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YOUTH ARRAIGNED IN SHOOTING

Youth Held on \$10,000 Bail

Sixteen-year-old Wilburn A. Henderson who is accused of criminally attacking and shooting a teenage Torrance girl last August, was held for preliminary hearing on Oct. 28 when he appeared here before Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong Friday morning.

Henderson, who was ordered to be tried as an adult in Los Angeles recently, was held in lieu of \$10,000 bail after Friday's arraignment. Plea of his attorney, R. R. Coody, that the bail be reduced to \$5000 was turned down by Judge Armstrong.

SITTING IN COURT as the teenager nervously waited for his name to be called was the lad's mother, outwardly calm as Judge Armstrong worked down through a stack of cases — drunk driving, speeding, petty theft. . . Henderson was called last.

At the request of his attorney, the preliminary hearing was set quickly for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28 in the local court.

YOUNG HENDERSON was escorted with half a dozen other prisoners back into the waiting cell in the temporary courthouse at the old city hall.

His mother and the boy's attorney went into a conference in the hallway, and the curious came, looked, and drifted away.

Henderson was captured by a Redondo Beach officer a few hours after he allegedly raped and shot a blond 15-year-old Torrance girl last Aug. 29.

INVESTIGATING officers at the time reported Henderson had become acquainted with the victim on an earlier visit in Torrance from his home in Colorado Springs, Colo. He told police after his capture that he took his father's car and drove to California.

Going to the home of the teenage girl, he was invited to stay and eat lunch with her and watch television.

Later in the day, he forced the girl to disrobe at gunpoint after she refused to go into the bedroom with him. Keeping the gun trained on her, he attacked her, she told police.

THE GIRL WAS shot when a boyfriend came to the residence and the victim screamed. Her attacker shot her in the arm then struck her boyfriend on the head with the weapon before fleeing.

After leaving the house, he changed his clothing in a market restroom, had his hair cut and bleached, and went to Redondo Beach.

The Redondo officer spotted the white leather shoes described in the Torrance police broadcast and apprehended him.

"Don't shoot! I'm your man," Henderson reportedly said when arrested.

Weather Report



"A-A-GOD" . . . (Keep Cool), says Joseph Patrick, 15-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boylan, Grand Summit Rd., and this is how Joey does it.



HOT? . . . Oh man, this is a good one," Keith Donagan was cussed while carrying mail on Route 107 Thursday at 1 p.m. when temperature hit 105 degrees in Torrance. (Herald Photo)

Nominated by Students, Parents

Torrance Teacher Is Good Neighbor for '58

Miss Kathryn Chisolm, a Torrance High School teacher here since 1949, was named Torrance's "Good Neighbor" here yesterday and given the Al Turner Good Neighbor trophy at the annual YMCA breakfast at the Civic Auditorium.

Presenting Miss Chisolm to the crowd at auditorium was Dr. Rollin Smith, chairman of the 1958 YMCA breakfast. Nominations for the teacher came from former students, parents, neighbors, and School Superintendent J. R. Hull, Dr. Smith reported.



GOOD NEIGHBOR . . . Mrs. Kathryn Chisolm is congratulated by G. S. Evans (center) and Dr. Rollin Smith after being named Torrance's Good Neighbor at the annual YMCA Breakfast here yesterday morning. (Herald Photo)

ALL WHO WROTE of her spoke of Miss Chisolm's deep personal concern for the hundreds of students who have passed through her classes here, Dr. Smith said. He cited the many extra activities the namesee did in addition to her regular duties as a teacher.

Many of the former students at Torrance High related how Miss Chisolm helped them make important decisions regarding service life, marriage, careers, and immediate problems. She now teaches social studies and English at the local high school.

IN HIS LETTER, Dr. Hull said:

"Miss Chisolm clearly demonstrated unusual ability to help individual children with their problems and to develop high standards of citizenship. She also possesses an unusual insight into the dynamics of youth behavior."

One parent credited Miss Chisolm with transforming a problem child into a model citizen through personal guidance.

The "Good Neighbor" is a former president of the Torrance Education Assn. and for many years has sponsored the Future Teachers Clubs at Torrance High.

SHE ATTENDED school in Montana and received her bachelor of science degree from Columbia University. He received a master of science degree from SC.

Dr. Smith pointed out that the YMCA each year attempts to select a person who is quietly doing good works for others. He said Miss Chisolm has been that sort of person since becoming a Torrance teacher nearly 10 years ago.

Smith also expressed his appreciation to the many firms, families, and individuals whose cooperation made the YMCA breakfast a success again this year.

Planners Hold Zone Request of Schools

Requests of the board of education to have the old WALTERIA Elementary School site at Park and 242nd St. rezoned from residential to commercial use was held over by the planning commission for two weeks Wednesday night after nearby residents told planners that such a change might decrease the value of their property.

