

## That Bike Is No Toy, Chief Says

Bicycles are not toys, Torrance Chief of Police Walter R. Koenig reminded parents this week.

Koenig said bicycle riders automatically become subject "to the entire adult scope of traffic laws and responsibilities." He urged parents to teach their children the importance of obeying all traffic regulations as they take to the streets during summer vacation.

Three rules are most important, Chief Koenig explained. They are:

- Children must ride their bicycles with the traffic flow, in single file, and as close as possible to the right side of the roadway.

- Most bicycles are designed for one person; children should never ride double.

- If children must ride their bicycles after dark, they must be equipped with the proper headlight and red rear reflector.

CHIEF KOENIG also said bicycles should be kept in good mechanical condition and that each bicycle should be properly fitted to the rider. Other rules he listed include:

- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Walk bicycles across busy intersections.

- Check for traffic and be sure the street is clear before entering it.

- Always ride single file and watch for opening car doors.

- Yield the right of way to pedestrians.

- Keep both hands on the handlebars except when signaling.

- Carry school books and other items in a basket or on a rack.

- Do not ride on sidewalks.

TORRANCE requires a license for each bicycle, Koenig explained. The license costs \$1 for a four-year period and may be obtained at the police department. The license also facilitates locating lost or stolen bicycles and aids police in the identification of children who may be injured in an accident.

"Bicycle laws are strictly enforced," Koenig warned. "In the event of a violation, one or both parents must appear with the youngster for a hearing in the Long Beach Juvenile Court."



**SAFETY TEST . . .** A young bike rider pedals down a lane in a test of his riding skills during the recent bicycle rodeo conducted under the auspices of the Torrance Safety Council. Safe bike riding is one of the goals of the Council, the Torrance Police Department, and members of the Torrance Fire Department who have volunteered many hours of time to the program.

## SO HE MAY WALK

# Boy Needs Help With Exercises

An appeal for volunteers to assist a 15-year-old Harbor area boy who needs almost perpetual physical therapy was issued today by the Volunteer Bureau of the Harbor Area.

Mrs. J. C. O'Donnell, executive director of the Volunteer Bureau, said previous appeals have met with "an overwhelming response," but, she added, "the need is ever present."

The youth's physician has advised continuous physical therapy, Mrs. O'Donnell explained, to help him regain the use of his arms and legs, thus creating the need for many volunteers.

The exercise program re-

quires the services of five volunteers at a time, with exercises required four times each day. The exercises are simple. The boy's mother can show volunteers how to do them.

Persons who can spare a hour or two once a day, once a week, or once a month can assist. Mrs. O'Donnell also suggests a group of teenagers may be able to assist in the therapy program.

Interested persons may call Mrs. O'Donnell as the Volunteer Bureau, TE 3-5227, any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9 a.m. and noon.

The continuous physical therapy program is the only hope the youth has of ever

## FROM THE MAILBOX

Editor, Press-Herald: This is an open letter to thank the American Legion Auxiliary and to inform the public of the program on American Citizenship which the Auxiliary has sponsored.

Some 555 girls attended California Girls' State at the University of California at Davis, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Legion. One girl, experienced in leadership in her school, was chosen to represent each high school.

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walking again, Mrs. O'Donnell stressed.

litical parties, the Whigs and Tories. This "learn-by-doing" method sparked an interest for politics and government in every girl.

Besides the wealth of knowledge and experience, there was a tremendous religious and cultural exchange. There were girls of 30 different faiths; girls from sprawling cities, little farm towns, and beach cities.

Lifetime friendships were built while girls of all races and varied backgrounds lived and worked together for one short week.

This is a tremendous experience and we offer the American Legion Auxiliary our deepest gratitude for making this experience possible for us.

Sincerely:  
DEBI LIFTON,  
Torrance High,  
CATHY PRICE,

Bishop Montgomery,  
WENDI BENSON,  
South High,  
JUDY HARRIS,  
West High,  
PAT CUNNINGHAM,  
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North High.

## Lomita Plans

### 'Skateboard'

### Rodeo Friday

A Skateboard Rodeo is scheduled Friday at the Lomita Recreation Center from 1 to 3 p.m.

Registration for the rodeo will be held at 11 a.m. Friday. Races, relays, rallies, and a slalom will be featured.

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