

POLICE CAR DEMOLISHED IN WILD 'MURDER MILE' CHASE—COP SAFE

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Police Car Rolls Like Tumbleweed

While a speeder sped away down notorious "Murder Mile," a pursuing police car careened out of control at Rolling Hills Road and Pacific Coast Highway, crashing wildly into two trees and a telephone pole as it rolled over sideways and frontways like a tin toy in a tempest. The accident occurred during the heavy traffic hours late Friday afternoon.

Miraculous Escape

Pinned inside the battered wreck was Police Officer Bill Wintner who miraculously escaped serious injuries. He was treated for what appeared to be a wrench ed back and a bruised and sprained leg at Torrance Memorial hospital. From there he was transferred to his home, according to Police Chief Willard Haslam.

Red light flashing and sirens blaring away, the police car was pursuing a speeder going east on "Murder Mile," witnesses explained.

Bumpers Touch

As Wintner sped by Rolling Hills Road, the front bumper of his car nicked the front bumper of a truck intending to make a left turn at the intersection, according to Police Officer Joe Miles.

The slight contact threw the police car out of control, as it crashed 300 feet from tree to telephone post to another tree, stripping the bottom half of the first tree completely of its bark.

Despite the fact that Highway 101 was heavily trafficked when the accident happened at 3:15, no other cars became involved.

Driver of the tow truck with which Wintner touched bumpers was George T. Baisley, 59, of 25212 Pennsylvania avenue. The tow-truck was from Pennsylvania Automotive service.

3-Year-Old Injured In Collision

A three-year-old little girl was injured seriously Thursday when a car driven by her father collided with an auto at Carson and Denker streets.

In Harbor General hospital with a possible fractured skull is Vicky Bates, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bates, 26, of 1045 Fiat street, Torrance.

Driver of the other car was James Holmes, 24, of 1650 West 216th street, Torrance.

Neither driver was injured, according to police. The child's injuries were listed as serious but not critical.

Juvenile Gangs Go On Rampage; Terror Reigns In Carson Area

Man Clubbed, Two Shot at By 3 Thugs

Juvenile terror, brutality, and immorality have stalked the streets of the Carson area within the last few weeks, climaxing with a brutal beating administered to a man by three young hoodlums Wednesday while another man was shot in "retribution" for entering a complaint against the terror-gang.

Complaints include "drag racing" by teen-agers, theft of gasoline from homes and cars, heavy drinking and immoral conduct in broad daylight, smashing and looting of automobiles, persistent invasion of privacy by juvenile peeping toms, fighting and profanity, and beatings administered to little kids.

Center of the terror-tactics is the area in the East 228th street Thorson's homes neighborhood.

Beaten Unconscious
Victim of the slugging which left him senseless is Paul Chamberlain, 30, of 392 East 228th street. He was beaten into unconsciousness by a trio of juvenile thugs. He is presently under the care of a brain specialist in Santa Monica hospital.

Chamberlain was leaving his home with a friend, Harlen (Continued on Page 9)

Watch For Our Big Christmas Edition Dec. 2

The next edition of the Torrance Press following today's special Thanksgiving edition will be published Thursday, December 2.

This edition will be the annual special Christmas edition of the Torrance Press.

Clubs, organizations, and individuals planning special Christmas activities are urged to send in their news releases so they may appear in this giant Yule-packed edition.

The Christmas edition deadline for news is Tuesday morning, 10 a.m., November 30. Pictures will be taken up to and including Saturday, November 27.

Classified and display deadline is Tuesday afternoon at 5 p.m.

Let's Play 'Thanksgiving'



THANKSGIVING . . . Kids' games, as everyone knows, change with the season. Found deeply engrossed in a game of "Pilgrims and Indians" were Randy Siegrist, 4, of 2005 Middlebrook, and Bobby Markland, 7, of 2006 Middlebrook. A Press photographer "happened" to be by.

Chest Chairmen Ask All-Out Final Effort

As the 1954-55 Red Feather appeal entered its third week, City Chairman Mrs. Ella Schwartz joined Area Chairman Tommy Thompson in asking Torrance and Harbor area residents to help volunteers wind up campaign activities with 100 percent goals by Thanksgiving eve, November 24.

They claimed that persons not yet solicited could help immeasurably by sending in their gifts to the Community Chest campaign headquarters at 335 West Sixth Street, San Pedro.

Three-Quarter Mark
Now on the last lap towards achieving a 100 per cent city goal, Torrance volunteers have solicited \$13,797 to hit the three-quarter mark of their \$18,000 goal, according to Mrs. Schwartz.

In the course of a pre-Thanksgiving message issued on behalf of the current Chest ap-

The Case Of Fritz The Dachshund

The story you are about to hear is true. The names of the puppies have been changed to protect the innocent.

It was Thursday morning, Mrs. W. Ramsey of 2722 Adams had placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

FOR SALE — Dachshund, male, puppies, 8 weeks. Fine pedigree. Reasonable. 2722 Adams (Dominguez) TE. 4-4277

There were four Dachshunds. They were Fritz, Franz, Frickl, and Freckle. Fritz and Franz found a home. Frickl was about to find one.

Ramsey case history: The woman lives outside Press circulation area; was advised to place ad with Press; advertised with another paper — Press ad got biggest response; she was pleased.

Case closed. You have witnessed another Torrance Press production. You may reach us at FA. 8-2345.

GP Pledges \$60,000 To Hospital

General Petroleum Corp. will chip in \$60,000 to the Torrance Memorial Hospital fund campaign provided the balance of the \$300,000 goal can be raised, it was disclosed this week.

This announcement was made at the kick-off dinner for the fund drive Wednesday night by GP's Executive Vice President P. S. Magruder.

