

DRIVER FACES MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES IN HIGHWAY DEATHS

Dr. Joseph Bay Appointed to School Board

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CONSTRUCTION WORKER DIES IN TOWER CRASH



MOTHERS PICKET... Mothers from the Shady Nook tract carried their fight for a school bus to the very doors of the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday morning, arriving

before 9 a.m. to picket the building. Some of their signs read: "We Want A Bus," "Our Kids Can't Ride Ailbbs," and "Our Children Need a BUS."

Shady Nookers Picket Board Of Education in Bus Battle

A group of 15 mothers from the Shady Nook tract crowded the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night, after picketing the Board that morning, to protest the Board's statement that children in the tract are not eligible for bus transportation to the Torrance Elementary School.

Several mothers from the tract appeared in front of the Board of Education Tuesday morning and picketed, carrying signs reading "We Want a Bus," "Our Kids Can't Ride Ailbbs," "Our Children Need a Bus," etc.

In the last Board meeting, a delegation of mothers from the tract, which lies in the triangle between Sepulveda Blvd., Western Ave. and 228th St., were told that a survey of distances had been made and that it showed that the children all live within a one mile radius of the school.

Board Policy Told
Board policy states that only children who live beyond a one mile radius of their school are eligible for bus transportation, except where sidewalks do not exist.

Shady Nook parents insist that 228th St., which consists

of their children use, does not have sidewalks and presents danger. To provide bus transportation for the Shady Nook children would mean that the Board's minimum distance would have to be lowered, and since all children in Torrance deserve equal facilities, many other areas would then become eligible for bus transportation.

Board spokesmen estimated that this would add more than 500 children to the bus load and necessitate the purchase of seven additional buses at a cost of \$146,000. This money is not available, Board officials said.

Idle Buses Scored
Three "idle bus" incidents were brought up by irate mothers at the Tuesday meeting. Mothers told of seeing:

1. An idle bus parked in front of a restaurant during the time that Shady Nook children go home from school. (Board officials investigated this incident and stated that the bus was there because of a shortened day schedule during which the children were let out early so that parents could hold conferences with teachers).
2. An idle bus being washed

before 9 a.m. to picket the building. Some of their signs read: "We Want A Bus," "Our Kids Can't Ride Ailbbs," and "Our Children Need a BUS."

Mothers also stated that high school students living in their tract are boarding buses. Since the radius for high school student transportation is two miles from the school, Board officials stated that they would investigate and eject any high school students who do not de-

Mother, Son Die In Crash, Farm Worker Arrested

A Mexican farm worker will be arraigned this morning on charges that he smashed a stolen taxicab into a car in Walteria Saturday night, killing a young mother and hurling her infant son 100 feet to his death.

The worker, Corrales Acosta, 24, will be arraigned in South Bay Municipal Court on two charges of manslaughter and one of auto theft.

He is accused of being the driver of a stolen taxicab which ran a red light at Highway 101 and Hawthorne Blvd., and hit a car, killing Mrs. Patricia Von Delden, 21, and Kim Von Delden, her nine-months-old son, and seriously injuring Douglas Hugh Von Delden, 23, the father, all of Glendale.

Just minutes before the crash, police said, Acosta had been placed in a cab in Redondo Beach and was to be returned to the farm where he was employed.

Frank Griffith, 30, of Redondo, driver of the cab, said Acosta was quiet until the cab reached Sepulveda and Hawthorne. After he stopped there for a traffic

Huge Steel Piers Fall, Crush Man

A Torrance construction worker was killed in Las Vegas Monday when the steel piers of a water tower on which he was working collapsed, crushing him.

Harold Gents, 37, of 1420 1/2 Marcella Ave., father of two children, was helping erect a water tank to serve the Union Pacific Yards in Las Vegas when a winch slipped and let huge steel piers fall on top of him.

In serious condition is Earl Dungey, of 26027 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, who also was working on the tower.

One other man was critically injured in the freak accident.

According to police reports, Gents and the third man, C. J. Risher of Kansas City, Mo., were riding a two-and-a-half ton pier up toward the top of the tower and Dungey was operating the hand winch which was being used to lift the pier.

Winch Slips
The winch got away from Dungey and the safety catch failed to operate. The spinning crank of the winch threw Dungey 50 feet and the pier, carrying Gents and Risher, crashed to the ground.

