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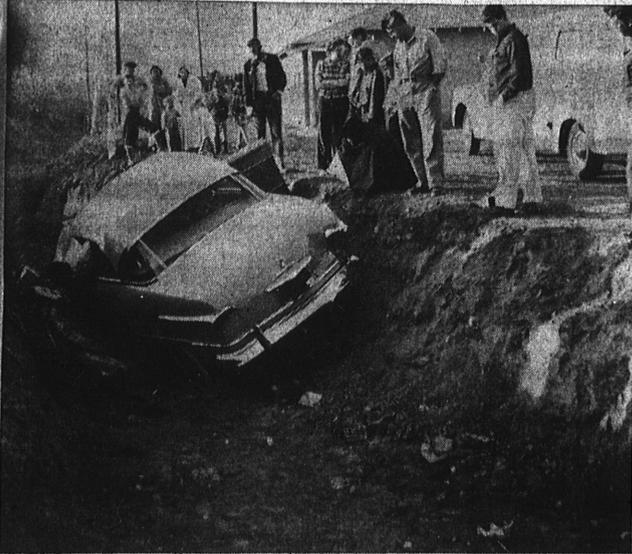
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MURDER MILE CRASH . . . Rosemary Pollock, 26, of 24611 Madison Ave., received minor injuries when her car was struck by a trailer which had broken loose from an auto and slammed across the road. The Pollock auto ended up in a ditch beside Rolling Hills Road near Pacific Coast Hwy. in the early morning crash last Thursday. Dale Leroy Stanley, of 2020 Lomita Blvd., was moving some furniture in the trailer when it broke loose from his auto, he told police.

Arrest Warrant Out in Keystone Wife Stabbing

An arrest warrant charging assault with intent to commit murder has been issued from Compton Municipal Court for Willie Webb Bivins, 41, of 20527 S. Vermont Ave., who is accused of stabbing his wife and attempting suicide after a squabble over the family dog Jan. 2.

No date for a preliminary hearing has been set as yet, pending Bivins' recovery in Los Angeles County Hospital from self-inflicted knife wounds.

His wife, Josephine, 32, is in "good" condition and is now an ambulatory patient at Harbor General Hospital. She will probably be released soon, according to hospital spokesmen.

Bivins allegedly attacked his wife with a penknife last Saturday night after she let the family dog into the house against his wishes. Police were told by Mrs. Bivins' mother, Mrs. Bessie Lounnie Teens, that Bivins slashed his wife's throat with the penknife, then thrust her outside, stabbed himself, then ran back and obtained a butcher knife with a six-inch blade, with which he assertedly stabbed his wife and cut his own throat.

"She's my wife! I hope I killed her! If she dies, I hope I die too!" Bivins allegedly told arresting Sheriff's deputies. Bivins is presently under custody in Los Angeles County Hospital.

Do You Know That Gun Is Loaded?

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Lomita Athlete Hi-Y Boy of Year

The Torrance Hi-Y Boy of the Year is 17-year-old Jerry Moore, 1726 W. 246th St., Lomita who was awarded the coveted title this week over several other High School youths nominated for the honor by their Hi-Y clubs.

Moore, who is secretary of the Narbonne Hi-Y Club, will represent the Torrance Area in district eliminations on Tuesday, Jan. 12, against winners from San Pedro, Wilmington, Gardena, and South Gate YMCA's.

If Moore is named winner in the district competition, he will compete with four other district finalists for the Los Angeles Hi-Y Boy of the Year title.

Moore, who is a forward on the Narbonne basketball team, will graduate the first of February. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex H. Moore.

D.E. Livingston-Little, advisor of the Narbonne Hi-Y, stated that Jerry will make a good representative of this area in

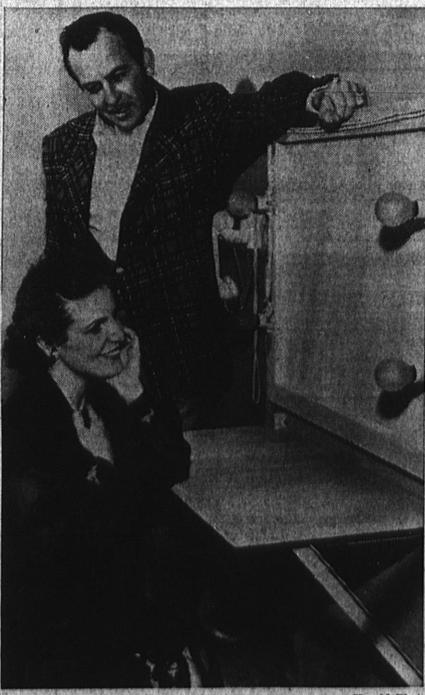
Special Hearing Set For Ousted Lomita Teacher

A special administrative hearing will be held Jan. 26 to determine whether the State Board of Education should renew the teaching credentials of a Narbonne High School teacher who was discharged recently for refusing to sign a loyalty oath.

