Three Injured in Train, Horse, Auto Accidents



WINNING DRIVE-Martin Jack of Torrance won a 109-mile safety economy run sponsored for driver education teachers by receiving the highest score on ton-mileage. Jack heads the driver education department at Leuzinger High School. Press Photo

Teacher Proves Own Instruction Effective

practice what he teaches was cars. brought home by a Torrance man "A teacher is only human, he in the form of a first place tro- is careless like everyone else. If up at their homes and the other

Winner of the event, which a good example, he said.

The instructor said he was sponsored by General Petrol Southern California for Driver plete lack of errors. Education instructors, was Mar- Part of the secret in winning ing their series of break-ins.

tin Jack, of 2435 Border Ave. economy safety runs is to avoid The head of the driver educa- quick starting and stopping. tion department at Leuzinger High School, Lawndale, won the in advance all problems, such as run with a 57.83 ton mileage in signals, and try to time yourself his 1950 Cadillac convertible. Actor avert quick action." tual fuel consumption was 22.24 To prepare himself for the

His co-driver on the 109-mile on the accelerator pedal and trip to Saugus was Jack Town- wore a stockinged right foot. sand, another Leuzinger instruc-

times apt to boo-boo when it Economy Run do it."

of Supervisors this week to

counteract piecemeal annexation

Prairie Ave., and Inglewood Ave.,

from Rosecrans to 149th St.

tts March 23 meeting.

El Camino College.

moon and evening.

Await Decision

on Legality of

Judge Eugene P. Fay.

on Portobello drive.

aid property owners.

cil to construct a drain de-

Drainage Funds

SACULTY CONFERENCE

of Lawndale.

Stall Torrance Annexation

Only last week Torrance filed | Torrance

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THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1959 NUMBER 93 Youth Theft Gang Confesses 27 Jobs

Students Caught on **Burglaries**

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School students Monday night has resulted in their confession Proof that an instructor can comes to chauffering their own of 27 burglaries here during the past four months.

Two of the boys were picked phy in a weekend Safety Econo- we make mistakes though, the two on the street on their way students watch, and we must set home, Det. Sgt. Don Hamilton

The instructor said he won the The four Walteria boys, aged eum and the Automobile Club of ton-mileage event because of com- 14 and 15, took about \$300 in eash, liquor and five guns dur-

said.

One of the young suspects was once caught by the owner of a "You have got to watch well Palos Verdes Estates home, but managed to escape by pulling a knife on his captor.

Participating in the pickup of the four teenagers were Dets. run, Jack placed a sandpaper pad Myles Hamilton, Ralph Walker and Wally Nitz.

"I don't know whether that Sgt. Hamilton said that the helped," he conceded. "But my boys admitted burglarizing 20 Jack admitted that even driver partner said that's the way some homes in Torrance, mostly in education teachers are some of the fellows in the regular Walteria, one in Palos Verdes Estates and six in the Rolling Hills

He said that the boys were mainly interested in cash, and Courthouse Rites Lawndale Cityhood Move May gave away or threw away most. County and city officials Monof the weapons. They them- day participated in the dedicaselves consumed the whiskey which was stolen in the burglar- tion of the 325,000 municipal

Torrance's northward annexation push may be slowed down this week if petitions for incorporation of most of Lawndale are field in the Walteria area. The The ceremonies marked the One gun was recovered in a ter. boys operated either in pairs or official launching of the branch own, president of the Lawndale Chamber of Com- with three of them participating They were turned over to ju- court in the modern new buildmerce, said that cityhood petitions may be filed with the Board venile officers for prosecution, ing which was occupied earlier in the burglaries.

of Lawndale bounded by Compton Blvd., Redondo Beach Blvd., Prairie Ave. and Van Ness Ave. Lawndale leaders want to incorporate an area bounded by Expressed Activities Rosecrans Ave. and Redondo Torrance's interest in taking Slated Beach Blvd. They delayed filing papers

gram in this area, During last

Hugh R. Percy of St. Andrews

Episcopal Church and president

of the Torrance Ministerial As-

sociation, who will deliver invo-

cation and Rev. Michael J. Mc-

Nulty, principal of Bishop Mont-

gomery High School, who will

deliver benediction.

