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READY ON THE JOB—Kay Adams (left) and Lee Wood (right), two pretty members of new Torrance Press 24-hour classified acceptance service, work swiftly and surely at their typewriters with telephone headsets clamped on to free nimble fingers.

## 24-Hour Ad Service Inaugurated by Press

Tomorrow marks the beginning of a new Torrance Press service for the benefit of our thousands of readers. Starting tomorrow, Monday, Jan. 4, a 24-hour telephone answering service goes into operation for the convenience of classified customers.

This is the first such service in the entire Torrance-South Bay area. Jay De Lany, Torrance Press classified ad manager, emphasized that the new service is truly "live wire."

"The girls who will answer

the telephone at any time of the day or night are experienced ad-takers," said De Lany. "They are familiar with every phase of the operation and will handle all ads with efficiency and dispatch."

Inaugural of the modern telephone answering service for classified ad users is just another step in the tremendous expansion planned for the Torrance Press. Brand-new equipment and a functionally modern building to house the entire plant and offices of the Torrance Press will be added in the not-too-distant future.

Classified Manager De Lany advises that the same telephone number will be used for the 24-hour classified ad service. That number is FA 8-2345. Call at any time and place your Torrance Press want ad for quick, easiest, and surest results.

## Torrance Seniors Reach Semi-Final in Edison Contest

Two high school seniors from the Torrance area have reached the semifinals in competition for one of Southern California Edison Company's college scholarships, according to an announcement today by G. L. Blanchard, Edison district manager.

According to listings compiled by Educational Testing Service, the local semi-finalists are Robert J. Kunkle, Palos Verdes Estates, of Narbonne High School, and Robert A. Weeks, Harbor City, of Narbonne High School. They are among the top 10 students from an original field of 1,107 from this region who are competing for a four-year \$500 annual scholarship to be awarded in Edison's Southern division, Blanchard said.

## County to Buy New Police Cars

District Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced today that bids may now be made for 112 police cars.

Included among the specifications is a V-8 special police engine with not less than 348 cubic inch displacement.

Chace said bids may be made on the following:

Three sedans to be various solid colors; two sedans to be two-tone colors; and 107 sedans to be painted two-tone black and white, white doors and white top to belt line, balance of vehicle black.

Prices to be quoted must be exclusive of Federal Excise Tax and the factory location must also be given.

Complete details for making bids may be obtained from the County Purchasing and Stores Department, Chace said.

## Torrance Man Saves Citizenship

Robert Silva and family of 21513 Evalyn Ave. can face the new year with confidence today thanks to a story published in "Look" magazine.

For four years Silva faced the prospect of losing his citizenship and being deported. His problems were told in a story in "Look" entitled "This Is My Native Land," published in December, 1958.

In the present issue of the magazine (Jan. 5 edition), Silva received a full page spread telling how his problems were solved.

The story is titled "Wonderful Things Happen When You're in Look," and it carried a photo of the ex-paratrooper.

While living with his parents in Mexico as a teenager, he had served briefly in the Mexican Army Reserve, unknowingly jeopardizing his American citizenship. Upon his return to this country, and after serving three years in the U.S. Army, he was notified by the Immigration Department that it intended to deport him. Reaction to his story in Look was immediate.

First there were phone calls to Silva from family, friends and the Mayor of Torrance, who offered to call a meeting of the City Council to request Congressional action. Local newspapers picked up the story.

Then came notification from immigration officials that Silva's case was being reviewed. Two days later he was informed that his citizenship was secure.

## Dick Fitzgerald Honored by State Junior C of C

Selection of Dick Fitzgerald, Torrance Chamber of Commerce manager, as one of California's five outstanding young men of the year will be announced tomorrow in San Bernardino, it was learned today.

According to Clarence A. McConahy, state Junior Chamber of Commerce chairman, Fitzgerald actually ranked number one in the balloting. Voting slips carried Fitzgerald in first position on four of the five judge's ballots.

Winners of the statewide contest will be announced by Mayor Raymond Gregory of San Bernardino, honorary chairman of the selection committee.

Fitzgerald, 35, has served as manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce since November of 1956. Prior to that time, he served for a year in a similar capacity with the Redondo Beach Chamber.

The "Outstanding Young Men of the Year" award program is sponsored by the California Junior Chamber of Commerce and annually selects five Californians from all occupations and professions who are under 36 years of age.

Selection is based upon the candidate's demonstrations of extraordinary talent and initiative in his work or profession, his personal interest in humanity, and his contributions to his profession and to the general welfare of the people.

