



PROMOTING DRIVER SAFETY . . . School and safety officials admire the perma plaque presented to Richard Greenwald (second from left), owner of Del Amo Dodge, whose company has loaned 45 cars to the Torrance school district for use in driver education programs. Looking on are Dr. J. H. Hull (left), superintendent of schools, and Auto Club officials Lee Barger and Dean Spence. Del Amo Dodge and seven other contributing dealers were awarded the plaques Monday at the Torrance Safety Council luncheon meeting. The Auto Club representatives made the presentations. (Press-Herald Photo)

Car Dealers Honored for Driver Training Efforts

Eight area auto dealers were honored Monday for contributing 183 cars to the driver training program at Torrance high schools. The perma plaque presentations were made by the Automobile Club of Southern California at the regular meeting of the Torrance Safety Council.

Receiving the plaques were Marina Oldsmobile, Harbor City, 1 car; H. E. Bayer, Northridge (formerly of Torrance), 4 cars; Scott Robinson Pontiac, 8 cars; Vel's Ford, 15 cars; Ray Vane Chrysler-Plymouth, 20 cars; Ted Green Chevrolet, 30 cars; Del Amo Dodge, 45 cars; and Al Ortale Rambler, 60 cars.

During the 12 years that the program has been in operation in Torrance, these dealers have loaned cars to the school district on a yearly basis, replacing them with new cars the following year.

DEAN SPENCE, district safety consultant for the Auto Club, lauded the eight dealers for their generosity, stating that the program would not

have been possible without their help.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools in Torrance, said the driver training program was "shoved down the throats of the school district by the state legislature." Now that the program is in operation, however, Dr. Hull said he realizes that only such subjects as reading and basic math could be termed more important to 20th century living.

Dr. Hull reminded Safety Council members and guests that the school district only provides the "how" of educating youngsters. It is the people, through elected representatives, who dictate what will be taught, he said, praising the state for its farsighted action.

FOLLOWING the meeting, Safety Council members stayed to watch a film about "Gyro-Matic Safety Control," a new device which helps prevent a car from "spinning out" under slippery conditions.

The mechanical device, weighing 65 pounds, may be installed in any car or truck within minutes.

The company that makes the device has asked the Torrance Police Department to demonstrate the device for a television film. The Safety Council is now considering whether or not to give its approval to the police department's participation in this demonstration.

City councilmen must give final approval.

Commander of Guard Named

Rear Admiral Charles Tighe has been appointed commander of the 11th Coast Guard District, Long Beach. Admiral Tighe currently commands the 9th Coast Guard District, Cleveland, Ohio.

The new commander succeeds Rear Admiral Thomas R. Sargent, who was named chief of staff to the Commandant of the Coast Guard and assigned to Washington, D. C.

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Mrs. Jack Gates, director of Los Angeles Bay Harbor District of California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Dr. William Stewart, director of Arboretae and Botanic Gardens of Los Angeles County, will talk about progress at South Coast Botanic Garden.

SUPERVISOR Burton W. Chace and Assemblyman Robert G. Beverly (R-46th District) will each give short talks.

On hand also will be Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D-68th District), Assemblyman L. E. Townsend (D-67th District), as well as State Senator Robert S. Stevens (R-25th District).

Recognition will be given to Mrs. Conrad Clark, widow of the architect who donated plans and designs for garden structures, and to Mrs. Vernon Swanson, Peninsula 4-H Club leader.

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(Continued from Page 1) would be the most logical way out of their predicament.

The assistant city manager recalled that the area had been plagued with flooding each winter and that this condition forced the city to place a building moratorium on the neighborhood years ago.

The federal urban renewal plan offered the best solution to the development of the area since the city did not wish to raise property taxes or attempt to pass a bond issue to pay for it.

"The government is supposed to work for the best interest of the people, and that's exactly what they did," Scharfman stated.

