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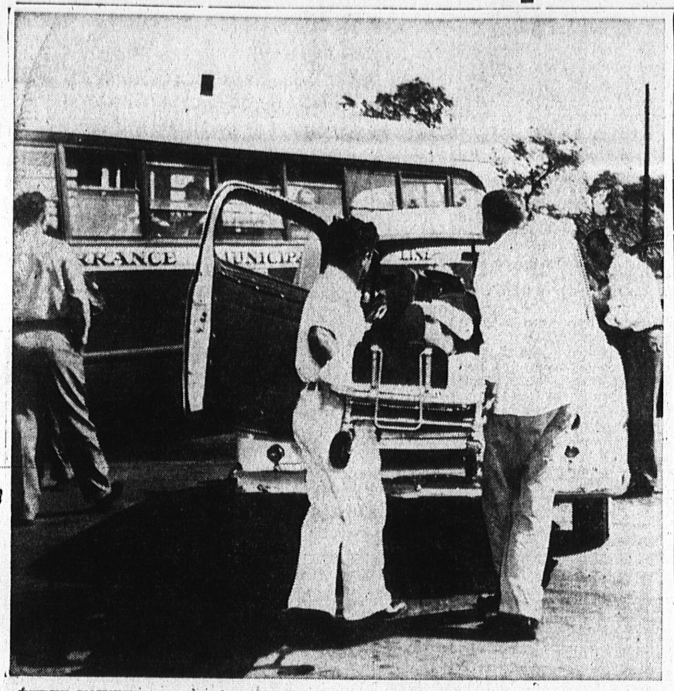


THREE INJURED . . . Two bus passengers and the driver of the auto were injured Tuesday afternoon when a light coupe and a Torrance Municipal bus collided at Vermont avenue and East road. None was injured seriously. (Herald photo).

# JAYCEES TO CIRCULATE WATER BOND PETITIONS

## Three Hurt As Car Collides With Local Bus

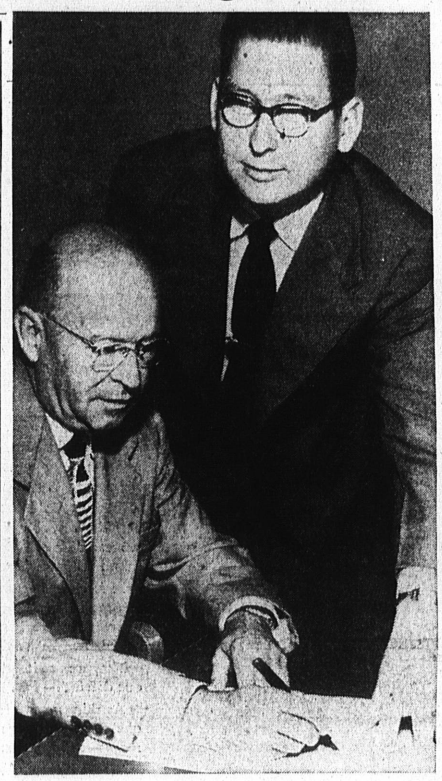
Three persons were injured in a collision involving an auto and a Torrance Municipal bus at East road and Vermont avenue Tuesday afternoon. Two of the victims were passengers in the bus.

Those hurt were Mrs. Mary Edwards, 15015 Sutro avenue, Gardena; her granddaughter, Sharon Edwards, same address, and Walter J. Williams, 1815 Park avenue, Los Angeles.

Williams, according to Highway Patrol Officer C. J. Ness, was driving his car east on East road when he collided with the north-bound bus. He was treated for head lacerations and a possible fractured rib.

Mrs. Edwards suffered a possible broken leg and Sharon received back injuries. All were transported to Harbor General Hospital by Figueredo and Miller Ambulance Service.

None of the others riding on the bus, driven by Frank M. Huff, 1646½ Cabrillo avenue, required hospitalization.



FIRST SIGNER . . . Getting his name on the dotted line fast for the proposed Water Bond issue was George Peckham, of 1518 Post avenue. Offering the petition for signature was his nephew, Charles Schultz Jr., of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. (Herald photo).

## Civic Group Seeks 1000 Signatures

**Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce this week took over the job of obtaining 1000 signatures of registered voters in Torrance to the petition asking for an election on the proposed $2,000,000 Water Bond.**

**Ed Karlow, former Jaycee president and chairman of the** petition committee, said yesterday that the Junior Boosters had agreed to circulate the petitions in an effort to put over the bond campaign. They will do it as a civic project, he said, and will receive no compensation for it.

Petitions were received late last week by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, and he and City Manager George Stevens immediately prepared the instructions and data necessary to get the circulation started. The Jaycees met with the city manager Tuesday evening for a briefing, and started immediately to canvass the area for signatures.

First signature on the petitions was that of George Peckham of 1518 Post avenue. Jaycee Member Charles Schultz Jr. presented the petition for his signature after the meeting Tuesday night.

City officials hope to have the petitions returned within 10 days in order to set up an election for November 13. The election would call for the creation of a new consolidated water district for Torrance combining the present Municipal Improvement District No. 1, and Municipal Water Districts Nos. 1 and 2.

