



### OFF TO HAWAII

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Moreta, 1204 Cranbrook, Torrance, won the trip to Hawaii offered by the Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. O. R. Trueblood made the presentation. The Moretas, who were planning a vacation in September, will spend their week in Hawaii then. They still can't believe that they won.—Press Photo.

## Policeman Committed to Hospital In Morals Case

Former police vice squad officer Philip Barnes, 36, of Torrance, was committed to the Atascadero State Hospital Tuesday, following his conviction on a morals offense last December 19.

Superior Judge Leroy Dawson, who heard the case without a jury, ordered Barnes to the hospital for the 90-day observation treatment required by law when psychiatrists said he was a "sex psychopath" and a "possible menace to others."

Barnes, who admitted he had a "sex maladjustment," was convicted of the felony offense against a 13-year-old girl in his household.

He was a member of the San Diego Police Department for

two years. He quit the force in 1947 to become an actor and then joined the Los Angeles Department in 1948, serving until his arrest.

## Hahn Urges Completion Of Freeway

Speedy completion of the Harbor Freeway was strongly urged by LA County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn in a letter to Frank B. Durkee, chairman, California Highway Commission.

"I believe that the Harbor Freeway should be completed as rapidly as possible because of the terrifically heavy demand that is placed upon it, and it is my belief that since the rights of way have been nearly all secured and the design has been finished, this work should go ahead without delay," Hahn wrote.

Hahn had reference to the next section of the freeway from about 124th st. to 190th st.

## They're All For the Flag

Mayor Albert Isen urged everyone to fly the American flag today, by way of council proclamation. Like virtue, goodness and right living, the measure met with unanimous council approval.

## More Windshield Stickers Available

Another large supply of windshield stickers, honoring "Torrance-All America City Award Winner" are available at both the Civic Center and the Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado. It was announced today by President A. E. Thompson of the Chamber.

Thompson said that the original order of 45,000 was quickly depleted and although no reorder was intended, the great demand by citizens necessitated it.

# FLEEING BANDIT SHOOTSELF TO EVADE CAPTURE



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## Harbor Freeway Proves Fast Home-to-Work Route

A home-to-work peak hour driving study conducted by the Automobile Club of Southern California has revealed that present Los Angeles travel times are just as fast as they were in 1936—even though vehicle registration has tripled since then.

The club, which conducted the tests on 17 principal routes used to and from Los Angeles, also reported:

1. Harbor area residents who use the Harbor Freeway make better time than other motorists who live equally distant from the club—located at Adams Blvd. and Figueroa St.

2. It takes slightly less time to get to work in the morning than to get home at night.

In addition, the tests disclosed what freeways have done for San Gabriel Valley motoring commuters. From Baldwin Park via surface streets, the average time for covering the 25 road miles was 63 minutes compared to a 24-mile trip from West Covina, via the San Bernardino Freeway, which took an average of 48 minutes.

An outstanding example of the metropolitan driving times that can be achieved by freeways was demonstrated by the results on the Harbor Freeway: where the average time for covering a 15-mile distance was 27 minutes during peak hours, the club reported.

"These are results which can be expected by all motorists when the entire freeway system is completed," the club said. "Meanwhile, future freeway construction priorities must continue to be made on realistic needs based on vehicle and population concentration and traffic volumes."

The tests were conducted by employees who live in various residential areas within 25 miles of the club's main office. All of the runs were made between the peak traffic hours of 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.

"To make certain that results would be objective, the tests were made on four different days in June, excluding Saturdays and Sundays," explained a spokesman of the club's engineering department.

Routes and average one-way times of eight test trips to and from the club follow:

Route 1. From Ventura Blvd. (Turn to Page 17)

## Speeder Too Much in Hurry to Pay Ticket

A local man, anxious to pay a speeding fine, was given an extra five days in jail for being in a hurry. Clyde R. Crowder, 21, of 17826 Evelyn ave., was stopped by Highway patrol after a 15-mile chase, clocked at 110 m.p.h. on US 99 near Grapevine.

He told officers that he was due in Shafter Judicial Court on a speeding citation.

