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The Frisco Fiasco Speed Law In California, we have what the lawyers call the "prima facie speed law." In ordinary American language, this means if you are driving faster than the posted speed limit and can prove that the conditions of traffic, weather, etc. were such that you were not endangering anyone but yourself, then you are not guilty of the charge.

For example, if the legal speed limit on the road you are driving is 45 miles per hour and you can prove, or rather your lawyer can get your witnesses to prove that the light conditions were good, the road was not slippery, there was not much traffic on the road, etc., then you can "beat the rap" and go free, even if you were driving 100 miles per hour. In other words, this law benefits the man who can afford to hire a lawyer clever enough to get witnesses to establish this idea in the minds of the jury.

This law causes reckless driving, disregard for legal speed limits, and benefits no one except speed demons and lawyers. It should be repealed at the next session of the Legislature. Unless I receive an overwhelming large number of letters to support the existing law, I shall endeavor to repeal it, simply because most of my constituents are opposed to it.

Freeways, Speedways, and Broken Dreams

When I was a boy back in Iowa we liked to visit our rich uncle in Chicago. He took us for rides on the Illinois "speedways." Such fancy roads are now called "freeways" in California, but there is nothing free about them. They are expensive to build, costly to maintain, and dangerous to ride on. People drive to them from all directions, fill them up at peak traffic hours, and then drive off the freeways into narrow congested downtown Los Angeles streets which cannot accommodate the terrible influx of cars from the freeways. The result is that traffic backs up on the freeways for blocks, everyone must drive slower, and instead of solving traffic conditions, the freeways contribute to the trouble. Broken dreams!

What a Long Beach Man Says

A Long Beach man writes me as follows: "Your suggestion for the California Legislature to establish the Metropolitan Freeways does not seem to be praised and supported. There have been enough of these freeways completed, or partially completed, for a review of their effectiveness and utility before any more are authorized or constructed."

"Many of us believe the Metropolitan Freeway is a mistake. It is designed to carry the daily commuter, either to his work or her shopping, at high speeds near the center of the city. Its installation seems to have resulted in more and more commuters endeavoring to reach their destinations in their own automobiles. This has increased the use of public roads to a point where they cannot improve either their service or equipment, which in turn sends more commuters on to the freeways for their individual cars.

"The distribution of the peak traffic load into the area near the end of the freeway poses a traffic and parking problem which now seems to be insolvable. The accident rate has been so great that reduction needs are in order, as the total carrying capacity of the freeways will be less than originally estimated.

"Perhaps the freeway should be used solely for the traveler, rather than the commuter. The commuter should be provided with rapid public transportation, subsidized, if necessary by the state or city.

"Our old Pacific Electric, before it was driven out of business by good roads, gave fast, cheap and comfortable inter-urban service. Its lines might be rehabilitated. The Santa Fe is providing frequent, fast and comfortable inter-urban service to San Diego, handicapped as it is by grade crossings and a single track. It has existing lines to Santa Ana, Corona, Pasadena, and other cities. The Union Pacific and Southern Pacific are similarly situated and could be well managed. More tracks, the elimination of grade crossings, and some improvement in grades could accomplish a great deal."

Incidentally, the man who wrote the above letter is an officer of a fish business. He does not own stock in a railroad or street car company.



JOE GOSS New Council Aide

Harbor Newsman Named as Aide to Councilman

Joe Goss, harbor area newspaperman for the past 20 years and a long-time friend who has served as unofficial aide to Councilman John S. Gibson for the past two years, today was named to fill the recently created post as field secretary to the 15th District councilman.

The position, which becomes effective Sept. 17, was established on a motion by Council President Gibson and approved by an 8-4 vote. The job will pay \$6000 annually.

With the announcement of his field deputy, Councilman Gibson said a new schedule of office hours for branch offices throughout the district would be worked out and ready by the effective date of the appointment.

Goss, a resident of San Pedro for the past quarter of a century, first became associated with the Councilman in Junior Chamber of Commerce work in the 1930s.

He directed Gibson's successful bid for the 15th District councilman seat in 1951 and handled the recent campaign in which Gibson was re-elected for a four-year term.

However, he does bring up the problem of grade crossings.

