

130 Students, Their Parents Are Thankful Today

At least 130 Rolling Hills and Palos Verdes children and their parents were thankful this morning.

So must have been the officials and student body of Alexander Fleming Junior High school and Narbonne High school.

For the 130 children, students at Fleming and Narbonne, were involved in a collision of two school buses

Tuesday morning when heavy fog shrouded Palos Verdes drive.

The 130 students were shaken up in the accident, and 27 of them were taken to Harbor General Hospital and Hillside Emergency Hospital for treatment of minor bumps, abrasions and bruises.

They were all released from the hospitals a few hours later and taken home

by their parents. They all sat down to their Thanksgiving dinner to bow their heads in fervent thanks that a terrible tragedy had been averted.

The accident occurred on Palos Verdes Drive North near Dapplegray Lane when one school bus, driven by George Phillips, of Anaheim, stopped to pick up some students. The thick, rolling fog — the worst that had been

seen all year—surrounded the bus. Visibility was no more than ten feet.

A second school bus, driven by Richard Biggs, of Los Angeles, was enroute to Fleming school along the drive. It was going very slowly, but Biggs still could not see the first bus in time to stop. His bus rammied into the back of the first vehicle loaded with Narbonne students.

When the bus hit, most of the students were flung forward and their heads struck the bars of the seats before them. "We were moving pretty slowly but there was no time to get set before we hit," one of the students, Michael Nason, in the ninth grade at Fleming, told reporters.

The students let out one big yell and scream when the bus struck but became quiet just

as suddenly and filed out of the buses in an orderly manner, Biggs told Lennox police.

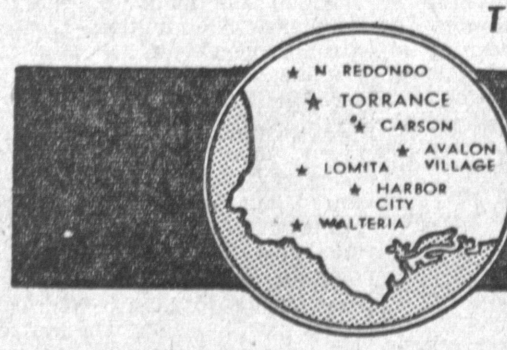
The students who were injured were listed by hospital authorities. They are:

From Rolling Hills: Robert Southern, 26864 Eastvale rd.; Kathryn White, 35921 Saddle Bow lane; Pamela Bishop, 4320 Santa Bella rd.; Eileen Rhodes, 26515 Shady Vista rd.; Lee Stone, 27076 East-

vale; Tim Wanke, 26751 Eastvale rd.; Gaylenis Knapp, 27208 Eastvale rd.; Angela Kuchlla, 27178 Eastvale rd.; Mary Butcher, 4511 Marloma dr.; Mary Richards, 26946 Eastvale rd.; Pete Rynders, 27143 Eastvale rd., and Gary Bowers.

From Palos Verdes Estates: Donna Nance, 2704 Via Campesina; Gregg Sease, 2908 Via La Selva; Susan Schram, 3420

Palos Verdes Drive North; Carol Sigman, 3013 Palos Verdes Drive North; Donna Stonely, 2608 Via Campesina; Lyle Gihilaro, 3838 Via Palomino; Michael Nason, 432 Via Media; Michele Maurice, 3840 Palos Verdes Drive North; Keith Clark, 4300 Via Azules; Holly Hire, 4044 Via Solano; Claudia Forman, 4212 Via Pinzon; Diane Shultz, 43 Valmonte Plaza; Susan Arthurs, 4008 Via Pivia; Susan Perry.