However, officers took him to Maricopa where Justice Murray Eiland sentenced him to five days in jail.

Then they took him to Shafter, where Justice E. K. Grant gave him a choice of 25 days in jail or a \$53 fine for speeding 90 m.p.h. recently.

Crowder told the court that he did not have the money. He went for another ride with officers—this time to the county jail in Bakersfield.

## Policemen, Firemen Protest 'Low Pay', Demand Wage Hike

Descending upon the City Council in force, policemen and firemen demanded wage increases over and above the 5 1/2 per cent already granted, claiming that they were "short changed."

Spokesmen claimed that pay is below the average of salaries paid by cities of comparable size.

The council denied the request on grounds of insufficient funds available for such increases.

On the recommendation of Mayor Albert Isen, the council indicated willingness to consider a wage boost if assessed valuation revenues prove higher than predicted by City Manager George Stevens.

Stevens said he will know about the third Tuesday in August.

The issue arose as the council adopted an ordinance granting all city employees, including firemen and policemen, a blanket 5.5 per cent salary increase, retroactive to July 1 of this year.

Police Officer Dave Cook and Fireman Jerry Hollomon presented charts showing that police and fire department employees will receive salaries below the average wage paid in other cities, even with the 5.5 per cent increase.

The difference amounts to about \$14. Torrance pays \$489 a month. Cities used in the comparison were Glendale, Pasadena, Burbank, Santa Monica, Inglewood, Redondo, and Gardena.

Some of these cities grant other benefits, such as death payments to widows, longevity pay, clothing and shooting allowance not paid by Torrance, the charts indicated.

A letter signed by the Torrance Fire and Police Wage Committee indicated, that "no heed has been paid for needed higher caliber men in higher caliber positions. No credit has been given for the greater mental, physical and moral standards necessary to perform the duties of a fire fighter or police officer."

The letter criticized blanket salary increases without specific job considerations that laborers, for instance, "enjoy salaries three per cent above the average scale."

Stevens, who admitted that police and fire department salaries are below average, said the difference is only fractional.

Spokesmen indicated that cost of the requested increase would amount to about \$30,000 roughly.

## Suspect's Condition 'Critical'

Unwilling to be captured and jailed, a robbery suspect shot himself in the stomach while trying to escape sheriff's deputies.

Ralph Shubert, 27, one of three suspects in a recent local robbery, is in critical condition at Ventura county hospital, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton, of the Torrance Police department.

Shubert, together with Billy Charles Robinson, 24, and Clarence Cecil Hauser, 28, both in Los Angeles county jail, are being held on suspicion of armed robbery of Verburg Dairy, 2083 W. 174th st.

Shubert, picked up by LA Sheriff's officers for questioning, escaped. He shot himself when recapture was imminent due to the efforts of Sgt. Charles Williams.

The suspect, according to Ashton, tried to commit suicide two years ago as Lennox Sheriff's officers sought to arrest him on another charge.

He was found with his head in the open door of a kitchen range with the gas turned on by Sgt. Larry Wright, who revived and arrested him.

Arrest of the trio clears up seven armed robberies in Lennox, five in Inglewood, one in San Bernardino, and one in Torrance.

The dairy raid here on February 18 netted the trio \$200.

## Hundred Burglaries Cleared up

About 100 business house burglaries have been cleared up with the arrest of Floyd Myron Burt, 18.

So stated Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police department who said Burt admitted burglarizing three cafes on Pacific Coast Hwy. between Lomita and Redondo Beach city limits, as well as the Bowl-O-Drome in Torrance.

Other burglaries occurred all over the South Bay area.

The suspect, being held by Firestone Sheriff's, said he always entered through the rear of the establishment, attacking vending machines and cash registers.

## Her Carpet Disappeared Like Magic

"I was eating breakfast when the first call came. The calls kept coming for three days afterwards."

So stated Mrs. Tom McDonald of 23123 Arlington ave., who was extremely pleased with the results she had to the following ad:

8x12 GRAY WOOL RUG with pad. Recently cleaned. \$15. DA. 6-1058

"I sold the rug to the first person in line," she said. "It certainly was fast work."

