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A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you prefer a morning or an evening newspaper?" the Pennies photographer asked persons at Lomita Boulevard and Western Avenue.

Mrs. Ted Hatch, 1811 W. 247th St., Lomita:

"Before I was married my folks took a morning newspaper and I got used to that but now my husband and myself take an evening paper. I prefer a morning paper, though, because I have so much to do in the evening."

Joe Rohl, 1542 W. 247th St., Harbor City:

Morning. I work shift work so I enjoy reading the paper when I get up in the morning. The rest of the day you can always turn on the radio or television and get the latest news."

Mrs. C. R. Scherer, 1715 W. 244th St., Lomita:

"We take a morning paper and are happy with it but you get the latest news in an evening paper. We have more time in the morning to read a newspaper than in the evenings."

Al Pearl, Los Angeles:

"Evening. I don't have enough time in the morning to read a newspaper and I can't see any real sense in getting up early to read the paper. I've taken both morning and evening newspapers at one time or another. I get to read the paper in leisure in the evening."

E. Buckout, 23701 Western Ave.:

"Evening because you get all the news that happens during the day. I've taken a morning paper but I have more time in the evening to read the paper."

City Library Report Opens Discussions

Decision day is approaching for the city's library system, operated for many years by the county on a contract. Reports received by the Library Commission this week indicated that the city can not expect to continue its most favorable arrangement with the county for library services after July 1, 1963.

William Geller, assistant librarian for Los Angeles County, said Torrance spent \$88,042.47 for the service in 1959-60 and that Santa Monica, on the other hand, paid \$482,225.

LIBRARY expenditures for Torrance will probably be about \$440,892 by 1969-70 if the city continues to contract with the county, he indicated. The alternative, setting up an independent system, would cost even more, he said. He projected a cost of \$1,292,597 for an independent system, or more than \$400,000 more than it would cost to remain with the county during the next eight years.

THE TORRANCE contract was described as unique by the county official. Supervisors have indicated that it will not be renewed after the 1962-63 fiscal year. At that point, Torrance can become a part of the county system or be prepared to operate its own facilities.

Discussion of the alternatives have been scheduled as one of the main items of business before the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. Monday night, according to President R. J. Katherman.

Use of an independent firm to study the city's library needs is being considered by the Library Commission.

Man Drowns In Bathtub

A 58-year-old man was found dead in the bathtub of his apartment Tuesday morning at 1629 1/2 Cabrillo Ave.

Taken to Stone and Myers Mortuary was Vivian E. Meadows, a steam fitter by occupation. The body was discovered about 11 a.m. by a cleaning woman.

The death was listed as an accidental drowning. Police said the victim apparently fell asleep in the tub with the water running or while asleep in the tub he hit the water tap with his foot causing the tub to fill.

Water was running slowly from the tap and running through a drain vent, police said. Meadows was last seen about 1:45 a.m. by a hotel resident who told police Meadows had given him a dollar and asked him to buy a bottle of wine. The resident returned the dollar to Meadows after finding the liquor store closed.

Tadpoles Agree It's a Chilly, Chilly World

If you thought it was cold here Wednesday morning, consider the plight of the polliwogs.

They, along with a few frogs and some turtles, came close to a strange demise when 10-year-old Harry Bell Jr. started to change their water with the hose — and instead nearly shot the creatures with darts of ice. Water in the hose had frozen into long sticks during the night.

Harry, who lives with his parents at 17033 Falda Ave., has a pint jar full of the stuff in his mom's freezer as a memento.



DROWNING SCENE . . . Firemen work to revive 6-year-old Gregory Dan Nissen of Whittier who drowned Tuesday afternoon in storm water at the end of St. Andrews Place and just west of Western Avenue. The boy, who fell from a raft, was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital. (Herald Photo)

Firemen Try To Revive Victim, Fail

Gregory Dan Nissen, 6, of Whittier, drowned Tuesday afternoon in an old brick pit in an area bordered by Western Avenue, 178th Street, and Gramercy Place.

Police said the youth, who had come to Torrance with his mother to visit relatives, apparently fell from a raft while playing in the brick pit filled with water from the recent storms.

Gregory had been playing in the area with his 10-year-old brother, Anthony, who reportedly ran to the relative's home where he told his mother Gregory had fallen into the pond.

