

# Torrance Teenager Weds International Industrialist



THE CINDERELLA BRIDE  
... Former Martha Morris



MR. AND MRS. ROLAND DEVIGIER  
... Leave Famous Cathedral

## Cinderella Wedding in Paris Told

A Cinderella wedding that joined a Torrance teenager and an international industrialist was performed in the Cathedral Notre Dame in Paris, France, Thanksgiving Day as a climax to a fairy book story of courtship and romance.

Married in the world famous Notre Dame were Miss Martha Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Morris, of 1429 West 215th street, and Millionaire Roland DeVigier, 28, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wilhelm DeVigier of Switzerland.

The exchange of church vows was preceded by civil ceremonies in Quartszsite, Ariz., on November 11.

Making the trip to Paris with the young couple for the wedding was the bride's sister, Mrs. Dudley Gray.

Friends of the young couple said the pair first met in a malt shop on Carson street near the girl's home. DeVigier was struck with the vivaciousness of the nearly 17-year-old girl, and succeeded in obtaining an introduction.

Mrs. DeVigier was a student at St. Anthony's High School in Long Beach at the time.

The groom is the executive vice-president of Acrow, Inc., the largest manufacturer of heavy concrete construction equipment in the world. His company operates plants in England, Australia, South Africa, Canada and the United States. The company has branches in all principal cities in every country throughout the world, a spokesman for the company said.

The West Coast plant of Acrow is located at 1400 West 260th street, Harbor City.

The couple and Mrs. Gray flew to France last week where the lavish wedding ceremony was performed. Following the wedding they returned to the United States, arriving in Los Angeles last Saturday evening.

A party for the newlyweds was held at the Ambassador Hotel Saturday evening with prominent businessmen and friends of the couple in attendance.

The DeVigiers have purchased one and one-half acres in Palos Verdes Estates, where they plan to build their home.

The newlyweds went to San Francisco yesterday, friends said, where he plans to attend a business conference.

Trips to Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru and Colombia are planned by the couple, according to Ed F. Copenhafer, associate of the industrialist. DeVigier plans to inspect Acrow branches in those places.

## Oil Dump Okayed

A license to operate an oil dump in Pacific Hills was granted by the City Council Tuesday night to K. Sande Senness.

## Shades of World War II

### Army Aircraft Unit Now at Local Field

Military aircraft now are based at Torrance Municipal Airport for the first time since the former Lomita Flight Strip was under Army jurisdiction during World War II.

Lt. Col. Jack Blohm, personable young Army officer who recently returned from Korea, is in charge of a Third Corps unit of six planes which will use the local field for operations base.

### City Engineer Resigns Office

The resignation of City Engineer Jacob Joseph was accepted by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night, effective November 30.

Joseph told reporters after the meeting that he was going to leave Torrance for the time being, but that he planned to return later where he wants to build a home in Hollywood Riviera.

"I might try to get into politics," the engineer said.

It was understood that Joseph, who had been with the city only a short time, was asked to tender his resignation, for reasons not made public.

The aircraft will be used to provide transportation for high-ranking U. S. Army brass throughout the huge Sixth Army district.

Headquarters for the unit is the building formerly occupied by the National Guard before it was called to active duty last year. Two of the aircraft are on hand at the field at the present time. Eventually 16 officers and men will be attached to the unit.

Combat mission of the air unit, which uses Cessna 1-19s and 1-126s, is to provide close support to ground units and to spot for artillery.

During the early days of World War II, swift P-38 interceptors were rushed to the field in case of possible Japanese attack.



NEW ARRIVAL... Ed Dietrich, operator of the Torrance Municipal Airport, points out the advantages of the flight strip to Lt. Col. Jack Blohm, commanding officer of the Third Corps air unit which arrived there this week. (Staff Photo.)

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## Two Critically Injured

# STEELWORKER DEAD AFTER CYCLE CRASH

## HERALD READERSHIP TWICE NEAREST RIVAL

Figures were released this week by the California Newspaper Advertising Service on the results of a recent postal-card door-to-door survey of the newspaper-reading habits of the people of Torrance.

Made for national advertisers by this state-wide organization, which is conducting similar surveys throughout California, it showed that the Torrance Herald was read regularly in almost twice as many homes as its nearest competitor, the Los Angeles Times.

The percentage figures for the entire city of Torrance, which includes Walteria, Hollywood Riviera, Seaside Ranchos, Kettler Knolls and North Torrance, showed:

	Read Regularly
TORRANCE HERALD	77%
Los Angeles Times	39%
Torrance Press	35%
Los Angeles Examiner	29%
Los Angeles Herald-Express	12%
Los Angeles Daily News	12%
Long Beach Press-Telegram	11%
Los Angeles Mirror	9%
Lomita News	03.6%
San Pedro News-Pilot	03.1%
Redondo Daily Breeze	02.1%

The survey also revealed that an additional 11 per cent of the residents read the Torrance Herald occasionally and only 4.8 per cent never read the Herald.

In the outside trading area of Torrance the Torrance Herald also led the readership parade as did the Lomita News in Lomita. The exact circulation figures are printed elsewhere in a full page tabulation in this issue of the Torrance Herald.