For best results the inexpensive way, Call FA. 8-2345. Fifteen words cost only \$1.30 with a 30 cent discount if paid at the time the ad is placed.

## Window Kills Child

Killed Monday when a window fell on his neck was James William Fry, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Fry, 22919 S. Berendo, Torrance.

The child had apparently stood up in bed beside the window and put his head through an opening caused by the breaking of one of the window's four small panes, according to police.

The opening was in the upper half of the window which fell, clamping the child's neck against the top of the lower half of the window, strangling him.

He was found by Scotty Lundy, salesman for Torrance Lincoln-Mercury, who had just arrived at the house regarding a sale.

The mother had gone out temporarily to make a phone call. A neighbor, Mrs. Sharon Jean Groves, who was watching the children, had found the youngsters asleep just prior to the accident, according to police.

Funeral services will be held at Halverson-Leavell mortuary, corner Cravens and Encravia, Friday, 10 a.m., with burial following at Roosevelt Park.

The child is survived by his parents; a sister, Kathryn Jane; two brothers, Dan Lee and Dennis D.; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fisher of Torrance; and Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Russell of Yuba City.



### 'ROCKET'S RED GLARE'

Lovely Kay Ledworth, 2422 West 181st st., a general clerk in paint stores at Douglas Aircraft's El Segundo division, dramatizes what not to do to make July 4th a safe and sane holiday.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**FIRE:** A fire of unknown origin broke out at 1521 W. Sepulveda Blvd. Tuesday damaging the unoccupied house. Damage was estimated up to \$10,000. Los Angeles City Fire department responded.

**CRITICAL:** John Ivan Childress, US Navy, was injured critically in a collision at Hawthorne and 203rd st. Tuesday. Driver of the other car was William Charles Daniels of 193104 Flavian. Childress was ejected from his car by the impact.

**KISSELL HOMES:** Residents in the Palos Riviera section asked that an impartial engineer appointed by the city check plans of proposed hillside Kissell homes. Residents are concerned

about safety factors. The council asked City Manager George Stevens to contact the county first to see if any of their specialists would be available to review the engineering plans.

**VICTOR DISTRICT:** The council indicated that \$45,000 would be available for sewer purposes in the Victor area and that the city may lay lines as it sees fit.

**PARKING DISTRICT:** Members of the Chamber of Commerce parking district committee are expected to meet with the council this coming Tuesday at 7 p.m. to re-discuss parking matters and go ahead with circulation of petitions. Councilmen were annoyed at the lack of interest shown by the committee and individuals concerned. Question of hiring someone to circulate petitions was raised. An opinion that the city could not legally pay for such services was expressed by Councilman Willy Blount.

**REYNOLDS ALUMINUM:** Representatives of Reynolds Aluminum went back to West Virginia after looking over buildings on the site purchased locally, indicating that they would have to redesign their plans since the buildings were too unmanageable for remodeling, according to City Manager George Stevens.

**TRAFFIC:** Three-way signals were requested of the State for intersections along 174th st. at Crenshaw, Western and Hawthorne, on motion of Mayor Albert Isen. Isen also called for signals at Crenshaw corners Carson and Sepulveda.

