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ELDERLY PAIR LOSE HOME IN FIRE

Firemen Find House Ablaze

The mother of a Torrance fireman lost her home to flames late Wednesday night as low water pressure and late reporting of the fire hampered firefighting operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ward, 2229 W. 230th, returned from a visit to a daughter in Lomita to find firemen spraying water on the smoking remains of their home. Mrs. Ward is the mother of Torrance Fireman Carl Hanni, who was not on duty at the time, but was called to the scene.

Total Loss

The blaze, of undetermined origin, made the house an almost total loss, although firemen were able to save a bag with \$30, some old silver dollars, and other old coins from the flames, which apparently started in the living room.

The house was a roaring inferno when firemen arrived and the roof collapsed shortly after they started to battle the flames. Hooking the hoses to nearby hydrants, firemen got only a trickle of water which would not reach the house and had to use pumping equipment on the engines.

\$500 Damage

Damage to the building will run more than \$5000, according to Fire Marshal Robert Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward lost nearly all of their belongings in the blaze, as well as those of the two small grandsons who lived with them—Stevie Robarge, 3, and Jimmy Robarge, 2. The Wards were reported staying with relatives.

In other action this week, the firefighters extinguished a fire which started in the grease pan of a stove at the Gerald Covey home, 4403 Highgrove Ave. There was little damage.

Cupboards and ceiling were scorched in the kitchen of the Richard Ollivares home, 4734 Bindewald Rd., as the result of a blaze caused when some medicine which was being heated on the stove caught fire.

Longren Gets New Contract For Boeing

Award of a contract worth more than \$1,300,000 by Boeing Airplane Co. was announced yesterday by Christina Wentworth, vice president of Longren Aircraft.

The contract calls for continued production of wing ribs for Boeing's 707 Jet Stratolliners and the U. S. Air Force's KC-135 tanker. Longren has been manufacturing these for 18 months, Mrs. Wentworth said.

The new contract will extend Longren's Boeing 707 contract well into 1960.

Two Men Die In Flaming Plane Crash

Two residents of this area were killed Thursday night when they crashed in a light plane on an Arizona fishing resort airstrip.

James E. Dillon, 45, of 11 W. Wideloop Rd., Rolling Hills, and David Mosbacher, 42, of 351 Palos Verdes Blvd., were trapped in the flaming wreckage of their plane.

According to police reports, Dillon was attempting to land the plane after dark during a rain storm, using automobile lights point out the runway.

VICTIM OF SHOOTING 'IMPROVING'

What started out as a parakeet swap between two Lomitanos ended up in the accidental shooting of Olin Webb Jones, 44, 2332 W. 245th St., according to sheriff's deputies. Jones was reported in "good" condition in Harbor General Hospital after being accidentally shot at the home of Mrs. Ruth Tatom, 40, 26010 Eshelman Ave.

Jones and Mrs. Tatom said they met in a Lomita supermarket and discovered they were parakeet owners. After discussing their pets, they made arrangements to meet to trade a parakeet, they said.

Deputies quoted them as saying that Jones went to Mrs. Tatom's home late Wednesday, where they discussed rocks, parakeets, and guns. Mrs. Tatom brought out a gun she owned and it accidentally discharged, they said, hitting Jones in the stomach.

After the shooting, she helped Jones into his pickup truck and drove him to the hospital. She also called deputies.

4-Year-Old Injured Here

A four-year-old child was injured Friday when she was hit by a car.

Shelia Redding, 4, of 25713 Crest Rd., reportedly struck into the street and was struck by a vehicle driven by Carole Lorna Walberg, 23, of 2608 Ridgeland Rd. The driver was not held.

Clubwomen Pull Tot, 3, From Water

A three-year-old Torrance boy was saved from drowning last week by the quick action of women who pulled him from a swimming pool and administered artificial respiration.

Saved was Mike Domenici, whose mother, Mrs. Lois Domenici, 20016 Talisman St., had taken him to La Mirada where she was visiting friends. While the mothers were visiting, Mike and other children were playing outside. Mike and another child crawled under the fence at a nearby home to take a look at the swimming pool.

Mike fell in and the other child started screaming. The lady who lived next door heard him, saw the trouble, and summoned aid. A member of the La Mirada Woman's Club, Mrs. Mary Louise Crothers, who was playing bridge nearby, heard the commotion and raced to the scene. She jumped into the water and pulled the boy out by his suspenders.

Another bridge player, Mrs. Kay Maslowski, administered artificial respiration till County firemen arrived. About this time, the boy's mother, who had been searching for him, saw the crowd and arrived.

He was rushed to Carobill Hospital, Norwalk, where his condition was "good" at last report.

Movies Selling Us Short, Pakistani Official Says

American movies often give the wrong impressions about the United States.

That was the observation of Siddique Chaudhry, Pakistani government official who will spend nine weeks in Torrance learning about municipal administration in this country. While here he will have "on-the-job training" with various city officials in Torrance, which was selected as a model city of 100,000 for the training. Chaudhry is one of 11 top Pakistani administrators who are in the U.S. under the International Cooperation Administration.