The Public Utilities Committee of the Assembly, of which Goss is a member, will hold hearings very soon on grade crossings. We want to decide who should pay for grade crossings. Should it be the railroad company whose tracks are crossed, the city where the crossing is located, the county, or the State of California? Should all pay their respective shares of the cost? If so, in what proportion? Please write and tell me your ideas, but enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. We have no postage allowance or franking privilege when we are not in session.

Red Cross Preps For Bloodmobile Visit By Question-Answer Series

The Torrance Branch of American Red Cross in anticipating the arrival of their next Bloodmobile unit in Torrance on October 12 has prepared a few questions and answers concerning the use of Blood. Mrs. Gordon Jones, Blood recruitment chairman, announced recently.

Military, civilian and civil defense are the recipients of blood, which is donated daily through the cooperation of the national Red Cross.

Following are questions and answers on blood:

1. Are there any blood or plasma substitutes? A number of "plasma extenders" or "expanders" have been developed synthetically for use under emergency conditions to combat shock but none does the job of human blood or plasma.

2. Who can give blood? Anyone between the ages of 18 and 69, at least 110 pounds in weight, and in normally good health. Minors must receive the signed consent of parent or legal guardian.

3. Is giving blood harmful or dangerous? Giving blood is safe, simple and painless, with every precaution taken for the protection of the donor. Before his donation, the donor is medically screened by a physician. Professional registered nurses with special training take the blood, using the most accepted techniques.

4. What does blood do in the body? Blood carries the necessities of life: oxygen, water, and food; feeds these to the cells; picks up waste products for removal from the body; distributes heat produced by the working muscles; regulates body temperature; guards against disease; carries hormones, vitamins, enzymes, and minerals where needed.

5. What is plasma? Plasma is the fluid part of blood, representing 55 per cent of its volume. This straw-colored fluid is about 92 per cent water and 7 per cent proteins. The remainder is salts and minerals.

6. How is it obtained? By separating out the red cells (solids) by rapid whirling. Plasma can be dried to a powder and stored for at least five years. It needs only to be mixed with sterile water for injection into human veins.

7. What advantage does plasma have over whole blood? Plasma can be stored, given to any recipient regardless of blood group, requires no refrigeration, and is easily transported.

8. What is its principal medical use? In combating shock, which can cause death. Most victims of wounds, severe burns, or injuries suffered from shock in which whole blood or plasma is needed.

Students Earn Honors

Harry R. Hammond, Robert A. Carrow and John M. Wren, of Torrance, were among the 169 June graduates of the University of Southern California who earned a "B" average during their four years in college and cum laude honors on their BA degrees, it was reported this week.

Mrs. M. Tefft Services Held

Last respects were paid Saturday to Margaret D. Tefft, 71, of 1011 Cota Ave., who died Thursday at her home, where she resided with her sister, Mrs. Effa K. Roberts.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. C. J. England, of the Christian Church, and cremation was held at Inglewood Cemetery.

Mrs. Tefft had lived in Torrance for three-and-a-half years and was a native of Colorado Springs, Colo. Besides her sister, she is survived by three other sisters, Mrs. Ethel M. Hayes, of 1116 Sartori Ave.; Mrs. E. E. Thompson, and Mrs. F. S. Ostrander, of Denver, Colo.; two brothers, Fred P. Kinsey, of Denver, and L. L. Kinsey, of Akron, Ohio; and a nephew, T. E. Toberts, of 26304 Athena Ave., Harbor City.