Jack E. Long, representing the school district at the meeting, told the planners that the board had requested the rezoning in the belief that the district could get more money for the land under commercial zoning.

Dorval Godfrey, property owner near the school, said he thought the school site should remain zoned for residential use because commercial zoning

might decrease value of adjacent property.

Another objector was Robert Slonecker, 24430 Neece Ave., who questioned the right of the school district to ask the planners to change land values in the area by a rezoning action.

The planners set the matter aside and asked school officials and adjacent property owners to work out an agreement on the zoning request.

WINS BICYCLE

Glen Marsh, of 621 Sartori Ave., won a new bicycle as part of the grand opening celebration yesterday at the new Fox Market, 182nd and Arlington Ave. in North Torrance. Engineer Bill entertained shoppers at the store during the day.



ELKS HONORED . . . Joe Yates (left), chairman of the Torrance Elks anti-noise program, and Elmer Roger Holmes display resolutions from the Los Angeles City Council and the County Board of Supervisors presented to the Elks this week commending their work in petitioning the Legislature for a higher noise control law. The resolutions were exhibited during special program honoring city officials and business Wednesday night. (Herald Photo)

Freeway Funds Miss Local Area Again

Hopes that construction for right-of-way for the inter-regional highway would be started soon on the San Diego Freeway in Torrance were dashed this week with the publication of the 1959-60 budget of the California Highway Commission. The budget shows that work on the freeway, which had been moving at a snail's pace toward the Torrance-South Coast area from the north is to be leapfrogged to the Long Beach area, bypassing the local area.

"They probably don't want to get tangled in the almost immovable traffic jams which are threatening to bring the whole area to a standstill," one disgruntled official told THE HERALD yesterday.

OFFICIALS OF the Inter-City Highway Committee, who made a personal appearance before the commission in August to press for funds, expressed disappointment at the announced budget.

Ed Ran, former president of the Inter-City group and active in the organization since its inception, said the area continued to be "a stepchild" as far as the state was concerned.

A total of \$15.8 million was allocated in the \$410,711,882 budget for the San Diego Freeway, but Inter-City officials pointed out that much of this may be used to repay federal funds already spent.

IN ADDITION to extensive work in Long Beach, \$2,500,000 was allocated for work in the Manchester area of the freeway in Inglewood.

The commissioners did provide funds to extend the world's second busiest thoroughfare—the Harbor Freeway—to 190th St. in Torrance. Extension of the Harbor freeway will be a great aid to motorists traveling north from the Harbor area.

Still Some Tickets for CC Meeting

A few more reservations are available for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce "Meet the Candidates" breakfast on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at the Civic Auditorium.

President Fred W. Mill said that an anticipated heavy turnout has moved the starting time up to 7:15 a.m. from the original 7:30 a.m.

Congressman Cecil R. King (D) and challenger Leonard Dixon will answer questions and engage in the next session of Congress as far as business and economy are concerned.

HEARING SLATED . . . 16-year-old Wilburn Henderson, charged with criminally assaulting and shooting a 15-year-old Torrance school girl last Aug. 29, leaves the court of Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong Friday after appearing on arraignment. Preliminary hearing was set for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28. (Herald Photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

With the temperature soaring above 100 degrees in Torrance Thursday the HERALD photographer asked six people he met while on assignment: "How do you beat the heat in this kind of weather?"

Joe Wilcox, Torrance YMCA executive.

"I don't try to beat it. I ignore it and wait for December. When the Y gets its pool I will move my office desk over there and I'll have it made."

Mrs. Joseph Boylan, Torrance Junior for Women's Club member.

"I don't try to beat this kind of heat. I just suffer, drink plenty of cold water, and try to dress for the occasion. Hot weather doesn't bother me much, but I hope it lets up soon."

Doug Cannon, member of the Torrance Y's Men.

"I have figured a way to beat hot weather when the humidity is high. I drink lots of cold milk and wear sport shirts, tails out, of course."

Norman Bestick, Torrance High School senior.

"To keep cool go with cool girls. Then stagger around school looking for a drink of water. Wear shirts and light weight slacks and dress for the weather."

Mrs. John Schwartz, 1751 Iria Housewife.

"A shade tree, a chaise longue and a tall cool drink, that is the way to beat the heat. Of course, I'm just dreaming and hot or cold, things have to be done."

Mary Porter, Teen Cantos council member.

"If you can't beat it, join it. I go along with hot weather and wear cool pastel clothes. I stay out of the sun as much as possible and don't drink cold drinks."

DRIVER INJURED

A North Torrance driver, Amade F. Gaiera, of 18914 Florwood Ave., was treated for facial cuts when his car and one driven by Jeanne Sebek of Jannons collided at 47th St. and Victoria Ave. late Wednesday.