

COMMUNITY EFFORTS

Traffic Safety Drive Launched

Service clubs and other organizations throughout Los Angeles County have joined the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council in a unique new traffic safety program.

Goal of the project, to be known as "Liason for Life," is to introduce 50,000 drivers to take a defensive driving course during the year, according to Ben Gautier, general chairman of the project.

Gautier and other representatives of the National Safety Council explained the program to members of the Community Safety Forum at a meeting in Torrance Wednesday. Members of the Torrance Safety Council were hosts for the session.

THE PROGRAM, Gautier said, is the first "coordinated and sustained" safety program of its kind in the nation and will involve members of Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, and other service clubs in 76 Los Angeles County cities. The Toastmasters International will serve as a speaker's bureau, he said.

The goal of 50,000 drivers in the first year is a significant one, Gautier said, and it will help to "make Los Angeles County the safest county in the nation."

"By working together," he added, "we can reach that many drivers."

THE DEFENSIVE driving courses will be offered under the sponsorship of the Junior Membership of the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

Classes will be geared toward driving difficulties encountered in metropolitan areas, according to Gautier. "It is important that we reach every single segment of the community," he explained. Gautier said industrial firms would be asked to encourage their employees to take the defensive driving course.

The entire program will be coordinated through community safety councils, with the local safety council chairman heading the program. Mrs. Eva Bisou will direct the Torrance program.

OTHER FEATURES OF THE

Narcotics Charges Jail Five

A 21-year-old Torrance man was one of five persons arrested Wednesday afternoon on suspicion of possession of marijuana.

The arrests, made by sheriff's narcotics division officers at 2701 Nelson Ave., Redondo Beach, ended several months of investigation, officers said.

Arrested were: Jeffrey Caston, 21, of 3858 W. 226th St.;

Linda J. Rathbun, 21, of 1809 Rockefeller Lane, Redondo Beach;

Danny Rathbun, 23, of the Rockefeller Lane address;

Richard Pickrandt, 21, of 2701 Nelson Ave., Redondo Beach; and

Jennifer Balough, 17, of Downey.

Officers said four cigarettes containing a substance believed to be marijuana were seized at the time of the arrests.

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Pilots Stop For a Snack, Gear Stolen

Survival kits, helmets, and oxygen masks worth \$1,800 were taken from two Army pilots early yesterday while they stopped for refreshments at an airport restaurant.

Capt. George Baena and Capt. Warren Lee Sterling, both with the U.S. Army's 225th Aviation Co. at Ft. Lewis, Wash., reported the theft about 12:30 a.m.

The two officers told police they had taken their helmets, survival kits, and oxygen masks with them to a restaurant near the main entrance to the Torrance Municipal Airport. At the suggestion of a waitress, they told police, they left the gear in the dining area and went to the lounge.

When the two officers returned, their gear was missing, police reported. Capt. Baena, who lives in Redondo Beach, and Capt. Sterling were returning to Ft. Lewis.

Move Slated By Furniture Manufacturer

Plans to move the Capitol Furniture Manufacturing Co. of Los Angeles to the Dominguez area have been announced by David Matusow, president.

The manufacturer of upholstered furniture, situated in Lincoln Heights for the past 10 years, will begin construction of a new plant this month, near the corner of Wilmington and Carson streets adjacent to the Watson Industrial Center.

Capitol will be the first of two companies to construct manufacturing plants at the location, according to ABCO Construction Co., builders of the new plants. Watson Land Sales, a subsidiary of Watson Land Co., was the seller of the property and is developing the tract.

Crash

(Continued from page one) at Neece Avenue and 242nd Street, Donald W. Yockey, 46, of 5114 Paseo de las Tortugas, escaped with minor injuries and said he would see his own physician.

Yockey's vehicle was knocked into the fence, located at 3767 W. 242nd St., when he was struck by a car driven by Ernest M. Ferrales, 19, of Long Beach. Ferrales told police he did not see a stop sign as he approached 242nd Street on Neece Avenue.

A 16-YEAR-old South High student refused aid after he struck the rear of a vehicle on Carson Street near Cabrillo Avenue. John P. Van Rensselaer, 3507 W. 229th St., was riding a motorcycle. He sustained minor cuts and bruises.

The fifth injury was recorded about 5:30 p.m. Friday when vehicles driven by Laurita F. Waggoner, 38, of 4528 Darien St., and Glen Doyle Gibson, 40, of 20023 Mansel Ave., collided.

The accident, according to police, occurred on Tailman Street at Halison Street when the Waggoner vehicle apparently ran a stop sign.

Plane

(Continued from page one) with a face full of oil he smiled, "she's almost back to her old self again."

Philpott told the Press-Herald that he has no plans for restoring another plane, just that he wanted to spend some time with his family that he missed the past three years.

Following the ceremony dedicating the P-12 to Hap Arnold, Philpott will fly her to the Ontario Museum for display, where she will be kept in flying condition for air shows.