As the pier fell it broke the guy wires holding four corner piers in place and all but the bottom piers came down, trapping Gents beneath them.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Stone and Myers Chapel, conducted by the Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church. Interment will be held at Roosevelt Cemetery.

Here Since 1936
Gents, who had lived in Torrance since 1936, was a veteran of the army in World War II. He was born in Blackwell, Okla.

He is survived by his wife, Frankie, and two sons, Harold, 15, a Torrance High School student, and Dannie, 12, Torrance Elementary student, all of the home address; his mother, Mrs. Elsie Vaught, of San Diego; father Weaver W. Gents of Oklahoma; and two sisters, Lela Lorraine Rutan of San Fernando, and Hazel Jane Hernandez of Grover City, Calif.



THE LONG WAIT... Johnny Cline, equestrian director with the Clyde Beatty Circus, comforts star performer John Joandies, 32, who lay in the street near Cabrillo and Gramercy Aves. for half an hour Monday waiting for an ambulance after he was pitched from an elephant in the circus parade and fractured his leg. Due to a mixup, an ambulance was not called until 20 minutes after the accident. It arrived about 10 minutes later and Joandies was taken to Harbor General Hospital. Joandies, a center ring slackwire juggler, will be out for the remainder of the circus season.

Court Duties Force Shidler Resignation

Judge John Shidler announced his resignation from the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday and Dr. Joseph Bay, local optometrist, was appointed to fill his unexpired term, which runs until the first of July.

Dr. Bay's appointment will be made official when the County Superintendent of Schools is notified and gives his approval.

Reasons for his resignation, given by Judge Shidler, were:

1. "Since the demands of the South Bay Municipal Court have been increasing with the population, I find that I have not enough time."
2. "Is it democratic for one person to hold more than one elective office? I think not. There are many capable persons to do the Board work."

He stated that "my resignation is not the result of dissatisfaction with the existing Board."

Judge Shidler added: "It is with reluctance that I resign as I have enjoyed learning about public education and its problems."

Growth Problem Great
"I do believe Torrance has more growth problems than any school district in the country. To meet these problems, I believe we have a capable, forward-looking and understanding Board."

Bay to File
Dr. Bay announced that he will file for election to the Board, since the term of Judge Shidler expires in July. In the forthcoming School Board election, on May 21, the positions of Bay and Bill Tolson will become vacant.

Tolson has filed to run for re-election and Dr. Bay indicated Tuesday that he would file this week. Only other candidate is Edward Schwartz, of 3244 El Dorado St. Last date for filing is April 21.

Bay lives at 2258 Torrance Blvd. with his wife, Nadine, former classified advertising manager with the Herald, and boy Alan, 19 months. The optometrist, whose offices are located at 1425 Marcella Ave., was born in Torrance and received his schooling here.

He is a member of the Rotary

Rivierans Talk Of Switching to Torrance Water

Talk of pulling the Hollywood Riviera district out of the California Water Service area and annexing to Torrance flared up at a homeowners meeting there Monday evening and was put into the hands of a committee for study after a two hour debate on the subject.

Following heated protests against the recent erection of storage tanks on three lots on Las Estrellas, which the company purchased in 1928 at the time the tract was laid out, Homeowner President Ross Dorsett appointed a committee of three to look into the matter. George R. Aldridge will chair the study group and will be aided by Harry G. Matthews and Francis L. Merritt. Their report is due May 3.

William A. Mason, member of the city's Planning Commission and pioneer resident of the section, and Willard Key led the opposition to the proposal to change over to Torrance Municipal Water service.

Heavy Costs Cited
While the opponents of the change were pointing out the heavy costs involved in such a move, backers of the fight were blasting the unsightliness of the tanks which have "cut off the view of several lots."

Lester Carlson, manager of the water company, told the Herald yesterday that it would take an engineering survey to determine the value of the mains and facilities owned by the firm in the area, but he indicated that a considerable amount of property would be involved.

At the same time, Carlson said the Seaside Ranchos and Seaside Heights areas were furnished through mains feeding off the Riviera system, and to cut off Riviera would also cut off those two areas.

Figures above \$1,000,000 have been mentioned in connection with the transfer.



JUDGE JOHN A. SHIDLER Resigns From Board



DR. JOSEPH BAY To Replace Shidler

Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and is Senior Sea Scout leader for Torrance. After the Board voted to ac-

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