

FOUR CHILDREN, MOTHERS HOSPITALIZED IN CAR CRASH

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Landmark Bows to Progress

In a little over a month men with bulldozers will topple a large frame house at 21326 Normandie Ave. With the arrival of the wrecking crews one of the few remaining landmarks of Torrance's colorful ranch days will disappear into history.

The two-story dwelling is the house where Victor Carson, executive vice president of the Dominguez Water Corp., was born and where he still resides 66 years later.

The house, surrounded by clumps of stately trees and flowers, stands on nearly three acres of land which with 57 adjacent acres will become a subdivision to be developed by R. A. Watt on May 1.

Carson and his wife have purchased a new house in Rolling Hills which they will occupy about the same time their present one is torn down.

"It's going to be a little jolt—but it's progress," Carson commented on the move.

The house, much smaller than, was originally built in 1891 near Madrona and Spencer Sts.

But in 1902, with the inauguration of the Pacific Electric line on Normandie Ave., Carson's father, the late John M. Carson, decided to move his home near the tracks to facilitate commuting between his 6000 acre ranch and Los Angeles.

A new front, including a second story, were added in 1916.

The early days were rather lonely, Carson, a sixth generation native Californian, recalls. The closest neighbors were a few farmers in Lomita and Gardena.

His father managed to drive his team of fast horses to Los Angeles in 2½ to 3 hours, cutting off an hour from the time it usually required others. But before arrival of the

P.E., the trip involved an overnight stay in Los Angeles.

In order to move the house to Normandie Ave. it was cut into two sections and transported by 32 mules. With later additions, it now has 2950 square feet of floor space.

Carson attended elementary school in Lomita and Redondo Beach, where he was a classmate of Councilman Victor Benstead, graduated from Gardena High School and the University of California at Davis, where he majored in agriculture.

Although he has seen the changes that have transformed the vast ranch which once was bounded by 190th St., Sepulveda Blvd., Normandie Ave. and the Redondo Beach city line, to a bustling city of 100,000, Carson does not seem to mind.

"Times are better than they used to be. We were too confined to a small area because of lack of transportation," he said.

Passengers of Jammed Auto Suffer Injuries

Seven persons, including four children, were injured in a spectacular two-car collision at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvd. Sunday afternoon.

The driver and five passengers of one jammed car which contained nine persons were taken to Harbor General Hospital, most of them with head and facial cuts.

Injured were Mrs. Elaine Ginsburg, 22, of 1319 Model St., San Pedro, driver of one car, Mrs. Mary Howard, of 1314 Model St., and her four children, Dona H., 5, Cynthia, 2, Blanche, 7½, and Pamela, seven months, all passengers, police said.

Other Driver

Also injured in the crash was Mrs. Beverly McCleary, 22, of 1631 E. Palm St., El Segundo, driver and sole occupant of the other auto, officers said.

Mrs. Ginsburg's three children, who were also riding in the car, apparently escaped injury and were taken from the scene by their father, a cab company operator, officers said.

Both Mrs. Ginsburg and Mrs. Howard received head injuries, while the children suffered from facial cuts. It took several minutes to free Mrs. Howard from the wreckage since she was pinned inside the vehicle, police said.