Jack A. Chasson, 37, of 2288 Hollywood Dr., was refused a renewal of his teaching credentials because he said he would not sign the oath. The teacher said that, since he had signed the Levering Oath, he felt that he was not obligated to sign any more oaths.

Under a Supreme Court decision, the Levering Oath covers the field, according to William Esterman, Chasson's attorney.

Chasson, a Narbonne teacher for nine years, refused to testify before a State Senate committee on Un-American Activities last week. In the hearing, the teach-



Herald Photo

REMEMBER THE TIME . . . Orin Backus, of Hollywood Riviera, and Jim Boyd, Gardena, as Lily Vaneas, and Fred Graham, stars of the Cole Porter musical "Miss Me Kate," reminisce over old times in the stars' dressing room. In the play, the couple have risen to stardom in the theater but have separated as man and wife. The musical will be presented in the last week of January and first week of February at Redondo Union High School Auditorium by the South Bay Civic Light Opera Association.

Quintana Held On \$1000 Bail

Rudy Quintana, 24-year-old Fort MacArthur soldier who was dropped by a Torrance police officer's bullet during a burglary attempt Christmas week, was arraigned in South Bay Municipal Court Thursday and bound over to Long Beach Superior Court for preliminary hearing on Jan. 22.

The wayward soldier was released from the prison ward of Los Angeles County General Hospital this week after recovering from arm and abdomen wounds suffered when he fled the scene of an attempted burglary at Allen's Jewelers on Dec. 21.

Quintana was wounded four times by bullets fired by police officer Dave Cook as the soldier fled through the fog on Sartori Ave. about 2:15 a.m. Dec. 21. He eluded officers but gave himself up at the police station later when the seriousness of

Detective Warns Merchants Again On Hot Checks

Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett warned Torrance merchants this week to be on the lookout for checks stolen from the Bimini Upholstering Co. on South Vermont just before Christmas. Some of the checks have been cashed in Torrance during the past week, he said.

Passing the checks is a man identifying himself as Howard Lee Dawson, who gives various addresses in town. Signer of the checks is John Elkins. This is a forged signature, Bennett said.

Merchants having any such checks are asked to get in touch with Sgt. Bennett at the Torrance Police Station.

his injuries frightened him. He has been in the prison ward of Los Angeles County General Hospital since.

When the Korean veteran appeared in South Bay Municipal Court Thursday, he was ordered to appear for preliminary hearing in Long Beach Superior Court at 9:30 a.m., Jan. 22. He was returned to County Jail in lieu of \$1000 bail. He faces burglary charges.



BILL DODGE
Plays in "Family Portrait"

Life of Jesus Play to Open Here Tonight

From Broadway, where Judith Anderson played the leading role, "Family Portrait," a play concerning the life of Jesus, has come to Torrance and will be presented tonight by the Bishop's Company in the Civic Auditorium.

The first Methodist Church is sponsoring the play, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. No admission will be charged to the public, but a free-will offering will be taken, according to church spokesmen.

Proceeds from the play will go to the building fund of the church. The Bishop's Company, a group of professional actors and actresses, is dedicated to bringing serious and purposeful drama back to the church.

"Family Portrait" is the story of the intimate life of the mother, brothers and sisters of Jesus, and has been adapted from the New York production by Robin Short.

The story tells how Jesus' revelation of truth and the importance of brotherhood, understanding, charity, lay as a burden upon the family, which had as its livelihood His income as a carpenter. Mary, the Mother, stands as the arbitrator between the brothers, whose ideas and ideals conflict with those of her eldest son.

She follows the eldest son to towns where crowds gather around Him, and where young students promise to follow His teaching even to the point of death.

She finally follows Him into the dark and narrow streets of Jerusalem, where He and His closest companions are having dinner in an upper room. She learns of His whereabouts from a man who has just left the supper, intent on a message for 30 pieces of silver.



PREDICTION GUARDED . . . G. Edward Eversole, second from left, hands his prediction of the Jan. 17 Torrance Herald headline to Acting Chief Willard Haslam to store in the Torrance Police Dept safe until Jan. 19. Looking on are Mrs. Roy Peterson, Lions Club President Roy Peterson, and Attorney Albert Isen.

Fact-Finding Group to Hear GOP Candidates

Organization of a fact-finding committee to hear and select a possible candidate for Congress from the 17th Congressional District has been inaugurated here. It was announced this week by District Chairman Jack Drown.

