

Half of City's Voters May Visit Polls on Tuesday

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TWO-CAR CRASH KILLS DRIVER

Second Death at Dead-End Lomita Blvd.

A high-speed car crash on Hawthorne Ave. at the intersection of Lomita Blvd. early Saturday claimed the life of a 20-year-old aircraft worker and hospitalized a South High teacher. Only the two drivers were involved in the crash, police said.

Pronounced dead at Little Company of Mary Hospital a few minutes after the 2:20 a.m. crash was Peter Lynn Edwards, 6721 Irvine St., North Hollywood, a timekeeper at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank.

HOSPITALIZED after rescue teams had spent nearly 30 minutes freeing him from his crushed auto was Daniel J. O'Neil, 34, of 5609 Koyna Drive, the South High teacher. O'Neil's condition was listed as fair yesterday. He was hospitalized with severe head lacerations, body bruises, and internal injuries.

Traffic Officers Glyn Boyce and Eugene Gillette said at the scene that Edwards had been thrown from the car by the impact of the spectacular crash.

WITNESSES told the investigating officers that Edward's car ran through the stop sign at the dead-end of Lomita Blvd. at a high rate of speed—estimated as high as 80 miles an hour—and hurtled in front of the O'Neil auto which was northbound on Hawthorne Ave. Both cars were carried more than 150 feet across Hawthorne Ave. and into a row of heavy poles erected as a protection in front of the home of Sam Kita at 23175 Hawthorne Ave.

O'NEIL WAS pinned in his auto which was slammed top first into one of the heavy powerline-type poles buried in Kita's front yard.

A crew of ambulance attendants, police, and firemen, was able to extricate O'Neil.

A woman was killed at the same scene several months ago when an auto in which she was riding slammed into a power pole on Hawthorne Ave. She was crushed when a heavy transformer fell from the pole onto her after she was ejected from the auto by the impact.

OFFERS STREET BUDGET

Seven major street projects have been recommended to the city council for inclusion in the 1961-62 budget to be paid for by gasoline tax revenues, according to City Engineer Walter M. Nollac.

Biggest of the projects would be the improvement of Palos Verdes Blvd. from Pacific Coast Hwy. to Catalina in the Riviera section of the city. Cost of this project has been estimated by Nollac at \$110,000.

A second major project would be the realignment and improvement of Torrance Blvd. between Western Ave. and Border Ave. at a cost of \$80,000. This project has been sought by city officials for several years.

FIVE OTHER projects would complete installation of modern traffic control signals at busy intersections. Intersections recommend to get the signals and the estimated cost of the work include Sepulveda and Crenshaw; \$20,000; Carson St. and Madrona Ave., \$10,000; Torrance Blvd. and Madrona Ave., \$10,000; Torrance Blvd. and Hickory Ave., \$8,000; and Maple Ave. and Torrance Blvd., \$8,000.

In addition to the improvement projects costing \$246,000; the city would spend about \$125,000 of the funds for maintenance to meet a state requirement, Nollac said.

His recommendations have been approved by Director of Public Works Wade E. Peebles, and will be presented to the council Tuesday by City Manager George Stevens.



DEATH CAR . . . Traffic Officer Glyn Boyce checks late model car which carried a 20-year-old Lockheed Aircraft timekeeper to his death at Lomita Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave. early Saturday. Pronounced dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital was Peter Lynn Edwards of North Hollywood. Hospitalized was Daniel James O'Neil of Torrance. (Herald Photo)

Candidates in Final Rounds Of Campaigns

Sixteen candidates for the three vacancies on the Torrance board of education were winding up their campaigns at week's end amid speculation on most fronts that the vigor of the contest could bring out half of the city's more than 40,000 registered voters.

Polls will be open from 7 a. m. until 7 p. m. at the city's schools, but elsewhere it will be business as usual. Bars are not required to close for school elections—even the regularly scheduled meeting of the board of education will be called as usual at 8 p. m. Tuesday, one hour after the polls close.

AT STAKE in Tuesday's voting will be the three seats now held by Joe Arnold, Robert H. Ellis, and Mrs. Grace

ability of spending \$24,990 for salaries and office expense of the new director of construction when such supervision is provided by the contractor and architect. Architectural fees for West High were estimated by Mrs. Huber to be about \$137,000, and she said this included costs of supervising construction.

She also questioned a requested budget of \$89,152 for psychological services.

DAVID LYMAN advanced a plan to supplement the school's central library system with the establishment of four other school libraries in schools located in various parts of the city. Lack of adequate public libraries in the city make it imperative to have school libraries available he said.

WISEBURN teacher Jack Knibbs voiced concern about the expansion of multigrades in the city's schools from 15 to 75 during the past year.

"It is not truly voluntary, but resembles more a Madison Ave. promotional program," he said. Knibbs also asked for departmentalization of seventh and eighth grades.

Gordon Phillips renewed his attack on meetings he said were in violation of the Brown Act, which prohibits closed door sessions of legislative bodies except for personnel discussions.

HE ALSO criticized the present board for allowing "the administration to make public statements in their behalf without prior board authorization."

Dr. Kurt Shery continued to call for upgrading of the academic standards, "and advocates standard testing" so parents can know what kind of an education their children are receiving.

The final word will be with the voters Tuesday.

\$368,018 in Gas Tax Paid to City

Advance distribution of about 75 per cent of the estimated motor vehicle license fees this week man a payment of \$368,018 to the city of Torrance, according to State Controller Alan Cranston.

