

School Board Urged to 'Go Take a Walk'

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BEACHHEAD REGAINED... With the surfing set back in school and calmer water following recent heavy surf, the swinging younger set takes over the beach again for an Indian summer of fun. Here the

William Mitchell children of Torrance, Billy, Cheryl, and Cathy, from left, enjoy unaccustomed freedom of the shore in Alamitos Bay with their Long Beach friends, Susan Fitzgerald and Eddie Hoeven, at right.

Motorcycle Crash Kills Lomita Man

Parents Say Bus A Must

Torrance school board members, who recently eliminated bus service to Newton School, have been invited to go take a walk — and two of the trustees have accepted the invitation.

Parents of children attending Newton School will walk from the school to El Retiro Park tomorrow morning, taking the route which their sons and daughters must use each day, according to Mrs. Donald F. Meade.

The route, which includes a section of Pacific Coast Highway, is considered by parents to be very dangerous for small children. Until this year, students living in the section of Hollywood Riviera west of Calle Mayor have had school buses to take them to and from school.

A NEW sidewalk on the south side of Pacific Coast Highway shortened the route to school, however, and trustees this year eliminated the bus. A request from parents to reinstate the bus service was denied by the trustees Sept. 6.

Some 50 to 60 parents are expected to participate in the walk tomorrow. Dr. Donald E. Wilson and W. J. Hanson have indicated they will join them.

The remaining three members of the board have declined the invitation, although one indicated he will inspect the route.

MRS. KENNETH E. WATTS, who first suggested the school bus service be eliminated, and Bert M. Lynn declined to walk with the parents. Lynn told the Press-Herald (See BUS WALK on A-2)

Window Blamed in Death of Woman

A 70-year-old woman was killed here Thursday when a window apparently fell and struck her in the back of the head.

Police said Mabel Gooding was found dead about 5:30 p.m. at 22521 Redbeam Ave.

The dead woman was found by Mrs. Lee Gooding, her daughter-in-law, when she returned home from work. The elder Mrs. Gooding was slumped across the window sill and the window was resting on the back of her neck, police reported.

Officers investigating the death said the elderly woman had apparently locked herself out of the house when she went outside to hang up some laundry and was trapped when she tried to crawl through the window. Her house keys were found in the living room, officers said.

The younger Mrs. Gooding said she had called home during the day, but was not alarmed when she got no answer because her mother-in-law had said she might visit a friend.

Officers said the window was "extremely heavy" and capable of a fatal blow to a "woman as old as the victim."

Mrs. Gooding's body was removed to the Stone and Myers Mortuary.

'Cycle, Truck Collide

A 23-year-old Lomita man was killed early yesterday when his motorcycle crashed into a dump truck and trailer combination at Spencer Street and Hawthorne Boulevard.

James William Mork, 25909 Lucille Ave., died instantly police said. He is the 11th person to die in traffic accidents in this city since Jan. 1.

Mork was killed shortly before 4 a.m. when his motorcycle, southbound on Hawthorne Boulevard, crashed into the side of a large truck and trailer rig driven by Harry Stanley Hill, 42, of Manhattan Beach. Hill was not held pending further investigation.

HILL TOLD police he had pulled into the southbound lanes on Hawthorne Boulevard and was moving slowly across the street while waiting for cars in the northbound lanes to clear the intersection.

He said he tried to "punch the rig" when he spotted the motorcycle in the southbound lanes. A witness to the crash told police he saw the truck move slowly into the six-lane highway, then accelerate as the motorcycle approached. The witness said the brake lights on the motorcycle flashed on moments before the collision.

OFFICERS investigating the accident said the truck apparently did not have all its clearance lights in working order. One officer reported a 36-foot section of the truck had no running lights. (See CRASH, Page A-2)

Dominguez Wins Rate Increase

An increase amounting to \$37,840 annually for large-quantity customers of the Dominguez Water Corp. is authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission. Seven customers who use more than 2 million cubic feet of water per month will be affected by the action. The increase, authorized to offset increases in the cost of water purchased from the Metropolitan Water District, was \$18,140 less than requested by the Dominguez Water Corp.

Bus Lines Will Serve Fairgrounds

Torrance residents going to the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona will be able to use the Rapid Transit District's Freeway Fliers, it has been announced.

Residents may take buses direct from Downtown Los Angeles to Pomona. Connecting service to Los Angeles via the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines is available.

An "RTD Fair Package" providing for round-trip transportation, admission to the fairgrounds, and admission to the racetrack grandstand is available.

Memorial Fund Honors Teacher

A memorial fund earmarked for scholarships has been set up by a group of Torrance parents in honor of a veteran teacher who died this month.

Members of the Waleria School PTA this week established an Isabelle Showler Scholarship Fund to pay homage to the late Mrs. Showler, who joined the district faculty on the day the school district was founded 19 years ago. A 1929 graduate of the Uni-

TO PROMOTE SAFE DRIVING Torrance Youths Tour With Band

Three Torrance musicians have begun a nine-month tour of the nation to promote safe driving in the nation's high schools.

