

Estranged Hubby Faces Acid-Throwing Charges

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RESIDENTS PROTEST WALTERA LAKE

Wife, Daughter Get Acid Burns

An acid-slinging husband gave himself up when he walked into the Torrance Police Station Thursday morning, two and a half hours after throwing a bottle of sulphuric acid at his wife and 21-month-old daughter in a fit of fury at 1967 Plaza del Amo.

Edwin J. Hendricks, 28, who has been living in a Lomita hotel since separating from his wife recently, was booked on a charge of assault with a caustic chemical Thursday afternoon. He faces preliminary hearing today in South Bay Municipal Court, after being arraigned Friday on the count.

Answer Call

Detectives said they received a phone call Thursday morning from the Plaza del Amo address, saying Mrs. Patsy J. Hendricks, 23, and her young daughter, Pamela, had been sprayed with acid. They rushed to the scene and took the pair to Harbor General Hospital in time to avoid serious burns. Mrs. Hendricks and the youngster were released after emergency treatment.

Hendricks fled the scene before officers arrived and walked into the local station at 1 p.m., admitting the assault. Mrs. Hendricks and Pamela have been living with her mother here since the couple parted a few weeks ago, according to detectives.

Asks for Coffee

She said her estranged husband came to the house and asked for a cup of coffee. He then asked to see a coat, which he had recently purchased for her, and followed the victim to the bedroom where she got the wrap. Hendricks then pulled a paper sack from his coat and began sprinkling acid from a container within the sack on the coat.

Police said that in the ensuing struggle, Mrs. Hendricks was hit by acid on the face, shoulders and legs, and the little girl was burned on the feet. Hendricks later said he drained the acid from a car battery.

The husband is being held in county jail in lieu of \$1500 bond.

Ye Olde Goodes Taken

From Antique Shoppe
Several antiques, worth \$157, and \$12 in coins and stamps were stolen from the Country Style Antique Shoppe, 2504 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, Owner Winfield W. Walther told sheriff's deputies Friday.

Burglars, who apparently gained entrance by prying open a window, took one pair of antique bronze English coach horns, worth \$150, and three antique hand-forged keys, valued at \$7.

Window Broken

Vandals broke a window in his house at 1800 W. 255th St., Lomita, Thomas R. Marshall reported to sheriff's deputies last week.

Officer's Quick Thinking Saves Youngster's Life

The quick thinking of a Los Angeles Police officer was credited with saving the life of a one-year-old Torrance boy Saturday.

Edward Duffy, of 2734 Grand Summit Rd., noticed that his son, Terry, 1, suffering from a respiratory infection, was having extreme trouble breathing. Bundling the boy into his car he headed east on Pacific Coast Hwy. for Seaside Hospital in Long Beach.

His haste attracted the attention of Motor Officer C. F. Abshire, who noted that the youngster had apparently stopped breathing and was very pale. He advised the father to administer artificial respiration and called an ambulance.

After administering oxygen, the ambulance crew rushed the boy to Harbor Hospital, where authorities said Abshire's quick thinking had apparently saved the lad's life.

Powell Attends Governor's Meet On Civil Defense

Federal, state and Los Angeles officials disagreed over the merits of evacuation and dispersal programs in civil defense at the Governor's Conference on Civil Defense held recently in Sacramento, according to George Powell, who represented Torrance.

Powell is Torrance Civil Defense Coordinator. At the meeting, Federal Civil Defense Coordinator Val Peterson declared that evacuation and dispersal were the only solutions in case of attack. A test in Milwaukee was successful, he reported.

State Sen. George Miller Jr. said that the public is tired of the inadequacy of federal civil defense plans and called for a plan for "common defense." States should act as an integrated unit, he declared. California is further advanced in its plans than almost any other state, he said.

If the federal government fails to act, then the state must set up its own organization and concentrate upon disaster relief, he believed.

A scorching attack upon Gov. Goodwin Knight and the state civil defense organization was delivered by Los Angeles Mayor Norris Poulson, who said that his area had had little help in making plans for evacuation.

Evacuation 'Nonsense'
"The evacuation of Los Angeles is just plain nonsense," he said, condemning "political influence" in civil defense. "People are going to run and you've got to make provision for it and take the consequences," Stanley Pierson, state civil defense director, replied.

Delegates to the conference saw films on various aspects of civil defense, including tests on "Survival City" in Nevada.



A SPELLING LESSON . . . Pert Nancy LaDuke Staxrud says she can't spell "antidote" but she can spell "Torrance," and this isn't the way she learned it. There are several warning signs, located on Carson St., near Greenwood Ave., with the notation, City Paint Shop, Torrance, Calif., on them.

Rally to Kick Off Chest Business Canvass Today

Business solicitation in the 1955-56 Torrance Community Chest campaign will kick-off today at 9 a.m., according to Robert Waddell, business chairman, who said the kick-off rally will be held at his home, 1226 Cranbrook Ave. Members of the business manpower committee and business workers will meet at that time to hear a Chest training instructor give tips on solicitation kits. Immediately following the meeting, the volunteers will begin contacting Torrance small business on behalf of the 148 agencies of the Community Chest.

"Our goal in business solicitation is \$1250," Waddell said, "and we feel confident that Torrance businessmen and their employees will help us top 100 per cent of our quota."

After all, more than 20,000 individuals in the Torrance area, including Lomita, Palos Verdes, and Rolling Hills, were served by Community Chest agencies last year. Torrance has a real debt to Community Chest!

