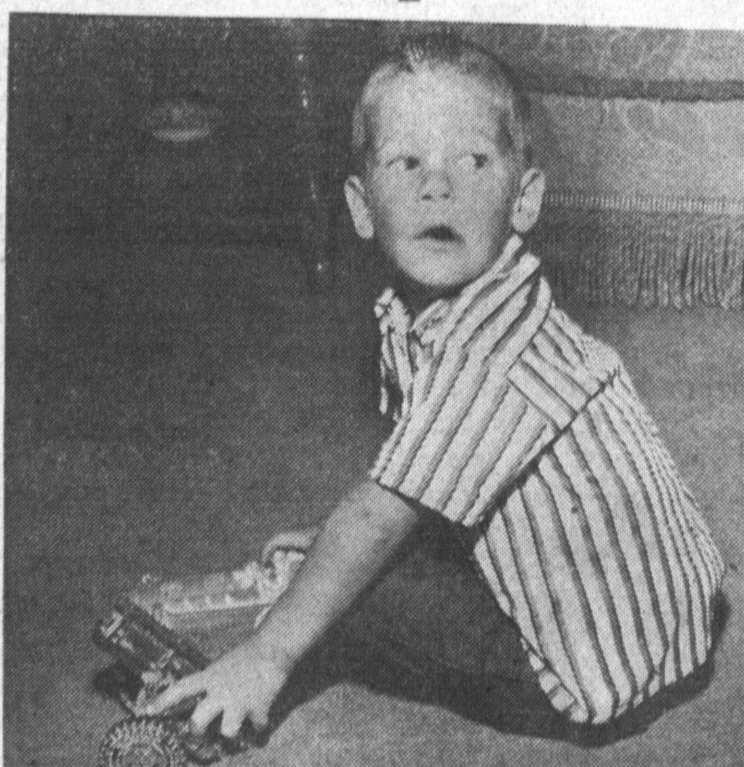


A Boy Gets Ready for His First Day of School



PLAYMATES—Mike Godfrey, who will be five years old in November, was having a good time playing with his kittens, Measles, Tagger and Smokey . . . Press Photos by Milt Svensk



AND TOYS—The broken wagon was also nice to play with in his home at 2822 W. 242nd place, but the reveries was suddenly denly interrupted by his mother . . .



AND THE COMB— . . . Who, in the way of mothers, wanted to make sure that Mike looks neat, despite his Mohawk haircut, because today is the day he starts out in kindergarten . . .



ON THE FIRST DAY— . . . Mike is somewhat dwarfed by the Howard Wood Elementary School which he will attend today for the first time. But he's got his bat to hang on to.

CAR CRASHES TAKE BIG TOLL

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Program Against Lewd Mags Suggested to City Council

Broker's Swim Saves Crew of Stranded Boat

Don Bowker, 31, a local insurance broker, swam three miles to summon rescue for himself and two Lomita companions who were stranded in a stalled speedboat.

Bowker, of 27029 Buckskin lane, Rolling Hills, swam to shore through choppy seas off Sunset Beach, after the electrical system failed on the boat en route from Newport Beach to Wilmington.

Bowker summoned assistance from the Coast Guard who towed the floundering craft ashore. With Bowker were Hank Goethals, 33, of 2074 Lomita Blvd., and William Orr, 24, of 1707 W. 239th st.

Swallows Ant Poison

An 18-month-old tot, was reported safe after she had accidentally taken ant poison.

The mother, Mrs. George Reid, of 2604 Martha ave., rushed her daughter, Clarice to Harbor General Hospital, where she was treated.

LOMITA BUILDING TOTAL

Issuance of 217 building permits with a total valuation of \$2,423,380 during August, was reported by the Lomita office of the County Building and Safety Division. Of the total, \$2,049,300 was accounted for by residential construction.

Smut Ban Backing Sought

Backing for a program which seeks the cooperation of businessmen to curb the supply of lewd and obscene magazines was sought from the City Council last night.

Rev. William Schatz, spokesman for the Committee for Decent Magazines and Publications, said his group has determined that "the whole crux of the problem is at the point of sale."

