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MATE CONVICTED IN SLAYING

Hearing Set On Probation

A probation hearing and sentencing of a Torrance man found guilty of manslaughter in the slaying of his wife has been set for Oct. 30 by Superior Court Judge Edwin L. Jefferson in Los Angeles.

Found guilty of manslaughter Friday by Judge Jefferson on the basis of his preliminary trial transcript was 41-year-old William E. Riddle, a refrigeration mechanic.

RIDDLE WAS charged with murder after the death of his estranged wife a year ago. He was re-tried before Judge Jefferson this week after an earlier jury failed to agree on a verdict, and re-trial was postponed a number of times because of a throat operation undergone by the defendant. Testimony at the earlier trial indicated that Riddle went to the Los Angeles home of his former wife last October, apparently to discuss a reconciliation.

Miss Nora Sheridan, roommate of Riddle's estranged wife, Mrs. Dorothy Kime, 21, told the trial jury that Riddle and his wife went outside the home, and that a few minutes later she heard Mrs. Kime screaming "Nora, Nora!"

WHEN SHE REACHED the truck in which the couple had been sitting, Miss Sheridan testified, she found Mrs. Kime lying near the vehicle with a bullet in her chest and Riddle slumped over the wheel with a bullet wound in the head. Investigators testified that Riddle used a .35-caliber automatic, which he fired three times.

Postal Survey Planned

A survey of the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance by postal card to determine wishes of the residents on a proposal to change the mailing address from Redondo to Torrance will be made in the near future, it was reported here this week.

The postal card survey in such situations is the usual procedure, postal officials said. The residents would be asked to mark their preference on the card and send it to a postal inspector, preferably mailing it outside the disputed area, it was reported. The results of the poll apparently would be one of the foundations for determining the matter in Washington.

The Hollywood Riviera section is one of several Torrance areas receiving mail through neighboring cities. A move by city and Chamber of Commerce officials spurred on by residents of the area who wish to have a Torrance mailing address, seeks to unify all of the city areas into the Torrance postal system.

Opposition to the move has been voiced by Redondo Beach businessmen, many of them living in the Riviera section of Torrance.

Southwood Residents To Gather

Election of officers to serve for the coming year will highlight the October meeting of the Southwood Homeowners' Assn. scheduled for Wednesday evening in the Anza Elementary School, according to President Lea Sechler.

The 8 p.m. session also will give homeowners in the Southwood area a chance to discuss development of park and playground areas in the huge home development, Sechler said. He said it was the present plan to set up a committee to inquire into the status of park work in the area and report back at the November meeting.

Officers elected to serve the homeowners will assume their posts at the November meeting, the president said.

Schools Open Libraries to Evening Use

Libraries at Torrance's three high schools will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. each Wednesday and Thursday to allow greater student use, it was announced here this week by School Superintendent J. H. Hull.

He said the board-approved action would allow extra time for the students to do research projects and would also allow high school and selected elementary students to have access to the books used in the three high schools.

Torrance and North High have already started the evening sessions and South High will begin Wednesday, D. Hull said.

Hody Building Plans Dropped

Citing a decision to limit the scope of their operations, Hody's operators of push Southern California restaurants, notified the city council this week that it was dropping plans to build a restaurant at the intersection of Crenshaw and Crenshaw Blvd.

In a letter signed by Sidney Hoedemaker, president of the firm, the restaurant chain stated it would be willing to sign a mutual termination agreement on the two leases it has held and paid rentals on since 1955.

THE MATTER of a construction timetable for the property has been before the city council weekly during the past month, and the council recently granted an extension until next April on terms of the lease which called for construction to be started on Oct. 1, 1958.

The lease was signed originally when Store Properties, Inc. was completing plans to develop a major shopping center on the airport triangle across Crenshaw Blvd. from the restaurant site.

With the sudden death of developer Samuel Geenis during the early stages of the development, the center plans fell through and the lease was later taken up by Jefferson, Inc.

IN THE MEANTIME, De Amo Shopping Center was announced and started and the airport triangle dwindled from a major regional center to a

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COLUMBUS DAY . . . John Waymond Gannit, 6, had never heard of Columbus, but when asked if he knew who Christopher Columbus was he answered, "Yes, he discovered America - where we live." Then to prove he knew all about it he located Spain and America on a globe map. John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gannit, 617 Cota, is a first grade student at Elementary School. (Herald Photo)

\$15 Million in School Bonds Up for Approval Here Tuesday

Tuesday is the day of decision as far as trustees and administrators of the Torrance Unified School District are concerned.

The city's voters will go to the polls Tuesday to approve or disapprove a \$15,000,000 bond issue which would provide funds for continuation of the school system classroom building program.