Wrong Impression
After a short time in the U.S., Chaudhry noted, "Movies are not a fair representation of American life. They give the impression that it is a nation of gangsters, cowboys, music, love, fun, and nothing else."

His first impressions of America include amazement at the great resources and "the will and determination of the people to be free and their great faith in democratic life."

A subdivision officer of the state of Murree, West Pakistan, Chaudhry holds a job roughly comparable to that of the California lieutenant governor. He was selected for his post by a rigorous competitive examination. The top administrators were sent to the University of Southern California for this executive development program.

Adapt, Not Adopt
The Pakistani official said he is here "not to adopt the American way of doing things, but to adapt them to the Pakistani way of life."

The visitor's homeland is a part of what used to be known as India. Ten years ago, when the land was freed from British rule, India was divided into two parts, based on the religious beliefs of the people. The Hindu part still is known as India, while the Moslem part became what is now known as Pakistan. Pakistan (Continued on Page 12)

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Sting Is Fatal
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Police officers are doing their best to curb and control the rising illicit drug problem. With a little more help and additional manpower, they could handle their job efficiently.
Laws Adequate
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Rehabilitation of addicts, a (Continued on Page 12)



HOME DESTROYED . . . Firemen arrived at the Sam Ward home at 2229 W. 230th St. Wednesday night to find it engulfed in flames. The home was destroyed along with most of the possessions of Mr. and Mrs. Ward and those of two grandsons, Stevie and Jimmy Robarge. The Wards were visiting in Lomita at the time of the fire. (Herald Photo by Ronnie Weiner)

Top Students Attend Class On Saturdays

Interest in Saturday morning classes for top students at South High School has "exceeded expectations," according to school officials.

Began recently on an experimental basis, the first two-hour session was attended by 58 students, who discussed various aspects of science, math, and liberal arts.

Planned as subjects for future discussion are trigonometric functions, logarithm tables, slide rule operation, fundamentals of psychology and sociology, reading skills, values and methods of note-taking, and creative writing. Other subjects may be discussed as the questions arise, officials said.

The activity is supervised by Dr. Bruce Wagner, principal of the school, with discussions led by teachers who have, to date, volunteered their services.

The program is designed to gather information on the best ways to help students who are fast learners and top performers academically. Under study at the same time is the possibility of working this program into the present courses in high school and the daily schedule of classes.



LEARNING ABOUT AMERICA . . . Siddique Chaudhry, one of 11 top Pakistani officials studying government in the U.S., learns how one of the machines in the city's finance department works. His instructor is a city employee, Mrs. Gladys Stock, whose son, the Rev. Fred Stock, is a missionary to Pakistan and knew Chaudhry there. (Herald Photo)

Sting of Rattlesnake Bite, Heroin Needle Both Fatal

There's little difference between the sting of a rattlesnake and that of a heroin-filled hypodermic needle—they are both fatal. That is the contention of law enforcement officers who say education on the perils of narcotics should begin early—not at a time when the potential user may be making experiments with pills and dope which will lead to the dead-end road of the addict. Today's article is the sixth in a series appearing each Sunday and Thursday in your Award Winning HERALD.

By YONDA CARLTON
Herald Staff Writer

When should a child be warned of the danger of narcotics?

"The same time a parent explains to him that rattlesnakes are dangerous."

This startling disclosure came from Lt. D. C. Cook of the Torrance juvenile and narcotics division.

Lt. Cook urged parents not to wait until their sons and daughters experimented on their own . . . and run the risk of becoming an addict

before they know the danger and tragedy involved.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

Letters in hand, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked this question:

"Congress is debating whether postage rates should be increased in order to help balance the Post Office Department budget. What do you think?"

William L. Anderson, 21713 Marjorie St., accountant:

"Postal rates should be increased to balance the budget. Some steps should be taken to increase the bulk rate mail, which is carried at a loss and loads down the carriers. People should pay for services rendered."

Mrs. Vi Whittington, 1811 Torrance Blvd., secretary:

"There should be an increase. Other things have gone up and the Post Office budget should be balanced. We will pay for it in other ways if not through postal rates. We get lots of service for three cents now."

Phillip Ward, 2712 W. Carson St., Torrance High student:

"I do not think there should be an increase. Three cents is enough to pay for mailing a letter. The government gets enough now in income taxes."

Mrs. Jack Phillips, 1536 W. 226th St., businesswoman:

"I do not know how we can hope to pay our debts without a balanced budget. The Post Office should be self-supporting. It's sound business to pay as you go."

Charles McPhail, Compton, aircraft worker:

"Certainly there should be an increase if the Post Office is losing money. There should be a balanced budget. The taxpayers will make it up anyhow if the budget is not balanced."

Linda Dixon, 1707 W. 242nd Pl., typist:

"It's a good idea if the Post Office gets the profits. The Post Office should be like business and pay for itself. If an increase means money to be used for something else by Congress, then I'm not for it."

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