

Father Issues Appeal for Daughter's Safe Return

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DOUBLE TRAGEDY HITS FAMILY

Car on Way To Funeral Hits Truck

Three Torrance residents were injured and one killed this week in widely separated accidents.

Mrs. Margaret Hollingshead, 68, of Torrance, who was on her way to attend the funeral of her daughter, Mrs. Lois Pognotti West, 46, of Torrance, was injured Tuesday when the car she was a passenger in skidded into the side of a logging truck near Carson City, Nev.

The daughter, Mrs. West, was killed in an automobile accident Sunday at Yuba City. Mrs. Hollingshead was a passenger in a car driven by her brother, James J. Robson, 66, of Roundup, Mont., who was killed in the accident. His wife was also injured.

Mrs. Hollingshead, who suffered injury to her legs, is expected to be in a Carson City hospital several weeks.

In local accidents, Randy Roach, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Roach of 1449 W. 214th St., escaped serious injury when he was struck by a car about 5 p.m. Friday at the intersection of Harvard Blvd. and Carson St. He was treated, as an outpatient, for cuts and bruises at Harbor General Hospital and released. The youth was crossing Carson St. on foot at the time of the accident.

Douglas R. Hoffman, 21, of 17107 Illinois Ct., was in serious condition yesterday at Little Company of Mary hospital after his motor scooter collided with a truck Friday afternoon at the intersection of Artesia Blvd. and Arlington Ave.

Police said the truck was driven by Elbert A. Fogle, 21, of Huntington Park. Hoffman suffered a broken back, skull fractures and cuts. Fogle's semi-truck, eastbound on Artesia Blvd., collided with the motor scooter which was westbound on Artesia Blvd. and making a left turn at the time of the accident, Fogle told police.

Man Held In Lomita Shooting

Richard T. Henke, 61, of Los Angeles, was arraigned in Los Angeles Municipal Court Division 40 this week on charges of murder and attempted murder.

Henke admitted to police that he shot and killed his son, Charles, 37, during a family argument in Los Angeles Monday. He then drove to Lomita and shot his son-in-law. The son-in-law, John Blamor, 24122 Eshelman Ave., is still in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital. He was shot in the chest when he answered his door.

Henke's wife died about nine months ago of cancer and the widower had been despondent. Henke was returned to the County Jail without bail.

Fox Declines FAA Position

Francis T. Fox of Torrance, now general manager of the Los Angeles International Airport, has requested that his name be withdrawn from the list of names being considered for deputy administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency. Fox declined the appointment because of requests from Los Angeles mayor Samuel Yorty.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Torrance shoppers were asked "What do you think the United States should do about nuclear testing?" by the Pennies photographer as he made his semi-weekly round.

Answers and pictures of the five asked this question appear below:

Walter V. Shearer, 1008 Via Pialestra, Palos Verdes Estates: "I think we should ban testing for the time being. When the Berlin situation is settled we might begin testing. The Russians haven't been observing the test ban, but the spotlight is on the U.S. and it is what we do that counts with some of the other countries."

Don P. Luck, 16709 Edna Pl., Covina: "I definitely think we should begin testing again for our own self-protection. The Russians are reportedly testing and we have got to be more aggressive. Weakness is not respected in most of the countries of the world."

Wayne Mrozinski, 1509 S. Catalina: "No, I don't think we ought to begin testing again. The fallout reactions and their effects on humans, plants and animals is my concern. It is a scientific question rather than a political one. The Russians are smarter than we are about testing."

H. D. Nair, 1627 W. 215th St.: "I think that we should begin our own testing program at once. We can't trust the Russians and for all we know they have gone right on testing during the last 18-months ban on nuclear testing. They get ahead of us in development that way."

R. W. Morse, 1923 Andreo St.: "I think that we should begin testing now. We have played games with the Russians long enough. You can't trust them to do anything they say. If they tell a lie enough times, some people are going to believe them. We should be prepared with our own testing programs."

Burglar Flees With Two Wallets
Police were told Monday by William Croslin, 34, of 1217 Cole Ave., that a burglar had stolen \$18 from his home after climbing through a window and over a sleeping child and took two wallets.

Riders Cover Area's Hills In Vain Hunt

William Tompkins, father of 11-year-old Karen Lynn Tompkins, who has been missing since Friday, Aug. 8, issued an urgent appeal today for the return of his daughter.

"It may be that someone who reads this message is in a position to restore Karen Lynn to us. If this be the case, we want to assure someone that we will do everything within our power to understand and forgive," Tompkins said.

"We have prayed for the power to understand, and we have prayed for the safety of our daughter," he added. Mrs. Tompkins said, "I know that every church in Torrance is praying for Karen."