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Drainage Plans Hit in Petition

A petition containing 113 signatures protesting location of a sump for storm drainage between Hawthorne and Madison and between 236th and Lomita Blvd., was presented to the Torrance Planning Commission, Wednesday night. Ted Koletos, of 23609 Ward St., presented the petition, which also asked that building restrictions in the area be lifted.

After consideration, the Planning Commission decided that the matter should be handled by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Misunderstanding Cited
Planning Commission Secretary George Powell explained that there had been much misunderstanding. In 1952, both the Planners and the Council approved a restriction forbidding building below the 75 foot contour in the Walteria Lake area. A Council-appointed Walteria Lake committee has since studied drainage in the area, Powell said.

No final decision has been reached on the location of a retention basin to be constructed in the area, he said, and tests have been conducted to determine the best means of drainage. No one has decided whether the retention basin will be on the east or west side of Hawthorne Ave., he declared.

Lot Gets OK
After a lengthy debate, the commission recommended for approval, Dr. Arthur Berke's request to use property at 1104 Arlington Ave. for a parking lot. The vote was 7-2. Commissioners John Mulvihill and Beverly Smith dissenting.

Dr. Berke indicated that he wanted to remove the existing building on the property and make a parking lot for 10 to 12 cars, as he owns adjacent buildings. He agreed to cross-deed his property so that the parking lot could not be sold separately and to build a masonry fence with grape stakes around it. Several neighbors appeared in opposition to the parking lot, declaring that parking was not overcrowded in the area. Cmdr. William A. Mason, chairman of the investigating committee, said he felt that parking would be an increasing problem. Commissioner Smith said he didn't believe that this lot would solve the problem.

Addition Studied
In other action, a committee was appointed to study the request of Mrs. Mary McCallison to build an addition to a house at 1604 Elm Ave.

Louis Gonzalez' request to store fertilizer on a parcel of ground southwest of 190th St. and the General Petroleum Refinery was removed from the agenda after a representative of the Edison Co. objected to storage under its wires.

A committee to study south Torrance street design, consisting of Commissioners Bert Lynn, R. S. Whitcomb, and Mason will make a report later on their findings, the commission was told.

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Oscar Holmberg, of 2646 request for waiver of garage setback from street.

R. R. Houston, of 145 Paseo de la Concha, requesting waiver of rear yard requirements for apartment house.

W. J. Designe, of 3635 Emerald St., request to build house, with the assurance that the existing sub-standard structure will be removed when the new house is done.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leffler, lots in Walteria area, request to build four-family unit with garages.

Rosa Ortman, of 1605 Cota Ave., request for waiver of rear yard requirements for addition to bedroom.

Denial Recommended
Recommendations for denial were made in the following cases:

H. Terheggen, of 2053 W. 159th St., request for waiver of rear yard requirements to build rumpus room.

Salvatore Artese, of 5372 Doris Way, request for additional single family residence on parcel of land approximately 10,475 square feet in area. Planners suggested that he seek a variance.

BUILDING CONTINUES BRISK PACE

Torrance's mounting building totals continue their upward spiral during October, as permits taken on so far this month pushed the year's total near \$39,000,000, according to Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the City Engineer's office.

Two huge new Kaufmann tracts, west of Hawthorne between Torrance and Sepulveda Blvd., containing 180 houses, worth more than \$1,670,000 accounted for much of the total this month. Everett Powell took out permits for 24 houses, valued at \$283,000, located near 162nd and Wilkie Ave.

George Bender took out a \$30,000 permit for construction of a new store building at 1348-50 El Prado.

The city this year seems certain to surpass 1954's record-breaking \$45,000,000 building total.

Horse Dies After Being Hit by Car Saturday

A horse, owned by Felipe Gonzalez, Jr., of 18444 Prairie Ave., died early Saturday morning after being struck by a car on Prairie, about 200 feet north of 190th St., according to police.

Driver of the automobile was Harvey W. Kent, 28, of 5624 Riviera Way. Gonzalez told officers the last he knew of the animal, it was in a corral at his home, according to the report.



WINS NATIONAL TITLE . . . Leona Rich Fry, of Torrance, receives a loving cup and luggage from Herschel E. Post, general manager and Pacific Coast Paint division manager, after being named "Miss Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. of 1955." A mail clerk at the local plant, Mrs. Fry was named by a nationwide vote of all Pittsburgh employees.

ACTION SLATED AGAINST UNFENCED DICALITE PIT

Prosecution of the owners of a huge dicalite pit in south Torrance and the Palos Verdes area for violation of the "Kathy Fiscus" ordinance is being planned, Capt. R. F. Karney, of Lennox Sheriff's Station said last week.

Acting on a suggestion by Lyle Betebeener, Regional Planning Commission representative, Karney said inspection showed many steep banks on the hole, which is 60 feet deep and covers 25 to 30-acre area.

It is about three quarters of a mile in diameter. It is bounded by Crenshaw Blvd. on the west and Palos Verdes Dr. North on the south.

Under provisions of County Ordinance 5037, the so-called "Kathy Fiscus" law, steep banks in man-made depressions

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How volunteers at Harbor General Hospital are helping to brighten the lives of youngsters there, is described on page 7 of today's HERALD.

Torrance's two high school football teams are still winless after losing their league openers last Friday night. Details can be found on page 4.

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are illegal. In order to comply with the law, a five-foot wire would have to be erected around the huge hole, Karney said.

The Great Lakes Carbon Corp., the Palos Verdes Corp., Kazarian and Sons, and the Los Angeles County Road Department may be the defendants in the action, it was indicated.

The Great Lakes firm and its affiliates own the land, while Kazarian and Sons lease 14 acres of the land for dump operations, the report indicated.