## Realtor Bound for Program

Lee R. Dawson, newly elected president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, will attend the annual officers' indoctrination program conducted by the California Real Estate Association at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on Friday, Jan. 8, it was announced today.

Training sessions will also be conducted for local real estate board secretaries, and Irene Baker, Secretary of the Torrance-Lomita Board will attend this session.

The Regional vice-president of CREA for this area, Jack K. Tarney, of Gardena, will attend a special session of the training program devoted to preparing the 28 Regional Vice-Presidents of the State Association for the many activities and duties involved in that office.



DICK FITZGERALD

Other winners this year were Dr. Herman N. Uhley, San Francisco physician; James R. Allgood, Norwalk educator; Donald J. Lathrop, San Jose Goodwill Industries executive; and Henry R. Morris, San Francisco Pacific Telephone and Telegraph executive.

These winners will be honored at an Awards Banquet scheduled for Jan. 9, at 8 p.m. in the National Orange Show auditorium in San Bernardino. Formal presentation will be made and the judges' findings announced at that time.

Judges were California Attorney General Stanley Mosk, Los Angeles Dodger President Walter O'Malley, TV commentator George Putnam, Norris Nash, executive vice-president of Kaiser Industries, and Fred Olendorf, executive vice president of the California Electric Power Company.

Today Dick Fitzgerald is resting in his home at 17004 Casimir Ave., tired but pleased with his award and the success of Torrance's float in the Rose Bowl Parade.

A native Californian, born in Santa Monica, Dick Fitzgerald has lived all his life in the South Bay cities of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach and Torrance, except for World War II service at the Maritime Academy on Catalina Island and overseas in the Merchant Marine.

Married, he and his wife, Betty, have five children ranging in age from Diane, 14, to the twins, Janene and Marlene, 6, with Mike, 12, and Barbara, 10, almost in the middle.

## Torrance Float Awarded First

The Torrance float entry in the 1960 New Year's Day parade in Pasadena was awarded first place in Class "A"-6, for cities between 100,000 and 200,000 population.

Rising 16-foot upward, the float, entitled "A True American" showed a huge floral choir boy in robes with a hymn book in his hands.

Thousands of lavender and white mums comprised the robe, while flesh-colored rose petals made up the boy's face.

Due to height restrictions on California Highways, Torrance's entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day will not be able to travel to Torrance for display purposes.

Float Chairman George A. Bradford of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce urged local residents, who miss the parade, to view the "Choir Boy" at Victory Park, Paloma Drive and Orange Grove, South Pasadena, where it will appear with the other 62 entries for three days following the event.

## Youths Overcome by Exhaust Fumes Die in Parked Car

Tragedy marred the New Year's Eve celebration of Jack Siler, 21, residing at 2362 W. 235th St. and John Rogers of Redondo Beach.

The youths died early New Year's morning when carbon monoxide fumes seeped into the car in which the pair fell asleep trying to keep warm.

They parked in a garage in Redondo Beach and turned the engine on to keep warm. They apparently fell asleep and were then overcome by the fumes.

The pair were found by Rogers father.

Siler was visiting a half-brother, Kendall Barbee at the Torrance address and had been living there since November. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Siler of Findlay, Ill.

The youths' body will be returned to Illinois for interment.

## Torrance Press Story Forces Hit-Run Suspect's Surrender

California Highway Patrol officers today credited a Torrance Press story and photograph with causing the surrender of a hit-run suspect.

On the front page of the Dec. 4 issue, the Torrance Press published a report of a hit-and-run accident in which a CHP officer was seriously injured. Shortly after publication, the alleged hit and run offender surrendered to authorities.

The suspect, Willy Edward Sivley, 21716 S. Figueroa St., faces a preliminary hearing tomorrow in Compton Municipal Court. The 25-year-old Sivley is now free on bail.

California Highway Patrol authorities framed a letter stating their belief that it was the Torrance Press photo and story which prompted Sivley to surrender.

Text of the letter follows:

Editor

Torrance Press

Dear Sir:

During the evening of Dec. 18, 1959, near Figueroa and Carson, our officer Estel E. Adkins was seriously injured by a hit-and-run driver.

At our request, you and your photographer Mike Callas published a photograph of the hit-and-run suspect on the front page of your Dec. 24 issue, along with a report of the incident.