They delayed filing papers because part of that area is under consideration for merger with Hawthorne This is completed as a latempt to get a "foothold" and Torrance's public and parochial annex Lomita.

Over Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2, was described as an Nearly 1000 teachers from attempt to get a "foothold" and Torrance's public and parochial annex Lomita. prised of an odd-shaped strip on That was the statement of Mrs. Rusiness Industry on the second and industry on the second and industry of the statement of Mrs. both sides of Hawthorne Blvd. Dessie Myers, president of the nual Business-Industry-Education Lomita Property Owners and program sponsored by the Tor-

The Hawthorne City Council Registered Voters Association in rance Chamber of Commerce on will check signatures on an ex-seeking signatures to annex the Tuesday. elusion petition for the strip at water system to County District the originator of the B-I-E Pro- ing Superintendent Lee Schlens. Court March 13.

retained a part time employe to rance's interest in the water site executives from South Bay, Glendetermine if Lawndale as a uation which recently resulted dale and Santa Monica were Building Code. whole would be interested in be- in a building ban in South Tor- guests in Torrance, and afterming part of Torrance. While rance, Mrs, Myers also opposed wards Chairman Fred Brunner

ing move last week to annex a incorporation as a city and then program. In each instance he section near, but not including the new city buying and improv- was successful as each communing the water company. Some ity now holds its own B-I-E Day. Torrance has also indicated a people want extra jobs at your The all-day program will start desire to test the feelings of expense," she declared.

at 9 a.m. in the Torrance High property owners in portions of She urged residents to sign School Auditorium where the Lomita for annextation proceedpetitions to annex the private group will hear an address by water system to the county in Leslie B. Worthington, President order to raise cash to improve of Columbia-Geneva Steel Divithe distribution system. sion of United States Steel Corp.

El Camino College faculty Low water pressure has been Extending greetings will be members will meet with representatives of the American Association of Junior Colleges, the California Junior College Association, and the Southern Call-Isen: superintendent of schools,

fornia Junior College Association in Long Beach tomorrow after- Jet Airplane **Eyed for Use** at Playground

ality to Torrance youngsters if Decision on whether a city the Recreation Department has Seek Pumping official can block a City Coun-

eil allocation is expected to be The Park and Recreation Com- of Park Sump made shortly by Superior mission last night was to hear Drainage of El Retiro Park a request by Harry B. Van Belsump after each rain to avert Jerome I. Scharfman, direclehem to place an obsolete jet drowning of a child, was request-airplane in one of the city's ed by the Hollywood Riviera or to finance, has refused to approve a \$10,000 allocation authorized by the City Coun-

Home Owners Association this The engine and other mov- week. able parts would be removed "The rain water which collects signed to stop further slides from the aircraft which would in El Retiro Park is an attract the characteristics of a good-City Attorney Stanley Re- be used for youngsters for make- tive nuisance. We fear that some believe flights. child will drown. It is suggest-

melmeyer has brought suit Several months ago an aban-ed that such water be pumped against Scharfman for the purpose of testing the legality of doned fire engine was placed in out as soon after each rain as in a survey of 23 high schools using general fund money to McMaster's Park for use of chil- possible," President W. J. Han- studied by Dr. Conant, they son asked the City Council.



OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED-Participating in Bar Association; Mayor Albert Isen; Supervisthe dedication ceremonies of Torrance's new ors Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn. court house in the civic center are, from left, Boris S. Wooley, president of the South Bay

Car Shears Fire Plug, Gets Stuck in Hole

Thousands of gallons of water showered on busy Pacific Coast highway Monday evening when a fire hydrant was sheared off by an auto.

Bernard William Sage, 21, of 1712 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, told police that his brakes failed and in order avoid crashing through an intersection, he swerved and hit Immediately a geyser of water spurted from the hydrant

at Ocean Ave, and Pacific Coast highway, crowded by evening rush hour traffic Sage's auto was stuck on top the hole made by the ripped-off hydrant and a tow truck was unable to pull it out

Finally a fire department salvage truck managed to free the water-splashed vehicle and turn the job back to the tow

Following the accident, a number of residents in the area complained of interrupted water service.

