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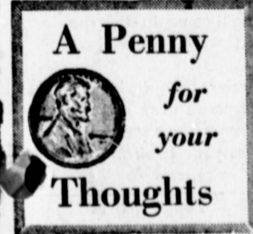
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YOUTH LOSES LEG UNDER TRAIN



"What do you think of John Glenn's successful orbital flight?" the Pennies photographer asked.

Mrs. Charles Bogolea, 4439 Vista Largo: "I think it's one of the most eventful happenings in my generation. I am real happy it took place in my time. I didn't see the rocket blastoff but I watched television accounts of it from about 9 in the morning on."

Mrs. Ralph Rector, 552 Calle Mayor: "I kept finding it hard to believe. I kept watching it on television and wondering if my two boys would ever be up there. It impressed me more than any other current event taking place in the past 20 years."

Mrs. Carl Putnam, 5109 Paseo De Pablo: "I thought it was very exciting since I just had my first jet ride several years ago. I just love to dream that flying saucers are real and I think Glenn's flight was the most interesting happening since flying saucers came into the news."

Mrs. Carl Smith, San Pedro: "I was real relieved to see he finally made it. It seems like they took every precaution to safeguard his life. I heard the account of it on the radio."

Mrs. Wayne Givens, Redondo Beach: "Naturally we are very happy about this. I think the highlight of the flight was that Glenn was retrieved because so many things could have gone wrong. I missed the blastoff on television."

Man Crossing Street Falls, Killed by Car

A 21-year-old Torrance man was struck by an auto and killed when he stumbled while crossing the street here early Thursday.

Kenneth Robert Howell, who lived at 1554 W. 206th St., was crossing Vermont Avenue south of Sepulveda when he stumbled on the roadway and was struck by a vehicle driven by Mrs. Sylvia Jaramillo, 26, of San Pedro. Mrs. Jaramillo told California Highway Patrolmen she was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting Howell.

Many Get 1st Polio Vaccine

Thousands of students in Los Angeles City Schools who were not inoculated against polio have been turned up by a new state law requiring immunization in order to enter school, the Los Angeles County Medical Assn. reports.

More than 63 per cent of those who went to clinics set up at high schools during the last week of January received first shots, according to Reginald H. Smart, M.D., chairman of the County Medical Assn. Committee on Public Health.

"IT SEEMS obvious that out of the thousands of students who did not change schools in mid-year, and therefore were not required to take immunization shots, there must be a great number who still have not had even their first shot," Dr. Smart said.

"More than 95 per cent of those who went to a clinic at one of the schools received their first shot there. The lowest percentage at any school was 33.9 per cent. Even that is far too high.

"Protection is easily available, and it should not require a state law to make parents provide this for their children. Polio is still occurring. There were 32 cases in the county last year," Dr. Smart said.

THE NEW law required that all pupils entering an elementary or secondary school for the first time after Jan. 15 be immunized against polio.

Oral vaccine is not acceptable at present, because it is available for only two of the three types of polio virus. Only Salk vaccine shots give protection for all three types.

Clinics were set up in 43 high schools by the County Medical Assn. at the request of the Los Angeles City School District, and they served students of all grades in their areas.

MORE THAN 10,000 shots were given during the week, and of these, more than 6,500 were first shots. Another 251 second shots, 378 third shots and 3,133 boosters were given.

CROSSING JUST ahead of the victim was a companion, Ronald Ramos, 19, of 21924 S. Vermont Ave. He said he did not realize Howell had fallen.

Howell was pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital after the 2:30 a.m. accident.

Howell was a native of California and had lived in Torrance for five years. Rosary was recited at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel Friday night and Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Nativity Catholic Church Saturday morning. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

HE IS survived by his mother, Nona Pennings, and his father, Robert Howell, both of Torrance; two sisters, Clarise Howell of Riverside and Geraldine Pennings of Torrance; a brother, Frank Crevoisier of Torrance, and his grandmother, Ethel Cook.

