

# Mother Smiles, Waits and Bears Her Secret



PRETTY SHARON HART  
And Her Mother, Elizabeth, Who Had  
Keep Smiling

By JACK O. BALDWIN  
The torturous days of smiling when she didn't feel like smiling and the long prayer-filled nights have come to an end for Mrs. Elizabeth Hart.  
For the past six weeks, Mrs. Hart, who was left a widow with the death of her husband five years ago, has had to bear a terrible secret and keep it from her 10-year-old daughter, Sharon.  
Perhaps some readers will remember the picture of blond-haired Sharon which ran in this newspaper 10 days ago when she was the "lucky" girl to be chosen as the mascot of the Soroptimist Club. There were some who wondered why Sharon should be chosen as the Soroptimist. "It should have

been someone more deserving," they said. But how could it have been?  
For even then Sharon's hours were numbered.  
She was a victim of leukemia. Early Friday morning with her mother at her side at the Seaside Hospital, still smiling and still guarding her secret, little Sharon, the "lucky" fifth grader at Torrance Elementary School, closed her eyes and died.  
For the month and a half that she has known the horrible fate of her only daughter, Mrs. Hart has been able to smile, but at 5:30 a.m. Friday morning she broke for just an instant, but came back with another smile and a word of encouragement for her only child. Thirty minutes later the Lord summoned Sharon to come help populate a playground of children in Heaven.  
Her last days were thrill-

packed for the Brownie of Troop 576. From the ladies of the Soroptimist Club she received a beautiful walking doll and a wardrobe of clothes that made her doll just about the best dressed doll in America. The ladies told Sharon, so that her suspicions wouldn't be aroused, that her name had been picked out of a hat to become the Soroptimist. It was a true lie. Her name was pulled from the hat but her name was written on every slip.  
And she was thrilled to see her picture printed in the paper and she showed it to a lot of people who read the "Letter From the Editor" which was addressed to Sharon and they said, "My, how lucky you are." Then they would turn away and their cheeks would be stained with a tear. Mrs. Hart, well,

would smile and say, "Yes, isn't she?"  
Tomorrow afternoon at 1 p.m. a six grown ups will carry the little girl "who never knew" to her final resting place at Forest Lawn. From the Little Church of the Flowers her body will be borne by Joe Doss, Robert Widrig, Roy Battershill, Raymond Beadle, Sam Ward and Harry Lobe. Sherrell Beadle and L. J. Borell will stand guard as honorary pallbearers.  
The hardest job of all goes to Rev. John Taylor of the First Methodist Church where Sharon attended Sunday school, to explain why Sharon was called so soon. From the family room, watching and listening, will be Sharon's mother and the little girl's aunt, Mrs. Esther Smythe, her last hours with a mother who had to smile, and smile, and keep on smiling—no matter

Beadle of 2205 Gramercy Ave. The child's only living grand- parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Bart- mers of Louisiana are in the 90's and won't be able to make the trip.  
The May Co. in Los Angeles where Mrs. Hart is a saleslady, has given her a leave of ab- sence so that she could spend all the closing hours with her daughter. The other sales people there, through the Red Cross, supplied the blood for the trans- fusions needed by Sharon.  
There remains now one more chore. Someone will have to pick up the toys, the coloring books, the pretty walking doll, which are strewn about the modest apartment-home at 1617 Arling- ton Ave. where Sharon shared her last hours with a mother who had to smile, and smile, and keep on smiling—no matter

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### \$30,000 Holdup Bandit Receives 1-10 Year Jolt

William McNally, convicted of participating in the \$30,000 holdup of a credit union employee here last April 1, was sentenced to 1 to 10 years in prison in Superior Court Thursday.

Don Madlung, who was also found guilty of the crime, the largest holdup in the history of Torrance, is attempting to appeal his case. The court has set Oct. 29 as the hearing date for Madlung's request for an appeal.