Pair Faces Trial on Check Charge mit fees for the relocations of a building to 21401 Madrona Ave.

of the mud

Higher building permit fees dered to stand trial on forgery made to the City Council this were asked this week by Build-charges in Inglewood Superior week.

The official pinted out that the They are Ronald Russo and Otto B. Willett Monday.

MOVE CLUBHOUSE Request to waive building per-

Two 19-year-old men were or- to serve as a clubhouse for the Torrance Mounted Police, was

Several weeks ago Torrance While taking a slap at Tor- year's event, chamber and school fee schdeule has been raised in David L. Sanders both of whom Both are accused of issuing

Parents of Killed Boy

responsibility, a Torrance engin- Ave. eer will be sued for \$152,000 by auto accident.

of 4029 W. 184th St., operated said. his vehicle negligently, causing the death of Jose Medrano, 6.

The school bus, driven by Dorthe death of Jose Medrano, 6.

when he was struck by Uberti's and he was crossing the street car on Plaza del Amo adjacent to go home when he was struck, to Torrance High School on Feb. officers said. 20, the complaint, filed by Boris S. Woolley asserts.

nal responsibility by a coroner's inquest Monday.

The parents of the youngster, to Take of 263 Plaza del Amo, claims \$51,000 punitive damages in addition to general damages \$101,000.

tality of the year. operated in a careless manner in learned today. a school zone, the complaint al-



CHANGEOVER-Officer Zeke Trezise is making changes on downtown parking meters to convert them for two hour limit instead of present one-hour limit. All meters in Torrance will be changed except for those in 24-minute zones.

mo official report has been sub-incorporation of Lomita. mitted, the city made a lightening move last week to annex a incorporation as a city and then incorporation are city and city and then incorporation are city and city are city and city and city are c **Marks in Conant Evaluation**

schools compare with other schools across the country?

Officials Attend

court building in the civic cen-

Boris S. Wooley, president of

the South Bay Bar Association,

served as master of ceremonies

at the dedication. The major

address was given by Supervi-

In addition to the courtroom,

space for the district attorney,

lowed the conclusion of cere-

A public inspection tour fol-

building contains office

sor Burton W. Chace.

marshal, and sheriff.

Fee Hike Seen

this month.

Pretty well according to a comparison of local practices with the recommendations and figures contained in the Conant Report on "The American High School Today." The report was presented to the Torrance Board of Education last Dr. J. H. Hull, and School Board President Clinton B. Cooke: Rev.

The Conant report, made under the auspices of the Carnegie Foundation, was prepared by Dr. James B. Conant, former president of Harvard. It reports on practices at many high schools throughout the country today. It makes a number of recommendations and sets forth an academic inventory (check list) of things to look for in judging the instruction of brightest stud-

The comparison indicates the following: 1. The three Torrance high

schools generally practice the 21 recommendations which Dr. Conant identifies as being comprehensive high school.

2. If Torrance High and North High had been included

brightest boys taking a maximum number of academic subjects. Both would rank about average in the number of bright girls taking these subjects. (South High was not compared, since it has no seniors this year).

3. Comparisons of subjects taken by brighter students at Torrance High and North High show that in 74 of 106 categories, local students took as many or more academic subjects as the average brighter pupil in the 23 selected high schools. In an additional 14 categories, the local schools ranked only slightly lower. Torrance schools ranked consistently lower only in music and art.

An academic inventory, involving a comparison of classes taken by the top 15 per cent of local seniors with those taken by the brightest group surveyed in the Conant Report

1. Social studies-Far more North and Torrance High students take these courses, particularly advanced courses,

English-More North High students take advanced English courses than the Conant group average; the num-

3. Math-More North High students take advanced math than the selected school average; Torrance High is slightly below the national average.

4. Science—For some reason North High School boys and Torrance High School girls take more science courses than the Conant average. Torrance High School boys rank about average; while North High School girls take slightly fewer courses than average.

5. Foreign language—In beginning courses, both North High School and Torrance High School have many more students than average. In advanced courses, numbers are lower than average, except for Torrance High boys. 6. Music and art-Fewer

students at both schools take music and art courses than the Conant average. North High girls are an exception to the district-wide trend, how-

7. Total number of academic subjects-Both schools rank far above the Conant average in the number of students who take from 15 to 19 academic subjects during their high school careers. The only exception is the North High would have ranked third and | ber at Torrance High is about | girls, who fall somewhat below

"The results of this academic inventory will help the counselling staffs of the high schools work on areas which need special attention," commented Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent.