The youths — Paul Stilwell, Fred Petry Jr. and Gene Meese — were selected during auditions this past summer to play with the Spurlows, a band sponsored by the Chrysler Corp. The band presents programs in the nation's schools as part of the Chrysler Corp.'s safe driving program.

Stilwell, 19, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stilwell of 18042 Gramercy Place. A North High School graduate, he attended El Camino College last year.

YOUNG STILLWELL, who was a member of the North High band and the El Camino orchestra, plays the bass violin, bass guitar, and the trombone and has been studying music for about six years. He also has played with the Esquires, a Torrance area dance band.

Petry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Petry Sr. of 23037 Pennsylvania Ave., is a June graduate of Torrance High and one of the youngest members of the Spurlows. He

began studying music in 1959 while attending Howard Wood School.

A member of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Petry has played with the Imperials Dance Band, a Torrance Recreation Department group, and the Esquires. A drummer, he also was a member of the Torrance High Marching Band.

MEESE, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Meese, plays the french horn and trombone. A North High graduate, the 20-year-old musician played with the North High and El Camino bands and with the Esquires.

The Spurlows began their national tour Sept. 1 with an appearance at the Century Plaza Hotel in Century City. The group played for a special Los Angeles preview showing of the 1967 Chrysler Corp. new car lines.

During the next nine months, they will entertain in high schools throughout the United States. During the evening hours, the group will present concerts in churches in various cities.

THE SPURLOWS presented their safe driving program last year at both Torrance and South high schools.



SERVICE PINS PRESENTED... Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, presents 10-year service pins to Richard D. Bullington, a Torrance High teacher, and Mrs. Priscilla Reyes, a food services clerk. Eighty-two school employees received the 10-year awards during a recognition breakfast prior to the opening of schools here last week. Dr. Robert Morton, assistant superintendent for personnel, was the featured speaker.

Burglars Take Tools, Camera

Theft of electric tools and painting equipment valued at \$237 was reported to Torrance Police Friday by Cecil J. Kelly, 68, of 2270 Sepulveda Blvd.

Kelly, a retired painter, told police someone broke into a locker in the carport area adjacent to his apartment, then forced open a window with his car.

Assorted tools and painting equipment and a tool box were taken, he said. A stereo tape player and six tapes were taken Thursday evening from a van parked in a theater parking

lot at 2735 Pacific Coast Hwy. Winford D. McFarland, 49, of Harbor City, told police the van, which he uses as a home repair bus, was parked in the lot while he was in the theater.

McFarland said the items were worth about \$100.

A camera was taken from a Torrance man's car about noon Wednesday while he lunched in a San Bernardino restaurant.

Glenn A. Mowers, 39, of 2432 Pacific Coast Hwy., said someone broke into the car and took the camera, valued at \$250, from the back seat.

First Day Enrollment At 33,000

More than 33,000 Torrance youngsters returned to school when classes resumed Wednesday.

Heading the back-to-school call were 9,279 high school students and 23,783 elementary school pupils. The represents a gain of 730 students over the first day of school last year.

Another 1,000 youngsters are expected to enroll by Oct. 1. Included in the predicted enrollment are an additional 200 high school students and 800 elementary school pupils.

Topping the elementary list was Victor School, which enrolled 1,396 youngsters, a gain of 148 students over opening day a year ago.

First-day attendance at the five schools which are on double sessions bore out earlier predictions of overcrowded conditions. Figures for the five schools include: Howard Wood School, 961 students; Meadow Park School, 910 students; Hickory School, 954 (See FIRST DAY, Page A-2)

Hospital Land Talk Ends

Negotiations for a 10-acre site on which to build a new Torrance Memorial Hospital ended fruitlessly Friday when the board of directors of the Torrance Hospital Association voted to end the talks with Torrance, a group of physicians and businessmen who had been trying to put together a huge medical complex near Lomita Boulevard and Hawthorne. The decision has no effect on the agreement to merge Torrance Memorial Hospital and Riviera Community Hospital, a board spokesman told the Press-Herald.

Airport Days to End

Torrance Municipal Airport will be open to the public until 5 p.m. today as the city's eighth annual Airport Days celebration comes to an end. Several special displays are being featured at the event and women pilots will be on hand to give visitors rides in private planes at the rate of two cents per pound. Helicopter rides, priced at three cents per pound, also are scheduled. The two-day event has as its theme "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" and aviation films on that theme will be shown throughout the day.

Council Sets Meeting

Torrance City Councilmen will convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday for their regular weekly meeting. Councilmen face a routine, light-weight agenda. A proposal to beautify Hawthorne Boulevard through landscaping programs and the installation of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks will be submitted by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro. Ferraro, reporting on a proposal by the Torrance Beautiful Commission, will ask that he be authorized to apply for federal funds for the work. He estimates the city could qualify for about \$15,000 in federal aid through the Housing and Urban Affairs Department's Local Beautification Program.