**SALARY:** City Manager George Stevens' salary was boosted to \$18,500 for the coming year.

## JET PILOT RESCUED AFTER OCEAN JUMP

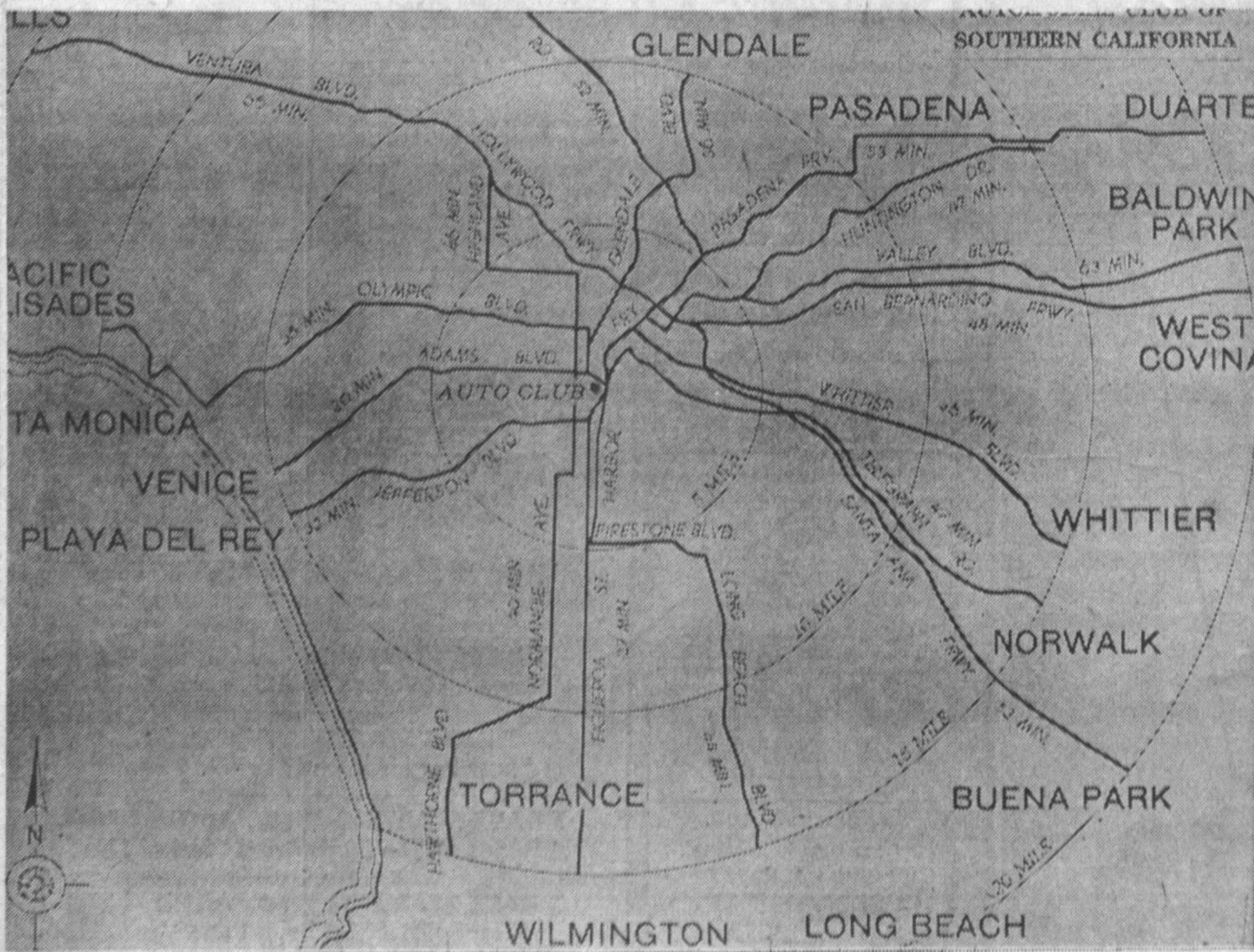
A Douglas test pilot was rescued within minutes when he bailed out of an F-4D Skyray jet fighter at high altitude, landing in the ocean.

W. E. (Walt) Harper, 30, of 1544 Palos Verdes Drive, was uninjured upon bailing out above the Catalina channel.

He reportedly ran into trouble on a routine production test flight and ejected himself from the plane.

He was fished from the sea by the crew of the Compañero, an excursion boat.

A helicopter from Los Alamitos Naval Air station took him from the deck of the boat and flew him to the base.



### TEST ROUTES

Here are the 17 routes which were tested by the Automobile Club of Southern California to determine peak-hour driving times in metropolitan Los Angeles area.



### FOUR-LETTER AWARD

Vel Miletich (r), president of Torrance's Oscar Maples Ford agency, accepts Four-Letter award from William Moyn, Ford division field manager. The award is granted for 1) sound financing, 2) efficient management, 3) always competitive spirit, and 4) completely modern facilities.—Press Photo.