California Sun Blamed For Skin Cancer Rates

Dr. Ian MacDonald, clinical professor of surgery at the University of Southern California Medical School, states that skin cancer in Southern California is eight times more common than in Illinois.

He made this statement recently while speaking to a hundred staff doctors of Torrance Memorial Hospital at the Palms restaurant. Doctor MacDonald's topic was "New Concepts of Cancer, Etiology, and Treatment."

Sun radiation was said to be the big factor in causing much

more skin cancer in this area than in Illinois.

Doctor MacDonald, who is also secretary of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn., declared that the red-headed person is more apt to get skin cancer than other people.

"I know of no case of cancer of the breast that has developed following the removal of a non-malignant breast lump," said the speaker.

While he has investigated many cases of injury, Doctor MacDonald has been unable to find a single case of cancer due to the injury.

Torrance Rug Cleaner Facing Murder Trial

A 29-year-old Torrance rug cleaner, who has assertedly admitted the slaying of a Long Beach housewife, has been bound over to Los Angeles Superior Court after a hearing on charges of murder.

James Edward Blackwell, who resided here at 2011 W. 220th St., confessed to sheriff's homicide officers that he strangled Helen Margaret Johnson, 29, after a round of

Jewish War Vets Install Bluestein

Eser Bluestein was installed as commander of the South Bay Post 777, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, during ceremonies conducted at Temple Monorah in Redondo Beach Friday night. Installed to serve with him were Howard "Bud" Friedman, senior vice commander; Isaac Misrahi, junior vice commander; Clarence A. Meyers, quartermaster, and Rabbi Henri E. Front, chaplain. Irwin J. Kaplan is past commander.

Carson Cityhood Petitions Verified

Petitions seeking the incorporation of the Carson area have been certified as having sufficient signatures to bring about such an election, Gordon T. Nesvig, chief clerk of the County Board of Supervisors, reported yesterday.

Nesvig said names on the petition represented slightly more than the necessary 25 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property, and was well over the required 25 per cent of the property owners.

A public hearing on the proposal will be scheduled before the Supervisor early in June, and an election is likely in late summer, or early next fall, Nesvig said.

The checking against county assessor's rolls has taken nearly a month. The petitions were circulated by a pro-cityhood committee headed by R. B. Keith.

bars in the Long Beach area April 3.

Blackwell was named in a

Reprimand Hearing Set

A hearing before the Torrance Civil Service Commission has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday at the request of Douglas Horlander, assistant to Public Works Director Wade Peebles. Horlander asked for the hearing after an alleged reprimand.

The reprimand reportedly followed a request by Horlander that he be relieved of assignment as city coordinator. His request was turned down this week on the recommendation of City Manager George Stevens, who told members of the council that the conditions which Horlander thought would interfere with the assignment has been corrected.

Several persons are expected to testify for Horlander Wednesday.

warrant here two days after the murder and was captured on April 6 near Medford, Ore., on information provided by sheriff's deputies and Torrance police.

Long Beach detectives and sheriff's deputies traced Blackwell and the Johnson woman through several bars in Long Beach on the night before her body was found in a field east of Torrance.

The victim's husband, Glenn, is stationed aboard a cruiser in the Long Beach harbor.

Memorial Service Slated by Moose

Memorial services for departed brethren will be held at the Torrance Moose Lodge at 2 p.m. today at 1744 W. Carson St. The public is being invited to the services sponsored by members of the Moose Lodge 785 and Women of the Moose Chapter 44.



NEW EAGLE SCOUT . . . Eric Roy Edmonson receives his Eagle Scout Badge from Scoutmaster Robert F. Jones Sr. of Troop 242, Torrance. Major J. L. Edmonson and Mrs. Edmonson watch their 12-year-old son with pride. Major Edmonson is communications project officer at the Ballistic Missile Center at Inglewood.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Torrance Junior Woman's Club members answered the following question for today's column.

"What is the most important phase of Junior Woman's Club activity?"

Mrs. Harold Brunner, 26302 Delos Dr.:

"I think the Junior Woman's Club philanthropic activities are most important. We work on the March of Dimes mail-out each year and gather books, magazines and clothing for the foreign needy."

Mrs. Charles Briner, 1008 Kornblum Ave.:

"I agree that philanthropy is one of the important phases of our activity. Our Garden Valley project to help mentally retarded children of the area is one of them. The new friends I have made is very important to me, personally."

Mrs. Eric Borner, 26218 Delos Dr.:

"I think our Indian project is an important activity. We have adopted a little Yaqui Indian girl named Eva Colores who lives in Arizona. The help we have given her is heart-warming and a great satisfaction to all of our members."

Mrs. Lee Clotworthy, 1730 Juniper Ave.:

"As president of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club I have learned a great deal about Parliamentary procedure. It has been a great pleasure to meet and work with others on both social and philanthropic projects."

Mrs. William Starr, 1308 Fonthill Ave.:

"Banding together and working together on our many activities is a real inspiration to me. To be able to accomplish our objectives through cooperative efforts is rewarding. The interesting people we meet is important, also."

Witness to Crash Sought by Woman

Persons who may have witnessed an accident on Crenshaw Blvd. between Crenshaw Blvd. and 178th St. in November, 1959, are being sought by Mrs. Jerri Jensen of North Torrance. Information may be phoned to her at DA 3-5393.