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MYSTERY AIR CRASH PROBED

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think county Civil Service employees should be allowed to take part in state, federal, county and city political campaigns?" the Pennies photographer asked persons at Del Amo Shopping Center.

Mrs. Joy Despars, Lawndale: "It's a free country and even though persons are county employees I'd say it would be all right for them to take part in county campaigns as well as the others."

Mrs. C. H. Garrison, 23006 Andro Ave.: "Yes, I would not think there would be any complications if county employees participated in county campaigns. They are still Americans and shouldn't be denied the right to voice their opinions."

Miss Sandra Neff, 2117 W. 238th St.: "In some instances they should be permitted to. There are so many county employees they might be able to swing an election their way if they took in city and county campaigns. I think it's all right if they participate in state and federal campaigns."

Mrs. George Simmons, Gardena: "I don't see any reason why not. It's only fair even if they are county employees that they be allowed to take part even though they might favor a particular person or issue."

Mrs. P. H. Bennett, 4208 W. 172nd St.: "Yes I think so. They should be allowed to participate in county campaigns also. It doesn't matter who you work for. In fact they might know the candidates a little bit better."

Rites for Pioneer Resident

Requiem Mass was held Tuesday morning in Church of the Nativity for Louis Joseph Smith, 70, a resident of Torrance for 50 years. Holy Rosary was recited Monday evening in Stone and Myers Mortuary chapel. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery. Mr. Smith, who lived at 1754 Gramercy Ave., died Saturday. He was owner of the L.J.S. Valve Co. and a former employee of the Union Tool Co. He was a past Grand Knight of both the Torrance and Redondo Beach lodges of Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his widow, Veronica; two sons, Louis J. and George of Torrance; daughters, Mrs. Mary Jane Casey, Manhattan Beach, and Mrs. Helen Smith, Pasadena, and six grandchildren.

Local Boys Up Record For Cubes

Not to be outdone, two Torrance youths went at it again in the current ice cube tossing fad and ended up with a record of 4,907. Richard Moore of 1741 Elm St. and Jerry Giles of 1730 Elm St. said they had to give up when the ice tray cube finally melted after about 20 minutes of tossing it back and forth. Saturday the two boys tossed a cube 2,425 times but later read that a duo back east had a record of 2,556 and two Lakewood boys claim 3,500, so back to the hand cooling pastime they went.

The two local boys claim they will try it again if someone claims to have broken their latest record. "My parents think I'm nuts," says Moore.

Two Injured in Two-Car Crash

Two persons were injured about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday in a two car accident at Crenshaw Boulevard and 237th Place. Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital were drivers of both vehicles, John Albert Ruscavage, 44, of 25307 Woodward, Lomita, who suffered major injuries, and Donald Hart Boardman, 18, of 2542 Ridgeland Rd.,

Torrance Realty Board Sets New Sales Records

Figures which back up his claim that the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors is one of the fastest growing boards in California were cited yesterday by President Jack Schmidt. In a report to directors of the board, Schmidt pointed out that sales through the organization had risen from a 1957 total of about \$3 million to a



AIR CRASH SCENE... Police, firemen, and airport crewmen check wreckage of light plane which carried a Malibu physician and his wife to their deaths Sunday evening near Crenshaw Boulevard and Sepulveda. Federal Aeronautics Administration officials are checking details of the crash which occurred just before sunset in the vacant field. (Herald Photo)

May Reconsider Bid

Reconsideration of a request by Jefferson, Inc., to erect a theater on their Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center appeared likely yesterday after the City Council voted down motions on the matter by a close margin Tuesday night. Fears that the theater might cause a problem to future growth of the airport operations, and that use of the land for such non-tax producing business would not be in the city's interest were cited by councilmen opposing the request. Jefferson, Inc., is not interested in doing anything that will be a detriment to the airport, Bowers said. "We are very proud of the airport," Bowers said, reminding councilmen that his firm has paid \$140,000 into the airport fund in rentals since they took over the 36-acre parcel five years ago.