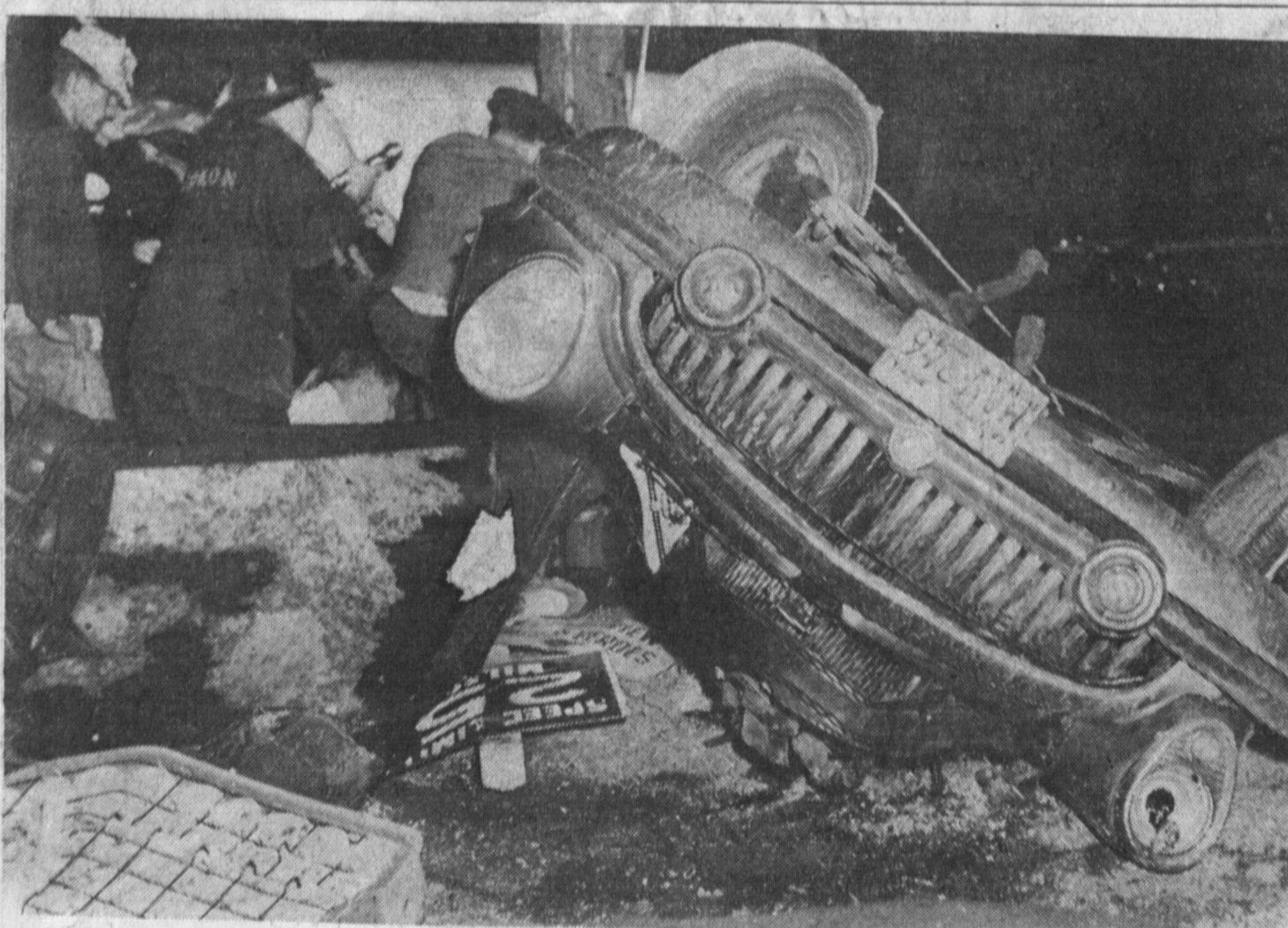
He asked support of the city fathers in a drive to seek voluntary cooperation from Torrance merchants to stop the supply of objectionable literature.