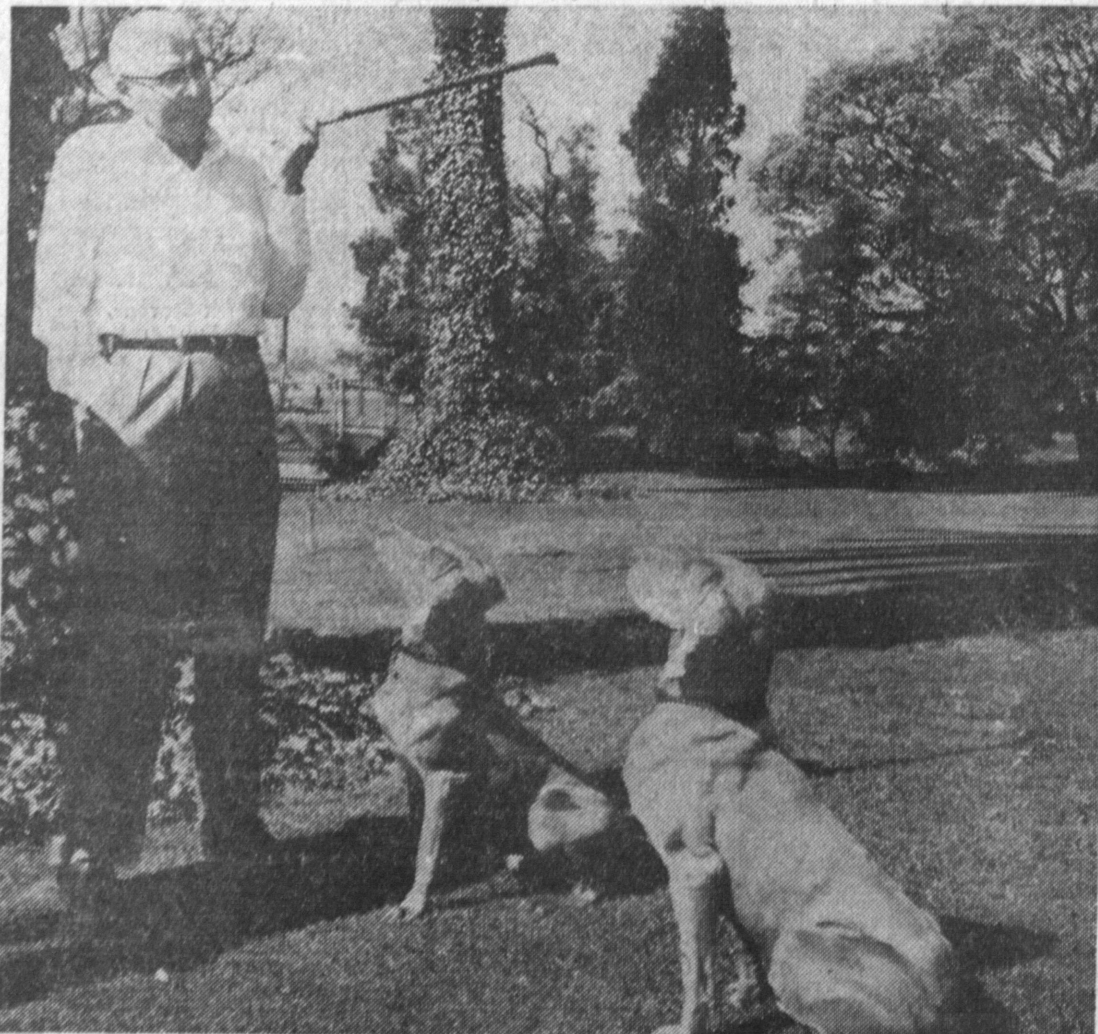
Annexation Reception Termed Cool

Torrance's annexation drive has received a cool reception in Lomita, and a not much warmer one in the Alondra Park area.

That was the gist of a preliminary report submitted by City Manager George Stevens.

Despite Mayor Albert Isen's warning that it's a waste of money, councilmen approved the expenditure of \$500 to find out how residents of Alondra feel about annexation.

If the poll to be conducted by the John B. Knight organization shows a desire for annexation, however, steps may be taken for an "education" campaign in that area.



READY TO MOVE—Victor Carson, who was born in the house, is somewhat nostalgic at moving from the house where he has lived most of his life. "Can't stand in the way of progress, though," he commented. Here he is playing with his dogs in spacious backyard of home, which is situated on three-acre plot. —Press Photo

Official Absenteeism Scored

Hookey Playing by Air Board Members Blasted

If airport commissioners don't attend meetings, they should resign.

That was the declaration of Councilman J. A. Beasley Tuesday after the City Council received an attendance chart of the five-member board.

The report accompanied a letter from Commission President Tom Abrams who charged that chronic hookey-playing members have bogged down business, caused inconvenience to persons with important matters to come up and to Airport Manager Jack Egan.

One commissioner, John Simpson, the report showed, has missed 12 of 20 meetings during the past year and another did not show up for eight.

"If they aren't interested in attending regularly," Beasley declared, "they ought to move out and let somebody else in there."

Mayor Albert Isen ordered that the remarks be recorded in the minutes and be forwarded to all commissioners.

Beasley said that at many meetings, not more than three members ever show up. He cited that last week at a meeting to discuss leasing of a nine-acre parcel, the commission did not meet at all because of lack of quorum.



SOMETHING FISHY—Suzette Du Bois, 7, knew what she was talking about when she discovered something hard in the oyster she was about to eat. She was right. It was a pearl. Now her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Du Bois, of 22701 Draille Drive, are going to make a pearl necklace for Suzanne.

Same Corner

In another crash, the second within 36 hours at Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave., three persons suffered injuries, including possible fractures.

They were Pedro Lerna Alvarez, 24, of 1037 Renton Ave., driver of one of the cars, Joseph Natividad Alvarez, 20, of Redondo, his passenger, and Vivian Daniels, 38, of Los Angeles, passenger in the other machine, which was operated by John Wright, 37, of Inglewood, according to police.

The wife of a sailor was injured when his car collided with a vehicle driven by a soldier in front of the Torrance Drive-In Theater, 5500 Torrance Blvd., over the weekend.

Complaining of a neck injury was Janet Brett, 19, passenger in the car driven by James Edward Brett, 24, a Hermosa Beach sailor. The other car was driven by Juan I. Cordobe, 23, a soldier stationed at Fort MacArthur, police said.

Six persons were injured in accidents Tuesday.

