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AIRCRAFTER KILLED WHEN AUTO CRASHES INTO POLE



AIRCRAFTER DIES . . . Robert E. Noble, 32, of 749 W. Gardena Blvd., was killed when his car skidded on the pavement in front of North High School Friday morning and wrapped around a power pole. Noble was employed at Northrop Aircraft Co. in Hawthorne. His traffic death was the first in Torrance this year and the first one in 153 days.

Students Near As Auto Spins

A skidding auto which slammed into a power pole adjacent to North High School at 182nd St. and Yukon, Friday morning, claimed the life of Aircrafter Robert Noble, 32, of 749 W. Gardena Blvd. It was the first fatal accident in the city since Dec. 8, 1956.

Investigating officers reported that Noble apparently slammed on his brakes and slid on the wet street. Police could offer no reason for his action.

Noble's body was so broken by the impact that it took several men to lift it, witnesses reported.

His body was removed to Halverson-Leavell Mortuary where funeral services are being planned in Fullerton.

Several students at North High School witnessed the spectacular crash, and at least one coed required treatment in the school's dispensary as a result of the experience.

Noble's death followed a period of 153 days in which Torrance had not logged a traffic fatality. Last death here was on Dec. 8, when 76-year-old Joseph A. Cassidy, visiting here from his home in Porterville, was struck down and killed at Torrance Blvd. and Portola.

A record number of 14 persons died on Torrance streets last year, police records reveal.

Million Dollar Building Month Reported Here

Building permits in Torrance during April totaled \$1,136,712 bringing the year's total to \$6,002,267, according to Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the city engineer's office.

A drop in residential construction was noticeable. Last year, April's \$4,155,543 total brought the 1956 totals to \$18,757,958. This year, permits for only 10 houses, valued at \$181,022 were taken out during April.

Largest building permits for the month included \$146,812 for a 20-unit apartment at 351 Palos Verdes Blvd., taken out by Brown and Gottlieb; \$80,000 for the Polynesian Restaurant, 3901 Pacific Coast Hwy.; \$79,000 for a General Petroleum transformer; \$78,000 for a grocery store at 2119 W. 182nd St. by A. Gianni; \$64,000 for an addition to Pittsburgh Glass Co.; and \$57,000 for a six-unit apartment at 114 Paseo de la Concha, taken out by Richard Houston.

Permits included 301 fences, 62 house additions, and 14 garages.



THAT'S YOU, MOMMY . . . Debbie Slawter shows her mother, Mrs. Shirley Slawter, 315 Via Pascual, a picture that she drew in her third grade class at Riviera School. While Mrs. Slawter allowed that the resemblance wasn't exact, she thought it was one of the finest Mother's Day presents she had received from her child.

This is a Mother

(The following description of Mother was sent to the HERALD by J. P. Jones, of 2610 Dalemead, an electronics technician for North American Aviation. The HERALD joins with Mr. Jones in dedicating his tribute to all mothers today on their day).

By J. P. JONES

A Mother is love, and devotion and tenderness. She is gentle, sympathetic, and understanding. She is a tower of strength, a pillar of faith and a bulwark of courage. She must have the persistence of a brush salesman, the wisdom of Solomon, and the patience of Job.

To her family she is Mother, housekeeper, nurse, cook, laundress, seamstress, home economist, and often interior decorator, gardener, and general repairman. She must be able to fix a leaky washing machine, hang wallpaper, build furniture out of old orange crates, mend a garden hose, and repair Junior's supersonic ray gun. In her spare time she can balance the budget, mow the lawn, and catch up on the mending.

No other known creature can bake a cake, vacuum the floor, change the baby, and answer the phone at the same time. She is crazy about silly hats, French perfume, diets, pretty clothes, and bridge games. She doesn't seem to care for hot rods, fights on T.V., or pink pegged pants; but there are always cookies in the cookie jar, cokes in the refrigerator, and she is always good for a touch when your allowance runs low.

She is the first to rise in the morning and the last to retire at night, but she seldom complains about the long hours or the working conditions. She listens patiently to the children's incessant chatter, and answers with truth and wisdom their endless questions. She kisses away their little hurts and holds them close in the dark night when they have a bad dream. She is always beside them in time of illness.

To Dad she is wife, sweetheart, hunting and fishing companion, and financial advisor. Although she may take all the change from your pockets, smoke up your cigarettes, and drink your last can of cold beer; she is always interested in your hopes, plans, and ambitions. She always laughs at your jokes, and she is mighty nice to have around on a long winter evening.

When the long day is over and Dad drags himself home, there she is a bit frayed around the edges, but still going strong; and she welcomes him home with a warm embrace and a loving kiss.

She may be tall or short, plump or thin. She may be black, white or any other color. She may live in your home town or in Timbuctoo, but wherever she is, this type of wonderful, generous, marvelous creature: This is a Mother.

Public to Get Second Look at Nike Base Here

Captain Sandoe, commander of the Army's Torrance Nike Battery Site Friday announced his unit would hold a public open house from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on May 18, Armed Forces Day.

"We want to show the public how the Army's Nike-Ajax missile is used in the defense of the Los Angeles area," Captain Sandoe said. "To best do this, we will have regularly scheduled demonstrations and guided tours through the site."

Captain Sandoe said, "In touring the area, the public will see the missiles close-up, see the underground storage areas, will be shown how the missiles are fueled and see Nike raised to firing position, as well as have the Nike system explained."

