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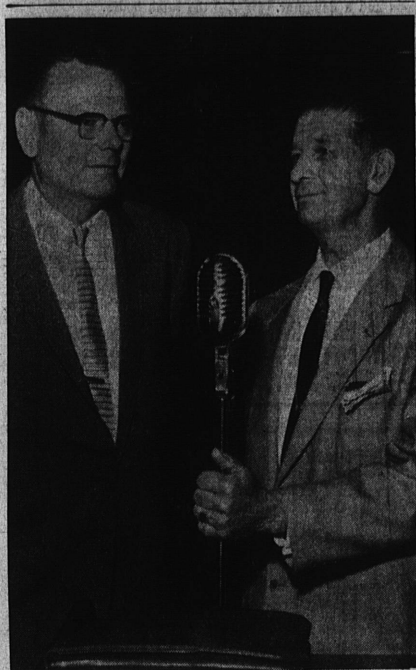
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## THREE HURT AS BOAT CAPSIZES



LEAD CHIEFS . . . Harold Gillett of the Attorney General's office (left) and Acting Chief of Police Percy Bennett of Torrance discuss agenda for quarterly chiefs' meeting here Thursday. More than 60 top-level police officers attended the meeting.

### Police Chiefs Vote For Death Penalty

Southern California police chiefs think abolishment of the death sentence in California would lessen the effectiveness of laws against such capital crimes as murder and kidnaping.

Abolishment of the death sentence was formally opposed by the more than 60 chiefs who met here Thursday to discuss that and other mutual problems.

#### Crime Deterrent

In discussions led by Harold Gillette, acting chief of the State Attorney General's Criminal Identification and Investigation Bureau, the chiefs of Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara counties indicated that the death sentence was a strong deterrent to crime.

The meeting was held at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave. Acting Chief Percy Bennett of Torrance was the host at this first meeting of the top level law enforcement officers here.

#### Guins Discussed

Other items discussed by the chiefs included the problem of extradition from neighboring states. The group urged to have the departments of such

states simplify the procedures for turning prisoners over to California officials after extradition proceedings has been waived. The lawmen also discussed the merits of requiring issuance of gun permits only in the jurisdiction of the applicant's home. Many Southland gun permits are issued in northern California, one lawman reported.

### Second Blast Victim Dies

A second victim of the April 16 titanium furnace explosion at the Harvey Machine Co. died suddenly Friday, although he had been reported improving.

Raymond D. Martin, 21, Garden Grove, succumbed to second and third degree burns he received in the explosion which decapitated Robert F. Wade, 21, Lawndale.

Services for Martin are pending at Stone and Myers Mortuary, but will be held in Garden Grove.

A third victim of the explosion, Vernon Adams, 4045 W. 163rd St., was reported in "satisfactory" condition at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

### Governor Knight Praises Community Newspapers

Declaring they offer a unique service to their readers, unavailable through any other medium, Governor Goodwin Knight praised the role of community newspapers such as THE HERALD in an address Wednesday evening before members of the Controlled Circulation Unit, South, of the California Newspaper Publishers' Assn.

Governor and Mrs. Knight were guests of the group at its annual Governor's Night dinner in the Ambassador Hotel. "I recognize you are not in a position to compete equally with the daily press with reference to actual spot coverage of international affairs," Gov-

ernor Knight stated, "but at the same time, their operation is so geared they can't economically nor effectively challenge your pre-eminence in the intensity of your local, personal coverage of community events."

The Governor reminded the assemblage that sensational type stories are not the community editor's regular fare, and that the most prosaic routine matters of concern to the community present the conscientious community newspaper with boundless opportunities to do something for residents of the region it serves.

Governor Knight also reviewed his administration's plans to provide California with a sound, progressive water development program, citing the need for prompt action by the State Legislature on the \$38,000,000 appropriation measure still pending to insure uninterrupted progress of the program schedule.

He further stressed the need for speedy action by the Legislature on other proposals embodied in his special message earlier this month to that body relative to the development of a long-range water fund to underwrite the state's proposed commitment, saying that affirmative action will result in savings totaling over \$125,000,000.

### Guards Rescue Trio From Surf

Three men were injured, one seriously, Saturday afternoon when a light boat capsized just off Torrance Beach. Receiving serious injuries was 70-year-old Al Hall, of 2201 Ruhland, Redondo Beach. Lifeguards said Hall apparently hit the boat's windshield as he was thrown out. He

#### Check the Clock, It May Be Later Than You Think

If you didn't set your clock ahead an hour last night, it may be an hour later than you think it is.

