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A Penny for your Thoughts

Under the theory that turn about is fair play, your Pennies photographer asked his question of five girls at Mc-Masters Park. The girls, all members of the Girls Softball League, were asked, "Why are you playing in the softball league and what was your most embarrassing moment in any game?"

Their pictures appear below with the answers to the question.

Terry Neldon, 26717 W. Vale Road, Rolling Hills, Challengers:

"I am playing in the league because I like the sport and have always liked softball. As for my most embarrassing moment, that's easy. I dropped a fly ball that allowed the winning run to score."

(Ed. Note: Shades of Don Demeter, huh.)

Becky Mayers, 2920 W. 174th St., Torrance, Vandals:

"I like the game and find it a lot of fun. For the second part, I think the time I lost my glasses and couldn't see to play is probably the most embarrassing moment."

(Ed. Note: Lucky you weren't pitching, weren't you?)

Sue Campbell, 506 W. Queen St., Inglewood, Vandals:

"I like the sport and I have a lot of respect for the other girls who are playing. I was caught heading for second base one time and when I got there it was already occupied, but I did get back to first."

(Ed. Note: Wonder if Charlie Neal ever pulled a trick like that?)

Kathy Reed, 20816 Avis St., Torrance, Challengers:

"I enjoy sports and I think it is a good way to build sportsmanship and coordination. Once I hit a pop fly to the pitcher and she missed. I was so stunned that I just stood there and watched."

(Ed. Note: No comment.)

Kathy Miller, 4820 Milne Dr., Torrance, Spartettes:

"I think it is fun to compete with the other girls. It helps to build sportsmanship. When our team has a big rally going, I always make the third out and end the rally."

(Ed. Note: Ever hear of a guy named Don Zimmer?)

Thieves Take \$100 in Coins

Burglars who may have hidden in the building when it was closed early Wednesday broke open the juke box, cigaret and other coin-operated machines at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave.

Stanley Heiman, first vice commander of the post, told police the hall had been closed shortly after 2 a.m. yesterday, and that the burglary was discovered about five hours later by Legionnaire John Bennett who came by to open the building.

4 Local Men Aid Probes

Four Torrance residents were among the 200 key scientists and engineers who contributed to the development of Explorer VI, the nation's largest and most sophisticated satellite.

Members of the Technical Staff of Space Technology Laboratories, Inc., Los Angeles, they are: J. C. Helland, 4609 Newton St.; H. R. Judge, 19405 Enpradero; Henry Low, 5213 Calle Arboles; and Paul Ott, 22010 Linda Drive.

Space Technology Laboratories, Inc., was responsible for the design and development of Explorer VI and its instrumentation. Explorer VI is considered one of the most potent satellites yet placed in orbit. Because experiments in such important areas as radiation, magnetic fields and propagation are being conducted simultaneously, the interactions of these phenomena and their effects on one another can be recorded and studied for the first time.

Is the State Now Satisfied? An Editorial

The headline over an editorial published by the HERALD on May 10 read, "Signal Delays Costly." In it, the HERALD criticized the delays which had marked the installation of a traffic control signal at the suddenly busy intersection of Hawthorne Ave. and Carson St.

Sunday night, the price of the signal went higher — a lot higher. Because the State Division of Highways has still not got around to installing a signal at the dangerous intersection, the city lost one of its most respected police officers.

Prior to the opening of Carson St. West of Madrona early this year, city and state officials had talked informally on the need for adequate traffic controls at the intersection with the opening of the Del Amo Shopping Center at the corner.

On Feb. 22, the HERALD commented on the apparent lack of foresight on the state's part in not installing the signal with the extension of Carson St. — or the city's lack of foresight in not requesting it.

A formal request went to the state on Feb. 25. That, apparently, is the end of it. The city's director of public works has since written to say that the city would contribute to the design work if that would speed up the installation of the signal. But the city can't do a thing on its own because Hawthorne is a state highway.

