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# FIVE DIE IN BLOODY WEEKEND

### A Penny for your Thoughts

Following a luncheon meeting of the Torrance Education Advisory Committee, the Pennies photographer asked several members, "Do you feel the Torrance schools have an adequate vocational education program?"

**Mrs. Mike Bankers, 19301 Anza Ave.:**  
"Yes, I do. I think the Torrance children are very fortunate to have such a program. They didn't have vocational education when I went to school. Such training is especially important for the student who is not going on to college."

**Mrs. Arthur Lester, 18627 Yukno Ave.:**  
"I think the schools here have an excellent program. They are constantly trying to do more for the adult education program, and everyone looks for ways to improve the program for students who are not going to continue their education."

**Mrs. J. W. Cleveland, 18510 Spinning Ave.:**  
"I think the program that has been developed is very satisfactory. There are more courses offered than most parents realize, and I think improvements should be made in the area of informing parents of the offerings. I am especially anxious to see the graphic arts program developed."

**Mrs. Rudy Esau, 17805 Glenburn Ave.:**  
"I think they have a wonderful adult education program. I am not familiar with the high school program, and I think this is a weakness of it. The public needs more information about the vocational education programs. I am an example of the lack of real information, and I think one of the best things would be more publicity in the programs."

### Chace Installs New Officers of Harbor Chambers

Carl J. Hoffman, a retired rancher, was installed as president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce at a dinner meeting held this week. Supervisor Burton W. Chace served as the installing officer. Other newly installed officers include: Al Code, Reed Christiansen, Otho Cordray, William Graham, Ove Hoyer, and Mrs. Ann Sorin, vice president; Mrs. Ruth Peterson, secretary; and Robert Dunbar, treasurer.



**FOR FINGERPRINTS . . .** Officer Albert Winkler of the Torrance Police Department is pictured here as he dusts a teller's counter at Security First National Bank's office in downtown Torrance Tuesday afternoon following a robbery at the bank. Bank teller Mrs. Helen Turner was held up by a pair of men who escaped with about \$900 at 1:45 Tuesday afternoon. (Herald Photo)

## \$900 in Cash Taken by Pair

Two men robbed the Security First National Bank in downtown Torrance of about \$900 Tuesday afternoon.

## Hawthorne Extension Under Way

An agreement between the city and Los Angeles County for the improvement of Hawthorne Avenue in the Torrance and Rolling Hills area has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace said the county road department has programmed a project for the extension of the roadway on an improved alignment between Newton Street in Torrance and Palos Verdes Drive North.

Under the agreement, the county will acquire the rights-of-way and construct the improvements.

Torrance will contribute \$145,000 toward the project, and Rolling Hills Estates will pay \$60,000. The improvement will provide a multi-lane highway with roadway shoulders, and a raised median strip. Works will also include traffic signals at the intersection of the new roadway and Palos Verdes Drive North.

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## Slaughter on Area Streets

### Other Crashes

A 48-year-old clerk at a Torrance drug store escaped death Tuesday afternoon in a grinding crash of her car and a dump truck on 190th Street just east of Hawthorne Avenue.

Wilma Corrine Barton of Gardena, driver of the car, suffered major injuries and was taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital where officials yesterday described her condition as "fairly good." She suffered fractured ribs, multiple lacerations and contusions, a hospital spokesman said.

Driver of the dump truck, a three-axle vehicle, was Norton Clyde Phillips, 25, also of Gardena. He was not injured.

**IN OTHER accidents** Tuesday, Leona Glynn Silva, 36, of Lawndale, suffered major injuries and was taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital after she was involved in a collision with a station wagon driven by Linda Lois Kennedy, 18, of 17524 Falda Ave. The accident happened about 4:30 p.m. on Crenshaw, about 40 feet north of Del Amo Boulevard.

A 9-year-old bicyclist suffered minor injuries and was treated by a private physician after his bicycle collided with a car driven by Dorothy Santella, 32, of 1312 W. 225th St. The bicyclist was Barry Daniel Buth of 2522 Carson St. The accident occurred about 5 p.m. on Carson Street just east of Crenshaw Boulevard.

**MINOR INJURIES** were suffered by Eunice Marie Goergen, 26, of 3130 W. 187th St., Monday afternoon when her car was involved in a collision with one driven by David William Priece, 21, of 18804 Patronella Ave. The injured person told police she would see a private physician.

Two persons, one of them a bicyclist, suffered major injuries in separate accidents Sunday.

Larry Allan Jacob, 10, of 17033 Delia Ave., a student at Evalyn Carr School, was taken to Gardena Emergency Hospital about 11:30 a.m. after his bicycle collided with a trailer (Continued on Page 3)

### Fatal Crashes

Five Torrance-area residents lost their lives over the weekend as a result of injuries received in separate traffic accidents.

The dead are:  
**Leo L. Riley, 28, of 511 N. Guadalupe Ave., Redondo Beach;**  
**Jack Wallace Camper, 37, of 3607 W. 226th St.;**  
**Joseph H. Thibeault, 48, of 21903 Hansom Ave.;**  
**Charles Liehl, 64, of 26345 Athena Ave., Harbor City, and;**  
**Susan A. Benson, 81, of 1438 Ravenna Ave., Wilmington.**

Riley died Sunday at Little Company of Mary Hospital where he had been taken following an accident Friday at 190th Street and Inglewood Avenue. A machine supervisor for North American Aviation, he was fatally injured Friday afternoon when his small sedan collided with a station wagon at the 190th Street intersection.