"The academic inventory shows that communities are different. Every effort is being made to have the Torrance high schools prepare Torrance children for their future occupations or schooling. High school programs in different communities are affected by the needs, expectations, and occupations of the areas which they serve.

"Torrance high schools aim for a broad general education for students." Most high school students take English, social studies, science, math, physical education, health, and fine arts. Students also have opportunities to study subjects of an immediately practical nature, such as business education, industrial arts, and

homemaking. "Pupils with special interests and abilities in academic subjects may and do take advanced courses in math, scisocial studies."

Horse Hit by Auto, Spills Boy

Three Torrance youths were injured in accidents with trains, horses and autos Tuesday

Steve Lowell, 15, of 3419 W. 228th St., escaped with minor injuries when he was spilled from his horse which was struck by an auto in front of 20932 Valerie St., police said.

The horse apparently bolted into the street from a field, and was struck by an auto driven by Lois Jean Stepp, 26, of 21124 S. Berendo St., officers said.

The horse suffered a bruise on its left foreleg while the rider received a shoulder injury

Jerry Eddie, 15, of 22905 Walnut Ave., received a compound ankle fracture when he slipped while hitching a ride on a Santa Fe freight train.

The youth told police that he hopped the train near Torrance High School, and injured his ankle when he tried to get off near Sepulveda Blvd. and Western Ave. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

A six-year old boy suffered minor injuries when he was struck by an auto immediately after he stepped off a parochial Although cleared of criminal school bus at 171st St. and Falda

Robert Eugene Temple, of the parents of a boy killed in an 17102 Falda Ave., was taken to Park Emergency Hospital, Gar-The suit filed yesterday in In- dena, after he was struck by an glewood Superior Court, asserts auto driven by Maurice Mora, that Bruno Joseph Uberti, 38, 17, of 17302 Delia Ave., police

The boy was fatally injured had let the boy off at the corner

Uberti was cleared of crimi-al responsibility by a coroner's

The youngster, a pedestrian. Wade E. Peebles, 38, public was the city's fourth traffic fa- works director and city engineer of Inglewood for nearly seven Punitive damages are sought years, will take over as publicn grounds that the vehicle was works director April 1, it was

He was top man on the eligibility list and will succeed John V. Russell, who has been seeking

retirement for some time. A native of San Diego, Peebles is an SC graduate and received his master's degree in civil engineering from that university. He is presently studying for a doctorate in public administra-

Before he came to Inglewood, the official was a supervising design engineer for the State Division of Highways, where he served for eight years.

He was a first lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II, is past president of the City and County Engineers Association and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

As public works director, he will be in charge of the engineering, building, street and park departments

Driver in Fatal Traffic Mishap Goes on Trial

Jury trial of the driver whose passenger was killed in an auto crash Jan. 3, will start March 28 in Inglewood Superior Court. Roger Kenneth Thomas, 27 of 2709 Mathews St., Redondo

Beach, is charged with manslaughter and felony drunk driv-One of the three passengers in the vehicle at the time it

rammed into a power pole on 190th St. near Hawthorne Blvd... died of injuries she received in the crash.

She was Manola Thomas, 20, of 18903 Hawthorne Blvd., no relation to the defendant.

Bay Leaders Urge Tough Dope Law A "tough" narcotics bill,

pushed by the Elks Lodges of Torrance, Gardena and Redono Beach, will be studied by a legislative sub-committee. A delegation of 65 South Bay

officials, made a flying trip to Sacramento Monday to press request that a law making it mandatory that convicted narcotics peddlers be given 30-year minimum sentences, be adopted. Torrance delegates included

Councilmen George Bradford, Victor Benstead and Willys Blount, Assistant Police Chief M. H. Porter, Roger Holmes, Elks exalted ruler and Joseph E. Yates, chairman of the narcotics program.

Darol Boyko and Margaret Palmer of North High School will presented with Junior ence, creative writing, and Achievement junior executive awards.