Shortly after your publication was circulated, we received a call from the hit-and-run driver's attorney. Arrangements were completed whereby the suspect, Willy Edward Sivley, appeared in court and was arraigned.

We believe that it was the photograph and story in your paper which caused Mr. Sivley to give himself up.

We wish to thank you and Mr. Callas for the wonderful cooperation which you have given us



TRAGEDY STRIKES — Peggy Bell, 9, died in aftermath of a Christmas tree blaze. Defective wiring set the twin girl's dress afire, causing severe burns and her death on Thursday, Dec. 31, almost two weeks after the tragic fire on Dec. 19. The young Torrance girl is survived by a twin sister, Patricia, and an older brother, Russell, 12. Her mother is Mrs. Albert Bell, 22920 Galva Ave., Torrance.

## Little Company of Mary Hospital Opens Today

First patients will be admitted today to the new \$3.5 million Little Company of Mary Hospital. The complete 24-hour emergency department will open with all other facilities of the 150-bed hospital at 4101 Torrance Blvd., said Mother M. Patricia, hospital administrator. In the emergency section a staff physician will be on duty at all times.

Newest and most complete hospital to open in the county, its fully equipped facilities include four surgical operating rooms, obstetrical department and nursery, pediatric wing, outpatient clinic, x-ray laboratory units.

The beautiful five-story, four-wing structure was dedicated last Dec. 12 by Cardinal McIntyre, along with civic, industrial and governmental leaders at a ceremony which attracted more than 1,500 persons.

Management of the hospital is under the Little Company of Mary, a nursing order of sisters, which operates five hospitals in this country and a total of 43 institutions throughout the world. Dr. John A. Wilson, M.D., of Manhattan Beach heads the staff of 175 physicians.

The building is engineered to accommodate three additional stories in the future, which will double its present capacity.

## Faulty Yule Tree Wiring Responsible

Funeral services are pending today for 9-year-old Peggy Bell, victim of a tragic Christmas tree lighting accident.

Last rites are scheduled for tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the South Bay Baptist Church. Arrangements are being handled by the White and Day Mortuary in Redondo Beach.

The twin girl died Thursday as a result of severe body burns suffered when defective wiring set her dress ablaze. The accident occurred on Dec. 19 in the child's home at 22920 Galva Ave. in Torrance. As the dead girl plugged in a loose wiring connection, a spark leaped out and her light play dress went up in fire. A neighbor succeeded in extinguishing the flames with her hands but by that time the girl had second and third degree burns over more than half her body.

Efforts to save her life at Harbor General Hospital failed when the child died Thursday.

The girl is survived by her twin sister, Patricia, and her brother Russell, 12, as well as her mother, Mrs. Albert Bell.

## Nursing Course Scheduled at Harbor College

Men and women interested in enrolling in February in the one-year vocational nursing program at Harbor College and Harbor General Hospital should telephone the college for an appointment to take the entrance examinations, according to an announcement today by Robert J. Lindberg, instructor in charge of the program.

"The need for vocational nurses has never been greater than it is today," Miss Lindberg said. "Many employment opportunities at good starting salaries are available in the Harbor Area for properly qualified nurses."

The examinations will be given on Thursday, at 6 p.m.; Jan. 12, at 6 p.m.; and Jan. 16, at 9 a.m.

The vocational nursing program consists of five months' study at Harbor College and seven months' nursing at Harbor General Hospital in clinical services, such as medical, surgical, care of mother and child, and operating room nursing.

The program qualifies the graduate for the licensing exam given by the California State Board of Vocational Nurses and is accredited by both the state board and the National Association for Practical Nurse Education.

Applicants should be 16 years of age or older.



A HOME IN TORRANCE — Home Savings and Loan Association newest office, at 1511 Cravens St., Torrance, opened recently with hundreds of residents attending. On hand for the gala ceremonies were (left to right): Miss Torrance

of 1959 (17-year old Betty Baker); Millard Sheets, designer of the office; Mayor Albert Isen; Jerome Scott, Torrance's branch manager; and Kenneth D. Childs, Home's President.



INSTRUMENTAL IN SUSPECT'S SURRENDER — This is the Dec. 24 edition of the Torrance Press which California Highway Patrol officers say was instrumental in the surrender of a suspected hit-and-run driver. The Press ran the story prominently as seen

above in the upper right hand corner of the photo above, Willey Edward Sivley, 25, allegedly struck motorcycle officer Estel E. Adkins of the California Highway Patrol on Dec. 18, resulting in serious injuries to the officer.