GP's offer plus the \$100,000 pledge last week by the staff of physicians at Torrance Memorial Hospital brings the fund total raised so far past the halfway mark of the actual goal.

The funds raised will be for the hospital expansion program.

Lomita Zone Battle Set For Dec. 16

The battle of the two Lomita zoning factions is headed for another round at a final public hearing set for Thursday, December 16, this time before the County Board of Supervisors.

Approval of zone plan for north and south Lomita was recommended by the Regional Planning Commission.

At the conclusion of the final hearing, the Board will either vote to accept the zone plan or reject it, or possibly send it

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'Little Merchant Plan' Used For Press Distribution

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The amount you give him is optional. You are entitled to receive your copy of the Torrance Press whether you pay or not and regardless of how much you pay. However, boys are not to be paid unless they give the proper Torrance Press receipt.

BB Gun Epidemic Erupts, Parents To Be Prosecuted

A dangerous BB gun epidemic has broken out in Torrance and local police officials declared this week that if arrested, juvenile violators and their parents will be prosecuted to the limit.

At least ten people have informed Torrance police that their cars or windows in their homes have been shot at and that the bullets have gone through the glass.

Legally Responsible
"We want parents to know that they and their children will

be held legally responsible for damage done both to life and property," Sgt. D. C. Cook of the juvenile bureau declared.

"Parents," Sgt. Cook stated, "can be held responsible for the acts of their children when they provide their children with dangerous instruments used to cause harm to others."

"The present BB gun and pellet gun outbreaks are outright obnoxious," Cook declared. "If we find the culprits, they and their parents will be prosecuted!"

Minor No Protection

Sgt. Cook explained that being a minor is no protection against being sued. An individual may enter a suit against a minor and renew that suit every five years until the minor comes of age. The person can then be held responsible to the full extent of the damage caused both to property and life.

"The present BB gun epidemic is a rotten thing," Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton declared. (Continued on Page 9)

They Didn't See Eye To Eye—Wham!

Telesfor Archuleta, 21, of 3498 Spencer, might have a sense of beauty but it only brought him an ugly beating Wednesday afternoon.

Archuleta resented the fact that a fellow by the name of "Eddie" kept washing out his garbage truck near Archuleta's property and told the man so.

"Eddie," who works for a local hog rancher, did not take time out to discuss the pros and cons, but hauled off and whacked Archuleta who fell to the ground, hitting his head on the curb.

Archuleta was taken to Harbor General Hospital with a fractured skull and lacerations of the head, according to Torrance police.

He is expected to sign a complaint against "Eddie."

The PM's Are Coming



STREAMLINED . . . Parking meters for downtown Torrance are just around the corner. They will be installed sometime around December 2. Trying out one of these fancy meters is Miss Pauline Greer of 2321 Torrance blvd.

The downtown Torrance landscape will soon have a "new look" . . . the PM's are coming! PM's, if you haven't already guessed, are Parking Meters.

The latest word is that the meters will be installed around December 2, in time for the hectic holiday shopping season, according to Ken Smith, sales representative for the Duncan Parking Meter corporation.

The City Council recently voted to install between 300 and 400 meters in downtown Torrance in an attempt to help merchants and Torrance residents solve the parking problem.

Money collected from the parking meters will be used to purchase additional off-street parking sites. Some off-street parking sites are also to be provided through the establishment of an assessment district of downtown property owners who will carry the cost of these sites themselves.

A committee of engineers recommended the purchase of the present meters to the City Council after studying various types.

Automatic

The Duncan meters are automatic and will take pennies and nickles. Drivers may park 12 minutes for a penny. The maximum parking time is two hours for a dime.

Duncan automatons, as the meters are called, are streamlined in appearance, looking like the bowl-like smoking stands found in many offices. No turning or twisting is required when the coins are dropped into the machine. The coin slot is simultaneously a push button, which, when pressed, sets the meter automatically.

The 370 meters will be installed on a six months' trial basis, according to conditions stipulated in the contract. If it is found that they will hurt rather than help the shopping and parking course, out they go again, the Council ruled.

Approved By Council

Parking meters were approved by a 4-1 vote of the City Council, with Councilman Victor Benstead opposing them. At the time the Duncan automatons were voted on, Councilman Albert Isen voted against them on the basis that the council had not received a written report explaining why the committee of engineers preferred these meters over other meters. Isen questioned whether Duncan was the lowest bidder.

Complete cost of the meters including installation will be \$56.42 per meter.

Policy Set On Elementary School Double Sessions

A definite policy determining elementary school double sessions was decided on by the Torrance Board of Education at its last meeting. Double sessions must still be resorted to in certain areas as a result of Torrance's continuous and phenomenal growth, the Board was informed by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

Where double sessions become necessary in any of the elementary schools, the "third grade" will be placed on double session first to be followed by the second, first, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, respectively, as the need arises.

A total of 4,192 students are presently on double sessions, this means that additional facilities must be found for 2096 students. New school facilities to be built by September, 1955, will provide for a total of 3,195 pupils.

Growth
This means that the Torrance elementary school population

may grow by 1,099 pupils. However, the school population is expected to increase by 4,234 pupils, which means that additional classrooms for 2,796 students will be necessary.

This amounts to a total of 84 classrooms of approximately 5.6 16-classroom schools which are needed by June 1956, according to Dr. Hull. Negotiations are now under way for five additional sites. A sixth site (Arlington) has already been acquired.

Sites Named
Names for the five sites were decided on by the Board of Education as follows: West Torrance school 190th street-north

Normal Pupil Capacity	Classrooms
516	14 classrooms, Crenshaw
423	12 classrooms, Hillside
648	18 classrooms, Pacific
660	20 classrooms, portable bungalows
300	10 extra for kindergarten p.m. sessions