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SIX WEEKEND CRASHES CLAIM SEVEN LIVES

SCHOOLS GET 2-DAY REST FOR HOLIDAY

Classroom Programs to Be Held Wednesday Afternoon

Observance of the forthcoming Thanksgiving holiday in Torrance schools will range from a humorous pantomime of the first thanks day by Fern avenue pupils to attendance by high school students at the P. T. A. grid carnival in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

The high school will close at noon Wednesday, elementary schools at the close of the afternoon session and will give their students a two-day holiday. Classes will be resumed next Monday morning.

No special Thanksgiving program is planned at the high school, according to Principal Thomas Elson. The early dismissal will permit Torrance students to attend the football extravaganza featuring 12 teams, pairs playing for 20-minute periods. Undefeated Narbonne, Marine League champion and winner of two playoff games, and Leuzinger are the two eleven's entered from this district.

Pantomime Play Some of the grades in Torrance elementary school will combine Wednesday for special thanks day programs but there will be no general assembly. Other rooms will present brief explanatory entertainment expressing the sentiment of the holiday. Principal Alex Verhulsen said. Teachers handling the combined programs are Mrs. Helen Berry and Mrs. Hilda Powell and parents are welcome to attend.

RETAIL STORES OPEN LATE

Food markets and nearly all other stores in Torrance will remain open Wednesday evening in order to accommodate shoppers in purchasing supplies for Thanksgiving Day.

Union Thanks Services Here and In Lomita Thursday Morning

Three hundred and fifteen years ago our forefathers paused in their labors of colonizing a New World to pay devout homage to their God and entreat His continued blessings. Down thru the years, after the reaping of the harvest, our nation has offered joyful thanks that it has been guided safely another year.

This year Torrance and Lomita have a splendid and gracious occasion to observe Thanksgiving. The encouraging trend of business, the hopeful rise in the wages and salaries of the people, the health and peace enjoyed in the two communities, the fine religious atmosphere that is being disseminated are some of the reasons for gratitude.

For those and many another benefit enjoyed thru 1936, residents of this city and Lomita should attend the union Thanksgiving services which are sponsored by the churches of Torrance and Lomita.

Both devotionals will be for one hour only and will be held Thursday morning, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day. The local service will start at 10 o'clock and will be in the civic auditorium, while the Lomita meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 in the Community Presbyterian church.

Yule Fete Friday

Final Plans Made for Open House In Shopping Center by Merchants

A special bulletin issued by Alden W. Smith, president of the Torrance Retail Merchants' Association, to all members yesterday contained final details on the formal opening of the Christmas season on "Silver Star Lane" and its adjoining business district streets, Friday, Nov. 27.

This will be the biggest community event since the dedication of the new civic buildings and the first co-operative effort on the part of Torrance merchants to advance this city as a shopping center for Yule trade in the whole South Bay district.

All merchants are asked to well, drape or paint their windows with Bon-Ami all day Friday and install their holiday displays behind this shield. Then, right after the ceremonies of turning on the 3,900 feet of colored streamer lights and the large "star and comet" illumination on each ornamental light standard, the windows are to be unveiled to the public.

Displays Up Thursday A committee of judges will then tour the business district to inspect the displays and award the various prizes gathered by the association for the best decorated windows. The municipal band will parade the business district and all stores are urged to hold "open house" for the public that night.

FIRE STATION PWA GRANT TOO LATE

Mayor Indicates Council Will Refuse Offer for Building

Word received here yesterday that the Public Works Administration had allocated \$6,975 toward the construction of a new central fire station in Torrance on the site of the present fire headquarters brought no smile of pleasure to Mayor W. H. Stanger's face.

Instead, he said that the offer will probably be turned down when the city council meets tonight. Notice of the grant was given the Herald from Congressman Cadden's office in San Pedro about the same time that the mayor was receiving a telegram with the same information from Senator William Gibbs McAdoo's office in Washington.

"Although I originally approved the building of a new fire station after the present one was to be razed, I now look at the matter differently and I believe most of the council will decide not to accept the federal grant," the mayor said.

May Fix-Up Building "Why should we tear down a \$21,000 building that was built in 1924 and is in good structural condition for a \$13,000 building?" Stanger questioned. "If we need more fire protection, I believe we should build another station in some outlying territory and not keep our best equipment all under one roof. It would not be in the best interest of the city in case of a major emergency, like an earthquake, for instance, to have the major part of our equipment tied up in one building."

The present central station, the mayor indicated, may be improved later on with the enlargement of the second floor sleeping quarters for firemen, reconstruction of the main floor to provide shop facilities and repainting to conform with the other civic buildings. The proposal for a new fire station was made here late last August and approval of the PWA assistance was forthcoming from Washington shortly afterwards. However, no actual allocation of funds was made until yesterday.

She'll Ride Float

Torrance Girl Will Be Chosen for M. W. D. New Year's Parade Entry

Ears of a charming Torrance school girl will ring to the miles-long thunder of applause from the hundreds of thousands of spectators who will witness this year's Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena. She will be named within the next two weeks.

Marauders Enter Company Office

Leaving the office strewn with stationery and otherwise disturbed, persons believed to be young boys broke a window and entered the Fritts Manufacturing Company on 2138th street sometime Sunday night or Monday morning, according to police.

