

# Redondo Officials Agree to Open Barricaded Street

# BRIDE-TO-BE KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

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### Funeral Services Pending

Funeral services were pending today for 29-year-old June Rose Harvey who was killed Saturday, as she and her fiancé, William R. McLean, 34, were enroute to Las Vegas to be married.

California Highway Patrolmen said Mrs. Harvey, who leaves two sons Robert 8 and Michael 7 by a previous marriage, died of a broken neck suffered when she was thrown from the McLean auto into a tree near Cucamonga. McLean was released after treatment for minor injuries. Investigating officers reported that McLean's auto veered from the road and careened through a tree row alongside the road.

Arrangements for Mrs. Harvey's services are being handled at Inglewood Mortuary. Attendants there said rites would probably be held Wednesday.

**Other Crashes**  
In a local highway accident, driver of one of 4 autos involved in a smash-up at 182nd and Hawthorne Ave., yesterday, suffered a cut lip, and was treated at the scene by ambulance attendants. Injured was Billie L. Smith, 20, a sailor stationed at San Diego. Traffic officer Tom Patisht reported Smith was traveling south on Hawthorne and was unable to halt before hitting cars stopped for a signal.

**Drivers Listed**  
Drivers of the other autos were John E. Norwood, 38, of Hawthorne, and David Hardin, 26, of Redondo. Driver of the fourth auto left before police arrived.

Suffering serious head injuries when her car went out of control and demolished a tree at 205th St. and Western Ave., Saturday, was Ethola B. Franks, 24, of San Pedro. Officer Jim Thompson said she was headed south on Western when she apparently lost control of the auto.

Her condition was described as "fair," inquiring at Harbor General Hospital.

Another minor injury accident was reported at 235th St. and Western Ave., yesterday.

**Blaze Roars in 1000-Gallon Oil Process Tank**

Mineral spirits in a 1000-gallon mixing tank burst into flames and burned for nearly two hours before county firemen could extinguish the blaze at 17024 S. Broadway, late Saturday night.

County Fire Captain Ben Reynolds said the fire, at the Cold Cote Co., makers of roofing tar products, probably started when material in the huge tank overflowed into a heating furnace.

Machinery used on top of the tank kept fire-fighters from getting to the flames. Dry chemical agents and waterfog finally were used to subdue the flames. Damage was listed at only \$300.

Three fire companies directed by Battalion Chief L. B. Brewer answered the alarm.

**PCH Widening Contract Let**

Contract for widening and surfacing the 2.4 miles of Pacific Coast Hwy. from Hawthorne Ave. to Redondo Beach has been awarded to J. E. Haddock, Ltd., of Pasadena, the same firm which recently completed the conversion of 174th St. into a divided highway through Torrance.

Awarding of the contract for \$148,888 was announced today by the State Department of Public Works in Sacramento.

**Diamonds Taken**  
An \$810 blue diamond ring was taken from his dresser drawer sometime Monday, Alexander H. Dowet, of 2216 1/2 W. 247th St., Lomita, told sheriff's deputies. A crossing guard for the Lomita schools, Dowet told deputies that he thought the theft occurred while he was on duty.

### WEATHER

Late night and early morning low clouds, with days mostly sunny. Warmer today and tomorrow. High yesterday was 68, with low temperature at 56.

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**FLOWERS FOR MILADY . . .** Mayor Nickolas O. Dralle presents a Bird of Paradise bouquet to Frances Dorsey, 16, who is star, at the performance of the show last night at the Pan-Pacific Auditorium. The flowers were presented on behalf of the city, since it was "Torrance Night" at the Ice Follies.

## City Officials Settle Dispute

Torrance and Redondo city officials saluted each other in a round of toasts then adopted a policy of peaceful co-existence in a peace conference held at the Fish Shanty in South Torrance last week.

The Torrance delegation, including each of the five councilmen and the city manager, met with a delegation of three from the beach city—Councilmen William Czuleger and Charles Stewart, and City Manager Francis Hopkins.

Top point of agreement between the two cities was the matter of barricades—specifically the one thrown up unannounced one morning across Palos Verdes Blvd. where it crosses a one-half-block strip of Redondo Beach.