A Torrance woman suffered minor injuries Wednesday after her sedan and a school bus collided on Sepulveda Boulevard and Ocean Avenue.

Treated at Riviera Hospital was Marion Mae Colby, 45, of 4913 Louise Ave. Driver of the school bus was John La Mar Keller, 26, of 2571 Carson St. Police said there were no passengers on the bus at the time of the accident which occurred at 1 p.m.

IN ANOTHER accident, police said Clarence Dawson, 7, of 22405 Susana Ave., was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital after the boy, a pedestrian, tangled with a delivery truck driven by James Ancil Alexander, 46, of Redondo Beach. The accident occurred about 4:30 p.m. in front of 22503 Susana Ave.

Jeanette Lydia Schnorr, 31, of 25322 Oak St., Lomita, was treated for minor injuries at Little Company of Mary Hospital after her compact sedan was involved in a collision with a car driven by Virginia Lee Langwell, 26, of 22510 Warm-side Ave.

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Nine Torrance Students To Attend Math Affair

Nine students from two Torrance high schools will compete in the sixth annual Mathematics Field Day at Occidental College on Saturday.

Representing North High School will be Pete Gregora, 17220 Elgar Ave.; Michael Jones, 2844 W. 177th St.; Elias Baumgartner, 4023 W. 176th St.; and Linda Kennedy, 17524 Falda, all 11th graders, and Stuart Goodgold, 2702 W. 177th St., a 10th grade student.

The five will be accompanied by their class adviser, Mrs. Nilane A. Lee.



GET PEN PALS... Torrance Troop 154 Boy Scouts are among 120 boys in the area writing to pen friends in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. From left, Colin Aiken, Terry Harbison and Vincent Pinto, look forward to replies from students in Salvador high school who are studying North America and have asked for correspondents. The Scouts are cooperating in the people-to-people program of the Los Angeles Advertising Women, who have adopted Salvador as a sister city.

Design of Guard Rails On Bridges Improved

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week that guard railing specifications on bridges spanning Dominguez Channel and other County Flood Control projects have been changed to provide maximum safety for the public.

Space between the vertical bars on the bridge railings will be reduced from six to four inches, prohibiting the possibility of a child squeezing through the 40-inch-high upright rails, he said.

THE CHANGE in specifications was accomplished at the request of Hahn and through cooperation with the County Flood Control District, State Division of Highways and District Highway Engineer.

Last November a 4-year-old Torrance child fell to his death off the Arlington Avenue bridge crossing Dominguez Channel. Hahn immediately ordered a complete study of the bridge railings and asked for recommendations for redesign of the structures.

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"Addition of the chain link fences and the new design of

the railings will prohibit any youngster from slipping between the vertical steel posts again," Hahn said.

Construction of Dominguez Channel, one of the most important public works projects in the County, has been expedited by Supervisor Hahn because it serves as a vital flood control channel carrying storm waters from residential areas to the harbor.

THE CHANNEL has been completed westerly from Vermont Avenue to Redondo Beach Boulevard and northerly from Redondo Beach to Compton, with work currently in progress at Rosecrans and Crenshaw.

Bridges completed in this area under the program are at Vermont, Normandie and Western Avenues, Artesia Boulevard, Gramercy Place, Arlington Avenue, Crenshaw Boulevard south of Redondo Beach Boulevard, Cherry Avenue, and Redondo Beach.

James S. Cantlien, vice president and general manager of Pacific described the action as another step in the national phone renumbering program which by 1966 will change all present Los Angeles two letter five digit phone numbers to seven digits.

Pacific serves about 2,500,000 phones in Los Angeles County and adds about 100,000 phones to its lines annually.

THE MOVE reached downtown Los Angeles on Feb. 12 when phones at the Union Bank were changed to seven digits. In April all phones at the Security First National bank will be similarly converted.

