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## A Penny for your Thoughts

Do you think a husband should help his wife with the household chores?

That was the question the HERALD'S inquisitive photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their pictures and answers appear below.

Mrs. Marion Leake, 3808 174th St., a housewife: "He definitely should. Sometimes it's too much for a wife unless she does some help. My husband helps with the cooking and helps out when we have company."



Mrs. Gertrude Hopkins, 1558 W. 25th St., housewife: "Yes, I do. My husband helps with the dishes and carries out the trash and garbage. He has always been very considerate and feels we should work together and help one another."

Charles Chamberlain, 1221 El Prado, aircraft inspector: "I am a bachelor, but I feel my husband would help his wife. They should work together as a team. I already know how to cook, and when the time comes that I am married I will probably help my wife with the cooking."

Mary Jo Vaughn, 18819 Wilton Place, parking enforcement officer: "Yes, she works. If she's doing her share to help provide an income, he should do his share to help run the house. When a wife remains at home, she should find time to do it herself. She should consider her home as her job and work at making it nice."

William C. Scholl, 815 Beech Ave., utility: "I think the most modern women are breadwinners. Therefore they deserve some help from their husbands. When my wife was alive and working, I helped her. I did the laundry and the ironing."

Mrs. Lucille Tussey, 2010 Arlington, housewife: "I think it's proper. If the wife needs the help, then he should give it to her. My husband always helped me. He helped with the children when they were small, and we always did the dishes together. When the boys grew up he taught them to help too."

JOINS RYAN AERO  
R. E. "Bob" Collier has joined the Electronics Division of Ryan Aeronautical Co. as customer relations representative-at-large, according to an announcement made today by W. S. Olds, the division's director of engineering and customer relations.

# CYCLIST DIES AFTER CRASH

## Year's Second Death Reported

A 27-year-old Wilmington cyclist became the city's second traffic fatality of 1959 when he succumbed here early Friday to injuries he received the evening before in a traffic collision.

Fred F. Burdick, of 1523 Fries Ave., died at Harbor General Hospital nearly 10 hours after he was injured at 230th St. at Hawthorne Ave. in a collision involving his cycle and an auto driven by Mrs. Mariruth Podgurski, 40, of 3527 W. 226th St. Mrs. Podgurski was not held.

IN OTHER accidents logged this week, a busload of children were shaken but apparently unharmed when a Torrance Unified School District bus hit a traffic signal-post at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Calle Mayor. Driver of the bus was Robert Van Horn, 40, of 2240 Denker Ave.

Eighteen-month-old Richard Shockley of 5203 Arvada St. was treated for possible internal injuries after he was struck by a car in the driveway of his home Thursday. Wayne R. Dennis, 30, of Redondo Beach, told police he did not see the child as he backed from the driveway.

## Today's Herald Gets New Dress In Type Face

The HERALD today takes on a new dress.

Using a new selection of type faces for the front page headlines, today's edition of Torrance's home-town newspaper takes another step in a series of improvements designed to keep the HERALD in the position of leadership it has enjoyed in Torrance since the first issue was published on Jan. 1, 1914.

Type used for the front page is Bodoni Bold, and is distinguished from the type formerly used for headlines in that it is a serif type—it has little feet on it.

Both Roman (straight up and down) and Italic (slanted) type faces are now available in the Bodoni family of types to be used in the HERALD.

We like it—and we think you'll like it, too. It will be a distinctive feature of the HERALD in future issues.

## NLRB Gets Union Bid At Harvey

A petition asking the National Labor Relations Board to certify the United Steelworkers of America as bargaining agent for 1800 production and maintenance employees of the Harvey Aluminum Co. of Torrance was filed Friday, a spokesman for the union reported to the HERALD yesterday.

Jack Flannery, who heads the union's organizing drive, said the Steelworkers petition is supported by a majority of the employees "as evidenced by signed cards authorizing the union to represent them."

The union asked the Harvey company for recognition or a consent to an immediate election, Flannery said. He said the election would determine "the wishes of the employees on the question of union representation."

THE PETITION was sent to the NLRB after the firm denied the request, Flannery reported.

The union spokesmen reported that this was the third attempt of the United Steelworkers to gain recognition at Harvey. The local company is rated as the fourth largest company in the aluminum industry and is first in the west to provide heavy press extrusions of the light metal used.

## 200 Expected at AiResearch Fete

Attendance at the "Salute to AiResearch" Breakfast Meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Jan. 27th should reach 200, according to Chamber spokesmen.

Co-Chairmen Glenn Koger and Reed Parkin said that reservations are running at an accelerated pace for the affair which starts at 7:20 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave.

Mayor Albert Isen will present the Key to the City to the officials of the firm, a division of the Garrett Corp. When completed, the new facilities, located on a 66-acre parcel between Arlington and Crenshaw in North Torrance, will be staffed by some 5000 employees.

Rev. Monrad M. Bergesen, Minister of the Hope Evangelical United Brethren Church, will lead the invocation.

## Champagne Benefit To Help Hospital

Scores of invitations to the Champagne Benefit Party for Harbor General hospital to be held on Sunday evening, Feb. 15 at the new Broadway Store in the Del Amo Shopping Center, are in the mail.

Proceeds from this gala event, sponsored by the Women's clubs of the area, will be used to purchase equipment to be used for children's heart surgery. Some of the items to be purchased are, a to-and-fro absorber, anesthesiograph, respiration assistor, and an hyperthermic unit.

Those who have received their bids and are planning to attend are asked to acknowledge their invitations immediately.

## At Dinner Meeting

## Local Hospital Staff Installs

Joint installation dinner of the Medical Staff of the Torrance Memorial Hospital and the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Association was scheduled last evening at the Plush Horse.