There is no justification for the state's delay now of six months. The intersection is one of the city's busiest and will become even more so with the opening in the very short future of additional Del Amo Shopping Center units. If it takes just one life to convince the state that an intersection is dangerous — then the city has made that payment.

If it takes more, the HERALD is certain that more will be exacted shortly under present conditions.

Citizens Score Lack of Signal

Indignation over the lack of adequate traffic control devices at Hawthorne Ave. and Carson St. adjacent to the fast developing Del Amo Shopping Center was expressed by residents and city officials this week following the death of a Torrance police sergeant at the intersection Sunday night.

"Our hands are tied," City Manager George Stevens told the HERALD after Sunday's tragic accident. He explained that the intersection is controlled by the State Division of Highways and that the city cannot do anything but request the state to take action. This was done.

COUNCILMEN J. A. Beasley and Nick Draie, who are in Sacramento to appear before the California Highway Commission on behalf of the San Diego Freeport project, promised before leaving Tuesday to contact state officials in that city to seek relief for the hazardous conditions at the busy intersection.

Adding strength to their argument is death of Motor Sgt. William R. "Bob" Lewis at the intersection Sunday night and the subsequent injury of six teenagers in a collision at the same place about two hours later.

EXTENSION OF Carson St. from Madrona to Hawthorne Ave. earlier this year to serve the Del Amo Center and the Southwood Homes development west of Hawthorne Ave. created a major intersection on the state highway.

"If adequate signal controls had been installed at that heavily used intersection, Sergeant Lewis would be alive today," Chief of Police Percy M. Bennett told the HERALD.

Other officers who are charged with enforcing traffic regulations in the city echo Bennett's belief.

AN ATTEMPT by the HERALD yesterday to determine the status of the signal project resulted only in the report that the city had made several efforts to get the state to go ahead with the installation.

Sheriff, CHP To Aid Police

Massed marching units of the Torrance Police Department will parade as a final salute this afternoon for Motor Sgt. William R. "Bob" Lewis, veteran of 10 years' service with the department who was killed here Sunday evening in a traffic accident.

While members of Redondo Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, and Lennox Sheriff's station take over police duties in the city, all members of the Torrance department will form parade ranks near the old downtown city hall and march to funeral services for their colleague at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel at Cravens and Engracia.

SERVICES ARE scheduled for 2 p.m., and burial will follow at Green Hills Memorial Park.

Sgt. Lewis was killed at Hawthorne Ave. and Carson St. Sunday evening while on duty when his motorcycle slammed into a station wagon driven by John A. Adams, 49, of Redondo Beach. Adams was booked by police on a misdemeanor manslaughter charge after the accident. He pleaded not guilty to the charge before Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett here Tuesday and a jury trial was set for Sept. 23.

LEWIS WAS RIDING patrol with another motor officer, Donald Lemaster, when the accident occurred. He said the Adams auto was attempting to cross Hawthorne Ave. westbound on Carson St. There are no traffic control signals at the intersection, only stop signs as Carson St. enters the state highway.

Lewis joined the Torrance police in October, 1949, and had been on the motor patrol for about five years, the last two as a sergeant.

HE LIVED at 2834 Onrado with his wife, Vera, son Robert, and two daughters, Patricia and Lorraine. His mother, Mrs. Margaret Lewis, also lives here, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Bledsoe, lives in Lomita.

He was a member of the Municipal Motor Officers of California and the Los Angeles County Peace Officers Assn.

TWO HOURS after the accident which took the officer's life, a second collision at the

intersection injured six teenagers.

Victims of the second crash were James L. Phillips, 18, of Portuguese Bend, the driver, and five passengers: Joan and Pam Terry, 14 and 15, of 3421 W. 229th St.; Nancy Pauling, 14, of 23011 Kathryn Ave.; Dianne Foot, 22917 Kathryn Ave.; and Nancy Shupe, 18310 Prairie Ave.

MISS SHUPE, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McFadden, was readmitted to the hospital early Monday for possible head and internal injuries after all had been treated and released from Harbor General Hospital.

