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OFFICER DIES ON HOLIDAY TRIP

Family Trip Ended With Fatal Crash

A Torrance man was killed Thursday afternoon as he and his family were traveling from here to a family reunion in Astoria, Ore., for Christmas.

Killed was Carl Webb, 42, of 16707 Faysmith Ave., an Air Force major and career officer stationed at Inglewood.

The head-on crash occurred near Cottage Grove, Ore., as the Webb vehicle was reportedly passing a truck.

Also injured was Major Webb's wife, Agnes, 46, and their children, Paula, 13, a Carr School student; Craig, 15, a North High School student, and Patricia Gavin, 18, a student at the University of California's Riverside campus.

THE WEBB'S had lived in Torrance four years and had just received orders to report for duty at Hawaii in April. The family was on its way to Astoria, Ore., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Webb's brother, Tony Stramiello. Major Webb had been in the Air Force about 20 years. His wife is active in the Alondra Golf Club.

Major Webb was assigned by the Air Force as pilot for top military officers, legislators, and other dignitaries. Five co-workers left for Cottage Grove as soon as they heard about the accident to help the family with arrangements.

Paula and Greg suffered scratches and bruises and were released from the Cottage Grove Hospital Thursday evening while Patricia suffered minor injuries and was the only person thrown from the vehicle. She was scheduled to be released Friday afternoon. The family had just purchased a new car about a month ago and this was their first trip in the vehicle.

Thieves Make Off With Clock Radio

A clock radio valued at \$35 and silverware set costing \$100 were removed Friday from the home of Lois Colclasure, 23511 Pennsylvania Ave. The thieves, who entered through a back door, did not touch the family's Christmas presents, Mrs. Colclasure told police.



MAJOR CARL C. WEBB Dies in Crash

Girl Burned, Man Credited With Rescue

An 8-year-old girl whose clothing caught on fire Thursday may have a Torrance man to thank for her life.

Mariene Fine, daughter of Mrs. Mary Fine, 1217 Jay St., was cooking oatmeal in her home when her clothing caught on fire. The girl's mother screamed, and Rudolph Copeland, a neighbor, rushed into the Fine home.

There he saw Mariene's dress was aflame. He ripped the clothing from the child and smothered the flames with his coat.

The girl was taken to Harbor General Hospital where she was treated for third-degree burns. Her condition was listed as critical.

Police Award Citations to Top Officers

More than 125 police officers, their wives, city officials, and area court officials attended the first annual awards dinner of the Torrance Police Officers' Assn. here Friday night, at which more than a dozen Torrance officers were cited for contributions to the police department during the past year.

Attorney Charles F. Catterlin, who has served as city prosecutor for more than two years, was master of ceremonies and presented awards to those selected by the officers.

AMONG THOSE cited were Officers Jimmy Doyle and Cliff Smith who received plaques for their work with the association. Certificates were presented to Jan Bethea, secretary of the group; Ralph Bezanson,

behalf of the citizens of Torrance.

Officer A. L. Jackson, who has been president of the association during the past year, turned the gavel of his office over to Officer Tom Woodridge at the end of the meeting. Woodridge was elected recently to head the organization in 1962. He will be assisted by Sergeant Winther, vice president.

POLICE CHIEF Percy G. Bennett opened the meeting by leading the pledge of allegiance, and M. H. Porter, assistant chief, gave the invocation. The Torrance Police Officers' Assn. has been organized to improve the professional standings of police officers, and provide an organization through which officers can work to combat juvenile delinquency.

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Glyn Boyce, Jim Daniels, Vince Davey, Eugene Erbetta, Don Hartel, A. L. Jackson Darrell L. A. H. M., Thomas Lloyd, Charles Oates, Richard Swanbeck, and Tome Woodridge. Also cited were Capt. John Maestri and Sgts. Jack Hahn and William O. Winther.

SPECIAL VISITORS during the affair at the Palms were two police captains from Indonesia, Edward Lumy and John Soedgono.

Among other guests were Superior Court Judge and Mrs. John A. Shidler; Municipal Court Judges Otto B. Willett and William FacFaden; Mayor Albert Isen, Council J. A. Beasley, Nickolas Drale, and George Vico, and City Manager Wade Peebles.

Retired Police Chief W. H. Haslam and Mrs. Haslam, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week, also attended.

SPECIAL PLAQUES were presented to Dick George, who has been responsible for recent productions of the annual police show and dance; and to Mayor Isen who accepted on

Pavilion Proposal Outlined

Torrance Park and Recreation Commissioners recently heard a firm representative tell of his company's proposal for an auditorium costing about a half million dollars.

