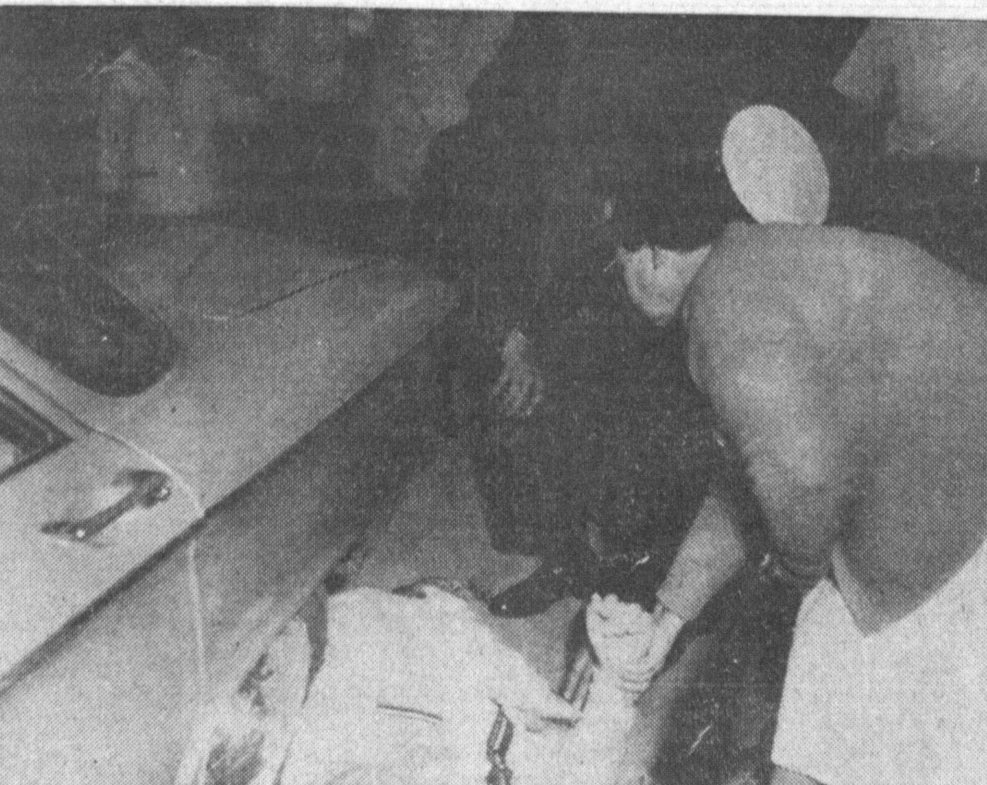
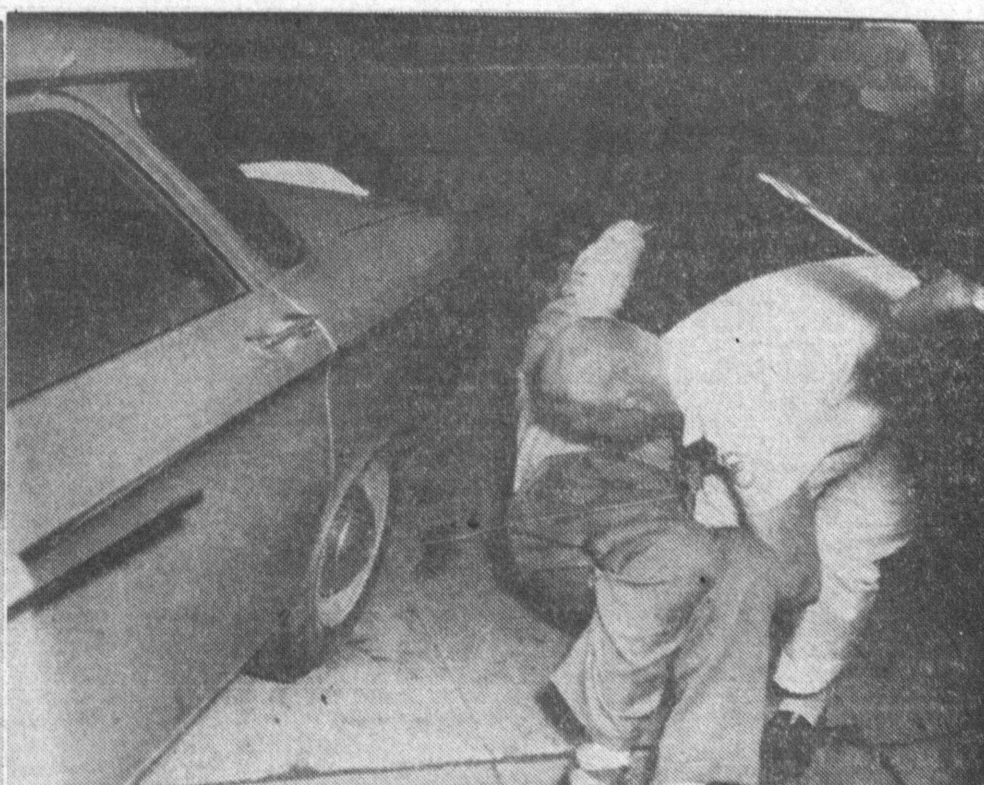