Some 200 physicians of the South Bay area and guests were expected to attend.

Incoming officers of the Torrance Memorial Hospital for 1959 are Dr. Phillip M. Halloran of Torrance, chief of staff; Dr. John F. Grube of Manhattan Beach, assistant chief of staff; Dr. George O. Peeke of Torrance, re-elected secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Carlo A. and Dr. John F. Nursall, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Outgoing hospital officers are Dr. Rodney A. Stetson, chief of staff; Dr. Phillip M. Halloran, assistant chief of staff; and Dr. John F. Nurall, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Southwest Branch officers for the coming year are Dr. Arthur J. Olson of Redondo Beach, re-elected president; Dr. William C. Casey of Torrance, vice president; and Dr. Howard E. Fishel of Redondo Beach, secretary-treasurer. 1958 outgoing officers are Dr. Joseph Nebolon, vice president; and Dr. John W. Beeman, secretary-treasurer.

Master of ceremonies was Dr. Richard C. Shaeffer of Redondo Beach. Dr. Gerald M. Eastham of Torrance was installing officer.



SURVEYS DAMAGE . . . Mrs. Marguerite Gvens with her son, Henry, surveys damage done recently to her home when firemen were frustrated in efforts to combat the flames by low water pressures in the south Torrance area. A public hearing on a council order to declare the area "hazardous" has been scheduled for Tuesday night. (Herald Photo)

## AT PUBLIC HEARING

# Council to Hear Water Complaint

A public hearing into the council's decision to declare the south Torrance area served by a mutual water company a "hazard" area and prohibit new buildings will be held before the council here Tuesday night.

Called at the suggestion of City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer to implement the council's stand on the matter, the hearing will be attended by a number of residents of the area who have been seeking solutions to their inadequate water supply.

A case in point is Mrs. Marguerite Gvens, now living at 2365 W. 250th St., whose four-room frame house at 13811 Eshelman burned on the afternoon of Nov. 8. Insufficient water supply in the area has been blamed by witnesses for the loss of her home.

MRS. GIVENS told the HERALD yesterday that she had been using paint thinner in the living room of her home and gone outside to get rag to wipe up some of the material she

spilled. She returned to find her home in flames.

She and neighbors told the HERALD that the fire department was delayed in fighting the flames when they were forced to change their hoses to a new hydrant after the one near the house proved to carry insufficient water for the equipment.

Mrs. Givens is now seeking permission from the council to rebuild her home.

A SPECIAL meeting of homeowners in the area has been called for tomorrow evening to go over their presentation for the council meeting Tuesday.

Also to be considered Tuesday will be a request from J. Leslie and Dorothy R. Walling who want to build a four-unit apartment in the area. The applicants have agreed to put in a booster pump to bring water pressure to the required 15 pounds per square inch.

The council was told last month that addition of pumps to all of the homes in the area would not solve the situation, as the water mains serving the area did not have the capacity to supply the pumps.

THE PIPELINES serving the area were originally installed for irrigation of farmlands under a mutual company arrangement, according to Torrance's (Continued on Page 2)

## Narbonne Water Hearing Resumes Before Examiner

Further Hearings into the operations of Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 will open at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the Lomita American Legion Hall, 24702 Narbonne Ave.

Continued from a special hearing in Lomita last month, tomorrow's session was called by the Public Utilities Commission to hear testimony of water company executives on improvements which were to be made as a condition of a rate hike several years ago.

Examiner Grant E. Syphers will preside at tomorrow's hearing, which is open to the public.



YMCA DONATION . . . John Tweedy (left), chairman of the Youth Activities committee of the Rotary Club hands a check for \$193 to Judi LeCralle of the Torrance YMCA to be used to support the Youth and Government program of the organization while Glenn Koger of the Rotary Club looks on. (Herald Photo)

## Alcoa, Rome Cable To Merge in March

Rome Cable and Aluminum Co. of America have announced plans to affiliate.

Frank L. Magee, president of Alcoa, and A. D. Ross, president of Rome Cable, announced that agreement has been reached on a plan by which Alcoa will acquire all the properties of Rome Cable for 355,226 shares of Alcoa common stock. This will permit distribution to Rome shareholders of three shares of Alcoa common stock on each five shares of Rome common stock. The agreement is contingent upon the approval of the Rome shareholders, who will meet on March 25, 1959. If approved, it will take effect immediately.

ALCOA AND Rome plan to combine their electrical conductor, conduit, and accessory activities in a new company to be called Rome Cable Co. The present members of Rome's management will continue in their present capacities in the newly formed company.

H. T. Dyett will retire as chairman of the board of Rome Cable Corp. when and if the agreement is consummated, rather than at the annual meeting in June as previously planned; but he will continue to serve on the board of directors of the new company.

Alcoa plans to continue the fundamental policies established by the Rome management, and no major changes in personnel are anticipated.

ROME CABLE Corp.'s shares currently are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The company has approximately 2500 shareholders. Rome Cable's net sales for the year ending March 31, 1958, amounted to \$40,615,000. Annual sales have averaged \$47,000,000 over the past five years. The company has approximately 1500 employees. It

operates manufacturing plants at Rome, N.Y.; Torrance, and Colledgeville, Pa.; as well as sales offices in principal cities of the United States. Rome is best known for its broad line of quality insulated wire and cable products—basically made of copper—and for its steel conductor for other wiring systems. Its products are sold to electrical utilities, electrical manufacturers of other wire fabricating industries, wholesalers, mines, and oil companies. A number of specialty products are made for the military services, especially for use in the missile program.