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MAN DIES IN SHOOTING SPREE

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think husbands and wives should take separate vacations?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. Ed Corley, 1268 Ritner:
"No I don't think so because a vacation should be a family affair unless it's a fishing trip. Then I would not care to go. I like camping but getting up at 4 o'clock to go fishing is too early for me."

Mrs. Marlan Modland, 20528 Osage Ave.:
"I don't think it would hurt to take separate vacations as long as they had one together. I think it's fine if a husband wants to go on a hunting trip by himself as long as he takes his wife someplace also."

Mrs. Milton Madrona Ave.:
"One weekend recently I went to Las Vegas without my husband but I'd lots rather have him with me. I think it depends largely on where he's going as to whether I want to go along with him. If he were going to be gone as long as a week I'd want to go."

Mrs. Glen Fenn, 1027 Arlington Ave.:
"No I don't think so. The husband, wife and kids should go together. I don't mind my husband taking a two or three day trip by himself to go hunting or fishing. I feel we all have more fun when we are all together. We've never taken separate vacations."

Mrs. James Thornton, 20544 Amie Ave.:
"I don't think they should. My husband spent 22 years in the Navy and we only spent about 10 years of it together so we like to be together now. We rarely take a vacation but when we do we all go together."

Receives Degree

Beulah Grace Mezzanatto of Torrance was graduated from Oregon State University June 2. She received her degree in school education.

Groups Take College Bid To San Diego

Delegations representing Torrance and area cities interested in securing the new four-year state college in Torrance made plans to move on to San Diego today to begin a two-day "do-or-die" campaign before members of the Board of Trustees for State Colleges in the belief that a decision on the college location may be reached Friday.

The San Diego appearances follow formal presentation of the city's case before the site selection committee of the board at a special hearing in Westchester last evening.

AT THE Westchester meeting, delegates opposed to location of the college on the Palos

Verdes Peninsula were prepared to document their opposition, other area cities were prepared to show the support of their communities for the Torrance site, and a strong Torrance delegation, armed with facts and figures, were scheduled to make its strongest bid for the college.

A second meeting of the site selection committee is scheduled in San Diego today, but local officials did not expect to be able to appear before the committee at this meeting.

THE REV. David Beadles, chairman of the Torrance citizens committee for the college, will head a delegation to San (Continued on Page 2)



MIDNIGHT ACCIDENT . . . Charles Jean Bozarth, 38, Buena Park, suffered minor injuries about midnight Monday when his car went out of control, hit a pole and turned over on Western Avenue at the west entrance to Douglas aircraft. (Herald Photo)

Woman Lives With Bullet In Forehead

A 34-year-old Torrance man shot his female acquaintance in the head Tuesday night then turned the gun on himself.

The attempted murder-suicide occurred about 9:30 in the home of the victim, Dorothy Metzler, 30, of 3127 W. 177th St. She was in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital late Wednesday. The bullet, which entered her head between the eyes and went down toward the throat, had not been removed by mid-afternoon yesterday.

Robert Arthur Ryan, 34, of 2818 W. 182nd St., died at Harbor General Hospital about three hours after the shooting.

THE SHOOTING occurred after Mrs. Metzler told Ryan

she was going back to her estranged husband, Robert Fredrick Metzler of Apartment 28, 1428 S. Hawthorne Ave. Her four children ranging in age from three through nine were asleep in the bedroom at the time of the shooting.

Ryan and Mrs. Metzler were sitting on the couch when she told Ryan she had definitely made up her mind to go back to her husband, she told police. Ryan got up to leave, put on his coat, took out a revolver and pulled the trigger after saying "You and I are going to die," according to the victim.

"I FELL back on the couch. He then put the gun to his own head. I heard the gun and saw him fall. I didn't lose consciousness at all. I thought I was dying," she said.

She continued, "I was concerned about my children and went to the phone and called my husband to tell him to take care of the children. Then I got the operator to call for an ambulance and then waited for it to get here."

From a blood trail in the home it appeared that Mrs. Metzler got up from the couch, took a hallway telephone and went into the bathroom for a towel, police said. She apparently went to the bedroom next, they added, where she placed a telephone call to the operator for an ambulance and then called her estranged husband.

METZLER TOLD police he got the telephone call from his estranged wife about 9:30. "Bob shot me and then shot himself. Get over right away," Metzler said she told him. Police were at the 177th Street home when he arrived there shortly after receiving the telephone call.

Ryan's body was taken to the McCormick Mortuary in Hawthorne. He is survived by his widow, Olga M. Ryan, of Lancaster.

A coroner's report said the .32-caliber bullet entered his right temple and came out the left side of the head.