Redondo agreed to take down the barricade as soon as Torrance puts up a four-way stop at Sussanna and Palos Verdes Blvd. Both cities agreed to place a 2000-pound load limit on the street to make certain that heavy trucks would not use the wide thoroughfare.

Other items on the conference agenda included drainage along Pacific Coast Hwy. Representatives agreed to join forces in asking for County Flood Control District funds to put in a drain from Avenue I to the ocean. Such a drain would give Torrance an outlet for water pumped from the Hollywood Riviera saucer along Paseo de Gracia.

The city officials also discussed zoning of property along the border between the two cities. An attempt to coordinate zoning along the boundary will be made.

## Service Held For Boy, 9, Killed by Car

Funeral services for a nine-year old school boy killed moments after he stepped out of his father's auto were conducted Saturday at the A. M. Gamby Chapel Lomita.

Joseph Daniel Kahler, son of Warrant Officer and Mrs. Harry E. Kahler of 2442 Pacific Coast Hwy., suffered fatal injuries Thursday when he ran into the path of a car in front of the 259th Pl. school, 259th and Eshelman Ave.

Police said he darted between two parked cars, then into the path of one driven by Mrs. Effie Lorraine Hart of 1835 W. 262nd St.

The lad was pronounced dead on arrival at nearby Hillside Clinic.

Survivors include his parents, recently arrived in Lomita from Ft. Bliss, Tex.; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kahler and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart, both of Long Beach.

Interment will be held tomorrow at Ft. Rosecrans Cemetery, San Diego.

Kahler is stationed with the army at Ft. MacArthur.



**SPEEDERS BEWARE . . .** Officers Bob Lewis and Dave Cook are checked out by Traffic Sgt. Bill Evans and Police Chief Willard Haslam prior to going into action as Torrance's first motorcycle police officers in 14 years. They'll patrol busy highways looking for speeders.

## Motorcycle Patrolmen Back On Job After Long Absence

Two motorcycle officers assigned to the traffic bureau of the Torrance Police Department roared on to the highways Friday afternoon, the first time in 14 years that bikes have been used in law enforcement here.

Officers Bob Lewis and Dave Cook, dressed in sharp blue uniforms, were assigned to pilot the cycles down busy Torrance highways, in the department's all-out effort to crack-down on traffic accident injuries.

Chief Willard Haslam and Traffic Bureau boss, Sergeant Bill Evans, clocked the motors out at 2 o'clock sharp for their first 8-hour shift. The officers will patrol together after dark.

Used 'Bikes' Before  
Last motorcycle in use here, other than the three-wheeled bike piloted daily by Officer H. G. Presize, was used by Percy Bennett, now a detective sergeant with the local department.

Haslam said the motorcycles are the personal property of Officers Cook and Lewis, and the city leases them for use. Radios and other equipment was installed by the department.

"We found that it was essential to have motorcycle officers in order to properly patrol our busy highways," said Evans. "We found that at the rush hours, the traffic cars could not maneuver through the number of autos on the roads in order to stop violators."

Other than the motorcycles and a membership drive to establish an Elk lodge in Torrance is progressing well, according to C. P. Olson, chairman of the committee which is handling arrangement.

"The group has received more than 100 applications," he said. Any person who is interested in becoming a charter member of the local lodge should attend the Wednesday night meeting of the group at Allan-Richards Hall, 1931 Carson St.

A bowling team has been organized, and meets every Monday night. A dance has been scheduled for Oct. 30. Support for the Blood Bank, which will be in Torrance on Oct. 11, was pledged by the local lodge.

Plans are being made for entertainment at later meetings, he said.

## Man Burned in Attempt to Save Dog from Flames

Fire investigators today are attempting to determine the cause of a fire which resulted in serious burns to a man when he made a futile attempt to rescue a pet dog, and ran into the flaming building.

M. A. Lemons, 37, of 1825 Pacific Coast Hwy., was treated for first and second degree burns of the hands and face sustained when he rushed into his burning house, Saturday morning, to find his pet chihuahua.

One of the dogs was carried to safety, firemen saved a kitten, but the other dog was found dead inside the smoke-filled house.

Two County Fire Department engine companies, directed by Capt. Robert Thomas, kept the flames from enveloping an adjoining appliance store, at 1821 Pacific Coast Hwy. Heavy damage resulted, however, when an automatic sprinkler system went off, drenching refrigerators and television sets.

