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REPORT ON SAILOR'S DEATH DUE

Autopsy Tests May Give Clue

Results of an autopsy test which might provide a clue to the actions of a 19-year-old Gardena youth that led to his death here Sunday were awaited by Torrance and Redondo police officials late yesterday.

The youth, Jerald Dean Terry, home on leave from the U. S. Navy, was felled by police with a fatal shot after he had led Redondo police on a wild, erratic chase which had reached speeds up to nearly 100 miles per hour before he was stopped on Pacific Coast Hwy. near Roberts Road.

Ballistic test reports made public yesterday revealed that Terry was dropped by a bullet fired by Redondo Beach Officer William McCrory.

Two Men Fired
McCrory and Torrance Officer Bob Hammond both fired at the suspect as he fled from his wrecked auto just east of the Roberts Road entrance to the Seaside Ranchos area of Torrance.

The nearly five mile chase started in Redondo Beach when Terry hit a police car as he swerved over the white line on Pacific Ave.

Officer C. G. Sivoletta started the pursuit and was joined by Officers McCrory and John Bruno as well as Hammond.

Car Weaves
The youth drove a weaving pattern through beach streets, in an attempt to put the pursuing officers' cars out of commission.

"He jeopardized the lives of numerous people who were forced to scamper out of his way. Except for the Grace of God, a half dozen families might have been wiped out," McCrory told the HERALD.

McCrory also said he fired at the sailor's legs as he ran up the hill.

"I believe one of the bullets ricocheted and hit him in the head. Ballistic reports indicate that this was possible. I didn't aim at the youth's head," McCrory said.

Others Present
In addition to the Redondo officer and Bruno, Torrance Officer Hammond was on the scene at the time of the shooting.

Hammond fired a shot at the fleeing suspect's car but the auto finally stopped when Terry rammed into the side of an embankment late in the chase.

Terry, who reportedly had a juvenile record, skidded broadside into a crosswalk on Palos Verdes Blvd., narrowly missing several persons crossing the street.

Absentee Voters Reminded That Ballots Ready

Applications for absentee ballots for the April 8 municipal election may be made now through April 3, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reminded voters yesterday.

Each request must be made by the voter himself, Bartlett said. Persons desiring to obtain absentee ballots may go to the city clerk's office in the city hall or mail an application to the office.

14-Year-Old Badly Burned In Explosion

A 14-year-old girl suffered first and second degree burns on her face and arms when she lit the stove, which exploded, apparently from leaking fumes. Her mother, Mrs. Lois Holcombe, who was in the bedroom, rushed to her aid and called firemen.

The girl was given first aid and taken to a private physician. Firemen said it was probably fortunate that she still had her hair in pin curls. Otherwise, they said, the loose hair might have caught fire, causing more serious injuries.

Aside from the damage to the stove, the trailer suffered little damage.

Political Rally Scheduled at Local Armory

The National Guard Armory, 2505 Cabrillo Ave., will be taken over by city political candidates Saturday, March 29.

Albert Isen, incumbent candidate for Mayor, has rented the Armory and issued an invitation to all candidates in the April 8 city election, their followers and the general public to hold a giant political rally.

"It is almost impossible, because of the city's geographical and population size, for the public to meet the candidates," the Mayor claimed.

"By informing the public, however, that all of the candidates will be on hand, to meet and answer the questions of the voters, at one time and in one place, will I think help solve that problem," he said.

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City Outlines Park Proposals

A recommendation by the parks and recreation commission that money earmarked in the bond election proposal last fall for a 42-acre site in the Waleria Lake area be split among four other park sites was approved by the city council Tuesday as they established a firm policy on use of the funds if the \$3 million bond issue passes at the April 8 election.

Death Sentence For Fern School Lifted by State

Fern School, one of Torrance's landmarks, had its death sentence lifted this week.

Although the 25-year-old school faced the prospect of destruction because it was not earthquake-proof in accordance with the Field Act, the State Department of Finance decided that it would be cheaper to rehabilitate the building than to destroy and replace it.