He continued, "Of course we can't demonstrate firing, because Nike will only be fired in anger — that is, if the Los Angeles area is attacked."

The site is located near the Torrance Municipal Airport on Crenshaw Blvd. "Soldiers from the site will guide visitors to a parking area near the site entrance," Captain Sandoe said.

The Torrance unit, Battery D, 885 Antiaircraft Missile Battalion, is one of 20 Nike guided missile and gun sites which surround the Los Angeles area. 14 Nike sites and four gun units will hold open houses on Armed Forces Day.

	High	Low
Sunday	76	48
Monday	69	49
Tuesday	66	57
Wednesday	69	51
Thursday	68	51
Friday	67	54

Commissioners Study Possible Park Sites

Possible future park sites were eyed by the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission Wednesday night as it studied the city's plans for setting up mining zoning. Commissioners also eyed a 27-acre site northwest of Entradero Ave. and Halison St.

On motion of Commissioner J. H. Paget, the commission sent a letter to the Planning Commission and City Council asking that any more properties zoned for mining purposes should either be filled as mined or turned over to the city for parks.

Commissioner Herbert Albright was named to seek any free park properties that might be available from mining activities.

Park Eyed
Commissioner George Vico reported that there was 27 acres in the Southwest Park area now being used as a drainage area which might be obtained as a park site. He was appointed to investigate the matter, since it reportedly had been offered to the city.

Plans also were made to hold a joint meeting with the City Council, Planning Commission, and school officials to consider the Gold Report on needed recreation sites in Torrance. A committee was appointed to study the location of the proposed sites, the costs involved, and the amounts of land needed.

Park Damaged
Director Harry Van Bellehem reported that some groups using Sea-Aire Park recreation building and greens had caused considerable damage to the facilities, including a chair thrown through one of the windows.

The commission concurred with Van Bellehem's recommendation that a recreational golf program be started on Saturday at Sea-Aire Park as soon as possible.

Petition Received
The commission also voted to recommend that the city accept El Nido Park, with improvements made, from the county of Los Angeles on July 1. The city recently annexed the El Nido area.

The commission also backed a petition from 92 residents of the Southwest Park area requesting a Saturday and summer recreation program at Elvian Elementary School. The parents said that their children had to cross Anza Ave. to get to the Steele School playground and they felt that it was too wide and busy for safety.

The suggestion was sent to the council for consideration if the budget allows.

Parents' Meeting Scheduled to Discuss All-Night Party Plans
Senior parents will gather at the Torrance High School library Tuesday evening, May 14, at 7:30. Every senior is being asked to be represented by at least one parent at the meeting to hear detailed plans for the seventh annual after-graduation all-night party, sponsored by the High School PTA according to Mrs. John Hinds, who is the general chairman of the after-graduation party. Mrs. Hinds urges all senior parents to attend as their support is urgently needed.

The meeting is for the purpose of discussing plans and explanation of the party for the benefit of senior parents and other interested parents. Seven years ago Torrance High School PTA took over the

Airport Board Elects Abrams

Thomas Abrams was named president of the city's Airport Commission to succeed Jack White at the group's regular meeting this week. Abrams will assume the post as of June 1.

Abrams' appointment inaugurates a policy approved by the commission to rotate the presidency yearly on each June 1st. President White suggested the plan.

John G. L. Crain was nominated for the post, but declined.

Gunman Robs Liquor Store

A liquor store clerk here was forced to empty the store's cash register while a bandit held a revolver aimed at him, he reported to Torrance police Friday.

Dan Altimus, clerk in the store at 1945 W. Carson St., said a bandit with a pocket-marked face took about \$100 before shoving him in the store's walk-in cooler.

The bandit fled on foot while the clerk was in the cooler, police were told.

Chamber Will Hear About New Industry Center

Theodore Coleman, president of the Coleman Engineering, will explain plans for a new industrial and electronics research center southwest of Torrance Blvd. and Madrona Ave. at the Tuesday breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting will be at the YWCA building, according to chairman J. H. Paget.

The new center is expected to contain several modern industrial buildings, designed for beauty as well as utility. Designers of the project is Quinton Engineers.

President of Viet-Nam Plans Torrance Visit on Saturday

President Ngo Dinh Diem of the Republic of Viet-Nam will visit Torrance next Saturday for a tour of the General Petroleum Refinery in connection with a Los Angeles visit, it was announced jointly today by Mayor Norris Poulson and Robert L. Minckler, president of General Petroleum.

Poulson and Minckler will greet President Diem at Los Angeles International Airport Friday evening, and the president and the Viet-Nam officials accompanying him will

be guests of General Petroleum Saturday.

The group will tour the refinery here Saturday morning, then go to the company's new production office at Santa Fe Springs.

Saturday evening, President Diem will be honored at a banquet sponsored by the Los Angeles World Affairs Council at the California Club. He will depart that evening for Honolulu.

The Viet-Nam leader has been in this country since May 6 on the invitation of Pres-

ident Eisenhower. Among those making the trip with him are Tran Van Chuong, Ambassador of the Viet-Nam to the United States; Nguyen Huu Chau, Secretary of State for Interior; Tran Le Quang, Secretary of State for Public Works and Communications; General Tran Van Don, Chief of Staff of General Staff; Huynh Van Dien, Director General of Planning; Vu Van Thai, Administrator General of Foreign Aid; and Elbridge Durbrow, U. S. Ambassador to Viet-Nam.