California went on daylight saving time at 1 a.m. this morning, meaning that the clock should have been moved ahead to 2 a.m. at that time, or before you went to bed.

It means that you lost an hour's sleep last night unless you went to bed or got up an hour later. At any rate, you'll get that hour of sleep back on Sept. 29 when the state returns to standard time.

### Missing Car Found Burned In Torrance

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suffered a possible broken leg, broken ribs, and several cuts on his right hand.

Receiving a three-inch cut over his eye and other head cuts was Ed Joyce, 65, of 2211 Vorhees, Redondo Beach.

Don Shoemaker, 35, of 2117 Warfield, Redondo, was reported suffering from shock.

#### Motor Falls

Witnesses said the boat apparently was without power because of motor failure. It drifted in toward the beach, was caught in a huge wave, and flipped.

Lifeguards Toby Erlinger, George Chalekson, Herman Friend, and Dick Garrett raced into the surf and brought the trio to shore. After first aid was administered, the victims were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

#### Guards Busy

Lifeguards were busy throughout the afternoon Saturday as a tricky surf threatened a number of early season beach fans, according to HERALD Photographer Mill Svensk, who was at the beach on another assignment when the boat accident occurred.

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### Tumble From Bed Fatal to Youngster, 3

The death of Larry David White, 3, who died of injuries received when he fell off a bed at the home of a baby sitter, was attributed to a bilateral subdural hemorrhage, according to the County Coroner.

The little boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack White, 4101 W. 183rd St., died Thursday night in Hawthorne Hospital 28 hours after the accident, which occurred at the home of a woman baby sitter at 4006 W. 183rd St. The woman, who

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BOAT VICTIM . . . Lifeguards give first aid to 70-year-old Al Hall of Redondo after Hall and two other men were thrown into the sea at Torrance Beach when their boat capsized. Hall's injuries were described as serious. All were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

### Open House Activities Slated at Local Schools

A series of programs and open houses to let Mom and Dad know how Junior is being taught will be held at local schools as part of the observance of public schools week.

Dedication of Torrance's three newest elementary schools, Meadow Park, Edison, and Flavian, will be part of the observance as well as a Science Fair at North High, featuring displays by leading industries in this area. The area's new Steven M. White Junior High School will be open to the public for the first time.

Programs as announced at the Torrance schools include: Arlington School—Open house Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m., with music by the orchestra in the cafeteria and refreshments by the PTA.

Carr School—Open house Tuesday from 7 to 9:15 p.m. Parents of morning session students are invited from 7 to 8 p.m. and parents of afternoon students from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. Rooms will be open during the entire period for parents of all-day students.

Crenshaw School—May Dance Festival Wednesday at 10:30 and 11 a.m. All children in the school will participate in presenting dances and songs in an outdoor assembly on the playground.

El Nido School—Open house from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday.

Edison School—Dedication and open house ceremonies, starting in the cafeteria at 7 p.m., Tuesday. Principal Lester Foster will speak and a member of the school board will present the school to the community. After the ceremonies, there will be open house and refreshments.

Fern-Greenwood School—Open house will be held at Fern School from 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday and from 8 to 9 at Greenwood.

Flavian School—Dedication of the school starting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, with presentation by school board member Clinton B. Cooke. Children will present May Day dances. Open house and refreshments will follow the ceremonies.

Hillside School—Open house starting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday.

Madrona School—Open house will be held Wednesday, starting at 7:30 p.m. Classroom displays will feature different areas of the instructional program and emphasize science and reading.

Meadow Park School—Dedication of new buildings and open house on Wednesday, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Riviera School—All rooms will be open throughout the day Wednesday, with displays in the classrooms and demonstrations by the children.

Seaside School—Open house from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, with refreshments to be served.

Steele School—Educational fair from 7:30 to 9:30, Thursday. Parents will be conducted through the room by students and a normal classroom routine will be shown.

Walteria School—Open house Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., with teachers available to discuss the school program. The PTA will provide child care in the cafeteria. Refreshments will be served.

Wood School—PTA meeting from 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday, with open house following, from 8 to 9 p.m.

North High School—A Sciday will be held tomorrow in conjunction with Public Schools' Week, according to A. S. Gallo, science coordinator. This affair features major industries in the area and their utilization of scientific skills in an endeavor to interest students in pursuing a career in science.

