

Your Traffic Laws

Prepared in cooperation with the Traffic Education Bureau of the Torrance Police Department and the Torrance Safety Council

The National Safety Council recently released the grim picture of traffic accidents for 1963. Throughout the nation, 43,400 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents, and more than 1,600,000 persons were injured.

All of this highway mayhem cost the nation \$7,700,000,000. In our own city, 12 persons were killed in traffic accidents, and another 850 persons were injured. The cost to Torrance was about \$2 million. The deaths based on miles driven showed a slight increase, as did vehicular travel in general. It was estimated the American people drove more than 800 billion miles in 1963, an increase of 4 per cent over 1962. The number of registered vehicles increased by some 4 per cent, and there was a 3 per cent increase in the number of drivers in 1963.

THE NATIONAL Safety Council offered a few suggestions as to the cause of much of this death, injury, and personal property losses. Increased travel was one of the big factors, says the National Safety Council. Another big factor was the increase in the number of young drivers. Increased speed, and increases in the number of small or compact cars also were cited. Some favorable factors

which the council cited as probable cause for only a slight increase were the use of seat belts, improved vehicle design, limited access highways, engineering corrections, and driver education and commercial driver training schools.

Statistics tell only a small part of the story about traffic accidents. They do not reflect the heartache, mental anguish, and other suffering which is a part of every traffic accident.

THERE IS NO simple way to prevent accidents, other than just knowing what is expected and required of you as a driver or a pedestrian. One little mistake or oversight, such as failing to come to a complete stop at a stop sign or failing to yield the right-of-way, can cause an accident.

Many of our traffic accidents can only result in newer, more grim statistics. For the first two months of 1964, traffic accidents have shown an increase over last year. The number of injuries is also on the increase.

You can join with your police department in making every effort to keep the number of accidents down. The police department, the safety council, and other organizations urge all motorists to obey the rules and observe the simple rules of common courtesy—that will cut the number of accidents.

DMV Office Will Open One Night

Evening driver license service is now available at the Torrance office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, 1907 Border Ave., on a one-night-a-week basis.

Charles Creighton, manager of the office, said the Torrance branch is one of 41 offices selected to provide the extended service every Thursday evening.

Vehicle registration and other services will be available only during the regular 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. office hours, but drivers license service will be available from 5 to 7 p.m. every Thursday.

Creighton said the new program was initiated after a pilot study of the need for evening hours conducted last year. "The evening service should fill this need with minimum cost to taxpayers," Creighton said.

The department announced it has a need for qualified typists for part-time work. Applications may be obtained at the office.

BIRTHS

CENTINELA VALLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PARKS—Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Nell, 1307 W. 214th St., a boy, Brian Lloyd, March 1. SMITH—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leroy, 2575 W. Carson, a girl, Sheri Ann, March 10. CURREY—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks, 2174 Marjorie Ave., a boy, Keith Brooks, March 13. BARELUP—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Leon, 21228 S. Western Ave., Apt. 2, a girl, Letitia Louise, March 14.



FINAL REPORT . . . Students who worked on the report for the Western Assn. of Schools and Colleges at South High check the first copy off the press in preparation for a visit next week by the association's visiting committee. Pictured here are David Nesenholtz, Stephen Saporita, who was in charge of the preparation of the report, Karen Laffey, Raul Matute, Sue Frantik, and John Balow. Saporita, a curriculum consultant, hopes the committee will approve a full five-year term of accreditation for South High. (Herald Photo)

Summer Camp Dates Listed For Diabetics

Summer camp session dates for diabetic boys and girls has been announced by the Diabetes Association of Southern California.

The first group, 12 through 15 years of age, will leave on June 28 and return on July

10; the second group, 7 through 11 years, will leave on July 12 and return on July 24.

All camp activities and individual diets are closely supervised by a staff of doctors, nurses and dietitians, plus trained counselors, and chil-

dren are offered the opportunity of better education about their condition.