Qualified registered Republicans are being urged to appear before the committee, Drown said. The committee will be composed of 150 members: 50 each from the 46th, 67th, and 68th assembly districts.

The fifty members from each district will include members of the state and district central committees and their alternates and an approximately equal number of representatives from recognized volunteer Republican organizations.

The first meeting of the fact-finding committee will be held in the Gardena Elementary School auditorium, 647 W. Gardena Blvd., at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18. Meetings will be held on successive Mondays until all prospective candidates have been heard and a selection made, Drown said.

"A person considering running for Congress is assured the necessary backing to carry on a vigorous campaign, if selected by the committee," Drown said. "This assurance will be instrumental in causing the area's best qualified persons to appear for consideration," he added.

Additional information about the committee may be obtained by calling district GOP headquarters at FA 8-0402.

Soldiers Still Listed Missing

Two soldiers, one from Keystone and the other from Lomita, were listed as still missing in action by the latest Defense Department release.

Cpl. Donald C. White, son of Mrs. Neva White, 229 E. Carson St., and Pfc. William J. Teuchert, son of Charles L. Teuchert, of 1845 W. 260th St., Lomita, were the soldiers listed as missing.

Since the two GIs have been missing for more than a year, the Defense Department declared them presumably dead.

Teacher Predicts Jan. 17 Headline

In a quiet ceremony in the office of Acting Police Chief Willard Haslam Friday evening, a Manhattan school teacher's prediction on next Sunday's headline in the Torrance Herald was handed over to police for safekeeping until Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Witnessing the event was Lions Club President Roy Peterson, his wife, Ruth, and Attorney Albert Isen.

Making the prediction was G. Edward Eversole, whose calling card bears the inscription, "The Unusual Investigator."

The whole stunt is part of Eversole's program which he will present at the club on Jan. 19.

A teacher in the sixth grade at Center School in Manhattan Beach, Eversole will address the Lions and their ladies at the club's regular noon luncheon on the topic, "Thoughts Wing Forward."

To add a touch of the mysterious to his otherwise technical probe of telepathy, thought control, and mind over matter.

Eversole agreed to predict, this far in advance, the headline of next Sunday's Torrance Herald. (Ed. note: If we could do that, we'd write it now and take a week off.)

The prediction was sealed in a specially made bottle, encased in a white carton, sealed, and signed by those who were present when it was turned over to Chief Haslam. He will be its guardian until it is opened at the club meeting on Jan. 19.

Rites Held for Mrs. H. Elliott

Funeral services were held yesterday for Ardis Elliott, 54, whose daughter, Bettie Hopkins, lives at 1518 Post Ave.

Mrs. Elliott, a resident of Bell followed at Inglewood Cemetery, nolla Hospital in Long Beach. Funeral services were conducted by Mrs. Phoebe Fulton, Christian Science reader, at Stone and Myers Chapel, and interment followed at Inglewood Cemetery.

Other survivors include her husband, Harry Elliott, Bellflower; a sister, Clarice Wynn, of Los Angeles; and a brother, Everett Rookstool, of Seattle, Wash.

Services Held For Roy Hunt

Last rites were conducted Friday at Stone and Myers Chapel for Roy Steven Hunt, 61, of 22508 Haldale Ave., who died Tuesday at his home.

A native of New York, Hunt had lived in the Torrance area for one year. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Henry White, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 841, of Elmira, N. Y. Interment followed at Green Hills Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Alice M. Hunt, of the Haldale Ave. address; a daughter, Dorothy H. Polovick, and granddaughter, Ruth Mary Polovick, of 22514 Haldale Ave.; and a son, Victor L. Hunt, and grandson, Steven Hunt, of 808 Amapola Ave.

Postal Receipts Show Huge Gain

Postal receipts at the Torrance Post Office for 1953 reflected the growth of Torrance as much as other phases of city business did, according to figures compiled this week by Postmaster Clara A. Conner.

The yearly receipts totaled \$298,013.02. Mrs. Conner reported. During 1952, the total was \$259,583.75.

The December figures for the two years bow out the claims by the Postmaster that the 1953 season was the biggest ever here. The 1953 December total was \$50,586.04. The previous year the December total was \$40,008.15, a record up to that time.

City Officials Tour MWD Sites

Scheduled to return this evening from a tour of Metropolitan Water District facilities in Southern California are five city officials who made the weekend tour with MWD officials.

Visiting the water installations were City Manager George Stevens, Water Superintendent Angus McVicar, and Councilman Willis Blount, Nick Draie, and Harvey B. Spelman Jr.