The situation of the school district can be simply explained, administrators say. If the bond issue fails to gain the necessary two-thirds majority vote, the city's school building program will stop.

Passage of the bond issue would not increase the tax rate, school officials emphasize. The district is authorized to issue bonds equal to 10 per cent of its assessed valuation and it has been at this maximum for some time. The new bond issue would permit the district to sell bonds as the retirement of previous issues would permit.

ENROLLMENT in the city's schools now is 23,300, with nearly 4,000 youngsters on double session. Within five years, enrollment is expected to climb at least 40 per cent.

IF IT PASSES, the district will go ahead with plans to construct West High School in the former Victor Precinct area, at least three elementary schools, and major additions to nearly a score of the city's other elementary and

SINCE THE LAST school bond issue was passed, in 1955, seven new elementary schools and two high schools have been completed to house the growing enrollment. Another six elementary schools now are in various stages of construction, with Jefferson School expected to open next

25 Polling Places Open

Twenty-five polling places will be open Tuesday in the Torrance Unified School District election for bonds to provide funds for more schools. The polls will be open between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Persons in doubt as to their polling place may call the Department of Special Services of the district to get information, at FA 8-6580.

Polling places will be at the old City Hall, El Retiro Park and these schools—Carr, Casimir Perry, El Nido, Crenshaw, Arlington, North High, Flavian, Steele, Anza, Madrona, Greenwood, Torrance Elementary, Seaside, South High, Meadow Park, Wood, Parkway, Riviera, Newton, Walteria, and Hillside.

Police Jurisdiction Problem On Accidents To Be Studied

Arguments by police over jurisdiction in accident cases occurring on city boundary lines must be ended, and the prime emphasis placed in aid to victims, not jurisdiction, Assembly Councilman Robert F. Kane told members of the Inter-City Highway Committee this week.

Kane cited the problems arising for ambulance operators and police when they are sent to the scene of an accident only to find that "it is over the line."

Private Firm Gets School Rubbish Job

The Torrance Unified School District decided this week to stop hauling its own rubbish and awarded a contract to a private firm to do the work.

A contract for hauling away rubbish at the district's schools and other property was awarded to the San Pedro-Wilmington Rubbish Co. after Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip reported that private firms could do the job cheaper and more efficiently than the district.

He presented figures showing that it costs the district about \$14,000 a year to take care of the rubbish, while the firm had bid for \$11,928. Within a few months, he said, the district probably would have found a new dump and pay additional dumping fees, thus hiking costs more.

ADDRESSES CLIMB

Michael Beckwith, L. A. attorney, spoke to members of the Kiwanis Club this week on Proposition 13, the "right to work" proposal on the November ballot. Beckwith is a member of the speakers panel for passage of the proposition.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Majorettes, the glories of football, are always interesting to your HERALD photographer asked two from each of the Torrance high schools this question: "Why are you a majorette? Their pictures and answers are below.

Mimi Cowan, Torrance High School:

"I think majorettes are good for school spirit and help to promote it. I am a majorette because I enjoy being part of this spirit."

Chickie Seterotta, Torrance High School:

"I have always wanted to be a majorette since I was a little girl. I also think it is good exercise. I like being part of our football team's activity."

Pat Vint, North High School:

"I tried out for our school's majorettes because I like marching and baton twirling. I like to be active in school and feel I am doing a girl's part in helping our football team."

Lynne Standley, North High School:

"I am a majorette because I love being one. I love to take part in the half-time activities and help with cheer leading. I feel I am helping our team."

Joyce Tomplin, South High School:

"I am a majorette because I like to support school activities. I think it helps to balance studies to have some other interests at school."

Susan Swank, South High School:

"I like to be in front of a band. I like to be in things and to perform for crowds. I like being a majorette and think it is a lot of fun."

Thieves Get Dishwashers Worth \$4480

Thieves took 26 automatic dishwashing machines valued at \$4480 from a north Torrance construction site, police here told this week.

Representatives of the Checkfield Construction Co. developers of a home tract near 126th St. and Dotman Ave., said the thieves broke in on the garage door and hauled the dishwashers away in a truck.



LOMITA QUEEN . . . 17-year-old Priscilla Melek, Norbonne High School senior, was selected "Miss Lomita of 1958" in judging last week. She succeeds Bonnie Brown in the Optimist Club-sponsored contest. Miss Melek was selected from a field of 15 contestants.



QUEENS-TITLED . . . Gail Guss, Donna Olson (center) and Princesse Ann Daly (left) and Penny Fry were introduced last night to El Camino College football fans attending the Warrior-Volley college game. Miss Guss was originally crowned by the El Camino president, Dr. Stuart Marson, at Friday evening's annual "Lard Dance."