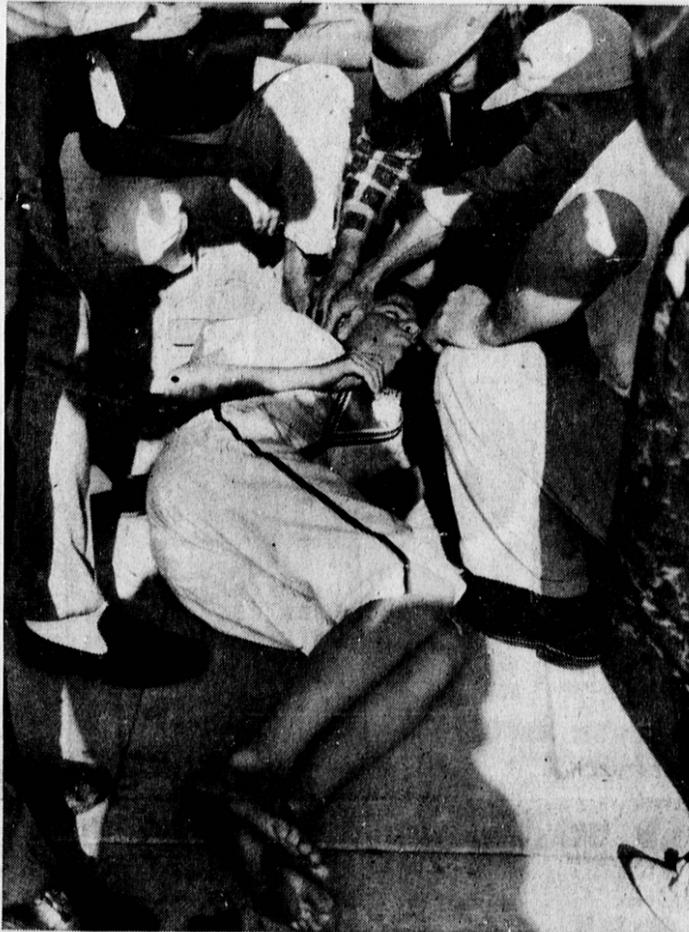
Police agencies throughout the Southland are continuing their search as investigators again retraced the route Karen might have taken home from the Halldale School where she was last seen.

Yesterday a Sheriff's Dept. mounted posse searched the Palos Verdes area. Police were continuing their investigation of leads supplied by people who say they have seen the girl.

Tompkins, a Navyman on emergency leave, said he believes a possible kidnapper might be moved to return the little blonde girl. Police are still lacking a tangible clue to the mystery.

When last seen Karen was wearing blue shorts and sandals, a white long-sleeve sweater and was carrying two eight-inch model covered wagons she had made in a crafts class.

Gas Mower Missing
Richard I. Brown of 4106 W. 180th St. reported to police Friday that a power mower valued at \$35 was missing from his garage.



HELPING HANDS . . . Bystanders make Randy Roach, 12, of 1449 W. 214th St., comfortable after he was struck by a car late Friday afternoon at the intersection of Carson St. and Harvard Blvd. The youth was treated at Harbor General Hospital for cuts and bruises. (Herald Photo)

Widow of Torrance Officer Receives Hero's Citation

Los Angeles police and city officials honored a young Torrance father who died in an act of heroism last December at a dinner at the Biltmore Hotel Wednesday.

Richard D. Kent, 30, a Los Angeles police officer, was killed in a gun battle with two robbery suspects during an attempted hold-up of an auto parts store in Los Angeles.

HIS WIDOW was presented with a Medal of Valor by Police Chief William H. Parker. The medal honored Kent's courage above and beyond the call of duty and is the highest award presented by the Los Angeles Police Dept.

The Kents lived at 18509 Spinning Ave. at the time of the fatal shooting.

Six other officers were honored at the luncheon, including Leon Poor, the slain officer's partner who apprehended the killers after Kent fell, mortally wounded, to the sidewalk.

Kent was the father of three children, Ruth Ann, 9, Mark, 6, and Lenore, 4.

THE OFFICER and his partner entered the auto parts store at 8656 S. Broadway on Dec. 8 where Charles L. Pike, 27, was holding the manager, staff and a customer at gun point.

Pike opened fire on Kent, who returned the fire. The young officer was wounded, but fired back in pursuit of the suspect. Kent died while reloading his gun on the sidewalk outside the store.

OFFICER POOR continued the chase and took the Pike

Measles Reported

After a three week break, measles were back in the news this week as the County Health Dept. reported two cases in Torrance.

man and Richard D. Ceniceros, 25, into custody.

Pike and Ceniceros were found guilty of murder in the first degree in Inglewood Superior Court last month. Pike was sentenced to death and Ceniceros received a life imprisonment sentence.

Ex-Tartar Pair Planning German Christmas Outing

Two Torrance High School graduates will have a Christmas reunion in Germany this year when Russell DeFields, stationed in Ludwigburg, Germany, with the 35th Quartermaster Battalion, U.S. Army, and Dieter Seiler, an AFS exchange student, get together. DeFields recently visited the Seiler home in Boppard, Germany, but Dieter was on vacation in Holland.

Pfc. DeFields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert DeFields, 1411 Crenshaw Blvd. visited with the family of the former exchange student recently at their home. He reported the events in a letter to his family this week.

DeFields had received a weekend pass to attend the European Grand Prix race at Neuremberg. Since the race was not until Sunday and it was only Friday, DeFields decided to stop at Koblenz on the way to try and locate Seiler.

SEILER lives in Bappard, about 12 miles from Koblenz, so the young private took a train. In his letter, DeFields (Continued on Page 2)



TOOTING UP . . . Getting ready for a 2 p.m. Sunday "Fun through Music" concert at Torrance Park are Director James Davidson, flutist Margo Pickering, and nearly 100 young musicians. Sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Dept., a 10-week summer music program has been in progress at all Torrance Parks. The public is invited to bring picnic lunches and listen.



WELCOME TORRANCE BOY . . . Mr. and Mrs. Erich Seiler welcomed a former classmate of their son, Dieter, at their home in Boppard, Germany. The Seiler boy attended Torrance High School during 1958-59 on the AFS program. Russell DeFields, stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army, visited the home recently and received a warm welcome. The Seiler's are pictured here at a restaurant where they took DeFields for dinner.