One of them, Mrs. June Gage, 68, of Long Beach, was given emergency treatment after her car rolled over her after she parked it in the driveway at 19333 Beckworth Ave., police said. The vehicle apparently started rolling back while she was trying to get out of it.

Glenda Sands, 3, was taken to Harbor General Hospital after she fell out of the car driven by her mother, Mrs. Jessie Sands, 40, of 1901 Lomita Blvd. at Sepulveda Blvd. and Walnut Ave., officers reported.

Two passengers were injured in a head-on collision at Sepulveda Blvd. near Kent Ave.

Treated were Mrs. Virginia Minor, 36, and Judith Minor, 14, passengers in the car driven by Donald Monroe Minor, 38, of 3822 Onrado Ave., police said.

They identified the other driver as Joseph Andrew Walker, 32, of 22514 Gaycrest Ave.

She also announced that a progress report on a petition drive to annex to County Water District No. 13 will be made.

Suspect Admits 100 Molesting Acts in Area

A former Torrance resident was nabbed by Beverly Hills police Monday where he allegedly admitted more than 100 molesting acts and indecent exposure in the South Bay area.

The suspect, Roland Robert Justice, 36, assertedly confessed that he had engaged in the acts for the past two years.

Torrance police said they are checking their files to see if he fits the description of suspects in any cases reported here. They said they have \$163 in traffic warrants for the suspect.



TO BE RAZED—The Carson home, which has been a landmark on Normandie Ave., just north of Carson St. since it was moved there in 1902, will be razed May 1 to make room for subdivision. Stately old trees which surround it will be offered to the city for use some other place. —Press Photo

Petition Lighting District

Petitions for the formation of a street lighting district which may include as many as 3000 lots in various parts of the city, were submitted to the City Council Tuesday.

City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop said that he has presently received petitions representing 2200 lots which have been signed by 60 per cent of the property owners.

Cut-off date for submitting petitions is April 1 and the lights are expected to be turned on Nov. 1.

He said in addition there will be several subdivisions where poles have been installed. Petitions have also been received for 20,000 lumen mercury vapor lights on Pacific Coast Highway from Crenshaw Blvd. to Calle Mayor and on Hawthorne Blvd. from Newton to 238th Sts.

Areas which will be included in the district to be formed under 1919 Act proceedings, include sections in North Torrance, Southwood, a section near the Del Amo Shopping Center, Welteria, and West Torrance.

DAY OFF SLATED

City employees will be given a day off on the Fridays preceding Memorial Day and Independence Day, under a recommendation made by City Manager George Stevens. Both holidays will fall on Saturdays this year.

Driver Reports Shot Hits Car

A mysterious gunshot, fired at a Rolling Hills woman while driving along a Torrance street Sunday, was under investigation by detectives today.

Mrs. Arline Rush, of 27004 Strawberry Lane, told police that while she was driving on Crenshaw Blvd. near 239th St., she suddenly heard a shot.

She stopped the vehicle and found that the windshield on the driver's side had been creased and the sideview mirror dented. Shattered glass fell into the car.

Even a Welding Machine Goes Fast with Press

Even a welding machine can be sold quickly with the help of the Torrance Press.

That was the experience last week of Mrs. Charles Butterfield, of 22713 Cypress Ave., who wanted to dispose of her welding machine.

The first day her classified ad appeared in the Torrance Press, she found a buyer for the machine and received the top price she asked for it.

If you have something to sell, buy or rent, call a Torrance Press ad-taker at FA 8-2345 and let her help you with your advertising problems.

Juvenile Problem Topic in Lomita

Juvenile problems will be the topic of discussion by the Lomita Property Owners and Tax Payers Association today at 8 p.m. in the Lomita Elementary School auditorium.

Mrs. Dessie Myers, president of the association, said that a representative of the Sheriff's Department will speak.

She also announced that a progress report on a petition drive to annex to County Water District No. 13 will be made.

Free Prizes Offered During Coupon Sale

"The More You Clip, the More You Save."

This will be the theme of the gigantic Coupon Sale to be offered by Downtown Torrance merchants in a three-day sales festival today, tomorrow and Saturday.

The coupons, which will appear in today's Torrance Press, will offer special bargains by sponsoring businessmen. Readers are urged to clip the coupons and present them to the respective stores for bargain values.

In addition, the merchants will give away more than \$1000 in free prizes. Residents may fill out tickets that will make them eligible to receive the prizes, in most downtown stores. No purchase is required to enter the event.

A complete list of winners will be posted on the display windows of participating stores Monday. All prizes must be picked up by Monday evening store closing time.

Another feature of the three-day event will be the appearance of Jesito the Clown, who will entertain young and old and distribute free candy to the kiddies.



MAKES THEM LAUGH—Jesito the Clown, who has a way with kids and adults alike, will entertain the youngsters during the downtown Torrance Coupon Sale today, tomorrow and Saturday. Outstanding coupon bargains and free prizes will be offered.

Downtown Coupon Sale Starts Today