All science students will be released from their second, third, fifth and sixth periods to see the demonstrations, films, lectures, and displays. About 800 science students will participate. The displays will be open to the entire student body during both lunch periods.

Dale M. Harter, principal, invited the public. The program starts at 8:50 a.m. and will continue until 2:40.

Industries invited to participate include Pacific Smelting, General Electric, Douglas Aircraft, Southern California Edison Co., North American Aircraft, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., Hughes Aircraft, Westinghouse, American Latex, the U.S. Army Air Force, the U.S. Navy, Good-year Tire and Rubber Co., Great Lakes Carbon Co., Moody Institute of Science, National Cash Register, and General Petroleum Co.

At Los Angeles City Schools the schedule will be:

Steven M. White Junior High School—Open house, starting at 7 p.m. Tours of the new plant will be conducted. An orchestra concert is set in the music room at 7:30, choral program by the glee clubs in the auditorium at 8 p.m., and gymnastic demonstration in the gym at 8:15. Various departments will present equipment and demonstrations.

Narbonne High School—Open house on Wednesday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Events include a Science Fair, modern and folk dancing demonstrations, drama program, and tumbling exhibition. Choral presentations by the A Capella Choir, led by Alice Sturdy, and Job's Daughters Bethel 137 Choir, led by Glenn Krell.

Principal speaker will be Robert E. Kelly, associate superintendent of Los Angeles City Schools and former Narbonne principal. Principal Herbert E. Morey will introduce the new administrators for Alexander Fleming Junior High School and the new Narbonne High School. Theme of the program will be "The Great Divide."

### YOUTH FUND STOLEN AT LOMITA CHURCH

Thieves apparently stole \$37.15 from the secretary's office at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 2154 W. 245th St., Millicent Stambaugh told sheriff's deputies Wednesday. The money belonged to the youth fund of the church, she said.

### DRIVER DIES, BABY BORN IN TRAFFIC CRASH

#### Passing Motorist Supervises Birth At Scene of Crash

Life began and life ended at the scene of an accident at Redondo Beach Blvd. and Prairie Ave. at 2:20 a.m. Thursday.

A baby was born to a young mother in one of the cars involved in the accident, while the driver of the other vehicle died two hours later at Park Emergency Hospital of skull fracture and internal injuries.

The baby, a healthy 9-lb., 11-oz. boy, was born to Mrs. Chester G. Wasmer, 21, of Gardena, at the crash scene with the assistance of a passing Torrance motorist. The other driver, W. E. Martin, 51, 4553 W. 172nd St., Lawndale, a Northrop Aircraft electrician, succumbed to his injuries.

#### Race to Hospital

California highway patrolmen said Wasmer, a 26-year-old creamery employee, was racing to the hospital with his wife. As he approached the intersection of Redondo Beach and Prairie, he beeped his horn frantically, and started across the street despite a flashing red light.

His car collided with a pickup driven by Martin, throwing the older man from the vehicle to the sidewalk. Meanwhile, Mrs. Wasmer's labor pains grew more frequent and it became evident that she was about to have her child.

#### Passerby Helps

As patrol cars arrived a passerby, Mrs. Idella Holmes, 4755 Cadison St., assisted with the birth of the baby. The only illumination for the event was the street lights and flashing lights of the police cars.

Afterward, Hawthorne Fire Capt. LeRoy T. Frye rushed the mother, son, and father to the Gardena Hospital. Wasmer received chest injuries, and his wife was a little shaken up, but the baby was reported doing fine.

### Oil Local Authorizes GP Strike

Union employees of General Petroleum Corp. in this area voted nearly 5-1 to strike if necessary to gain their wage demands, tabulation of the ballots revealed here Saturday.

R. T. Bauermann, secretary of Local 1519 of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, reported that the vote was 539 to 142 in favor of the strike if needed.

The union has demanded 27 cents an hour pay hike. Bauermann said, Pay is the only point of dispute between the union and the company it was reported.

GP officials and representatives of the OCAW may meet this week to discuss the demands. The present agreement expires on May 5.

### Temperatures

Torrance got .28 inch of rain during the past week—.20 on Sunday, .07 on Monday, and a trifling .01 on Tuesday. Temperatures were:

	High	Low
Sunday	56	42
Monday	62	52
Tuesday	63	47
Wednesday	64	43
Thursday	67	44
Friday	69	47