Cantlien pointed out that more than 3,000 communities, and towns across the country, including Chicago, have already adopted the new numbering plan. Independent telephone companies, as well as the Bell System, he said, are taking part in the national renumbering program.

Co-sponsoring the event with Occidental are the Southern Section of the California Mathematics Council and the Los Angeles Actuarial Club.

Adult Center Closed
The Torrance Adult Center at 1318 Cravens Ave., will be closed today because the club will be visiting Descanso Gardens.

Boys Hopping Cars; Victim Misses Grip

A 13-year-old Torrance boy who was scheduled to try out for the Pony League yesterday was reported in fair condition at Harbor General Hospital after losing his left leg Friday night when he slipped under the wheel of a passing freight train.

Billy Piercy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Piercy Jr., 1731 Fern Ave., apparently slipped under the train crossing Torrance Boulevard at Madrid Avenue shortly after 10 p.m. Friday when he attempted to hop a ride.

POLICE SAID young Piercy, an eighth grader at Greenwood Elementary School, had attended the Torrance-Lennox basketball game at the Torrance High School gymnasium, and was on his way home when the accident occurred.

Piercy and several companions had stopped at a restaurant several blocks from the Torrance Boulevard train crossing for a malt after the game.

When the group heard the train whistle as they were leaving the restaurant, they ran to the crossing and several tried to hop a ride on the passing cars, police were told.

ONE BOY swung on a car but when the Piercy lad tried, he missed the grip and fell, his left foot falling under the wheel.

One of the boys with Piercy, Kenneth Grant, 14, who lives at 2463 Maricopa, ran to the nearby office of Goodweh Ambulance and the manager there ran to the scene and then asked for an ambulance. A passing police patrol car was hailed and stopped at the scene minutes after the accident.

YOUNG PIERCY was rushed to Harbor General Hospital where surgeons were forced to remove the shattered leg just below the knee.

Trainmen were apparently unaware of the tragedy. Crewmen aboard the train were identified as L. A. McKinney, A. M. Jeffcoat, W. R. Burke, W. E. Vallon, and J. E. Welborne.

The train was northbound at the time of the accident, police said.

Members of Girl Scout troops from Lawndale will conduct a program at Alondra Park at 4 p.m. March 7 to commemorate Arbor Day, it was reported here yesterday.

At the same time, Lomita Park Brownies will conduct a program at Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Ave., it was reported.

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From Station

Gun Duo Get \$145 In Heist

A service station at 18200 Hawthorne Avenue was held up Thursday evening by two young men who took about \$145.

Two suspects walked into the station's office about 10:15 and one of them told the attendant Bill Miller, "This is a stickup." The suspect pulled a revolver partway out of his pants pocket after Miller did not believe it was a holdup and kept working.

At one point during the holdup a customer drove up to one of the station's tanks and was waited on by another attendant, Gerald W. Gillam, while one of the two holdup men stood by and watched. The customer drove on without knowing anything was wrong.

Both attendants were put in the station's restroom while the suspects searched the office. When he found no money one holdup man took Miller back to the office where Miller opened a cash box and then was returned to the restroom. The bandits emptied both attendant's wallets before leaving the scene.

El Camino Adopting Microfilm

Microfilming, the best method yet employed for preserving records, will come into use at El Camino College sometime next fall, according to Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel.

Sloan declares that the microfilming of about 50,000 student transcripts "will allow for more room in the presently crowded vault, which would otherwise be so full by next fall that additional vault space would have to be built."

With the compacting of the many thousand records onto microfilm, handling of records will be simplified.

Canisters of microfilm will take up an area of only a couple feet of shelf space while the transcript themselves presently take up several shelves.

Since several hundred transcripts are filed and refiled every day, the removal of these 50,000 transcripts, records of students who attend El Camino five or more years ago will greatly facilitate work with transcripts of students presently attending.

The microfilming process will not be done by the college, but will be accomplished by an outside concern.