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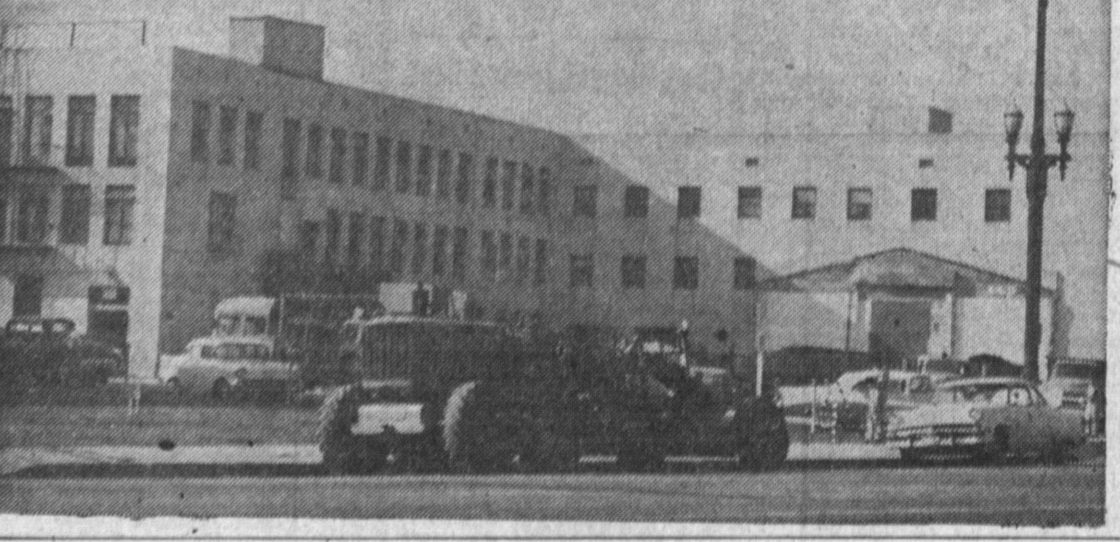
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SANTA CLAUS COMES TO TOWN to be greeted by Torrance's beauty queen, Sharon Stars. The arrival of the portly, colorful gentlemen in Torrance heralds the start of Christmas shopping time in the city's shopping areas. For the next 26 days, Torrance merchants will be offering their Christmas shopping specials in the pages of the Torrance Press. This issue

is just the start of the special holiday offerings. More will come in the special holiday issues. At the same time, Torrance's downtown merchants were elated over completion of two new parking lots in the downtown section. Shown below are the two lots on Cabrillo ave. as leveling and paving contractors were putting the finishing touches to the lots.



City Fire Insurance Rates To Drop, Underwriters Say

Some good news was handed to city residents this week when City Manager George Stevens informed council members that the National Board of Fire Underwriters had ordered a reduction in fire insurance rates.

The reduction was brought about after the board had surveyed the city's fire defenses and physical conditions and had ordered changes in classifications in central Torrance and its outer sections.

Stevens quoted a communication from Joseph Silveira of the Pacific Fire Rating Bureau which indicated that the classification in central Torrance had been changed from six to five, and in the outer section, from class eight to six.

The change in classification, Silveira said, will result in the following reductions in fire insurance rates:

Central Torrance: Mercantile buildings will be reduced approximately 20 per cent; residential dwellings, approximately seven per cent; and contents of residential dwellings, 11 per cent.

Outer Torrance: Mercantile buildings will be reduced approximately 24 per cent; residential dwellings, 26 per cent; and contents of residential dwellings, 18 per cent.

Stevens informed the council that "quite a bit more progress" had been made by the city in its fire protection services since the board's survey in October, 1956.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Those Who Can't Forget

By MILLIE WEST

Publicity Chairman, Torrance March on Muscular Dystrophy

It is a large part of the Thanksgiving tradition that we Americans, grateful for an abundance of good fortune, also give thought to those less fortunate than ourselves.

This year, let's make that thought include the 200,000 victims of muscular dystrophy, most of whom are children. The first week of December has been proclaimed by Mayor Albert Isen as Muscular Dystrophy Week in Torrance. Torrance Fire Fighters will conduct a door-to-door drive for funds vitally needed to press forward the program of medical research seeking the cause and a cure for the malady, and to maintain the patient services and the work in education and recreation.

Those stricken with the disease need no such reminder of the tragedy that has befallen them. They can never lay aside the crushing burdens imposed by the strange waste-away of strength that is the mark of muscular dystrophy. They know that every moment of their lives tragically narrowed and shortened, is lived in a vast difference from all other lives. And they never forget that their only hope is in the advances made by research scientists.

Fortunately, that work presses forward steadily under sponsorship of Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc. But only through the continued support of a generous public can it continue and expand. That open-hearted generosity, that understanding, are there surely, needing only the practical way of appealing to it.

You, the public can answer this appeal. Next week, Muscular Dystrophy Week, Torrance Fire Fighters will call at your door. All Torrance Fire stations will be open to receive pledges and contributions. Muscular Dystrophy canisters have been distributed to markets and planes of business throughout Torrance for your convenience by the So. Division of California Beer Wholesalers Associations, Inc., to supplement the fire fighters drive for funds. Let your thought, for a few moments this Thanksgiving, be of those who have few other thoughts. Remember those who cannot forget.

SCHOOL HEAD ATTACKS CITY FOR SHIFTING TAX BLAME

'Girlie' Mag Vendors Promise Cooperation

Acting on the promise of cooperation by two distributors of so-called "girlie" and "peep" magazines, the City Council voted Tuesday night to organize an advisory committee that would draw up a "code of principles" for the distributors to follow.