The pair were found guilty of the strong-armed robbery of Joe Alden, manager of the National Supply Employees Credit Union, who was returning to his office with the money to cash payroll checks. Alden is due to be released soon from the county jail after serving five months of a six-month sentence for embezzlement. He pleaded guilty to embezzlement of credit union funds when he realized an audit of the books following the robbery would show up the shortage.

A third suspect in the hold-up is still wanted by police.

### Police Sergeant Injured in Fall

Sgt. John Maestrì of the Torrance Police Department was treated at Harbor General Hospital Thursday at midnight after he tumbled 16-feet onto a pile of bricks while investigating a ringing burglar alarm.

### Barefoot Bandit Misses Melons But Not the \$5

Leaving footprints all over the sink, a barefoot bandit broke into the apartment of Denny L. Mills, 1311 Sartori Ave., Apt. 7, Thursday night and stole a wallet containing \$46 from his trousers, the victim reported to Torrance police early Friday morning.

Detective Ernie Ashton said the robber apparently climbed through the kitchen window, scoring a near-miss with his bare feet on two halves of a watermelon. The victim was asleep at the time of the robbery.

### Husband Stabbed In Neck After 'Gigging' Wife

A playful poke and a sudden defensive swing of an arm caused a young Torrance housewife to break off the blade of a kitchen knife in her husband's neck here this week, police reported.

Treated at Harbor General Hospital following the accidental stabbing here Wednesday evening was James Francis Keith, 33, of 1954 1/2 W. Carson St.

Mrs. Barbara Joan Keith, 24, told police she was paring potatoes at the kitchen sink when her husband came in and "gigged" her. Recalling instinctively she unintentionally plunged the knife blade in his neck, she reported.

Keith was later released to home.

### Tidwell Sick, Trial Put Off

The former head of the Harbor Retail Clerks Union, Haskell Tidwell, was hospitalized last week and his trial on three misdemeanor charges was continued until Nov. 6 at South Bay Municipal Court.

Tidwell has been charged with simple assault, brandishing a gun in a threatening manner, and carrying a concealed weapon without a permit. He was jailed recently on a complaint issued by Wally Elliott, an official of the union.

### Rites Slated For Cyclist

Final rites for Robert W. Stoddard, 30, 1923 Avalon Blvd., who died at Harbor General Hospital Thursday of injuries suffered when his motorcycle collided with an auto Wednesday night, will be held at the Church of Our Day Saints, Wilmington, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Green Hills Memorial Park will follow the services.

Stoddard was hurt when his bike and an auto driven by Robert Marquardt, 28, 4801 Torrance Blvd., crashed as the car made a U-turn along Western Ave.

### Father of THS Head Coach Dies

Tartar Football Coach Cliff Graybehl received word just prior to the Torrance-Redondo game Friday night that his father had passed away that afternoon in Merced, Calif., where he had been working for about a month.

Torrance High School Principal Bruce Wagner received a telephone call informing him of the death, and notified Graybehl at 7 p.m.  
Graybehl's father, Charles C. Graybehl, 61, died of a heart attack. With his wife, Emma, he had made his home in North Hollywood. For more details, see sports section, Pg. 4.

### News Pix Could Lead Grid Queen To Movie Career

Newspaper pictures of a dark-eyed blonde El Camino student from Torrance may lead to a movie career for an attractive journalism major, Marie DiCarlo, who was crowned grid queen Friday night.

It has been a whirlwind week for the pretty 22-year-old beauty, who recently celebrated her sixth wedding anniversary with her husband, Tony, a construction worker. Earlier this week Marie was busy posing for pictures with a bevy of El Camino beauties—all seeking the Grid Queen title. Then came the election and finally the coronation on TV at the Long Beach City College game. Then came interviews with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talent scouts who won the race to test the blonde beauty.

On Monday the beauty queen is due for more interviews and tests with the talent department at MGM, but she says, "I'm in school to study journalism and I'm not interested in anything else at the present." She claims any movie offer will have to be mighty tempting to dissuade her from pursuing her journalism studies.  
Until very recently the DiCarlos lived at 1434 Fern Ave.