## Superintendent Passes Cigars After Son Born

Congratulations flew thick and fast in the cigar-smoke-filled Board of Education conference room last week as Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools here, announced the birth of a son earlier in the day.

Born at the Torrance Memorial Hospital at 2:05 p.m., November 20, the 8-pound 6-ounce newcomer was named John Heinrich Jr. He is the couple's first child.

Mrs. Hull is the former Doris Shuklee, who was employed by the school district as a secretary before her marriage to the superintendent last year.

Listed as grandparents for young John were Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Hull of Pasadena, and Mr. and Mrs. Rollo P. Shuklee of Keenesburg, Colo.

# General Petroleum To Expand Refinery

A refinery improvement program project designed to increase production of critically-needed aviation fuel components has been launched by General Petroleum Corporation at its refinery here. The project will cost more than \$500,000.

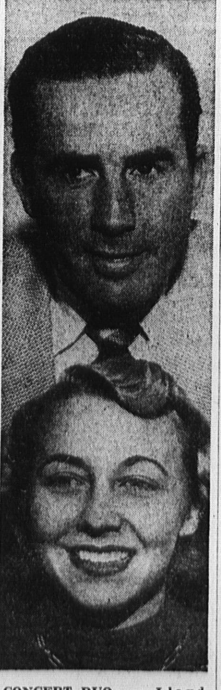
The go-ahead for the expansion at the Torrance refinery followed an announcement in Washington Tuesday afternoon that the Defense Production Administration had issued a certificate of necessity to the oil company to permit increased production of aviation gasoline.

A key part of the new facilities is a giant distillation tower, 10 feet in diameter and 157 feet high. The tower was originally built during World War II as a segment of a complete aviation gasoline refining plant, which was to be shipped to Soviet Russia under Lend Lease. The shipment was cancelled in 1945.

General Petroleum engineers, faced with current steel shortages, located the tower and, through design adaptations, made possible its use in the new project here. Conversion of the idle tower to the present program saved a total of 200 tons of scarce steel, a company spokesman said.

Contract for the erection of the new facility has been awarded to J. B. Gill Company. Completion is scheduled for June, 1952.

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CONCERT DUO... Lloyd Jones and Joan George are slated for feature appearances tomorrow night with the Adult Orchestra's "Pops" concert at the Torrance High School auditorium. (Herald photo.)

## Two Auto Victims Listed as Critical

One man is dead and two others are critically injured as a result of three accidents here during the past week.

A 26-year-old Columbia Steel employee was fatally injured here late Tuesday night when his motorcycle spilled on Torrance boulevard near Denker.

Dead is Jack Sever, of 1210 El Prado, who had been a stocker in the open hearth department of Columbia. He had been employed there since 1946.

San Pedro police said preliminary investigation indicated that Sever had apparently failed to negotiate a curve on Torrance boulevard. He was rushed to Harbor General Hospital by Figueredo-Miller ambulance, but died a few hours later.

Friends of the dead youth said yesterday that he had been visiting friends and was returning home about 10 p. m. Tuesday when the accident occurred. He had worked at the plant the day he was killed.

Sever's family lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and no immediate relatives live here. His body is at Stone and Myers Mortuary pending funeral arrangements.

On the critical list and still unconscious yesterday at Harbor General Hospital was Arthur Paul Howe, 27, of 5253 Vanderhill road in Seaside Heights.

Howe was injured Sunday night when struck by a Redondo Beach police car in pursuit of a speeding auto. While lying injured on the street following the accident, Howe was hit again by a passing auto. Officers on the scene were unable to halt the second auto which hit the Torrance man.

Attendants at Harbor General Hospital said Howe had failed to regain consciousness since his arrival there Sunday night.

Also severely injured during the past week was Martin C. Diller of Redondo, who was struck by an automobile while he was walking at Western avenue and 228th street Thanksgiving Day.

Diller was rushed to Harbor General Hospital by Figueredo-Miller ambulance where his condition was described as critical. Attendants late yesterday said he was unconscious and that his condition was "very poor."

## 31 Agents Fired

Thirty-one tax officials including one each from San Pedro and Long Beach were fired yesterday by the administration. For background see page 13.

## Top Vocalists Billed For 'Pops' Concert

Two of Torrance's outstanding young vocalists, Mrs. Joan George and Lloyd Jones, will be featured in duet and solo selections at the Adult Concert Orchestra's free public concert in the Torrance High School auditorium tomorrow night.

With the adult orchestra under the direction of Abe Milstein as the background, the pair will sing several duet numbers including selections from Show Boat, Chocolate Soldier and Hit the Deck. Included also in the selections will be Make Believe, You Are Love, Why Do I Love You?, My Hero and Sometimes I'm Happy.

In solo performances Mrs. George will sing the Italian Street Song from Naughty Marietta and Jones will sing Song of the Open Road. Both appeared in the recent variety show held here under the sponsorship of the Torrance Women's Club. Jones has considerable professional experience and is known throughout the city as a talented tenor, while Mrs. George, the former Joan Mumford, has studied singing here, at El Camino College and at Chapman College, where she received a music scholarship. She is presently studying voice with Frances Warren Haynes of Los Angeles.

Other highlights of the program will include a "Pops" concert of musical comedy favorites by the orchestra. The program, which will begin at 8 p. m. tomorrow, is free to the public.