Philpott had one last comment about completing the job... "What a relief to get one completed."

Television Taken

Theft of a portable television set valued at \$220 was reported Friday afternoon by Charles E. Evans of 643 Sartori Ave. Evans told police he discovered the theft about 1:15 p.m.

Cora B. Potts

Funeral services for Cora Belle Potts of 1447 Post Ave., were conducted Thursday afternoon at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. H. Milton Sippel of the First Christian Church officiating. Burial was in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Mrs. Potts, who was born in Kansas Feb. 10, 1870, had lived in Torrance for 22 years. She died Jan. 1 at her home.

She is survived by three daughters, Inez Allan of Torrance, Irene Kluseman of Hemet, and Alta Keplinger of Los Angeles; a son, Clarence Potts of Kansas; six grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Clarence Carter

Funeral services for Clarence Roland Carter, 64, of 2411 Clark Lane, Redondo Beach, will be conducted by the Rev. Leland Pisel of the El Nido Baptist Church at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

Mr. Carter, a resident of the area for the past 38 years, died Thursday. He was born in Massachusetts.

He is survived by his widow, Ruth; two sons, James E. and Jack W., both of Redondo Beach; two daughters, Ethel L. Dawson of Cypress, Calif., and Clarice Willette of Woodacres, Calif.; four sisters, and nine grandchildren.

Plans for West High Approved

Plans for a student service center at West High School were given final approval by the Board of Education Wednesday.

Trustees acted after the plans were revised to eliminate a dome which had been included in the original plans. The dome was ordered removed when trustees first considered the plans in December.

OBITUARIES

William Albitz

Funeral services for William Joseph Albitz, 120 E. 236th St., Wilmington, will be conducted tomorrow at La-Crosse, Wis., with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of local arrangements.

Mr. Albitz, a retired painter who came to this area only a month ago, died Wednesday. He was 73. He is survived by three sons, Willard of Wilmington, and Kenneth and James of Wisconsin; two daughters, Helen Mary Bennington of Illinois and Frances Hensler of Texas; and two sisters, Lillian Huebner of Wisconsin and Sister Martina of the Franciscan Order.

Petra Ronning

Funeral services for Petra Alberta Ronning of 1603 W. 205th St., were conducted Wednesday at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. William Roleder of the First Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Mrs. Ronning, who was born in Norway, died Jan. 1 at a Torrance rest home. She had lived here for 21 years. Mrs. Ronning was 79.

Surviving here are a daughter, Phyllis Stayves of Torrance; a son, Roy of Torrance; two brothers, Paul Ware of Palos Verdes and Olaf Ware of San Pedro; a sister, Inga Glendisth of Los Angeles; seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arthur Bowles

Funeral services for Arthur C. Bowles of Manhattan Beach were conducted Thursday in Pasadena with Halverson-Leavell Mortuary in charge of local arrangements. Burial was in the Mountain View Cemetery in Pasadena.

Mr. Bowles, who was born in Manhattan Beach Feb. 22, 1921, died Dec. 31 while on a skiing trip. He was associated with the Signal Oil and Gas Co.

Surviving Mr. Bowles are two sisters, Frances Fox, and Jane Felker, both of Torrance.

G. W. Gilbertson

Funeral services for Glenn Willard Gilbertson of Inglewood, who died Jan. 1 in an Inglewood hospital, were conducted Thursday at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel with burial following in Green Hills Memorial Park.

A native of North Dakota, Mr. Gilbertson had lived in this area for the past 14 years. He was 62. He is survived by his widow, Maude; three daughters, Gwen Slater of Torrance, Leone Porter of Diamond Bar, and Pam Allen of Portland, Ore.; a son, Ernest O. Ellison of Sacramento; three brothers, George of Oakland, Sidney of Modesto, and Elmer of North Dakota, and a sister, Anna Langager of Gardena.

Hilda Stepanek

Funeral services for Hilda Stepanek, 17412 Falda Ave., were conducted Tuesday at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Burial was in Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach.

Mrs. Stepanek, who died Dec. 31 in an Inglewood hospital, was born in North Dakota and had lived in Torrance for the past 12 years.

She is survived by three brothers, John and Albert Hedlund of Minnesota and Iver Hedlund of North Dakota.

Forward Mickey

Funeral services for Forward R. Mickey, 45, of 3163 W. 170th St., were conducted yesterday at Forest Lawn Park, Cypress. The Rev. G. Rice of the Faith Chapel of Gardena officiated.

Mr. Mickey, a native of Pennsylvania, died Tuesday. He is survived by his widow, Leona; two daughters, Beverly Erickson and Shirley Mickey, both of Torrance; his mother, Mrs. Enna Mickey of Pennsylvania; two sisters, Mrs. Virginia Cannon of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Agnes Cogley of Ohio, and two grandchildren, Sherri and Sonja Erickson.

Forest Lawn Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

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