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DANGEROUS CATCH . . . Four visitors to Torrance Beach came back with something they weren't looking for yesterday afternoon. Displaying their catch a rattlesnake which measures nearly 3 feet long—are Bill Kautto, 19, Tim Hanni, 20, Larry Kittle, 19, and Grant Matthews, 18. The quartet found the snake on the cliffs above Torrance Beach shortly before noon. Bill and Tim, who regularly make trips to the desert looking for snakes, will seek to sell the rattler to a zoo. (Press-Herald Photo)

Traffic Claims Nine In Weekend of Death

Council Session On Film

"Lights, camera, action . . ."
Amid the trappings of a motion picture studio, Torrance City Councilmen "staged" a 90-minute meeting last night for the benefit of Robert Waterman, an educational film producer.

Waterman secured cooperation from the city for production of an educational film on municipal government for use in the primary grades. Last night, replete with lights and cameras, he filmed the official proceedings — and some unofficial ones — in the City Council chambers.

ONLY FOUR councilmen were present — three were attending a meeting of the National League of Cities — and for that reason, the agenda was of the lightweight variety.

The council finished before Waterman did, presenting the filmmaker with a slight problem. To kill time, Mayor Albert Isen brought up the subject which, for the past 11 years, has been one of his pet peeves.

What followed was the only debate of the evening, and as a result, efforts to beautify the Torrance Boulevard area on the eastern city boundary were resumed.

SPEAKING OF the viaduct which crosses Torrance Boulevard just west of Western Avenue, the Mayor called the sight "a disgrace" and said, "It's time to do something about it."

Councilman Ken Miller suggested the city, working with permission of the Southern Pacific Railway (owners of the viaduct and the railway right-of-way leading into the city), might clean up the area, paint the viaduct, and generally beautify the area.

"It's a question of principle," City Manager Edward J. (Continued on Page 4)



FINAL CHECK . . . Al Trefethen and his 14-year-old son, Tommy, run through a final check in the cockpit of their home-built airplane before leaving Torrance Municipal Airport for Rockford, Ill. The duo will attend the annual convention of the Experimental Aircraft Association in Rockford. (Press-Herald Photo)

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Home-Built Plane Will Carry Them to Rockford

A Torrance pilot and his 14-year-old son left the Torrance Municipal Airport Monday afternoon for Rockford, Ill.

What makes their trip so unusual is not the destination, but the fact that they are flying a plane which they made.

Al Trefethen and his son, Tommy, will arrive in Rockford sometime today to attend the annual convention of the Experimental Aircraft Association. The association has some 25,000 members whose hobby is building airplanes.

In addition to the small two-seat plane which he and his son are flying to Rockford, Trefethen has built a second plane and presently is about to finish a third one. All of the planes are inspected by the Federal Aviation Agency.

The light airplane which Trefethen took to Rockford is powered by a 125-horsepower engine. It is capable of a cruise speed of 130 miles per hour and can fly about 380 miles without refueling.

Trefethen is but one of several sport aviation enthusiasts who use the Torrance Municipal Airport as a base.

Bloody Record Logged

A nine-hour binge on area streets left nine persons dead, five of them teenagers in one car going toward home for a police-sponsored dance in downtown Torrance.

Killed in one of the bloodiest weekends on record were: Timothy Kevin Stein, 18, 20404 Anza Ave.

Mrs. Simone Standaert, 39, 115 S. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach.

Rosalie Ann Pinheiro, 16, Compton.

Cathy Pinheiro, 15, her sister.

Lynda Vest, 14, Compton. Randy E. Block, 17, 22224 S. Vermont Ave.

Lann Eugene Block, 16, Boron, Calif.

Dennis G. Benson, 21, Minneapolis.

Thomas Brantley Jr., 21, USS Valley Forge.

THE NINE HOURS of death started when a car driven by the Stein youth flipped on Anza Avenue near his home, throwing the driver to his death on the roadway. A passenger, Ken Gronberg, 16, of 5405 Wilma, escaped unhurt. The accident was logged at 12:21 a.m. Sunday.

A few minutes later and only a few blocks away, Mrs. Standaert was struck down by a car as she walked near Del Amo and Talisman. She was dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Police later arrested Thomas Andrew Cassidy, 19, of Hermosa Beach on suspicion of felony hit-run driving and manslaughter. The accident was logged at 12:28 a.m.

THE FIVE teenagers were killed about 1:15 a.m. Sunday when the car being driven by Rosalie Pinheiro collided with (Continued on Page 4)

'Pacific Bowl' Dream Receives Chace Backing

A dream that began more than 10 years ago moved a giant step nearer realization this week with the announcement by Supervisor Burton W. Chace that the county will provide land near Palos Verdes Drive North and Crenshaw Boulevard for an outdoor amphitheater and exhibition center.

An outgrowth of work that began more than 10 years ago by Elyse Ahle, director of the Torrance-South Bay Civic Symphony, the announcement by Chace gave hopes for the project, known as Pacific Bowl, its greatest boost.

Chace met with Miss Ahle; Jan Darian, president of the Symphony League; Mrs. Clara Ostich of San Pedro; Mrs. Gertrude Miller, secretary of the Symphony League; and Mrs. Don Myers, Lomita chairman for the group. The land fill operations should be completed in about five years, Chace told the group. He said the land would be contoured for the Bowl. Miss Ahle said after the meeting that plans for construction of the bowl area and a stage first. Other facilities to be constructed as funds permit would include the auditorium, a museum for historical and art exhibits, and outdoor exhibit areas.

