

# District Attorney Seeks New Weapons in Dope War

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# GAS EXPLOSION BURNS WORKER

## Sheet of Fire Hits Two Men Fixing Tank

An explosion touched off by a spark from an electric drill near a gas cylinder injured two men, one critically, at a Torrance welding shop Thursday.

Hospitalized with second- and third-degree burns was Curtis Grimes, 22, who was repairing a huge metal tank at the Barrington Machine Works, 1124 Border Ave., with co-worker N. R. Swanson, 37.

Investigating officers said the pair were injured when sparks from an electric drill ignited acetylene gas formed by a carbide residue inside the container.

Swanson was treated for first degree burns of the face.

Although flash flames spewed from the tank, no fire resulted, police said. Damage to the tank was described as moderate.

Grimes, who resides at 1556 W. 227th St., was taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment and then transferred to Riviera Hospital.

## Pair Due Honors

Ove Hoyer, general manager of Del Amo Nurseries, and Paul Salzberg, Torrance sculptor, will be honored by the city council at its 8 p.m. meeting Tuesday.

Hoyer will receive a resolution on behalf of Del Amo Nurseries for the donation of several thousand dollars worth of trees to the city, and Salzberg for donation of sculpted pieces to the recreation department.



PROGRESS REPORT . . . An automobile and earth moving equipment appear dwarfed as the huge Walteria Lake Sump takes on greater proportions each working day. When completed, the huge sump will collect storm waters from a large area of southwest Torrance and permit development of the Walteria Lake area, limited now to farming. The work is being performed by private contractors. (Herald Photo)

### At Hospital

## Plaque To Cite Donors

Charles Czuleger Sr. was appointed chairman of a committee to make arrangements for the erection of a memorial plaque in the lobby of the Little Company of Mary Hospital. The appointment was made at a steering committee meeting of the advisory board held Thursday morning. The plaque will be of polished wood and will list the names of the donors to the hospital.

It is anticipated that the majority of the three year pledges will be paid in full within the near future, this will qualify them to be listed on the memorial plaque. Erection of the plaque was delayed to assure that all qualified donors would receive proper recognition.

REV. MOTHER M. Patricia announced the resignation of R.I. Plomert Jr., as president of the advisory board. Mother Patricia expressed her deep gratitude for the services of Plomert and cited his key roll in the fund raising campaign.

Robert Curry was appointed chairman of the nominating committee by acting president George W. Schneider. The committee will submit candidates for the annual election of officers to be held on Thursday, Dec. 15 at a breakfast. (Continued on Page 3)



Flora Watson, Teenage chairman:

"Working with teenage members of the Y.W.C.A. has been a wonderful opportunity for me to learn that giving is more important than receiving. My association has taught me a great deal about others and how to be helpful to them."

Nancy Robards, Y.W.C.A. teenage member:

"I think belonging to the 'Y' promotes better relationship between this age group and adults. As members we have become closer through working together. I have learned many constructive habits."

Judi Steadell, member:

"Friendship is the most important thing I have gained through Y.W.C.A. activities. I think belonging is giving me a better background for future life and the sportmanship I am learning will always help me."

Phyllis Yancey, member:

"I think that the friends I have made as a member has been the most important thing to me, although the many other benefits are also very important to me. Our dances, recreation and trips have been constructive."

Virginia Juvet, member:

"I think the most important benefits have been the way, belonging to the 'Y' promotes the spirit of friendship and fellowship among members. I value the new friends I have made here very much."

## Lock Car, Take Key, CHP Says

Approximately one out of every 120 automobiles registered in Los Angeles County was stolen in 1951. According to the California Highway Patrol, 71 per cent of all vehicles stolen were unlocked and 17 per cent had keys in the ignition.



BIG LIFT . . . to Community Chest campaign at Harvey Aluminum is given by Crane Operator Mieke Kaeler as she takes Community Chest poster from Gene Alfred, chairman of employee appeal. United Way appeal is now in full swing in Torrance area for 170 health, welfare, and youth causes.

## McKesson Sla ms Court's Dope Arrest Restrictions

Dope ring principals are operating in the greater Los Angeles area with immunity as the result of restrictive court

decisions sharply curtailing law enforcement agencies, District Attorney William B. McKesson declared yesterday.

"My office has been advised by the Los Angeles Police Department that arrests today for violations of narcotics laws are necessarily confined largely to small pushers, most of whom are dope habit victims themselves," McKesson said.

"The ones we really want, the ones that organize dope distribution in this area and make millions from this deadly traffic, are virtually impossible to reach."

McKesson said he specifically referred to the court decisions which sharply curtail the right of police officers in the field of search and seizure.

"We must recognize that narcotics are unlike any other type of law violation. It is ridiculous, for example, to require police officers to disclose the source of information leading to a narcotics arrest."

After all, when an arrest is made and clear violation of the law is discovered, what does it matter where the information originated that led to the arrest?"

Recently released California crime statistics emphasize the growing seriousness of Southern California's narcotics problem, the District Attorney continued.

"FOR SEVERAL years about 75 per cent of all California narcotics arrests have been made in Los Angeles county. Police officers, due to recent unrealistic court decisions, have been sharply curtailed in the matter of arrests for narcotics violations. You would expect, therefore, that arrest totals would fall off as a result."

McKesson said the reverse was true.

"Instead of a statistical drop, figures show that narcotics felony arrests increased 18.5 per cent during the first six months of 1960. This is due mainly to the fact that

narcotics rings, enjoying greater immunity, are pushing their product and are able to hook more and more people with less chance of being arrested."

THE ARRESTS are up, he summarized, but only the "little guys" are being caught.

The District Attorney repeated his earlier proposals that the prime target in the narcotics fight must be to smash the pipeline.

"Then, by legislation, we must take the handcuffs off our police officers and give the law abiding citizens of Los Angeles County the same break the court decisions have given dope rings. Society as a whole has far superior right than does an individual law violator."

## Parents of 21,000 Visiting Teachers

Parents of Torrance's more than 21,000 elementary school children have attended or soon will attend parent conferences to discuss their children's progress, according to Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent.

Individual parent conferences are held twice a year after written reports are sent home. Parents and teachers then discuss their children's work in various areas and make plans for improving the work, according to individual needs.

LAST YEAR, 18,960 parents (about 95 per cent) attended the parent conferences. School officials try to get 100 per cent participation, but for various reasons, this is not always possible.

During the conferences, teachers may show parents samples of the youngsters' work, compare notes on their progress, and ask for suggestions. Teachers try to gear the

work to benefit each child.

GROUP conferences are held at each school early in the fall, with principals and teachers outlining the general educational program. This is followed in November or December by the written reports and individual conferences, which are repeated again in April or May.

Parents may request more conferences, if needed, Posner said. Seventh and eighth grade parents may request letter grades in addition to information included on a regular reporting form.

## Marymount Coeds In Queen Finals

Marymount students Pamela Grote and Mary Mahany were chosen as semi-finalists in the Loyola University Homecoming Queen contest. Final judging for the coveted title will take place on Nov. 27th.



CONFERENCE TIME . . . It's parent-teacher conference time in Torrance's 30 elementary schools, and Mrs. Max Miller (left) has come to Torrance Elementary School to discuss Sherry Ann Miller's progress with Mrs. William McKenzie, teacher. All parents of elementary children have been invited (or soon will be) to school for individual conferences to discuss their children's work.