## Kids' Day Plans Announced by Kiwanis Club

Plans for a day long Kids' Day celebration were revealed this week with the announcement that the Torrance Kiwanis Club was planning a pancake breakfast, and soap box derby for September 22.

Designed to raise money to defray the expenses of the Kiwanis youth program which has included the summer swim program at Alondra Park during the past several months, the day will be opened with a pancake breakfast which begins at 6:30 a.m. according to Park Montague, Kiwanis president.

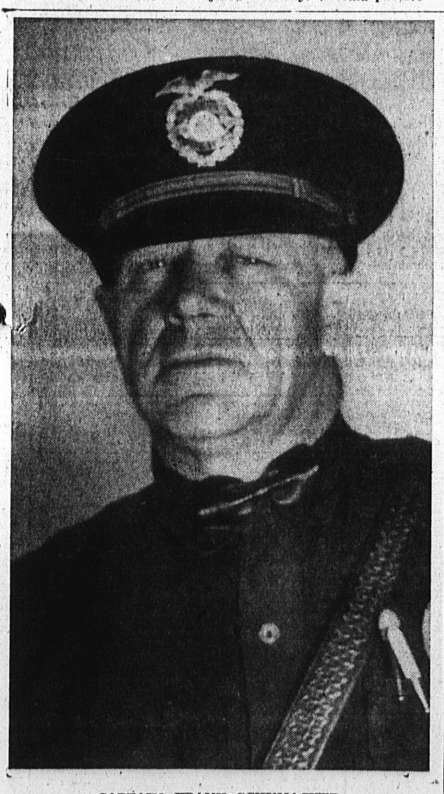
During the summer the club financed transportation for the recreation department swim program at Alondra. More than 3000 rides from the city's various playgrounds to the swimming lake were furnished by the club. Last year, the individual participants were obliged to pay $2.85 for the summer season, whereas the club made it possible for all to attend free this year, it was pointed out.

**650 ATTEND**

Registration figures at the playgrounds show that 650 Torrance boys and girls took advantage of the swim instruction and fun program.

The mountains of flour and material necessary to build up those stacks of cakes necessary to feed hundreds are being donated to the club by various merchants, according to the Kiwanis president.

In the afternoon, the club will stage the City Championship Soap Box Derby on Sepulveda Hill. The champion will receive a trophy put up for the occasion by the Torrance Herald, and many other merchandise prizes will be offered, according to Paul Loranger, the club's Soap Box Derby expert.



CAPTAIN FRANK SCHUMACHER
. . . Long Police Career Ended

## Last Respects Paid To Veteran Officer

**Members of the Torrance Police Department turned out in full Tuesday morning to tender a final salute to a veteran police officer.**

**Funeral services for Capt. Frank Joseph Schumacher, who had been with the local law enforcement agency for 23 years,** were conducted at Stone and Myers Chapel. A private cremation followed at Inglewood Park Crematory.

Eleven uniformed peace officers served as honorary pallbearers. Other members of the department, as well as many local citizens, were present to pay last respects to a fine policeman.

Schumacher joined the police service on June 1, 1928. Six years later he was promoted to sergeant and on July 1, 1940, the rank of captain was bestowed upon him. He held this position until his death, at the age of 58.

**CHAPLAIN PRESIDES**

The Rev. Peter M. Holmes, U. S. Army chaplain from Ft. MacArthur, presided at the chapel services.

Surviving Schumacher are his wife, Mrs. Myrtle C. Schumacher, 1313 Cota avenue; a son, Ray, of Torrance; a brother, Fred, of Pennsylvania and two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Sherry and Mrs. Mary Baker, both of Detroit, Michigan.

Pallbearers were Chief of Police Jack H. Stroh, Capt. Willard Haslam, Sgt. G. S. Evans, Sgt. Percy Bennett, Sgt. Carl Friberg, Sgt. Alex Thompson, Sgt. Wayne Johnson and Officers D. C. Cook, W. Barnett, Harold Trezise and H. Porter.

Johnson is presently serving in the Navy and returned from San Diego to be present at the services.

The 58-year-old police veteran died just two weeks after he had undergone major surgery, during which he was on the operating table for more than five hours.

## 'Hot Rodders' Roll; Cops Called, But—

**Two Torrance police cars were dispatched to the vicinity of Sepulveda avenue and Hawthorne boulevard Tuesday afternoon after a phone call was received from a man stating "there is a hot rod race in progress at this location."**

**Cars 47-1 and 47-2 closed in on the area and found—a Soap Box Derby race under way. "Regular Speed Demons," the officers said.**

**Their police report concluded: "No action by this department."**

## Famous Songwriter Hurt in Auto Crash

Songwriter Mack Gordon, who composed such popular hits as "Chatanooga Choo-Choo," "You'll Never Know" and "Time On My Hands," was on the mend this week after being hurled from his late model convertible at Western avenue and Carson street in a collision with another car early Sunday morning.

Rushed to Harbor General Hospital by Figueredo-Miller ambulance, he was later transferred to Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Hollywood, where his physician, Dr. Elliott Corday, termed Gordon's condition as "serious but not critical."