Jerry D. Alba, 18, of 1507 W. 260th St., Harbor City, was listed as the driver of the second auto.

Young Phillips and his five passengers had been attending a church fellowship meeting and were on their way home when the crash occurred, parents of the victims told the HERALD.

Disc Jockey to MC Chace Testimonial

Johnny Grant, popular KMPC disc jockey, will be the master of ceremonies for the testimonial banquet honoring Supervisor Burton W. Chace on September 3.

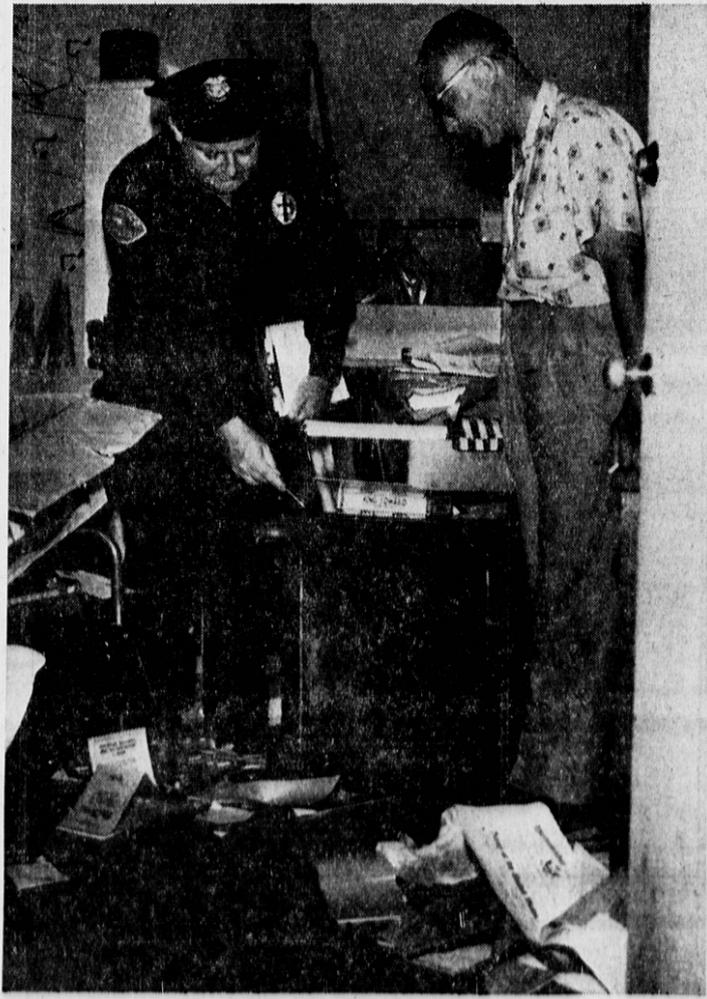
The event, which is being sponsored by the Surf Life-saving Association and the Professional Beach Guard Association, will be held at the Polynesian Restaurant, 3901 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance.

A sell-out crowd of more than 800 is expected, according to Frank "Bud" Stevenson, banquet chairman.

"Our space is limited and ticket sales will have to be stopped when we reach 800 which we are fast approaching," he added.



RITES TODAY . . . Friends and colleagues will pay final respects at 2 p.m. today for Sgt. William R. "Bob" Lewis, first Torrance police officer killed on duty in the history of the department. This photo was made during the recent Rancho Days celebration.



WORK OF LOOTERS . . . Officer Richard Thompson and Stanley Heiman, first vice commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion, inspect the litter left in the commander's office of the post at 1109 Border Ave. by looters who stole approximately \$100 from coin operated machines sometime early yesterday. (Herald Photo)



LANGUAGE LABS . . . Language labs, including the latest equipment for teaching foreign languages, will be installed at Torrance's three high schools and at Casimir Elementary School this fall. The labs will be similar to that pictured. Students will be able to listen to correct pronunciations in individual booths, repeating the words after the recordings. The labs have been successfully used by the Army and Foreign Service.