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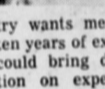
Crowds of unemployed persons at the California State Employment office in Torrance suggested this question.

"What can be done to eliminate industrial layoffs?"
Earl Cliborn, 23320 Anchor Ave., Wilmington, machinist: "These different plants should get out and really work for a bid on some good contracts. A lot of bad contract timing is the lack of being able to obtain steel and other materials. Management anticipates conditions, but let's face it—blame it on politics."



Edward Ems, 4419 W. 154th St., Lawndale, machinist:

"There are contracts to be had, especially in the missile industry. I'd say about 90% in these layoffs are younger men. Industry wants men with eight to ten years of experience. If they could bring down the limitation on experience, there would be less unemployment."



A. F. Owen, 736 Border, boilermaker:

"I think I have the answer for that. Eliminate buying from other countries. I'd like to see the work that is done on American ships being done here. Don't send it overseas. That would give us more jobs."



Wilbert Barg, 22707 Susana, punch press operator:

"I don't know exactly what the solution to the problem is. Looks like we need a war to make things break again. Where I worked, our business was dependent on others and when they slow down so do we. It all ties in together. The government could release more contracts."

Allen Lilly, 21208 Berendo, salesman:

"I don't think there is enough private industry. The federal government should provide more jobs. It's costing the state both ways, whether it is paying unemployment compensation or wages on a job. People would be a lot happier working than waiting in line for compensation."



HEROISM CITED . . . Thomas Barnes, 60, of 24340 Pennsylvania Ave., was cited by the City Council Tuesday night for heroism Sunday when he crashed a church bus into the side of a mountain on Angeles Crest Hwy. after the brakes failed. He was able to stop the bus and avoid a 1000-foot cliff. None of his passengers was hurt.

Rites for Wesley Smith Planned This Afternoon

Funeral services for 27-year-old Wesley M. Smith who was killed in a freeway crash near Canoga Park Monday has been scheduled for 2 p.m. today at the First Christian Church of Torrance with the Rev. H. Milton Sippel, pastor of the local church, and the Rev. Clinton Campbell of the First Christian Church of Buena Park officiating.

Smith, who was born and raised in Torrance, had been residing in Buena Park for nearly a year where he and his wife, the former Dorothy Goad of Lomita, had purchased a home.

His mother, Mrs. Etta R. Smith, resides here at 1633 Iris Ave., and a sister, Mrs. Fred Smith, resides at 2769 W. Carson St.

A BROTHER, Edwin, lives in Escalon; a sister, Mrs. V. R.



WESLEY M. SMITH Dies in Freeway Crash
Edwards in Santa Maria, and another sister, Mrs. D. B. Ran-

STAR SETS CIF PACE
Galloping Mike Thornton, Torrance's long winded distance runner who placed second in the State mile last June, sped to a 1:56.7 half mile at Long Beach Wilson Tuesday to post the best 1961 CIF 880 mark to date.

Fleeing Pair Chased Over Area Streets

Police officers pursued two 14-year-old Lomita boys in a ten mile chase Tuesday with speeds reaching 100 miles per hour before the schoolboys were forced to stop by a roadblock.

Sheriff's deputy Fred Rentz first spotted the boys driving a 20-year-old stolen sedan near 250th St. and Eshelman Ave. near 12 noon. Rentz picked up other police units along the way as he chased the car along Eshelman Ave., Lomita Blvd., Walnut St., and into Torrance along Pacific Coast Hwy., Hawthorne Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd.

During the chase a Torrance motorcycle officer, Tom Woodridge, fired five shots at the speeding sedan, one of them ricocheted into the hood of a Harbor Hospital ambulance, before the youngsters nearly crashed head-on into a Torrance unit driven by officer Darryl Lanham and almost hit a number of private vehicles.

Two of the police bullets struck the stolen car before the freckled-faced driver and his companion finally stopped when they came to a patrol car parked across Sepulveda west of Normandie Ave.

Second Jobs to Be Eyed

Moonlighting—the practice of holding down two or more jobs—is scheduled to get the official eye of the city again as the result of a suggestion made Tuesday by Councilman Willys G. Blount.

Commenting on the general unemployment picture, Blount said the city should make certain that no city employe was holding down a job on the outside which would add to the unemployment by keeping someone else from a job.

A policy allowing municipal workers to accept employment not to exceed 16 hours a week was approved by the city council after lengthy discussion about three years ago.

