

RESIDENT CITED FOR FIRE HEROISM

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What effect do you think shorter working weeks and more leisure time will have on the average person?"
"What would you do with the extra day if you worked but four days each week?"

That was the question the HERALD's photographer asked several persons shopping in downtown Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

Andrew Blakely, 1915 Ardmore, electrical contractor.
"A shorter work week for each person would make for higher employment, and would slow down the fast pace we're geared to. If I had more free time I'd take the kids out—all five boys."

Gerald J. Geerlings, Riverside, attorney.
"I feel everyone would be benefited. The result would be a happier home life. If I had an extra day off I'd get in some fishing and mountain trips and save more golf."

Maxwell Katz, Los Angeles, former cafe operator.
"I think people would enjoy the bonus time very much. I would take advantage of our California sunshine and spend more time outdoors."

Joyce Stevens, 1829 Glenburn St., bank teller.
"I think it would be nice for a working mother. It would give her more time to be with her family. I'd like a four day week with an extra day to spend at home."

Dorothy Peters, 302 Fontana parking enforcement officer.
"I've always been for a four-day week. Although I'd probably spend my day off washing windows and scrubbing floors. My husband would use his leisure hours to go sailing."

Howard Arnie, 1923 Cranston Blvd., telephone man.
"When it comes right down to it, I don't know what I'd do. It would require extra planning and maybe extra money. For me, with business it would be enjoyable."



CHECKING STORY . . . The family of Bob Silva, who has been subjected to numerous immigration department investigations although he was born in the United States and served in the U.S. forces, checks over story of his plight which will be in next week's issue of Look Magazine which goes on the newsstands Tuesday. (Herald Photo)

Deportation Shadow Hangs Over U.S. Born Resident

By BOB WILTON
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To point out an average young American family man in Torrance would be to name Robert Silva.

He and his wife, Mona, both work; they have two children—a boy and a girl—drive a 1956 automobile, are buying their two-bedroom home at 21512 Evelyn Ave. attend church every Sunday.

Here the similarity and the average and . . . for the Silvas live under the shadow of a cloud.

THIS CLOUD is the constant threat of deportation and the shadow is the dread of giving up all of the family's American church and have taught for . . . the home, the family, and the freedom that allows a man to live in this country and work for the things he loves.

Bob Silva is not a criminal and his only offense against society is having lived with his father in Mexico City for a few years and belonging to a compulsory ROTC-type military training program while he was there.

This story goes back to 1944 when Bob's father, Robert Silva Sr., closed his commercial art studio in Los Angeles and went to Mexico City, where he

became a motion picture art director. It was only natural that he would take his son with him and that Bob Jr. would finish his grade and high school education there.

THERE IS a law in Mexico that all boys must register and join a military training group when they are 18 years of age. Bob did as others when he was 18 and signed up and received his identification card. He met each Sunday afternoon in the training area and drilled with other youths in the same age bracket. As this program calls for a year of training only, Bob dropped out of the activity at the end of 12 months.

Silva returned to the United States when he was 20 years old to protect his citizenship in the United States. He then enlisted in the Army and served three years in the 10th Airborne Corps before the shadow was cast over him and the U. S. Immigration Service first "investigated" his case.

SINCE THEN the investigations have been conducted periodically with no effort being made on the part of officials to clarify Silva's situation. It has been suggested that he leave the country voluntarily.

"This would be terrible," Bob said. "It would be saying that I am not a citizen of the



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Crane Trial Set Jan. 20

Joseph Crane, 57, who is accused of slaying his wife at the couple's home at 23010 Cabrillo Ave. on Halloween evening, pleaded "not guilty" this week before Judge Otto E. Willett, sitting on the lighted Superior Court bench. Crane asked for a jury trial and the date was set for Jan. 20. He is charged with killing his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Crane, a family argument over money matters.

Police Seek Extradition For Forgery

Extradition proceedings are being pushed this week by Torrance police in an effort to return William C. Boyd, 31, suspected as a check forger here, from Virginia.

Detective Mickey Fischer said the suspect is being held in Virginia pending extradition action.

Boyd is wanted in connection with the theft and forgery of payroll checks taken from the Louis C. Dunn contracting office at the site of the new Broadway Department Store here Nov. 11.

A total of \$2746 in the payroll checks were cashed in the Torrance and South Bay areas last month, Fischer said.



(Herald Photo)

CHRISTMAS HELP . . . Twenty-four children will have a brighter Christmas this year thanks to the donations of the Shadow Park PTA and the Torrance Kiwanis Club. Selecting toys for the children are Don Cook, manager of Western Auto Store; Norm Anderson, Kiwanis Club president; Mrs. R.C. Alford, president of the Shadow Park PTA; and Clyde Baumgardner, chairman of the Kiwanis Club. Boys and girls were committee.

Stays at Post Despite Blaze

The decision of Enclines 157, 26, of 18427 P.O. No. 10, during the height of the disastrous Mainbu fire this week was cited by fellow employee who heard of his actions.

While an employee of the Southern California Edison Co., spent 10 hours in the middle of the raging flames keeping circuits open through the Crater substation. The power was being used in many areas to drive electric pumps which were bringing water to the fire fighting forces.