The advisory body, to be composed of magazine distributors of the area, five citizens appointed by members of the city council and two representatives of Torrance merchants who sell magazines, was to be named by December 10.

They will undertake a form of "voluntary regulation" over the types of magazines sold in the city area, Mayor Albert Isen said in proposing formation of the committee. "This won't be a censorship committee," he warned.

His proposal, the outgrowth of a plan suggested by Councilman Robert Jahn to set up a citizens committee to tell distributors and sellers what magazines should come into the area, was adopted by the council.

The two magazine distributors, George Epstein of the Independent Magazine Co. of San Pedro, and Charles Ridgely of Magazine Distributing Co. of Wilmington, took the wind out of the sails of the council when they sat down in the informal pre-council session and announced that they were willing to cooperate in every way.

The council had been expecting a battle but all they got were denials that the two distributors were handling "pornographic, lewd or obscene" magazines and books. "There are some magazines who good taste is not in the same refinement as the Saturday Evening Post or the Ladies Home Journal," Epstein said.

A battle arose within the council, however, when Councilman Nick Draie suggested that "landlords should screen their tenants." This was a reference to a tenant in a building owned by Mayor Isen. The tenant was one of 14 sellers of objectionable magazines listed in a report by Lt. Douglas C. Cook of the Juvenile Bureau.

"That's ridiculous," Isen shot back. "Let's not get political over this. Let's stick to the issues."

Draie retorted: "It's not political with me. I want to see them eliminated."

The two magazine distributors listened to the comments of interested spectators in the half-filled council chamber. They heard Rev. Charles Ara of the Catholic Church denounce the type of pocketbooks, as well as magazines, made available in stores.

"If there's the slightest danger that contaminated food will make people sick, government agencies ban the food," Rev. Ara said. "Here we have magazine and books contaminating the minds of children and adults."

Rev. Milton Sippel, president of the Torrance Ministerial Association, told the council that the association was "heartily in favor" of the council's attempts to curb the sale and distribution of objectionable magazines.

The council, later in its meeting, adopted a new ordinance which called for fines of up to \$500 and jail sentences up to six months for anyone selling or distributing "lewd, salacious and obscene literature."

Hull Says City Tells Half Story

Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull took out after the city government this week for making the Torrance Unified School District "look like spendthrifts."

Dr. Hull objected to a story that emanated from City Hall which indicated that the city's tax monies were going mostly to maintain schools.

"That's just half the story," Dr. Hull said, as he explained that he was "not mad at the city."

"I just don't want them running my business," he maintained. "I'll keep my nose out of city business and I don't appreciate their sticking their nose into ours."

Hull explained that the \$3.44

Float Drive Results in 'Drop in Bucket' So Far

Money continues to roll in for financing the Torrance float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

In making the announcement, President A. E. Thompson of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce said his group was gratified that the \$370 thus far raised is only a "drop in the bucket." A minimum of \$4,000 must be raised to have Torrance properly represented, Thompson said.

Chamber officials explained that the float would not be representing the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, but all the people of Torrance.

Chairman George Bradford of the Float Committee said, "Someone had to guarantee the financial backing of the float, and we did so because we strongly believe our City should be properly represented."

Bradford added that donations of \$1 or more would entitle the donor to membership in the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association, a non-profit organization being formed by the Chamber to handle all arrangements in future years.

Memberships are Associate, \$1; Sustaining, \$5; Sponsor, \$10; and Patron, \$25. Donations should be mailed to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1345 El Prado. Membership cards will be returned.

Bradford added, "Although we do not have the funds on hand to pay for the float, we feel that the citizens of Torrance want to prove the All-America City honor received by Torrance because of citizenship participation, was no 'fluke.'

Donations received thus far in the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association include:

Foster and Kleiser \$100; Torrance Police Revolver Club \$50; Los Angeles County Lifeguards \$50; Jefferson, Incorporated \$42; Aetna Maintenance Company \$42; Southern California Gas Company \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. VanBellehem \$5; Frank Frohnhoefer family \$4; Mr. and Mrs. Peter K. Barker \$2.

Chamber officials stated that many promises of support have been received by organizations who are waiting on formal action of Board of Directors.

Two-Year Old Accidentally Strangled

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday for two-year-old George Flood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Flood, of 3759 W. 242 st., who was accidentally strangled while asleep in his crib.

Police said the baby had been choked to death when a harness, apparently kept on to prevent the child from climbing out of his crib, slipped around his neck.

Flood and his wife, Dorothy, discovered the accident Saturday morning and called police. A fire department resuscitator unit was rushed to the house but attempts to revive the child failed.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday at the Mission Memorial Cemetery at Seaside, near Monterey.