IN ANOTHER comment on city employes, Blount criticized as "too strict" the rigid application of physical fitness tests for potential employes.

He cited the case of a candidate for appointment to the police department who passed all phases of the testing procedure except that he was able to do only 19 push-ups instead of the required 20. He was disqualified, Blount said.

The department has not been able to fill its current quota of employes authorized in the budget adopted last spring, Blount said.

IN OTHER ACTION, the council adopted an ordinance authorizing the 2½ per cent pay raise to employes who were passed over last July, but refused to approve a similar raise for City Manager George Stevens. Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen Victor Enderstead and Nicholas O. Dralle renewed their opposition to the pay raise for employes. Councilman George Vico joined them in opposing the pay raise for the city manager.

The council also voted to continue efforts to establish a sewer assessment district in the south Torrance oil fields, and directed that a postcard poll of property owners be made on the subject.

Two Fires in Two Hours

Three engine companies and a salvage unit answered two fire calls to the residence of Dr. Robert P. McCormick, 114 Via La Soledad, in the Hollywood Riviera section Monday.

Damage to the home was estimated to be in excess of \$7500. During the first outbreak, the fire was controlled quickly and the service porch at the rear of the house was



END OF CHASE . . . Sheriff's Deputies question teenage pair after they had been stopped by a police blockade east of Torrance. The pair had led Torrance and Los Angeles police and Sheriff's deputies on a high-speed, bullet-punctured chase throughout the area before they could be stopped.

This Week End

YMCA Group to Attend San Diego Convention

A delegation of sixteen will represent the Torrance YMCA at the 27th annual meeting of the Pacific Southwest Area Council of the YMCA in San Diego this week end.

Heading the local YMCA group are Dr. and Mrs. Rollin R. Smith, charter board member. Twelve young people training for a professional YMCA career will also attend from Torrance. They include: Carol Stolley, Karen Payne, Pat Conner, and Mrs. Forrest Thomas.

Attending also are Stanley Ellis, Paul Slyh Jr., David Warden, Julius Meier, Marshall Shipley, Neil Christian, Max Backer, and Kenneth Helphand. Joseph Wilcox, executive secretary, and Mrs. Wilcox will also attend the meetings.

THE GROUP will join with some 300 other delegates from YMCA's in Hawaii, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and California in several sections to discuss the conference theme, "New Tools For the 60's." Speakers will include Herbert Evans, of Columbus, Ohio, president of the National Council of YMCA's; Dr. William C. Rust, president, California Western University; Joel Nystrom, executive secretary for world service, YMCA National Board.

The Council Meeting is the

annual business session of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Pacific Southwest Area. In addition to the business of the council, small group sessions this year will provide information and discussion useful in developing a better understanding of YMCA purpose, family program, and capital development, all as new tools of work for the 60's.

THIS meeting will also commemorate the 100th Anniversary of YMCA service to the men of the Armed Forces. Y

work with servicemen began during the Civil War, and has continued to the present.

Highlights for the local group will come on Sunday morning when the twelve "Future YMCA Secretaries" are honored for their interest in a career of service to youth. Wilcox will also be installed for a second term of office on the Pacific Southwest Area Board of the YMCA Secretaries.

The meetings, to be held in the El Cortez Hotel, will be concluded with an address by Mrs. Harper Sibley, on "The YMCA — A Tool For Peace."

ROAD TO TOP FAST FOR YOUNG CARRIER

For John Herman, the road to the top was straight and fast.

John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Herman, 5102 Laurette, emerged as the HERALD's top carrier-salesman for the month of February, his first month on the job.

"He has the makings of a successful businessman in that he takes pride in handling his HERALD route," Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott said in announcing February's winner.

John is developing a remarkable talent in meeting new people, and is quite successful in obtaining new subscription orders on his route in the southwest part of the city, the circulation manager said.

"His delivery has proven dependable and his eagerness to learn business methods has given him his first taste of business success," Westcott added. John received a \$5 bonus for his February performance.



JOHN HERMAN Carrier of the Month



INSPECT DAMAGE . . . Damage to auto involved in Watteria crash Sunday is checked by Judi Ann Noeth, 16, of 343 Via El Chico, driver, and others after ambulance had taken Jeri Annette Noeth, 13, to the hospital for treatment. (Herald Photo by Ray Deurloo)

Mondati in Race For School Board

Barber Nat Mondati, 3003 W. Artesia Blvd., became the ninth candidate to file officially for the April 18 board of education election this week.