For 10 long hours, while the fire raged around the substation on all sides, and planes overhead bombed the area, including the station, with water, Latta stuck to his post.

A fire truck which had been operating in the area was forced out, but Latta stayed, fellow employees reported.

He said later that 30 to 40 water pumps were depending on the power going through the station, and that he wanted to keep the power going.

The flames knocked out a 66,000-volt power line and Edison Co. crews were rushed into the area to help restore service cut off by the loss of the heavy line.

Only two circuits were lost through the Crater substation, however, the HERALD was told.

Elks Plan Memorial Rite Today

Members of the Torrance lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will pay tribute to their departed members in a special memorial service at the Elks Lodge, 1931 Carson St., beginning at 2 p.m. today. It was announced here this week by Realist Walter Roger Holmes.

The memorial services will be open to the public. William M. Everett, past exalted ruler of the Redondo Beach Elks Lodge, will be guest speaker.

Former members of the Torrance lodge to be honored at today's service includes Ray G. Armstrong, Richard M. Gallego, Edward T. Souza, Harry B. Leyer, Herman Viehhaus, George W. Gibson, Joe V. Hernandez, Allan Slack and Robert T. Lenton.

MISS TORRANCE CONTEST DELAYED

Miss Torrance of 1958, who will ride the Torrance float in the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, will not be selected this Saturday as originally scheduled. It was announced today by James Van Dyck of the sponsoring Torrance Area Youth Band.

Post Office Schedules Yule Hours

Torrance Postmaster Clara A. Conner has announced the following window service hours for the Christmas season to begin Monday:

Weekdays, Dec. 8 through 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 15, 16 and 19, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 12 and 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, Dec. 14, 21 and 28, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 21, 22 and 29, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The above hours will be observed at the Main Post Office, 1435 Marcelina Avenue and at the Post Office Annex, 3813 Torrance Blvd. The North Torrance Station, 17415 Greenwood Blvd. and the Waterloo Station, 4110 Pacific Coast Highway, will be closed on Sunday, Dec. 14, but otherwise will observe the above hours.

Normal hours of service will be resumed on Monday, December 22.



UN-WINTERISH . . . Carol Gooler demonstrates the fact that snow is not necessarily a requisite for skiing. She is also reminding residents that skiing instructions will be offered at the Torrance plunge beginning Tuesday and continuing on Dec. 16, 23, and 30. The course is open to all persons 16 years of age and older and will be taught by a member of the Far West Ski Instructors Assn. Students must furnish their own skis after the first lesson.

Miller Installed as Realtor President

Kenneth M. Miller was installed as president and Delbert Vaughn as vice-president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors Thursday night during annual inaugural ceremonies held at the Plush Horse restaurant.

More than 300 holiday-minded realtors and guests turned out for the swank affair.

S. R. "Bob" Farnsworth, member of the Torrance-Lomita board and regional vice-president for the twenty-first district, California Real Estate Assn., served as installing officer. He was introduced by Miller.

Also installed Thursday night were Thelma Turner, president of the women's division; Theresa Deaton, vice-president; Leona Slaughter, treasurer; and Edna Mullin, secretary. Gerald L. Allen, Harry B. Bowker, Rose Craig, Paul H. Hill, R. D. "Bill" McEwen, Jack Pettit and Bill Wright were inducted into the board of directors.

Mrs. Craig, on behalf of the board, presented a plaque to outgoing president Bowker, commensurating him for his services during 1958.

Fred Mill, Torrance Chamber of Commerce president, welcomed the guests and praised the city of Torrance for its real estate balance.

EVERY CITY should have a proper balance between residential, industrial and commercial property. Mill said. "The city of Torrance maintains that balance."

Bob Higgard, who served as president of the Torrance-Lomita board during the early part of the year, introduced the guests. David Wilkes was master of ceremonies. Higgard was program chairman, and his committee consisted of Mrs. Craig, Mary F. Toombs, Geneva Meera, and Del Wright.

The Rev. Milton Simple delivered the invocation and Lee Wilson led the salute to the flag.

Marlow New Undersheriff

Earl J. Marlow, an FBI-trained veteran of the Sheriff's Dept., was named undersheriff of Los Angeles County this week by newly installed Sheriff Peter J. Palumbo.

Prior to his appointment, Marlow was a captain in the department, and had been in charge of the industrial security division. Prior to that assignment, he was in charge of public relations for the Sheriff's office.

WATER OFFICIAL DIES. Edward A. Clarke, controller for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, died Monday night at his Burbank home.

IN SAN GABRIEL

Rites Held for Mrs. Young, Teacher Here for 20 Years

Mrs. Stella M. Young, who taught at Torrance High School for 20 years before her death in 1958, died Dec. 1 at her home in San Gabriel. The HERALD learned this week.

Mrs. Young was almost 68 years of age and had lived in California for the past 35 years. She was valued in San Gabriel, Calif., and later moved here through Stanford University where she was a teacher's helper the next year. She met her husband, John A. Young, of Stanford, and they were married in 1912.

They moved to Torrance where Mrs. Young was employed as an engineer for the Los Angeles Co. Box the past several years. Interment will be at Forest Lawn.