Damage to the buildings was set at \$11,050.

Owner of the building was listed as John Hanna, Lomita.

**Police Seek Man Who Molested Teen-Ager**  
Police today are looking for a middle-aged man who exposed himself in front of a 15-year-old girl at the Newberry's Store in downtown Torrance Thursday afternoon.

He was described as 5 ft. 6 in. tall, weighing 160 pounds, and dressed in a brown coat and shirt.

**Thief Hits Bar For \$1000 Loss**

A hot-headed burglar who started to pry the putty loose from around a window, got disgusted and then smashed the glass, entered a Pacific Coast Hwy. bar and made off with nearly \$1000 in cash and checks, Sunday.

Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett and Sgt. Ted Morris reported the loss of \$75 worth of meat from her electric freezer.

Robert Warren told police a bedspread and a tool set, valued at \$19, were taken from his house at 4307 W. 174th St.

## Council Invited To Prove Charges

The City Council's eagerness to assist a neighboring city may have got it into hot water, City Manager George Stevens said this morning.

A resolution adopted by the Council last summer stating that it had been informed that waters of the Pacific Ocean adjacent to the city and near the Hyperion Treatment Plant are contaminated with greasy substance, drew the fire of the Los Angeles City Council's public health and welfare committee.

A recommendation of the committee that "City Council of Torrance be requested to furnish Bureau of Engineering and Bureau of Sanitation with information upon which this resolution is based," was adopted by the L. A. Council.

At the same time, Los Angeles City Clerk was instructed to send reports of the Board of Public Works to Torrance and to Manhattan Beach. These reports cover the contamination charges.

City Manager Stevens said this morning that the resolution was adopted by the Torrance City Council at the request of City of Manhattan Beach.

"Manhattan Beach will probably have to furnish the facts for us," Stevens said.

The matter will be reported to the City Council tomorrow evening.

**City Manager To Explain Bond Issues**  
The coming city bond election will be the topic of City Manager George Stevens when he talks to the Kiwanis Club at their regular meeting tonight at 6:30 in the American Legion Hall.

Movies will be shown to the Lions Club and the Optimist clubs at their meetings. The Lions will see a North American Aircraft Co. film, "The North American Story," tomorrow at 12:15 p.m. in Allan-Richards Hall.

The Union Oil Co. will furnish a film for the Optimists meeting tonight at the Ding How Cafe.

The noon group of Toastmasters will hold their regular meeting at the Lone Pine Inn on Friday.

The Fish Shanty will be the scene of the evening group of Toastmasters tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Regular business will be the order of the day at the Elks' meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Allan-Richards Hall.

## Building Totals Pass 31 Million

If building continues at its present rate, building permit totals in Torrance this year will exceed \$40,000,000.

This is the indication from building totals released by Senior Clerk Walter Bradford of the City Engineer's Office.

September totals were \$3,681,858, pushing receipts for the year far past the record of \$29,315,365 registered during all of 1953.

On Sept. 30, the year's total was \$31,380,841, compared with \$22,146,527 at the same time last year. Receipts during September were more than a million dollars ahead of the same month last year.

Largest contributor to the total during September was the Milton Kauffman Construction Co., which took out permits for 168 houses, valued at \$1,382,310.

These houses are part of a 1476-home tract near 190th and Hawthorne.

Other large shares of the total were taken by Hazel Norris, who received permits for six duplexes and 22 residences, valued at \$265,827, and the Ambassador Construction Co., which plans to build 12 houses at a cost of \$101,350.

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## Homeowners To Install New Leader

A newcomer to the community will take over Wednesday evening as president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association in installation ceremonies scheduled for McMeister Park Hall.

Taking over the gavel as president will be Muriel A. Reeves, of 3935 W. 176th St., who has been a resident of the area for about a year and one half. He will succeed Clint Beeson, who will assume the post of auditor, which has been filled during the past year by Reeves.

Others to be installed Wednesday include Jack White, former president, who will be the organization's new vice-president; Norma Pranga, recording secretary; and Willa Dean Throop, treasurer.

**Gasoline Stolen**  
Robert Pfeiffer, of Eagle Aviation, at the Torrance Municipal Airport, reported to Torrance Police the theft of 14 gallons of gasoline from his airplane, Thursday.

**Elks' Member Drive Going Well--Olson**

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