Robert F. Chinnock, M.D., director of Camp DASC, is professor and chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Loma Linda University School of

Junior Achievement Firm Named Best in Southwest

Convento, a Junior Achievement counseled by Pacific Telephone Co., has been selected from the 29 miniature firms operating in the southwest area as the "best in the business center."

The firm will compete with other companies in the Los Angeles-Orange County area for the title of company of the year. The contest is sponsored by the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The company is headed by Eric Bostrum, 16-year-old president and a junior at Palos Verdes High School; Gene Scott, vice president of sales and a senior at West High School; Paul Lynch, vice president of manufacturing and a sophomore at Inglewood High School; Jean Daskam, secretary and a sophomore at Lenox High School; and Mike Curtis, treasurer and sophomore at Mount Carmel High School.

Advisers to the fledgling company from Pacific Telephone are William Gallies, Inglewood district manager; Fred

Erland, senior traffic engineer; Harold Bromby, plant service foreman, and John Sweetnam, marketing representative.

Junior Achievement is a national program of economic education, in which teenagers learn about the American system of free enterprise by actually organizing and operating miniature businesses of their own under the guidance of adult advisors from prominent firms in the community.

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Red Cross to Build New Service Center

Construction will begin soon on a new building to house the administrative and service center for the individual Red Cross branches in Palos Verdes, Wilmington and San Pedro.

An agreement to purchase the property was made in December at a price based on three appraisals, but actual acquisition pended the grant of a zone variance which has now been made by the City Planning Commission.

COST OF THE 28,000 square foot lot and the proposed building will be paid from funds reserved for that purpose. These funds come from legacies and bequests and from special contributions designated by donors for building and capital improvement.

Alondra Park Methodist to Change Hours

The Alondra Park Methodist Church, 3153 Compton Blvd., will introduce a revised schedule beginning today.

Instead of the two duplicate services at 9 and 11 a.m., one service will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Nursery care will be provided for infants and toddlers. Older children, not in Sunday school, are to attend the worship service with their parents.

To provide a more adequate religious foundation the children's division, nursery through sixth grade, will continue the expanded session introduced in January with all classes meeting from 9 to 11 a.m.

The youth and adult divisions, seventh grade and up, will meet from 9 to 9:30 a.m. on the new schedule. There are classes for all youth and several interest classes for adults.

The evening program will remain the same with youth fellowship meetings for junior and senior high and college age youth beginning at 6:30 p.m. An adult Bible study class will begin at the same time.

A spiritual frontiers study group will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday evening of the month.

The Rev. C. Leslie Palmer has announced "Sin or Consequences?" will be the sermon topic Sunday morning. This is based on Genesis 32:11—"He prayed to be saved from the consequences of his sins, not from his sins."

Funds contributed in the annual campaigns for support of services are not used for Red Cross buildings or land.

With the purchase of the site now a reality, Denver Bullock of San Pedro who is volunteer chairman of the building committee, says construction of the much needed facility will begin as soon as plans are completed and approved by the Planning Commission.

THE PROPOSED structure of 10,000 square feet will provide more than double the space of the present Red Cross office at 390 W. 7th St., San Pedro.

Fronting on First Street, the L-shaped, one story brick structure will include off-street parking to accommodate a minimum of 25 cars.

In addition to office space for volunteer and career staff Red Cross workers, the building will include ample space for classes in preparedness training taught by Red Cross, blood collections, meeting facilities, a kitchen and a wing for the home service department which has a local staff of three full time social workers to aid area families of military personnel.

The site and building committee, headed by Bullock, worked more than a year considering possible locations. With the approval of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American National Red Cross, the property at First and Western was put in escrow.

Personal contacts with property owners in the vicinity concerning the needed zone variance were made by the volunteer committee. Then the application was reviewed at a public meeting on zoning and ultimately accepted by the Planning Commission.

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