Juryman Dies

A Lawndale man waiting to serve on a jury died of an apparent heart attack Monday at South Bay Municipal Court. Rushed to Little Company of Mary Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 2:15 p.m. was Carl Franklin Henley, 4239 W. 186th St., Lawndale.

Obituaries

Bertha Elliott

Funeral services for Bertha Frances Elliott, who died Monday, will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Nilands Torrance Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Hugh R. Percy officiating. Burial will be in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Mrs. Elliott, who lived at 21804 Halldale Ave., was born Oct. 6, 1890, in Illinois. She had lived in Torrance for 22 years.

Surviving Mrs. Elliott are a son, Don Wolf of Torrance; a daughter, Bernice Wiess of Reno, Nevada; four grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Philomena Payette

Requiem mass for Philomena O. Payette, who died March 2, was celebrated this morning at St. Philomena Catholic Church. Rosary was said last evening at the church. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Payette, a Hermosa Beach resident, had lived in area for 20 years. She was born Oct. 18, 1883, in Michigan.

Surviving are a sister, Blanche Dugow of Washington, and a friend, Mrs. John Morlin of Hermosa Beach.

Jess Rankin

Funeral services for Jess Lee Rankin, who lived at 22600 S. Normandie Ave., will be conducted at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Mr. Rankin, who died Sunday in a Torrance hospital, was born April 9, 1886, in Kansas and had lived here for eight years. He had lived in Los Angeles County for more than 40 years.

Surviving Mr. Rankin are his widow, Lula of Torrance; three sons, Ronald W. of Bellflower, Jess Lee Jr. of Richmond, Calif., and Weyeth J. Naler of Walnut Creek, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

Duncan McDonald

Funeral services for Duncan McDonald, who died Saturday at a Torrance hospital, were conducted yesterday at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel with burial following in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Mr. McDonald, who lived at 23701 S. Western Ave., was born May 4, 1896, in Illinois and had lived in the Torrance area for some nine years.

He was affiliated with the Royal Masonic Ark No. 1 of St. Paul, Minn.; Keystone Chapter of Duluth, Minn.; the Palestine Lodge 79 and the ADD Temple Shrine of Duluth. Mr. McDonald also was affiliated with the Scottish Rite of Long Beach, the Long Beach Shrine Club, the Harbor Council of Royal and Select Masters, and past commander of the San Pedro Commandery.

Paul Gooder, Eminent Commander of the San Pedro Commandery, officiated at the rites.

He is survived by his widow, Elizabeth of Torrance, a son, Duncan McDonald of Santa Rosa, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Larson of Torrance; and four grandchildren.

Sydney Masters

Graveside services for Sydney Masters, who lived at 3430 W. Artesia Blvd., will be conducted at 10 a.m. tomorrow with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of arrangements. The Valley Forge Masonic Lodge will officiate.

Mr. Masters, who died Monday, was born Sept. 6, 1895, in the Jersey Islands. He had lived in Torrance for 33 years.

Surviving are his widow, Alma; two sons, Roy of Hawthorne and Kenneth of Claremont, Calif.; a daughter, Mavis Herzog of Seattle, Wash.; and nine grandchildren.

Johanna Ellis

Requiem mass for Mrs. Johanna E. Ellis, 69, who lived

at 750 E. Carson St., was celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Los Angeles Tuesday morning and interment followed in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mrs. Ellis was born in Detroit, Mich., and had resided in California for 18 years before her death in Los Angeles Feb. 29. She was a former member of St. John Parish.

Surviving are her husband, Samuel L. Ellis; a son, James L. Ellis of Colorado; a sister, Rose Rogers, Ojai; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Exhaust Hose Spells Death To Area Man

An elderly Torrance man was found dead Monday afternoon in his car. Police, who listed the death as a suicide, said the victim had run a hose from the car's exhaust pipe around through the left rear window of the vehicle.

Fire Department efforts failed to revive Sydney Masters, 72, of 3430 Artesia Blvd. Officials said the car was parked inside the garage of the home. A note was found nearby.

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