Grandparents of the child are Mrs. Louise Flood and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gill.

Council OK's 33 Stop Signs

The City Council approved traffic commission recommendations to install stop signs on 33 street corners and to install a lantern type signal in front of the Bishop Montgomery High school.

Stop signs will be posted on: 233rd St. at Pennsylvania; Dennis at Sharynne Lane, and at Sharynne Lane at Dennis; Portola at Sartori; Glenburn at 171st st.; Cota at Carson; Post st. at Carson; El Prado at Cabrillo and "No Left Turn" be posted and painted; Cabrillo at 213th st.; Del Amo at Anza; Arlington and 190th st.; Arlington at 182nd st.; 170th st. at Casimir; Victor at Spencer; Spencer at Amie; Amie at Garnet; Emerald at Amie; Emerald at Victor; Camino de las Colinas at Calle Miramar; Toluca at Spencer; Wood at Spencer; Entradero at Spencer; Amie at Del Amo; Del Amo at Madrona; Spencer at Madrona; Garnet at Madrona; Emerald at Madrona; Emerald at Henrietta; the service road on the south west corner of Sepulveda Blvd. at Leyte drive.

The commission also recommended that the speed limit be reduced from 55 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour from Madrona to Henrietta on Del Amo.

Town Topics

Five hundred youngsters became Christmas Tree salesmen for the YMCA this week in preparation for the Y's annual tree sale which begins December 13. Y-Indian Guides, the Gra-Y and Adventure club members were distributing discount tickets toward the purchase of trees on the Y lot at Arlington ave. and Torrance Blvd. The lot, said Sam Van Wagner, chairman of the Y's tree sale committee, will be open 24 hours a day from December 13 to 22. All proceeds will go to finance Y youth projects.

Torrance Police Officers Association members extended thanks to the more than 4,000 city residents who turned out to the association's annual ball to the other week. The huge turnout in the Long Beach Auditorium not only warmed the hearts of association members but filled the association's treasury. The funds go entirely to support youth activities sponsored by police officers. The official thanks came from Association President Don M. Hartsell, Vice President Robert Hammond, Secretary Dorothy Culverhouse and Treasurer Robert Stone.

The city's newest industry, Coleman Engineering Co., will be ready for an official opening the first week in February, according to Ted Carroll, assistant to the general manager. But about half of the company's 500 employees haven't waited for the formal opening. They've already moved to Torrance or its environs. More than 45 families have purchased homes within the city's limits.

Another honor came to Felix Strumwasser, 23, son of Oscar Torrance. Young Strumwasser Department store in downtown Strumwasser, owner of Strum's became one of the youngest neurophysiologists to work at the National Institute of Mental Health, a government agency near Washington. He is one of the youngest students to receive a Doctor of Philosophy degree at UCLA.

Buffalo Bill will ride again in the person of Jackie Mandell who makes a personal appearance at the Roadium Drive-In Theatre with the "Pecos Kid" on three nights. The two recreated western stars will appear at the theaters snack bar during intermissions, November 28, 29 and 30.

Press Ad Sets Speed Record

The ink was hardly dry on the classified ad that Mrs. Elizabeth Rowe, of 21926 S. Vermont Ave., ran in the weekend Torrance Press when she sold the crib and mattress she advertised.

Mrs. Rowe's ad in the weekend edition, distributed through town on Sunday, offered a used Storkline baby crib and a cotton mattress for \$15.

"I sold the crib and mattress to the first caller early Sunday morning," Mrs. Rowe told a Torrance press advertiser. "And I was getting calls on the ad all day Sunday and Monday."

Mrs. Rowe proved to her satisfaction that a Torrance Press classified ad not only brings immediate results, but draws response for days and days. Prove this to your satisfaction by placing a Torrance Press classified ad yourself. Call FA 8-2345.

Boils Over Opposition to Juvenile Hall

A Torrance Press editorial opposing the plan of County supervisors to locate a South Bay-Harbor area Juvenile Hall in Torrance so aroused the indignation of David Boxer, of 22926 Kent ave., that he came to the City Council meeting Tuesday to unburden himself.

Boxer told city council members that he disagreed with the council's opposition to the plan and the Torrance Press editorial against it.

"We can't just take all the good, and not some of the bad," he said. He insisted that while he did not favor a juvenile hall in the city, he believed it to be the obligation of the city to accept the supervisors' plan if they decided to place one in Torrance.

Mayor Albert Isen invited Boxer back to a later council meeting when the formal resolution of opposition to the juvenile hall will be discussed.