PRETTY MARIE DICARLO  
... Movie Scouts Like Her Pictures



LITTLE LEAGUE BOOSTERS ... Herb Allen, second from left, passes a check for \$451 to Doug Mohr, president of the Torrance Little League which the Torrance Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America raised. Others looking on include Tommy Coleman, member of the winning Cardinals, and in the back, left to right, Al Gates, Norman Hawkins, and Doug McClay. Far right is Tom Coleman.

### Depot Chief Denies All Charges, Pledges Fight

Capt. Arnold Kline, commanding officer of the Torrance annex of the Naval Supply Depot, has vigorously denied charges brought against him by the Federal Grand Jury Thursday accusing him of six counts of appropriating federal property to his own use.

Capt. Kline said that he plans to battle to a public acquittal and stated that he has never knowingly violated any U. S. statute or Naval regulation in his 33 1/2 years of Naval service.

He is accused of having Naval Depot mechanics perform work and install government equipment on vehicles he owns, and of having employees repair and upholster furniture and cabinets in his home, 970 Paseo del Mar, Long Beach.

Capt. Kline appeared Thursday before Federal Judge Harry Westover on a federal grand jury indictment. He was released on \$1000 bail and is due to enter a formal plea later this month.

He had been in command of the Naval Depot for about a year and during that time has served as a director of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce.

Civilian workers reportedly made the original complaints to the FBI which led to the indictment against Capt. Kline. (Continued on Page 2)

### THS Sophomore Girl Latest Torrance Polio Victim

Carol Jones, 14-year-old daughter of a Torrance crossing guard, was stricken with polio on Wednesday and rushed to the General Hospital in Los Angeles where doctors describe her condition as "critical."

The Torrance High School sophomore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of 917 Acacia Ave. Mr. Jones is employed by the Southern California Edison Co. while Mrs. Jones is familiar to scores of students at Fern Ave. School. She is the crossing guard at Torrance and Crenshaw Blvds.

Parents of the girl took their daughter to Dr. Rodney Stetson who diagnosed the case as polio and ordered the girl taken to the polio ward at the Los Angeles hospital. She complained of soreness and stiffness in the neck, legs, and spine, according to her mother. The attractive girl has a sister, Dolores, 6, who attends Fern Ave. School.

Her mother is hopeful that some of her daughter's school friends will write to her at Ward 126, Los Angeles County General Hospital, 1200 N. State St., Los Angeles.

Carol's illness followed by four days the polio death of a four-year-old twin, Doris Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Brooks of 1001-B Sartori Ave. The surviving twin, Donna, also stricken, has been transferred to the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles where she is receiving heat treatment in her legs, arms, and back, according to her father.

### Man, 87, Listed As Suicide Here

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of the Chimes in Inglewood for William D. Thornburgh, 87, whom police listed as a suicide Friday evening after he was found in the bedroom of his home, a .38 caliber revolver in his hand.

Dr. William Davies was called to the Thornburgh home at 915 Beech Ave. and pronounced the elderly man dead at 5:46 p.m. The deceased had been a resident of Torrance for 15 years and a resident of Southern California for 40 years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge of Kingman, Ariz. The Elks will conduct the services here.

Surviving are his widow, Mary; a son, William of Atlanta; a daughter, Mrs. Carrie Wilkens also of Atlanta; a son, Howard of New York, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Mary E. Aves of Los Angeles.

Stone and Myers Mortuary is handling the arrangements.

Fog Blamed In Crash  
Thick murky fog was blamed for an accident at 168th Street and Arlington Ave. shortly after midnight Friday in which two persons including a 19-year-old girl were injured.

Treated at the Harbor General Hospital were Odie Eugene Mathers, 24, of the U.S.S. Chamberlain, San Diego, and Nancy Ann Beville, of 15415 Spinning Ave., Gardena.

### What Has He Got to Complain About?

Most of us at one time or another have had "butterflies in our stomachs," but not to the same extent as has 18-month-old Anita Louise, daughter of Judge John A. Shidder.

Thursday the judge started his second butterfly collection. His daughter ate his first collection. The judge said he would seek no criminal complaint.