Accordingly, the Torrance Board of Education will have to instruct Killingsworth, Brady and Smith, architects, to stop drawing plans for a new building and start drawing plans for renovation of Fern School.

Clearance of New School Site Sought

If Miss Peggy Swick refuses to move off property designated for the new Hamilton School, she will be evicted, the Torrance School Board unanimously decided Tuesday night.

As the board made plans for construction of the school, near 182nd and Casimir, they learned that Miss Swick has told neighbors that she will not vacate a two-acre parcel of land on the school, located at 2534 W. 182nd St. School officials said they had been unable to contact her.

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said that the school district now owns the property, including Miss Swick's, and will need the land by April 11. He said that Miss Swick had agreed to sell her parcel to the district and that money was deposited in the bank for her. The district formally gained title last month.

Meanwhile, Miss Swick, who also has horses, chickens, and other animals on the property, was passing a petition protesting placement of the school on a major artery—182nd St. She said she had 100 signatures on the petition, which declares that land is cheaper off major arteries and that children's safety is endangered.

The board hoped that eviction won't be necessary, but if it is, wondered how to evict horses and chickens.

Improvement funds would be spent on the civic center site and 10 other parks, according to the formula adopted by the council. Estimated expenditures at the various parks if the bond issue succeeds would be:

Civic Center, \$127,079; El Retiro, \$63,539; Guenser, \$88,955; La Romeria, \$127,079; Los Arboles, \$152,749; McMaster, \$50,831; Paradise, \$119,454; Pueblo, \$63,539; Sea-Aire, \$25,415; Torrance Park, \$38,123; and Waleria, \$25,415.

No work is contemplated at El Nido park under the program. The county just completed an \$80,000 project at the park.

School Boundary Shift Eyed; City Will Extend Calle Mayor

Two proposals for setting boundary lines between Calle Mayor and Seaside Elementary Schools were presented to the Torrance School Board Tuesday, with a decision on the long-discussed issue expected at the next meeting.

A large group of parents were present to inquire about the boundary change, with some protesting that their children would have to walk too far to school if the lines were changed. School Board Member Clinton Cooke said, however, that it was the duty of the board to get as many children off double session as quickly as possible.

Problem Solved
One of the problems in the situation, involving children in the Kathryn-Evalyn-Anza area,

may be solved by the city's plans to extend Calle Mayor to Anza Ave.

John Patrick, assistant to the city engineer, said the city hopes to acquire the right-of-way by July 1. Patrick said he is working on plans to extend Calle Mayor, which would offer children easy access to Calle Mayor School.

Areas in Doubt
This area and another area were in doubt, under plans submitted. The other area is along Reese Rd., west of Linda Dr. Generally, the boundaries between the two areas run along the south property line of houses facing on Sharynne Lane and just north of the 23000 block on Carlow, Kathryn, and Evalyn, and the 22700 block on Anza Ave., and the 22700



WADING HOME . . . Mrs. Pauline Kemp, 22704 Earl St., wades through water to get to her home at the end of the street. She and her family moved to a motel a month ago because the area was inaccessible and floor furnaces and bathrooms were put out of order. They were planning to return Monday, but the 2.57 inches of rain which fell over the week end again flooded the area up to three feet deep. Residents protested that nearby residents were pumping out their property causing additional flooding.

Federal Aid to Relieve City Of Flood Threats Suggested

The city should bend every effort to get federal aid to relieve all the flooded areas of Torrance, Councilman Nick Drale urged this week.

His remarks came as the council was discussing a proposal to seek federal aid under the Urban Redevelopment Administration in solution of the Waleria Lake problem. This proposal was discussed fully in the March 6 issue of the HERALD.

"Our primary duty here now is to eliminate the floods throughout the city," Drale told his colleagues.

Debate on whether the Urban Redevelopment program would cover flooded areas under its provisions for eliminating blighted areas was cut off after several minutes when the matter was referred to Planning Director George Powell and the planning commission for a full study and report.