Guardsmen Ready for Training

Preparations for a 15-day summer encampment are now being made by members of E Company, 132nd Engineer Battalion of Torrance National Guardsmen.

Less than three weeks remain for the unit to get ready for the field training exercises.

The Torrance unit, which specializes in the construction and repair of military bridges, will travel to Camp San Luis Obispo for this year's training. The post, until recently under federal control, is now directed by the state. Guardsmen, along with other components of the 132nd Engineers, will spend the majority of the 15-day camp renovating Camp San Luis Obispo. The camp has not been used at full capacity since the Korean War.

Capt. Earl Hurley of Gardena, commander of the unit, will lead the company during the field training exercises.

"Practical exercises in bridging will be an important phase in this year's training," Capt. Hurley said.



WILLIAM MOSS JR.
To Fill Term

Moss Named To Post on ECC Board

William M. Moss Jr., president of M and M Transfer Co. of Torrance, was appointed to the El Camino College Board of Trustees Monday evening, replacing Jack N. Dabbs.

Dabbs resigned from the board only two months after winning re-election. He moved to San Diego for business reasons.

Moss, appointed by the other four members of the board, will represent Torrance.

A NATIVE Californian, Moss was born in Santa Monica. He was educated in Santa Monica schools and graduated from Santa Monica City College.

The new trustee is a veteran of the Second World War, having served in the Air Force in the India-Burma-China theater. He flew 98 missions in cargo planes over the Himalayas during the war.

A member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Harbor Transport Club, Moss is an immediate past president of the Torrance Rotary Club.

Moss, who is 45, and his wife, Eleanor, make their home at 1517 Via Monte D'Oro. They have two sons, William and Roger, and one grandchild.

Siren Tests Set

The combined Los Angeles City and County civil defense siren system will be given the usual month-end test Friday at 10 a.m., Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess announced. The customary two-minute steady wail will be heard and, after 30 seconds of silence, a one-minute undulating sound will follow, Pitchess added.

Strikers Renew Attacks On Harvey Plant Workers

Violence erupted early today at the strike-bound Harvey Aluminum Co. plant here as police and pickets clashed during second-shift changes.

Workers leaving the plant had to be protected by Los Angeles and Torrance police as a surly mob of strikers gathered around the gates.

The trouble began as workers were leaving the second shift about midnight. They were met by a crowd of about 70 pickets who jeered and hurled oaths at them near the gates.

Harbor Division police formed cordons and escorted workers, some of them women, across Western Avenue to the employees parking lot. Torrance police then provided protection while the workers got into their cars and left.

Police dispersed the unruly crowd near the gates and a few minutes later a rock was hurled through a plant window.

This morning's flare-up came on the heels of reports that four men had been booked as arson suspects after they allegedly tried to set fire to the home of a non-striking Harvey employee.

Arrested were Thomas F. Cooper, 25, of 1655 W. 224th St.; Gilbert Adame, 25, of 1616 W. 219th St.; Patrick Rorick, 26, of 1624 W. 219th St.; and William A. Feirabend, 32, of Westminster. All were released on bail.

Investigating officers reported that highway flares had been tossed at the home at 1628 W. 223rd St. Specific details of the incident were not reported.

Trustees Meet Today . . .

Members of the California State College Board of Trustees are meeting in downtown Los Angeles today and tomorrow in sessions which could go a long way toward settling the site issue of a four-year college in the Southwest area. Under consideration are two Torrance sites, one in the Dominguez-Carson area, and one on the Palos Verdes shoreline near San Pedro. The Torrance sites are at Crenshaw and Sepulveda and south of Pacific Coast Highway near Crenshaw.

Club in Flying Visit . . .

Nearly a dozen planes carrying pilots, newsmen and photographers visited Torrance airport Tuesday during a flying visit to Los Angeles County airports by representatives of the Valley Airmen's Association. President Alan Stensvold told the Press-Herald his group hoped to familiarize pilots with the county's airport facilities and to make news media representatives aware of the airports. The tour ended at Lockheed Air Terminal in Burbank, where the group met for lunch.

Tot Hurt in Fall

Two-year-old Jerome Frazell was hospitalized for observation after tumbling from the second-story patio of his parents' apartment at 17575 Yukon Ave. and falling 12 feet to the lawn below. Officers investigating the mishap were told that the lad was playing with his 6-year-old sister, Pamela, and apparently climbed over the railing of the patio.

Assessor To Audit Tax Firms

County Assessor Phil Watson said Tuesday that he had ordered a special audit of all records involving companies represented by the tax consultant firms currently under investigation by the Attorney General's office.

"The Attorney General has announced that Los Angeles County is not one of the counties where the alleged irregularities have occurred," Watson said. "However in view of the charges that have been made in regard to the operations of these tax agents in other counties, we are going to review all data submitted on behalf of their client firms by these agents."

Watson said that since he had set up a post-audit section two years ago in the department, most of the firms represented by the agents had already been audited.

"In many cases, our audits showed underreporting of values by these companies, and in these cases, escaped and penalty assessments were put on the roll by our audit section," Watson said.

He said the new audit was in the nature of a recheck, where audits had already been made, and a full audit of any firms which had not had a prior audit. "We are also attempting to put together a history of these firms' operations in Los Angeles County in case this information can be helpful in the statewide investigation," he said.

Watson said he had learned of the investigation, which at present is centering in the northern part of the state, last Friday while attending an assessors' conference in Chicago. He immediately instructed his department to give any assistance possible to the investigation.