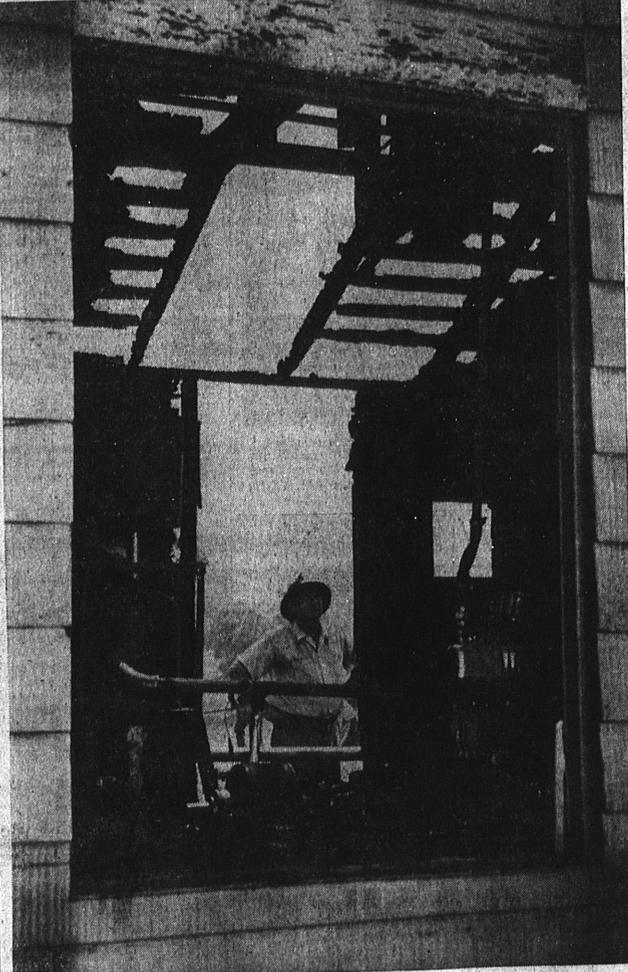
Driving Rights Taken from Ten

Ten riders became walkers when the Department of Motor Vehicles took their drivers' licenses away during the period Aug. 3 to 7.

They were Angelo Donatoni, 21735 S. Main St., license revoked on a third drunk driving charge; Sperton Utah Greenan, 1505 W. 204th St., order of probation arising from bad driving record; Tom Russell, 2445 W. 239th St., revoked on a third drunk driving charge; Warren Schulz, 3128 W. 187th Pl., revoked on a drunk driving offense; Robert Todd, 18227 Redlin Ave., revoked on third drunk driving.

Also Connie Herman, 2234 W. 203rd St.; Gilbert Lopez, 1720 Cabrillo St.; Jimmy Loudermilk, 2815 Knode St.; R. S. Spicowak, 1720 Cabrillo St.; and Jacqueline Vice, 28334 Cypress St., all suspended following an accident for failure to meet the financial responsibility law.

Convicted of a traffic violation but with no suspension recommended by the court was John Rosales, 1123 W. 257th St., Harbor City. Licenses have been reinstated to Veondell Looser, 317 E. 220th St., and Robert Woodbury, 3215 W. 189th St.



ROOM WITH A VIEW . . . Volunteer Fireman Bill Sperry surveys the damage done to the auxiliary pump house at the Moneta Water Co., 2202 W. 182nd St., by a fire which broke out the Tuesday morning. The fire was caused by an overheated exhaust pipe acting on the dry wood of the outside wall of the small building. No serious harm was done. "The building is 25 years old and needed repairing anyway," according to Acting Fire Chief Gene Walker, who is filling in for vacationing Chief J. J. Benner. The main pumps of the water company, which supplies much of the water in North Torrance, are located in a building adjacent to the one damaged by fire. Firemen had little trouble maintaining water pressure, by the way.

Special Train to Take Elks On Family Outing Aug. 30

Redondo Beach Lodge No. 1878, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, has chartered a special Santa Fe passenger train for a big "Family Outing" Sunday, Aug. 30.

Passengers will board the train at Beryl St. and Pacific Ave. in Redondo Beach. Plenty of parking space is available for those who intend to drive automobiles to the area from which the special train will depart. The time of departure has been scheduled for 8:30 a.m. The destination is San Diego where chartered buses will meet who so wish, to purchase their train and transport passes, lunch at the picnic area. He also extends an invitation to all Elks, by picnic and an afternoon at the world-famous San Diego zoo, participate in this big "Family Outing."

William M. Everett, lecturing knight of the Redondo Beach Lodge, has been designated as general chairman for the "outing," and has programmed what should be an outstanding event. Entertainment and refreshments will feature the train ride to San Diego and facilities of the lodge will be available and may be purchased at the office of the secretary, Elks Lodge, 315 Esplanade, Redondo Beach. The fare, which includes round trip on the train, bus transportation from the train to Balboa Park and return, admission to the zoo, and sandwiches during the train trip, back to Redondo Beach, has been set at \$8 for adults, \$3 for children 6 to 12 years old, and the children under 6 years ride free.

All who intend to participate are urged to purchase tickets as soon as possible. For additional information call FRontier 2-5778 or FAIRfax 8-2645.