David Huenergardt of Pavilion Associates, Los Angeles, was told by the commission that the governmental body has no authority to recommend what type of building should be erected on civic center property.

HUENERGARDT told the commission his firm's proposed building for the property would contain about 69,000 square feet and would accommodate all needs of the community, including theater activities, community concerts, dances, banquets, commercial displays and fashion shows.

The proposed building is circular with a dome roof and (Continued on Page 13)



AT CHRISTMAS PARTY... Phillip Brown Jr., 12-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Brown Sr., 813 W. 229th St., chats with Dodge announcer Vince Scully at the annual Muscular Dystrophy Christmas Party. The party was sponsored by the Vikings and held at a Sunset Strip club. Movie stars, TV stars, and Ram team members joined with Scully and other sports announcers to give the MD patients a party.

Presents Stolen From Residence

Thieves entered the home of Clarence R. Baker, 18345 Regina Ave., Friday and took Christmas presents valued at \$6. Most of the gifts were opened in the back yard and destroyed. The thieves also attempted to take a television set from the house but got only as far as the back door with it.

City Council Cancels Meeting

The City Council, which normally meets each Tuesday, has canceled the meeting scheduled for Dec. 26 because of the Christmas holidays. The city fathers will meet in the council chambers at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2.

George Schneider Heads Hospital Advisory Board

George W. Schneider of 636 Calle Miramar has been elected president of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Advisory Board.

He will be honored at the second annual Founders' Day dinner Jan. 31 to celebrate the second anniversary of the hospital opening. Other new officers are G. L. Revell, first vice president; Francis X. McCormick, second vice president; Charles Czuleger Sr., secretary, and Fred W. Mill, treasurer. Schneider succeeds Sam Levy.

SCHNEIDER has been a Hollywood Riviera resident since 1949, moving there from Milwaukee, Wis., where he graduated from Marquette University with a bachelor's degree after majoring in bank-

ing and finance. He is a partner of the Orange County Land Development Co. and a director of Harbor Savings and Loan Assn.

He has served for the past nine years on the Budget Committee of the Los Angeles Community Chest and is also on the Board of Directors of Rancho San Antonio, boys town of the west. Active in city affairs, Schneider has served on the Airport Commission. He has also served as president of the Southern California chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

IN REVIEWING the hospital history, Schneider pointed out that the hospital has been well received by the area and become accepted as an institu-



HAPPY GIRL... Teresa Adkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Adkins, 4106 W. 183rd St., enjoys the company of John J. Preis, president of the L.A. County Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. of America, Inc., and Ram footballer Les Richier. Teresa and about 90 other MD patients were treated to a Christmas Party last week. Movie and TV stars, and Ram players were on hand with Santa Claus for the event.

Dramatic Reading at Service

Christine Roberts, talented actress, will present a dramatic reading entitled "Christ Is Born," a story centering around Bethlehem's manger. Miss Roberts is a senior student majoring in drama at Bob Jones University, an eastern college noted for its School of Drama.

Miss Roberts' outstanding dramatic talent, which has brought her honors, coupled with her deep faith in God, will make her presentation of "Christ Is Born" one that will long be remembered in the church.

The 40-minute vesper service will begin at 5 p.m. today. The Community Baptist Church is located at 925 W. 223rd St., near Vermont.

A Penny for your Thoughts

With practically everyone a part of the Christmas rush, the Pennies Photographer took a survey of employes in a local shopping center and asked, "When did the big Christmas rush hit, and how do most of your customers pay, cash or charge?"

Barbara Hunting, 2220 W. 165th St.:

"There has not been any time when shopping seemed to be particularly heavy, it has just been fairly slow and steady. Most of our customers pay cash for merchandise, although some are some that charge."

Lee Washington, 232 Via Los Miradores:

"It seemed to me that the last week things have really been booming. It started to really get busy on Monday and has not let up since. Most of our customers seem to prefer paying cash to charging their articles."

Donna Gersdorf, 3924 Via Pavior:

"We were really busy on Friday, but the two days before seemed to be slow. Monday and Tuesday were busy days as was last week. Quite a bit of our business comes at night. The majority of our customers pay cash."

Cenee Chaba, 2030 S. Scherbourne:

"Our business began to pick up two weeks ago and has been going strong since then. Most people seem to shop late at night and early in the mornings. Many of our customers prefer to pay by cash and check."

Regina Woerdemann, 1532 Paseo del Mar:

"Business is particularly heavy for us in the evening hours. People really began to shop last week and the beginning of this week, but things are quieting down now. Our customers usually prefer to pay in cash or script."

Educational Office

In an attempt to have the California State College system office located in Torrance, city officials this week agreed a service center would be a good site for its location.