convene at 7:30 p.m. in the administrative offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo.

SCHOOL officials are expected to recommend a 4 or 4.5 per cent increase. Teachers received a 4 per cent increase about a month ago.

A health insurance program for all employes was approved at the same time. The school district will contribute \$60 per employe to the health insurance premium each year.

Men Face Robbery Charges

Two men were arrested on suspicion of robbery Friday evening after a Torrance police officer discovered a sawed-off shotgun in their car.

Booked at the Torrance City Jail were Curtis W. Garrett, 21, of 646 Lagoon Ave., Wilmington, and Richard Lee Vetto, 28, of 3656 Garnet St. They were being questioned about several hold-ups involving two men and a sawed-off shotgun.

The men were arrested after they were stopped by a traffic officer at Fern Avenue and Torrance Boulevard shortly before 6 p.m. Friday. The officer said he noticed a partially hidden shotgun under the front seat while questioning the two men.

Fifteen hundred dollars—most of it in \$20 bills—was taken from a southeast Torrance home Friday afternoon by a burglar who walked through the kitchen door.

Alvin E. Schneider, 34, of 2520 W. 225th Place, told Torrance police the money was in a container in a bathroom cabinet. Schneider's wife discovered the theft about 4:30 Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Schneider said she left the house about 12:30 and returned just after 3:30. The container in which the money had been found on a dresser in the master bedroom, she said.

Police said the burglar, who did not ransack the home, apparently entered through an unlocked kitchen door.

BURGLARS also took a fur piece, two auto stereo tape players, and two batteries in a series of thefts reported Friday and Saturday.

The fur, valued at \$250, was removed from a car parked near a cocktail lounge in the WALTERIA area. Barbara Perkins Cox of Rolling Hills said she discovered the theft on returning to her car early Friday morning.

The stereo tape players were taken from cars belonging to John A. Baker, 22, of Long Beach, and Joel C. Devenish, 21, of 2098 Middlebrook Road.

BAKER'S car was parked at 1735 Lincoln Ave. The thief tried to open a window to gain entry to the car early yesterday. Also taken were four tapes and about 100 records. Baker said the loss amounted to \$120.

Devenish told police his stereo and a single tape were taken from his car after he had parked it at 21164 Hawthorne Blvd. Police said a most of tool of some kind had been used to unlock the car. Devenish valued the items at \$119.

A transistor radio worth \$125 was taken from a car belonging to Robert Cochran, 22, of 2270 Sepulveda Blvd. Cochran said his car was parked in the carport of his apartment building. The theft occurred about 11:30 Friday evening.

JEAN PAFENFULIS, 3627 W. 169th St., reported the theft of a battery from her car while it was parked in front of her home early Friday morning. A battery, utility light, and blanket were taken from a car belonging to JoAnn Schulz, 17030 Yukon Ave.

Tires were taken in two other car burglaries reported to police. Ronald A. Jorgensen (Continued on Page A-2)

Youth Held On Charge Of Burglary

A Little League concession stand may be back in business soon following the recovery of a coffee maker and other kitchen equipment taken March 19.

Torrance police said the equipment was recovered as they arrested Edwin Duke Carlone, 18, of 28003 Crest Drive Friday evening. Carlone was charged with burglary in connection with the theft of the kitchen equipment from the Torrance American Little League field.

Police said the kitchen equipment was found at Carlone's home. It was valued at \$525.

Absentee Ballots Ready . . .

Absentee ballots for the April 12 municipal election must be obtained by Tuesday, April 5, voters were reminded yesterday. Applications for the ballots should be made in writing to the city clerk at 3031 Torrance Blvd. Each request must give the name of the applicant, his home address, the address to which the ballot is to be sent, and the reason for the request. All requests must bear the signature of the person submitting the application. Voted ballots must be returned to the city clerk's office by 5 p.m. the day before the election, or April 11.

Councilmen to Convene . . .

Torrance City Councilmen will convene at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday for their last regular meeting before the April 12 municipal election. Final action on salary increases and job classification changes approved last week is expected. Councilmen will not meet Tuesday, April 12, because of the municipal election.

Candidates Meetings Set . . .

At least three more opportunities for the voters meet candidates for Torrance city offices will be offered this week in public meetings. Candidates have been invited to meet before the public Monday evening at the Parkway Elementary School under the auspices of the Riviera Homeowners Association beginning at 8 p.m. Tuesday night the Torrance Republican Club will host a meeting at the Madrona Elementary School beginning at 7:30. Thursday evening, the Palo Del Amo homeowners will host a meeting at Hickory Elementary School beginning at 7:30. Election is Tuesday, April 12.