Another Plan
The question of drainage came up again in the meeting when Drale asked the engineers to study a plan for relieving the flooding in the area of 227th and Ocean Ave. where a number of families were evacuated during recent rains.

Drale suggested that the engineers investigate the possibility of draining the area into Waleria Lake just a short distance to the south of the homes, and thence into the storm drain which runs east of the lake area.

His second suggestion was referred to the engineers for a report.

Riviera Problem
Floods and flooding came up still another time in the lengthy council session as Frank Bartley, of 142 Paseo de Gracia, asked the councilmen to study the feasibility of letting flood waters flow into El Retiro Park rather than diverting it into the home areas on Paseo de Engracia.

"The time has come when city pumps, even when augmented by fire trucks, can no longer handle the water which threatens a dozen homes in that area," Bartley told the councilmen.

John Russell, director of public works, said the city had the whole matter of drainage in that area under study.

\$4000 Stolen In Safe Job At Local Firm
Torrance police are continuing their search today for the persons who broke into a local insurance firm and made off with a 200 pound safe containing nearly \$4000.

A police patrol car spotted the door to the firm, 2520 Torrance Blvd., ajar early Tuesday morning. Inspecting the building, the officers found all the desk drawers rifled and the safe missing.

According to employees of the firm, the safe contained \$2000 in cash and \$1800 in checks.

The burglars, who pried the door open, also took about \$3 from the cash drawer.

Introduced by Mayor Albert Isen, the resolution was endorsed before the council by four leaders of organized labor who lauded Isen for introducing the measure.

Isen asked industry and business to implement the policy, and asked the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and all labor unions to cooperate with the city council in alleviating "the economic hardship on the people of our community . . ."

Frank Dussell, president of the Jaycees, pledged the cooperation of his organization.

Rivets Reports

The day before the first day of spring should be warm and sunny and it will be, according to Rivets, HERALD weather dog.

There's a possibility of rain late this afternoon.

High and temperatures this week included Sunday (69-52); Monday (67-53); Tuesday (69-49); and Wednesday (70-47).



SUNNY

Mink Stole Taken

Inas M. Graham, 1533 Pacific Coast Hwy., reported the theft of a \$2500 mink stole from her parked auto at 3103 Pacific Coast Hwy. Tuesday.

The woman told police she went into a restaurant to make a phone call and when she returned the stole was gone from the car.

A Penny for your Thoughts

After finishing lunch, the HERALD's inquiring photographer posed this question:

"Do you believe that waitresses, hotel employes, cab drivers, and similar workers should get tips for routine service, or should their salaries be raised to make tips unnecessary?"

Gene Spence, 2312 Lomita Blvd., machinist:

"I think that they should get tips for good service. It's not out of line by any means. They need tips in addition to their regular salaries."



Mrs. Evelyn Ynigues, 117 E. Domingues St., housewife:

"I think they ought to raise the salaries because lots of people don't have the extra money to leave in tips. I think tips should be eliminated."

Charles Mayer, 108 W. 226th Pl., U. S. Marines:

"Salaries should be raised, I think. Those people shouldn't have to depend on tips. I believe that it would be better for everybody concerned."



Mrs. Wild Katsch, 22020 Harvard Blvd., waitress:

"I'm in favor of tips. Whatever waitresses make in a salary increase wouldn't make up the difference. A good waitress can do better than on a salary. Even for beginners, people should take that fact into account."

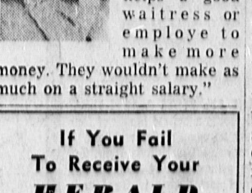
Alan Methan, 1537 W. 216th St., oil company employe:

"It seems to me that tips are all right. The present system is fine with me and I don't see that it works a hardship on anybody."



Mrs. Betty Pearce, 24215 Neece Ave., housewife:

"I think tips are fine. It works out all right for the public and helps a good waitress or employe to make more money. They wouldn't make as much on a straight salary."



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