Driver of the second car, Lewis W. Bliss, 48, of 4611 Bulova St., was not seriously injured, according to reports.

**CAMPER WAS killed** Sunday when his car hit a tree on State Highway 76 about 12 miles from Oceanside. Two Long Beach residents who were in the car were injured in the accident.

Deputy coroner Glenn Sanders of San Diego County said the car was westbound on the (Continued on Page 3)

## Herald Prints Full Report on Police Changes

Acting City Manager Ed Ferraro this week submitted a report to the City Council explaining steps taken to implement recommendations of the Attorney General's office concerning the Torrance Police Department.

The recommendations given out of the second report given to the city on the progress of the current investigation into the department.

The complete text of Ferraro's analysis will be found on pages 24 and 25 of today's editions of The HERALD.

## Nearly 42,000 Register

## Democratic Voters Hold Slight Edge in Torrance

Registration reports released this week by Frank M. Jordan, Secretary of State, listed voter registration in Torrance at 41,902 as of Jan. 20.

City Clerk Vernon Coil said about 2,000 more persons registered before the Feb. 20 deadline for the April municipal election, bringing the city totals to 43,748.

Figures in Jordan's official report, required by state law in January of even numbered years, showed the city's Democratic voters were in the majority. Democrats totaled 23,893, while Republican totals showed 16,501 voters.

**THE REPORT** said 1,165 declined to state a party preference, and 343 voters registered in miscellaneous parties.

Figures reflected an increase of about 3,000 over the January, 1963, totals. Only 38,695 voters were registered after the County Registrar of Voters purged the rolls following the November, 1962, general election. Figures were substantially below the high of 48,715 registered voters in the 1962 general election. Two years ago, the city had 44,228 voters and the totals prior to the primary

election in June, 1962, were 46,578.

**REGISTRATION** for the city's April 14 election closed on Feb. 20, but registration remains open for the California primary on June 2. Deadline for registration in the primary election is April 9. Registration for the November general election is open until Sept. 10.

Democrats continue to hold a numerical superiority of about 1.5 to 1 over Republicans in Torrance, a gap that has remained constant in recent years despite substantial variation in the totals.



**TRUCK-CAR CRASH . . .** Wilma Corrine Barton, 48, Gardena, suffered major injuries Tuesday afternoon in a collision between her car and a dump truck driven by Norton Clyde Phillips, 25, Gardena, who escaped injury. The accident occurred about 1:30 p.m. on 190th Street just east of Hawthorne Avenue. (Herald Photo)

## Before City Council

## One Winner, One Loser As Candidates Appear

Two candidates for election to the City Council in the April 14 municipal balloting appeared as petitioners before that body Tuesday night. One won, one lost.

William Faren, 2272 W. 229th St., appealed a Planning Commission decision which denied him the right to split the lot on which his home is located because the new lot would be only 84 feet in depth.

Faren told councilmen that he built his home on half of the 229th Street lot several years ago, using half of the lot at that time for his residence. He now has a Cal-Vet loan on the home and can not reduce the lot size.

**SUBSEQUENT** to the construction of his home, the city approved the opening of a new street — 229th Place — across the back portion of his property, and Faren said he was obliged to give up 27 feet of his property although he did not need the street for access. He told councilmen he planned to build a \$45,000, split-level home on the small

lot, and that the garage would be underneath the house. He was granted relief from the lot requirements by the councilmen.

Le Vane M. Forsythe, 4255 Newton St., found less enthusiasm on the City Council for his request.

Also a candidate for the City Council at the April 14 election, Forsythe asked Mayor Albert Isen to resign.

"If you have any love for the city, as you often claim, you will resign your office immediately," Forsythe said before a packed but hushed council chamber.

**HE TOLD** Isen that he would wait one week for his answer, and that he had instructed his attorney to file recall proceedings at that time.

"If we are guilty, the city should pay for letting it go on," he said about the risk of releasing the two attorney general's reports to the public. He had risen to speak on this debate when he jarred the council with the resignation demand.

Isen later said he had signed Forsythe's petition to seek council election, but said it was in error.

**HE SPOKE** at length about the records compiled by the city during the nine years he has been mayor, and wound up by saying he had no intention of resigning.

Councilman Nick Drale again renewed his request that the attorney general's reports be made public. He was backed again by Councilman J. A. Beasley, but in the end failed to get the necessary votes. City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier softened his opposition to releasing the reports with respect to the second report on the police department.

"**THE FIRST** report dealt with one person, City Manager

Wade Peebles," Remelmeier said. "The second report deals with a city department and the operation of the department."

He said the desire of the public to know the contents of the report may be of such merit that it outweighs the risk.

He pointed up that a claim has been filed with the city as a result of allegations referred to in the first report, and that a lawsuit might be filed against the city in the matter. If the matter goes to court "the reports will go into the record and will thereby be made public," he said.

Drale said he would continue to push to have the report made a matter of public record.

## Worthington To Address 'Y' Meeting

Dr. Allen L. Pyeatt, board chairman of the Torrance YMCA, has invited Torrance men to attend the seventh annual Good Friday Breakfast of the Los Angeles YMCA at the Biltmore Bowl March 27.

The breakfast is for business and professional men. Local men may travel to the Biltmore Bowl in the YMCA bus. The bus will leave from the Torrance YMCA at 7 a.m.

Leslie B. Worthington, president of United States Steel Corp., will be the speaker. Worthington, the president of the Columbia-Geneva Steel Division from 1956 to 1959, was elected to the presidency in November, 1959.

The executive will speak on "The Role of Religion in American Business Life."

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