Capt. John Stroh who investigated, reported the place was badly disarrayed but apparently nothing of value was taken. The marauders left an obscene note scribbled on scratch paper.

GIRLS WIN HONOR Three new members have been added to the Jane Addams Club, Narbonne's honor and service organization and senior high girls. The new girls are June Erickson, editor of the Green and Gold; Ernestine Beck, girls' yell leader; and Marie Franks, active in the G. A. A. and the orchestra. This brings the membership up to 12.

Torrance Man Killed and Five Die in Slough Plunge

Inquests Slated This Afternoon

One jury will hear the story of two of last weekend's five automobile crashes which claimed the lives of six persons, when coroner's inquests are held this afternoon at Stone and Myers' chapel.

Beginning at 1:30 o'clock, a deputy coroner will start examination of the events leading to the death of five people in the accident on Avalon boulevard a mile north of Carson street which is described in the adjoining column.

Scheduled to start at 2:30 is the investigation of the death of Frank Hilton, 59, Torrance resident, who was instantly killed Sunday morning when struck by a car on Prairie avenue south of 182nd street.

Investigation of the death of Edward Anberg, of Lomita, Sunday night will be made at a coroner's inquest to be held at 10:30 o'clock this morning at the A. M. Ganby Mortuary on Narbonne avenue in Lomita.

National Supply Merges Firms

Workers to Get SS Forms Today

Notices received here late last week that the National Supply Company of California had instituted proceedings to wind up and dissolve the corporation into the National Supply Company of Delaware, were explained yesterday by J. D. Spaulding, assistant vice president.

The move is merely to change the Delaware corporation from a holding company into an operative one and does not include any change in corporate set-up of officers of the California concern," he said. "It merely means that we are putting all our eggs in one basket for increased efficiency of operation."

The dissolution of the California corporation was begun Nov. 16 upon the filing with the corporation on that date the written consent of the sole shareholder of the firm representing all of the voting power.

Notice was given that the Delaware corporation, which always has been the sole shareholder of the National Supply of California, is assuming and guaranteeing the payment of all obligations of the California concern, according to F. J. Carpenter, assistant secretary.

UNABLE TO LEAVE Recent warm weather has created such fire hazards in the mountains that Spence Turner, county fire warden, has delayed a business trip out of the state.

Both postoffices in this district will continue to issue the employers' forms to those who did not receive them or who have mislaid the blanks.

He Was Seen Here! Footprint Maker Observed but Description Proves Slight Clue

Information was received last night by police and merchants whose doorways were marked by strange huge white footprints late last week which may lead to the identification of the person leaving those mysterious tracks thruout the business district.

RED HIGHWAY CLAIMS SEVEN NEAR HERE

The Red Highway of Death swung into and adjoining Torrance Saturday and Sunday, leaving the broken, mangled bodies of seven dead, one perhaps fatally injured and a 64-year-old woman badly hurt in six automobile accidents.

Five—and perhaps the number will be six—were killed outright in one crash off the slough bridge on Avalon boulevard a mile north of Carson street. This carnage along the Red Highway of motor fatalities also left six small children orphaned.

Two more accidents, one of which took the life of Frank Hilton, 59-year-old rancher on Redondo avenue, Torrance, occurred within an hour of each other, 12:30 and 1:15, on Prairie avenue Sunday morning. Late Sunday night, Edward Anberg, 52, of 25229 Eselman avenue, Lomita, was killed when he started to cross the slough highway near his home and was struck by a machine driven by Sheridan Thompson, 3500 East Tenth street, Long Beach, according to deputy sheriff.

The third and fourth smash-ups were at Highway 101 and Hawthorne boulevard. Although a Chevrolet sedan was turned turtle, three persons in it were unharmed. In the first accident there, but a woman was cut and bruised in the second collision at that intersection Sunday afternoon.

Girl-Wife Near Death Three men and two women were killed and a 17-year-old wife of one of the victims lies near death as result of the Avalon boulevard slough bridge plunge late Saturday night. The victims were:

- Joseph Eisenbath, 28-year-old baker and owner of the car, 3250 Compton avenue; Harold Schultz, 30, also of 3250 Compton avenue; Elizabeth Schultz, 25, wife of Harold and sister of Eisenbath, also of 3250 Compton avenue; Albert Schultz, 29, brother of Harold, 10790 Capistrano avenue, Lynwood, and Mrs. Melba Jones, 25, 5841 Cedar street, Compton.

Physicians at Las Campanas hospital in Compton give the sixth occupant of the ill-fated car, Mrs. Millicent Schultz, 17-year-old wife of Albert, only a slim chance to recover from her grave injuries: broken legs, scalp wounds, fractured jaw and possible internal injuries.

Describes Bridge Plunge The six are believed to have been traveling at a high rate of speed, the speedometer in the battered, muddy wreck was stopped at 95 when the car was raised from the slough, when the machine crashed into the bridge and catapulted into the oily, muddy water alongside.

A horrified witness, Lawrence Hill, of 1446 East 48th street, reported to deputy sheriffs that the car, careening wildly down the boulevard was going too

NEXT ISSUE FRIDAY NOON

The next issue of the Torrance Herald and Lomita News will be distributed shortly after lunch Friday noon. Carrier boys are requested to call for their papers at 1 p. m. Friday.