Clean Bill

Under the program advanced by the committee, businessmen who pledge their cooperation in keeping their shelves free of lewd magazines, would receive a decal to display on their windows.

"There is a real desire by merchants to have citizens' backing in an effort to supply good literature," Rev. Schatz, pastor of the Seaside Community United Church of Christ, said.

The committee's program would also enlist the support of the public in not purchasing (Continued on Page Two)



TWISTED WRECKAGE—Firemen are at work cutting Duane Gibb, 23, out of the twisted wreckage of his car after it buckled around power pole at Hawthorne Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway early Sunday morning. Gibb, whose arm is indicated by arrow, was taken to Harbor General Hospital with

critical head injuries. Police said they lost him five minutes before the accident during a high-speed chase through downtown Torrance. Parts of auto, which cork-screwed itself around pole, were flung as far as 100 feet away.

Photo by Ray Durloo

Seven Injured in Traffic Accidents

Seven persons were injured in 10 traffic accidents in one of the most blood-spattered weekends here.

One driver was in critical condition in Harbor General Hospital after his car was turned into a corkscrew when it wrapped itself around a pole.

The top of another car was sheared off and three occupants seriously injured after their auto smashed into a chain.

Apparently the most seriously injured was Ronald Duane Gibb, 23, of 305 Bennett st., Compton, whose auto sideswiped another car, smashed a signal post and wrapped itself around a power pole at Hawthorne Blvd. and Pacific Coast highway early Sunday morning after eluding police during a high speed chase.

Free Driver

Firemen, police and ambulance attendants worked more than 30 minutes to free Gibb from the wreckage of his car which was completely demolished. Parts of the machine were scattered as far as 100 feet away.

Policeman Jerry Snyder said he first observed Gibb's car racing east on Torrance Blvd., at speeds in excess of 70 m.p.h., but lost it during a pursuit into the downtown area. Five minutes later, Gibb's car sideswiped an auto driven by George L. Winchester of Long Beach, and crashed into the poles.

Takes Top Off

In another major accident, a sedan driven by Joseph Kessler, 70, of Long Beach, crashed into a chain strung across the entrance to the Torrance pistol range on Crenshaw Blvd. near 25th st., causing the top of the car to be sheared off.

Kessler and two passengers, Ellen Cork, 48, and Lillie Douglas, 57, of Long Beach, were taken to Harbor General Hospital with head injuries, police reported.

A woman passenger suffered a possible broken leg and cuts and bruises in a three-car collision at Lomita and Hawthorne blvds., Saturday.

Three-Car Crash

Taken to Harbor General Hospital were Mrs. Eva Marie Amen, 55, of 2419 W. 227th st., a passenger in the car driven by her husband, Fred, police said.

Drivers of the other autos involved in the crash were Charles (Continued on Page Two)

Cow Ban On City Docket

The smoldering dispute between residents and dairymen was scheduled to come to a decision last night after the proposed ouster of the cows went back before the City Council.

An ordinance which would close the 11 Torrance dairies by Jan. 1, 1960, was placed on last night's agenda following a 90-day "cooling off" period when both sides were advised to reach an understanding.

A group of residents from North Torrance emphasized their opposition to the milk-producers when they waved fly-specked household items before the council.

Dairy owners claim that several hundred employees will lose their jobs if the ban goes into effect and that milk prices will increase.

200 Calls Ring Phone off Hook

Mrs. Kathryn Jaeger, of 2008 W. 231st st., was somewhat surprised when she received at least 200 telephone calls after her classified ad appeared in the Torrance Press.

His ad sought a babysitter for five days a week, and the phone started ringing just after the paper with the ad was delivered.

"I couldn't begin to count all the calls, but I got the right person for the job," reported Mrs. Jaeger.

If you have something to sell, rent or buy, call a Torrance Press classified ad-taker at FA 8-2345 for courteous and helpful service.