The lyricist was painfully injured when his car collided with a light sedan driven by Osborne Nomeland, 36, of Venice. Nomeland was also thrown from his car, but was not critically injured, attendants said.

Gordon told Los Angeles police that he was driving north on Western when the other car suddenly appeared in front of him.

"I don't remember anything else," he said.

In another accident during the Labor Day week-end, Jesus Herrera, 27, of 1238 West 213th street, was booked by San Pedro police on a charge of suspicion of felony drunk driving when his car swerved out of control on the Wilmington-San Pedro road crashing into a utility pole. Ernest Villapando, of Long Beach, a passenger with Herrera, was treated at Wilmington Emergency Hospital for possible fractured ribs, cuts and bruises.

## Bloodmobile Visit Slated September 27

A return visit of the Bloodmobile has been scheduled for the Civic Auditorium next September 27, it was announced here this week by Red Cross officials.

The mobile unit will be set up to accept donations between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., according to Mrs. Clifford Easley, chairman of the local chapter's committee.

## Auto-Pedestrian Crash Fatal to Father of Five

Struck by an auto while walking on Torrance boulevard near Bow street, Frank F. Gonzales, 46, was pronounced dead on arrival Thursday morning at the Harbor General Hospital.

Gonzales, who had resided at 2461 W. 203rd street for only three months, was employed by the National Electric Products Company and was living with his sister, Mrs. Bertha White.

Surviving him are his wife Margarita, five children, a sister, brother and mother, all living in El Paso, Texas.

Police reported that Gonzales was carrying six pairs of shoes which he had purchased the night before to send to his family in Texas.

Clifford Stewart, 62, of 1731 W. 235th street, was the driver of the auto which struck the victim. He was not held, police said.

Stone and Myers Mortuary, who handled preliminary arrangements, sent the body to El Paso for funeral services.

## New Supervising Nurse Named for Health Center

Reassignment of supervising public health nurses in several districts of the County Health Department has been announced by Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, County Health Officer.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Sutherland is now the supervising public health nurse in the Torrance District, replacing Mrs. Gladys T. Pearce who is transferring to the San Antonio Health District. Mrs. Sutherland was formerly in Whittier.

The new Torrance supervisor received her nurses' training at the Army School of Nursing, Presidio, San Francisco and her public health nursing certificate from UCLA.

SONGWRITER HURT . . . Lyricist Mack Gordon and Osborne Nomeland were painfully injured when their autos collided in the predawn last Sunday morning at Western avenue and Carson street. Both were taken to Harbor General Hospital and Gordon was later transferred to Cedars of Lebanon. (Herald photo).

## Youth Injured In Bike Crash

Twelve-year-old Tommy Koehn, 17710 Ardath avenue, received minor injuries when the bicycle he was riding collided with a vehicle at 174th street and Glenburn avenue Thursday evening, Torrance police records show.

Driver of the car, Claude L. Hasking, 18221 Manuel avenue, North Redondo, told officers that Tommy either drove in front of, or into the side of another vehicle, and then carroned across the street and struck his car.

The victim was treated at Cal-Med Emergency Hospital

## TABULATION OF CITY, COUNTY TAXES LISTED

For those property taxpayers who are analytically-minded, the Herald has prepared (below) a detailed tabulation of the various items they will find on their tax bills for 1951-52. Comparisons with last year's levies are also listed. This year's total levy on Torrance property per $100 assessed valuation is 31.41 cents below last year. The principal decrease is due to a reduction of 29.60 cents in the Los Angeles County general tax rate.

The all-over City of Torrance rate remains unchanged at $1.12 per $100 assessed valuation.

**COMPARATIVE PROPERTY TAX RATES, 1951-1950**
**City of Torrance, L. A. County and District Levies**

| | Dist. No. 1 (Original City) | | Dist. No. 2 (Annex Areas) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 |
| Torrance City. General Budget | $.96 | $.95 | $.96 | $.95 |
| Public Library | .04 | .04 | .04 | .04 |
| Employees Retirement | .12 | .13 | .12 | .13 |
| Total City | $1.12 | $1.12 | $1.12 | $1.12 |
| Water Districts: | | | | |
| M.I.D. No. 1 (On Land Only) | .25 | .25 | | |
| *M.W.D. No. 1 or (On Land and Improvements) | | | .20 | .25 |
| *M.W.D. No. 2 (On Land and Improvements) | | | .20 | .25 |
| Torrance Unified School Dist. | 2.8732 | 2.8887 | 2.8732 | 2.8887 |
| Los Angeles County. General | 1.6391 | 1.9351 | 1.6391 | 1.9351 |
| Metropolitan Water District | .3000 | .3100 | .3000 | .3100 |
| County Flood Control (Land and Improvement) | .1878 | .1951 | .1878 | .1951 |
| County Sanitation District No. 5 (Land Only) | .2978 | .2831 | .2978 | .2831 |
| Total Tax Rates | 6.6679 | 6.9820 | 6.6179 | 6.9800 |

* Only one M.W.D. rate applicable.