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MISSING BOY FOUND



LEADERS . . . Directing the "Operation Search" conducted by members of the Torrance Mounted Police were Sergeant D. C. Cook, left; Captain Andy Alexander, and Police Chief Willard H. Haslam. Cook, a member of the Torrance Police Department, is coordinator of activities for the mounted group.

Mounted Police In Hunt

"Operation Search," a simulated rescue of a 10-year-old boy lost in the hills above WALTERIA, went off without a hitch Saturday, as 25 members of the Torrance Mounted Police participated in the mission.

The men, who were unaware that a drill was to be called, received telephone calls at their homes shortly after 9 a.m., ordering them and their horses to report to the Police Pistol Range on Crenshaw Blvd. at once.

Within an hour, a complete search group was ready to go, and within another hour, 22 members were at the scene.

Handled under exacting search conditions, the party, armed with radios and maps, fanned out into the one square mile area. In 40 minutes, young JERRY COOK, the "victim," was located, treated and on his way to safety.

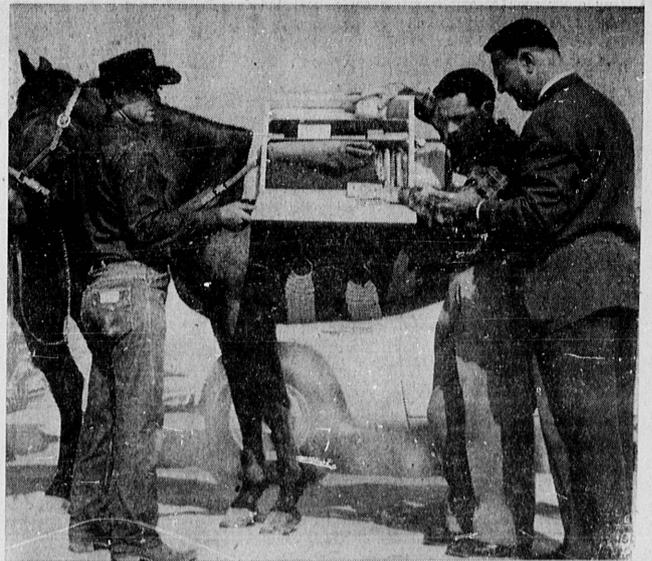


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FIRST AIDERS . . . Mounted Policemen have located their "lost" boy, Jerry Cook, 10, and applied first aid. Waiting for a stretcher bearer are C. H. Wright, on horse; Frank Stevens, left; Les Schmock, and Charlie Gotts, with portable radio.

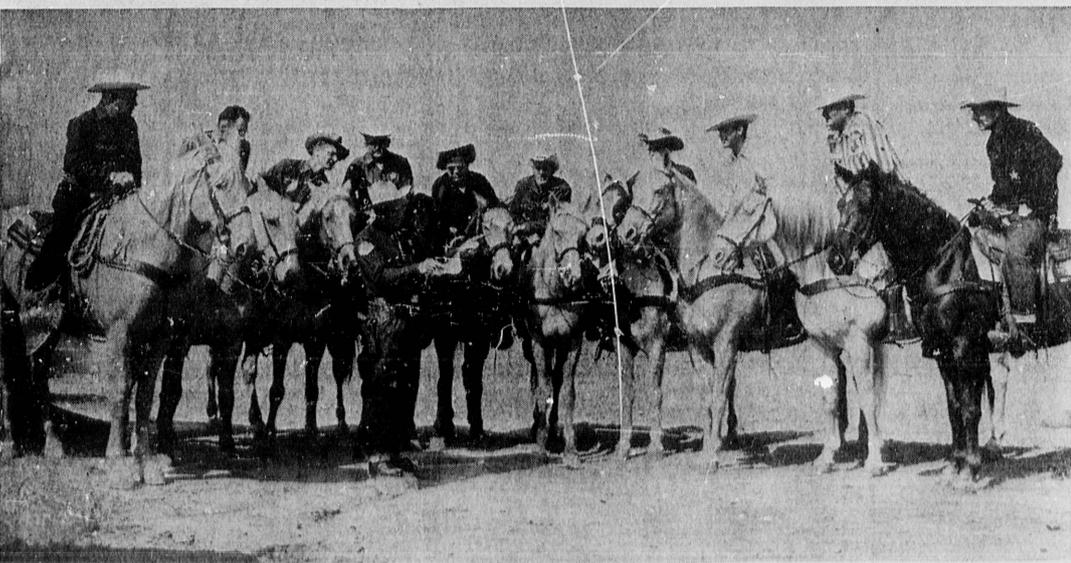


THAT AWAY . . . Checking on a search party far out in the brushy terrain are, from left, Fire Chief J. J. Benner, Police Chief W. H. Haslam, Assistant Civil Defense Director George Powell, Captain Andy Alexander, City Manager George Stevens, and Everett Smith, on horse.



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CHECK SUPPLIES . . . Looking over the first-aid equipment and supply of rescue tools carried on the pack-horse are Sergeant D. C. Cook, left, Assistant Civil Defense Director George Powell, and City Manager George Stevens. The portable storage boxes can be carried in an auto, by hand, or on the horse, as pictured here.



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BRIEFING . . . Lieutenant Lloyd Wooliver briefs his men prior to their departure into the hills to find two boys in a second problem run by the Mounted

Policemen. Atop their horses are, from left, Art Moore, Al Robins, Bill Bickar, George Berry, Ed Aiken, Frenchy Valquette, Ted Schroeder, Jim Garrett, Virgil Boles and M. R. Houdashelt.

Mounted Police Ready To Ride to Aid Troubled

Standing ready to ride through the hills in search of a lost child, or a murderer, or bring back the victim of a plane crash from a deep canyon, are members of the Torrance Mounted Police posse, who Saturday conducted a search problem in the WALTERIA hills.

Held in cooperation with Torrance Civil Defense administrators, the drill was to test the efficiency of the search party, and to give men the feel of using handle-talkie radio equipment, portable rescue and first-aid packs.

Members of the Torrance Mounted Police own their own horses, and in addition to providing shelter and food for them, must have a trailer; and

certain "police" equipment, purchased at their own expense.

Regular drills are held to get the boys "sharp" for parades and routine display activities. In addition, first aid classes and instruction in other department practices are conducted.

Mounted Police captain is Andy Alexander, who works closely with Sergeant D. C. Cook of the Police Department, who founded the mounted posse in January, 1953. Alexander, as well as all regular members of the posse, volunteer their services to the community as needed.

Other members include: Lieutenant Lloyd Wooliver, Bill Bickar, E. Smith, C. H. Wright,

Frank Stevens, R. Muno, J. Fees, Ed Aikens, Ted Schroeder, Al Robins, C. Smith, H. Sherfey, C. Bolles, J. Phillips, Les Schmock, George Berry, Art Moore, Frenchy Valquette, Jim Garrett, Charlie Gotta, Virgil Bolles, A. French and M. R. Houdashelt.

On hand to observe the work of the mounted policemen Saturday were city officials, as well as representatives of the Sheriff's office Mounted Police Reserve.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, according to Sgt. Cook. Membership at the present time is at a maximum of 25 members, and there are no openings, he said.