Coming Events
AUGUST
22 Waleria BMA Picnic..... Waleria Park
22 "Miss Torrance" Car..... million
27 Rotary Kiwanis Picnic..... Torrance Park
27 Chest X-Rays..... Jim Dandy Market
28 "Turn-On" Carnival..... Street Dance
28 Chest X-Rays..... Safeway Store
31 Chest X-Rays..... Health Center
SEPTEMBER
9 JayCee Hayride..... Playa del Rey
14 Schools Open..... Torrance, Los Angeles
27 Kids Day..... Kiwanis Club
OCTOBER
9, 11, 16, 17 "Bloomer Girl"..... Redondo High Auditorium
NOVEMBER
7 Good Neighbor Breakfast, . . . Civic Auditorium

Mrs. W. Sidwell New Shoestring Board Chairman

Mrs. W. C. Sidwell, past president of the Shoestring Community Association, was elected chairman of Councilman John S. Gibson's Shoestring Strip advisory board at the last board meeting, it was reported this week.

Members of the board appointed by Mrs. Sidwell to assist her were Mrs. Ben Rusk, J. Fryback, Ada Green, Robert Fraser, and Helen Robello. The Messrs. Ralph Robertson, Palmer Vogel and Ralph Day were also appointed by the new chairman.

C. Winters, assistant to Supervisor Burton W. Chace, will speak on smog control in this locality at the Sept. 1 meeting of the group, and Councilman Gibson will also be present. Through appeals of the advisory board, stop signs have been designated for the intersection of 220th St. and Denker Ave., and will be installed in the near future, the board was informed. Other requests, including one for more police protection in the Strip, are awaiting action. A public address system, funds for which were raised by donut drives, box supper, etc. by the community association, was presented to the children of the Normandale Recreation Center by Mrs. Sidwell, at a recent Joseph Lee Day program.

Chace District Loses in County Adjustment Plan

Under a tentative agreement reached at a closed meeting of the County Board of Supervisors last week Supervisor Burton W. Chace, of the Fourth District which includes Torrance, will give up a portion of his district to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, it was reported.

The decision was reached at a confidential meeting of representatives of five county supervisory districts, and Chace, Herbert C. Legg, of the First District; and Roger Jessup, Fifth District, each will lose areas inhabited by about 100,000 voters.

The exact territory to be changed over will be determined later, it was revealed. Supervisor Chace's Fourth District is second highest in the county, with a voting registration of 633,197. He will give a portion of this territory to Supervisor Hahn, who has only about 300,000 voters. The boundary lines have had no major changes since 1939, although there has been considerable population growth. Legg's First District, with the highest registration — 673,954 — will be subject to the heaviest reduction in the readjustment. The larger districts also agreed to yield territory to Supervisor John Anson Ford, whose Second District has only 314,000 voters.

Masonic Funeral Rites Held For Stefan Schmidt

Masonic and Ministerial funeral services were held Tuesday at Stone and Myers Chapel for Stefan Schmidt, 65, father of the Star Furniture Co. Schmidt died Friday at his home, 1811 Border Ave. Services were conducted by the Rev. Robert Colburn, of the Baptist Church of Inglewood, and by members of the Torrance Masonic Lodge, acting for Schmidt's home lodge, of Montrose, Calif., and a brother, John, of Denver. Entombment at Inglewood Park Mausoleum followed the last rites.

Thieves Dealing Makes Two Feel Wheel Stealing

One man lost his wheels and another was late to work, all because some thieves got industrious early Friday morning. Tire thieves pushed a car registered to Howard S. Merrikan from a parking lot at 1118 Sartori around behind the American Legion Hall, where they stripped four tires and wheels from it, blocked up the front brake drums with rocks and left it, according to police records. When H. W. Collins came out to go to work Friday morning, he found the stripped car blocking his garage, and reported it to police. Merrikan's dilemma was reported to Collins, who said he appreciated the victim's plight, but that he had to get to work. By 9:15 a.m. the wheel-less car had been moved and everybody was happy, except the petty thief victim, who valued his tire and wheel loss at \$150.



BICYCLE AUCTION . . . Police Chief John Stroh and Officer Harold Trezise collected 22 bicycles for abandoned bicycles at the police station Friday afternoon. The money will go toward financing the TAPs, auxiliary police organization for Torrance youth.