THIS WAS ABOUT 1:40 p.m. The youth was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital at 2:25 p.m. Firemen tried to revive the boy at the scene after a fire department diver found him lying on the bottom of the pond.

The boy's father, Wallace Nissen of 543B York Ave., Hawthorne, is a Los Angeles Police Department motorcycle officer.

HE ARRIVED AT the scene of the tragedy after the ambulance, firemen, police had left and was told by a reporter the youth had been taken to the hospital.

Mother of the boys, Mrs. Rene Nissen, resides in Whittier.

POLICE CALLED out city crews yesterday afternoon to eliminate another possible danger to children when a resident near the Riviera Elementary School discovered a pit which had supposedly been dug by children of the area.

Principal Roy J. Adamson of the school called police when notified of the hole near the intersection of Calle Miramar and Via Colusa. Adamson stationed a teacher at the spot until city crews arrived.

POLICE SAID the hole was more than 6 feet deep, and had an off-shoot at the bottom which went back about a foot.

The nearby resident, who asked that she not be identified, became suspicious when she noted the freshly dug earth piled up in the vicinity of the excavation.

THE HOLE HAD been covered with scrap boards, and then topped with greenery. Police said the covering was "not too sturdy."

The quick response of the police brought praise from Principal Adamson.

Anti-Burglar Drive Opened In Torrance

Torrance's police department is giving its support to the "Burn a Light at Night" campaign launched recently by Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess. Mayor Albert Isen proclaimed March "Burn a Light at Night" month at Tuesday's Council meeting.

Percy Bennett, Torrance police chief, said the idea has gained favor locally from civic leaders and organizations. Statistics on how well the campaign is succeeding will be gathered throughout the remainder of the year, the chief said.

"Statistics bear out that no matter what the location, light discourages crime. The light campaign is something like a do it yourself law enforcement kit," Chief Bennett added.

Flames Destroy Auto After Torrance Crash

One woman was killed last weekend in an accident in the Carson area while two persons were injured in a flaming four-car collision in Torrance.

Both accidents occurred late Saturday. Killed in county territory at Sepulveda Boulevard and Ronan Avenue, east of Main Street, was Mrs. Evelyn

Pickelsimer, 36, of 23321 Catskill Ave.

In the Torrance accident on Torrance Boulevard, just west of Hawthorne Avenue, Mrs. Sylvia Cohen, 42, of Gardena, was treated for minor injuries at Little Company of Mary Hospital after her station wagon burst into flames when her vehicle was involved in the collision with a compact sedan driven by James Leland Swisher, 23, of 5010 Merrill St., police said.

Swisher was treated for major injuries at the same hospital. After the initial impact, Mrs. Cohen's car collided with two other vehicles, one driven by Norbert Lawrence Hunt, 45, and the other by David Edward Conway, 19, both of Redondo Beach, police said.

The county's fatal accident involved three cars with one of the drivers, John Cooper, 38, of Norwalk being booked at the Firestone Sheriff's substation on charges of manslaughter and suspicion of felony drunk driving.

Highway patrolmen said Cooper's car collided with the Pickelsimer sedan, knocking it into the westbound lane where it collided headon with a sedan driven by Christine Camaglia, 38, of 21309 Berendo Ave., Torrance.

Both Mrs. Pickelsimer and her husband, John, were thrown from their car. Her husband and three children were treated at Harbor General Hospital. Mrs. Pickelsimer was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General.

The accident occurred in a light rain.

Sunday, William Douglas Brockway, 19, of Redondo Beach, was treated for major



FATAL COLLISION . . . Passersby, right, cover victims from a light rain Saturday evening after this headon collision at Sepulveda and Ronan Avenue. Highway patrolmen said driver of the car on the left was Mrs. Christine Camaglia, 38, of Torrance. Killed in the car on right was Mrs. Evelyn Pickelsimer, 36, of 23321 Catskill Ave. Mrs. Pickelsimer and her husband were thrown from the vehicle. (Herald Photo)



FLAMING CRASH . . . Mrs. Sylvia Cohen, 42, of Gardena, suffered minor injuries Saturday night after her station wagon was involved in a collision on Torrance Boulevard west of Hawthorne Avenue. Mrs. Cohen and one other driver in the four-car collision were treated at a local hospital. (Herald Photo)

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