CUTS RIBBON—Fascinating Kathy Marlow will cut the ribbon that will open officially the fabulous Food Giant Market at 4848 West 190th Street at Anza Blvd. today at 9 a.m. Doors will be opened immediately following brief ceremonies before the main entrance to the market. Fun, excitement, prizes and out-of-this-world food values will follow. Miss Marlow, who has had a rapid rise to stardom, will leave next month for Texas, where she will star in the Jim Ross production of "Five Bold Women."

Gifts Pour in for Stricken Family as Drive Continues

Gifts have started to pour in from numerous residents to the Offutt family which lost everything except the clothes on their backs in a fire which destroyed their home.

"When one's heart is so full it is difficult to express words of appreciation for the many acts of kindness that have been performed in our behalf," said Mrs. Offutt.

Several truck loads of furniture and clothing and many individual donations have already been received at the Torrance Moose Lodge, 1741 W. Carson st., according to Governor James McCune, and Mrs. Virginia Jenkins, senior regent of the Women of the Moose.

Donation Center

The fraternal organization is using its lodge as a headquarters for donations to the tragedy-

stricken family. The American Legion Post is also assisting with cash donations, and turned over receipts from its Saturday night dance to the Offutts.

A linen and kitchenware shower will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the home of Joseph Platt, 21100 S. Harvard Blvd. In spite of the generous gifts already received, the Moose officers said there is need for a washing machine and many other household items.

The lodge will also seek volunteers from the organization can rebuild the gutted house at 944 W. Milton st., which went up in flames Wednesday, just as Mrs. Offutt and her three children returned from a Moose meeting.

Lay-off, Illness

The family has experienced a

number of reverses in the past year, starting when Offutt was laid off from a well-paying job in Milwaukee.

Their daughter Sue Ann, 3, was stricken with spinal meningitis, and although the little girl recovered almost normal health, the medical bills took just about all the Offutts had left.

They came to Torrance in January and Offutt found a temporary job as a janitor at Harbor General Hospital. He now faces loss of this job, unless he can obtain dental work which would enable him to pass the physical examination for permanent appointment.

A Moose committee composed of Carter Dow, Henry Grabb, Joseph Platt, Mrs. Edward Peacock, Mrs. Stanley Heiman and Mrs. Joseph Platt, is in charge of the benefit program.

Record Number Of Students in Local Schools

It was "back to the books" today for some 23,500 Torrance students.

Classes at 23 elementary schools and three high schools began today, with an increase of about 2150 students over last year's enrollment. One new school, Calle Mayor Elementary School, opened for the first time, with four other schools slated to open later in the school year.

Double sessions will not be as heavy this year as in 1957, with some 4530 students attending half days.

BOY BREAKS ARM

Fiennes administered first aid to Carl Snyder, 9, of 4034 W. 175th place, Tuesday, when the youngster broke his arm while on a slide at McMasters Park. He was taken to Pacific View Hospital.

Food Giant Opens New Store With Huge Sale

All Food Giant Markets will feature the same Grand Opening food values as those offered at the opening of the new North Torrance Food Giant Market this weekend. The spectacular sale will herald the addition of the 16th market to the burgeoning supermarket chain.

"Ribbon cutting ceremonies at 9 a.m. today at 190th street and Anza boulevard in Torrance will open the doors to the greatest food sale ever presented Food Giant customers in all of our markets," Glen Butler, Division Manager of Food Giant, said.

Movie Starlet Kathy Marlow will snip the ribbon which will signal the beginning of the grand opening sale in the new supermarket.

Food Giant officials planned the opening of the 40,000 square foot market to coincide with the opening of schools, thus offering

residents of the area scores and scores of special food values when they are most appreciated.

The newest market of the chain will be managed by Vincent Michael, who resides in Torrance at 2631 Lofly View drive. He has been in the grocery business for 25 years and the last 13 years with Food Giant.

All employees of the market, including 80 box boys, were hired from the area surrounding the market.

VANDALS FLOOD HOME

Vandals caused damage estimated at \$2000 when they flooded the home of Robert L. Gish Dalemead st. over the weekend. The residents complained to police that someone had turned on a garden hose, causing water to stand several inches high when they returned.