Car Flips Off Freeway; Teacher and Son Injured

A Torrance school teacher and her 17-year-old son suffered major injuries Tuesday morning when their car careened off the San Diego Freeway at the city's northern boundary.

The car plunged about 40 feet and landed upside down on the off ramp to Redondo Beach Boulevard. Taken to Gardena Hospital was the driver, William Rutter, and his mother, Mrs. Mary T. Rutter, 47, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Rutter teaches at Flavian Elementary School and the youth attends a Torrance high school. Witnesses told California Highway Patrol officers the southbound sedan blew out a right rear tire and veered several times across the freeway before plunging over the side.

THREE out-of-control sedans collided with poles this week in separate accidents.

James Edward Hughes, 30, Gardena, was thrown from his car when it struck a pole at Western Avenue and Artesia Boulevard. He suffered head

injuries a fractured nose, multiple lacerations, contusions, and abrasions and possible injuries to his arms and legs, police said. Officials at Gardena Hospital where he was taken refused to comment to the press on his condition.

In the other one-car accident, Charles Jean Bozarth, 38, Buena Park, suffered minor injuries and was taken to Harbor General Hospital after his car went out of control and ran into a post on Western Avenue at the west entrance to Douglas Aircraft about midnight Monday. (See Photo).

THE DRIVER of a small foreign model sports car was arrested Sunday on felony drunk driving after her car went out of control and hit two pedestrians walking along the side of the highway.

Booked was Margaret Carroll Bazzano, 23, of 24663 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita. Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital were the pedestrians,

Sydney Semon, 25, and his wife, Dauna Semon, 23, of 2734 W. 230th St.

The accident occurred about 6:19 p.m. on Sepulveda Boulevard near Madrona Avenue. Police said the two pedestrians apparently went to get gas and were walking back to their car parked on the highway shoulder when they were struck.

THE SPORTS CAR turned over after spinning around several times, police said.

In another accident Sunday, the driver and her passenger suffered minor injuries and were treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital after their car went out of control while making a turn and struck a pole, police said.

Involved was Julia Louise Benson, 23, the driver, and Shirley Pryer, 23, the passenger, both of Wilmington. The accident occurred about 11 p.m. on Pacific Coast Highway just west of Crenshaw Boulevard.

Flames Kill ECC Student

Flames which destroyed a Torrance apartment Tuesday claimed the life of a 28-year-old El Camino student, according to Los Angeles City fire officials.

Albert N. Houston was found in the bathroom of his apartment at 1557 W. 218th St. by firemen answering the blaze alarm. Flames destroyed the rear portion of the one-story frame duplex.

William B. Starks, occupant of the front apartment, escaped unhurt. Damage to the building was estimated at \$5,000.

Houston, owner of the building, lived alone, firemen said.

Officers Arrest Man as Violator Of Narcotic Law

Police took a 28-year-old Torrance resident into custody Tuesday night after they found marijuana plants growing beside his house and in the back yard.

Arrested for violation of the state narcotic law was David Francis Halling, 2040 W. 238th St. It was apparent the plants had been well cared for, cultivated and watered, police said.

About 183 plants were found growing in a straight row behind the house and some more beside the home. Officers

knocked on the door and were invited in by Halling's wife. When questioned at the home Halling admitted growing the plants but said he did not know it was marijuana.

Someone gave him some seeds and told him to plant them "all over as it was Japanese flowers," Halling said. Later at the police station he said he definitely knew the seeds were supposed to be marijuana before he planted them.



FREEWAY MISHAP . . . A 17-year-old youth and his mother were injured Tuesday morning when their car went out of control on the San Diego Freeway and plunged down about a 40-foot embankment, coming to rest upside down on the off-ramp to Redondo Beach Boulevard. (Herald Photo)

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Councilmen Plan Tour

Aloha! Flower leis will be the costume of the day as four members of the Torrance City Council wing off this weekend to attend sessions of the U. S. Conference of Mayors in Hawaii.

Making the trip will be a delegation of four Torrance councilmen headed by Mayor Albert Isen. Others are Victor E. Benstead Jr., Ross A. Sciarrotta Jr., and George Vico.

The conference, which draws officials from top U.S. cities each year, will be addressed by

President Kennedy, it was announced yesterday. So Aloha and a word to our traveling councilmen while in Hawaii: "When the hula dancer comes by, watch the hands—they tell the story."

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Light Plane Damaged in Landing Here

A light airplane was damaged just after landing late Tuesday afternoon at the Torrance airport when a landing gear folded up, causing the aircraft's right wing to hit the ground.

The pilot, Edward Dietrich Jr. of Manhattan Beach, said he made a normal landing and the accident occurred as he was making a left turn off the main runway onto the taxi strip.