LEAVITT AND his partner, James Bower, explained to Council members that operation of a theater in conjunction with a shopping center has proved highly successful and that it would draw additional shoppers to the center. Jefferson, Inc., is not interested in doing anything that will be a detriment to the airport, Bowers said. "We are very proud of the airport," Bowers said, reminding councilmen that his firm has paid \$140,000 into the airport fund in rentals since they took over the 36-acre parcel five years ago.

Council Turns Down Request For Shopping Center Theater

Strongest opposition to the theater proposal came from Airport Manager Jack Egan who said the theater could have "a long term bad influence on the airport operations." Egan's stand was challenged by Councilman Jay Beasley who asked why airport officials didn't protest the construction of South High School and the proposed construction of other schools west of the Airport which could be considered in areas of hazard. A MOVE BY Beasley to put the matter in the hands of City Manager Wade Peebles and the airport committee of the Council to negotiate rental arrangements and location was voted down before the Council voted 4-3 to concur with a recommendation for denial submitted by the Airport Commission. In other Council action, a delegation of North Torrance residents heard the Council approve participation in a proposed crosswalk over Crenshaw Boulevard just south of San Diego Freeway to serve students at Crenshaw Elementary School. SHERIFF'S deputy Ben Hatfield, a North Torrance resident, asked the support of the Council after the Board of Education agreed to seek participation in such a plan.

Craft Falls In Torrance Weed Field

Investigation was continuing this week into circumstances which led up to the violent crash of a light plane in a Torrance field Sunday evening snuffing out the lives of a prominent Malibu physician and his wife. Officials of the Federal Aeronautics Administration's tower control center at Torrance Municipal Airport said the light plane, whose pilot had reported engine trouble, landed at the Torrance field about 45 minutes before the crash, but had taken off again minutes before the crash. POLICE reported gas tanks on the plane were "bone dry" after they arrived at the scene of the crash that killed Dr. Donald W. Johnson and his wife, Margurite, both about 60. Officials said the Johnsons were apparently flying home from a visit in Mexico and had cleared the Mexican border at Calexico a few hours before the Torrance crash. THE JOHNSONS were taken from the plane's wreckage by Torrance firemen and rushed to the Little Company of Mary Hospital where they were pronounced dead. Funeral services for the physician and his wife have been scheduled in Santa Monica Friday under the direction of the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary of Torrance where they were taken following the accident. The 1 p.m. services will be held in the chapel of the Kingsley-Gates Mortuary.

Refinery Accident Kills One

One man died and a second was injured in an industrial accident at a Torrance refinery Monday afternoon. Dead is Harvey A. Kimberlin, 51, Anaheim. The injured man is Vincent A. Barnota, 51, of 5323 Whitefox Drive, near Rolling Hills Estates. Barnota suffered a broken leg and several lacerations. The accident occurred as the pair were working with a meter-testing machine in an attempt to remove a liner from a piston tube at the Mobil Oil Refinery, 3700 W. 190th St. Pressure built up inside the piston sleeve, throwing the huge piston at the pair. Kimberlin was crushed to death beneath the piston, and pronounced dead on arrival at the Little Company of Mary Hospital. Kimberlin was employed by Power Engineering and Equipment Co. in Torrance. Barnota was a Mobil engineer. Worker Injured On Local Project Octavio Gomez, 22, Monterey Park, was injured about 11:30 Tuesday morning when a metal stairway he was walking on collapsed.



TONIGHT'S PERFORMERS... Four members of the Accordionettes prepare for tonight's benefit show for Tony Furtado at the Elks Lodge, 1820 Abalone St. Singers, comedians and other artists will take part. Proceeds from the \$1 admission charge will go towards funeral services for the youth who died Friday of lung cancer. Shown rehearsing are, left to right, Delores Lomas, Mary Bristol, Robin and Gail Thomas. (Herald Photo)

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