

LOCAL MAN SAVES SMALL GIRL IN SMASH-UP

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LUCKY . . . George Ritchie, truck driver, (center) tells officer D. C. Cook of the Torrance Police Department, how it feels to sit behind a broken steering wheel, crash into another truck, smash into a house trailer, and then climb out of his cab uninjured. Morris Goodman (right), driver of the other truck, also was uninjured in the accident on Hawthorne boulevard near Lomita boulevard on Monday.—Herald Photo.

Drivers Escape as Trucks Collide

Whether or not fate had a hand in his escape from injury in an accident last Monday afternoon on Hawthorne boulevard, when the steering wheel on the truck which he was driving broke, may long be pondered by George James Ritchie, 42, of Los Angeles.

First and Final Reading of Oil Ordinance Due

Mrs. Thelma Hill, secretary to the city attorney, is crossing her tired and worn fingers this week and hoping that the proposed 27-page oil ordinance will pass the city council Tuesday night without further revision—and retyping.

The 36-section emergency ordinance has been revised four times by City Attorney C. Douglas Smith, who is also hoping the law regulating oil drilling activities in the city will meet with the city fathers approval. Specifically the ordinance will govern the erection, operation, maintenance and abandonment of derricks, require proper permits, regulate the abandonment and removal of oil pumps, declare certain conditions as nuisances, establish penalties, and repeal all other ordinances in conflict therewith.

The lengthy document is due to have its first and final reading by the council on March 22. One reading is all that is required, according to Smith, since the statute is declared to be an emergency ordinance.

Stadium Theater Ready by End of April Say Owners

By the end of next month the new Stadium Theater will be ready to bring to Torrance moviegoers the tops in first run motion pictures, according to Albert Mellinkoff and Harry Milstein, owners.

The owners stated that plastering of the new 1000-seat theater will start this week and that it is expected that the building will be completed within 45 days.

Constructed of brick and reinforced earthquake-resistant concrete the structure is located at Gramercy and Cravens avenues.

Thieves Make Clean Get-away With \$600 In Laundry Plunder

Police Claim 24 Victims Hit by Clothes Thieves

Police were searching today for burglars who "cleaned out" the Torrance Laundry early Wednesday morning to the extent of \$600 in clothes and blankets.

Secretary Joan Graziano discovered the job when she came to work and called in Detectives Captain Ernie Ashton and Sergeant Percy Bennett.

Entrance to the establishment at Carson street and Border avenue was gained by climbing onto the roof and down through the skylight, police said.

Officials of the laundry said that 24 persons lost articles of clothing in the burglary. Description of the missing clothing held up search, police stated. There were no fingerprints, detectives said.

Western Avenue Improvement to Start June 1

The Los Angeles City Engineer's office this week announced that work on the widening of Western avenue from 182nd street to 260th street in Harbor City, is expected to start June 1. The announcement came a short time after the Los Angeles city council accepted a \$320,000 county allocation toward the cost of the improvement, which is estimated to involve an overall expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000.

The work includes the opening of sections of the traffic artery now unimproved, and widening the road to 100 feet.



ALL GIRL SHOW . . . Cynthia Muehler, 4½ months, takes the spot light as the center of attraction as Mrs. Jane Merriam, public health nurse (right) acquaints Torrance high school seniors Pat Weber (left) and Dona Geary with some of the duties of a nurse in observance of Girls' Week—this week. Little Cynthia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Muehler, live at 22404 Hendricks street.

PICNIC SUNDAY

The Washington-Oregon Sundayers will hold a picnic at 12 noon Sunday at Bixby Park, Long Beach.

One-Day Campaign by Columbia Workers Boosts Gray Fund \$101

As a result of community's campaign to raise a fund to purchase an artificial arm for Bill Gray, there is now banked \$713.80, according to Coach Eddie Cole, administrator of the fund.

The fund gained \$101.21 Tuesday as members of Local 1414, Columbia Steel employees, raised that amount in a one-day campaign within the plant. Spearheading the campaign were F. W. Smith and "Mac" McConville, co-chairmen of the fund raising committee.

Other contributors to the fund include: Optimist Club, \$100; High school students, \$86.13; Torrance Elementary School students, \$44.11; Woman's Club, \$25; Six boys who were with young Gray at the time he lost his arm, \$25; Toastmasters, \$21; WALTERIA School, \$12; Mrs. Wilda McKenna, \$10; High School PTA, \$5; American Legion Auxiliary, \$5; Jimmy Yeltema, \$5; Elsie Martin, \$5.

The difference between individual contributions and the total was collected in jars placed through out the community.

Cole stated there is now \$166.50 on deposit with the Bank of America and \$547.30 on deposit with the Torrance National Bank. Members of the community rallied to raise a fund for the 15-year-old Torrance High School athlete when it was discovered that the State Rehabilitation Program made no provision for aiding youths under 16 years of age.

Young Gray lost his arm when he fell beneath the wheels of a freight train on February 16.

Star of 'Jungle Patrol' to Appear at Local Theater

Kristine Miller star in the new Twentieth Century-Fox comedy-drama "Jungle Patrol" will appear in person in conjunction with the showing of her picture, Saturday afternoon March 19th, at the Torrance Theatre.

GOLD STAR MOTHERS SET SALE

Torrance Memorial Chapter Gold Star Mothers ask support of their rummage sale set for Friday and Saturday, at 105 Pacific Coast Highway, Hermosa Beach. Proceeds will go to their hospital fund, it was learned.

2 Men Among 23 Injured in Crash

Two Torrance residents were among the 23 Greyhound bus passengers which figured in a spectacular crash with a truck in Wilmington Tuesday night.

One of the passengers, Edward R. Holden, 31, of 1613 309 street, was commended by other passengers on the bus for his

quick-thinking and disregard for danger when he grabbed an eight-year-old girl sitting next to him and shielded her from possible death and injury.

Holden sustained cuts about the hands and face.

The other local residents, John Fernic, 1570 203 street, was treated for minor injuries at the Wilmington Receiving Hospital and subsequently released.

The accident occurred at Anaheim and Alameda streets when a Redondo-Torrance-Long Beach bus was struck by a truck carrying a heavy load of cast iron sewer pipe. The impact tore a 15-foot hole in the side of the bus and trapped some of the passengers as a small fire broke out.

Ernest G. Barnes, of Long Beach, driver of the truck, jumped from the wreck and extinguished the blaze as the passengers broke windows and leaped to safety.

Among the 22 injured were the following residents of Harbor City and Lomita: Charles T. Kikens, 31, of 25024 Narbonne avenue.

Mrs. Mary Clark, 18, 24818 Oak street.

Miss Lucille Hinkle, 18, 1720 265 street.



"GLITTER" . . . the goldfish performs for Larry Robertson, age 5, "Mike," the pup and Leo Robertson, age 7, in this photograph made at the fish's new home at 1551 West 221 Street.—Herald Photo.

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