IMPACT—A small car is rendered even more compact by the force of a collision Friday afternoon at Torrance Blvd. and Cota St. This Jaguar's driver, Jesse H. Frank, 2969 Mandeville Canyon Rd., Los Angeles, walked away from the scene of the accident.



VICTIM—This driver was carried away. Torrance Police Officer Thomas O. Patti shall bends over compact car driver Harold W. Duncan moments after the 58-year-old Wilmington man collapsed. Duncan and his wife, Kathleen, 320 Realty St., both ended up in Riviera Hospital.



AFTERMATH—Ambulance attendants lift Harold W. Duncan from the sidewalk beside his compact "compact" car. The new 1960 auto smashed into a brick wall after the collision. Duncan's wife, Kathleen, suffered shock and injuries from the accident, while Duncan collapsed from shock and tension.

Law Officials Crack Down Hard in New Policy for Speeders

Police Captain John W. Maestri today made public the new "get-tough" policy of Chief Percy G. Bennett and Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong. The new policy affects traffic violators and concealed weapons offenders.

According to the statement, jail sentences will be imposed for any serious traffic violations. Offenses involving reckless driving, speeding, right-of-way violations, drunk driving, and failure to show courtesy and respect to others will be meted jail terms as circumstances warrant.

Heavy Sentence Passed
Citing a recent case in Judge Armstrong's court, Maestri told of a reckless driver sentenced to 180 days, which was suspended upon condition of two years probation, serving the first five days in jail and obeying all traffic laws in the future.

Another reckless driver earned the same sentence as did two offenders driving with suspended licenses.

In this connection, Maestri reminded the public that the operator's license is issued as a privilege and not as a right. **Enforcement Means Safety**
Police experience shows that traffic law enforcement saves lives, according to Captain Maestri. Law-breaking drivers figured in 83 out of 100 fatal accidents, police said.

Hazardous Situations arise on streets and highways when careless drivers operate vehicles. Officers in patrol cars making their presence known on the traffic thoroughfares exert a deterrent effect on careless, reckless and violating drivers, officials declared.

Stricter Enforcement
From now on, the statement continued, traffic laws will be strictly enforced and traffic

law violators may expect a severe treatment in the court of Judge Armstrong.

Judge Armstrong also noted the increasing number of burglaries and armed robberies committed by juveniles.

He said, "It is alarming to see the number of boys, 18 and 19 years of age, brought into my court charged with the carrying of concealed weapons, including guns, clubs, switchblade knives and taped bike chains."

Stop Deadly Weapons
"It is the duty of parents to see that this is stopped."

"In the future, when any of these boys are brought in on these charges, regardless of their youth—providing they are 18 years or over—they will be severely handled in my court."

Captain Maestri said the new stricter enforcement and punishment is now in effect.

Hungry Thieves

Police Arrest Five Restaurant Burglars

Eight restaurant burglaries have been cleared up in the cities of Torrance, San Pedro and Los Angeles with the arrest of three adults and two juveniles by officers of the Torrance Police Department juvenile division.

Loot taken included TV sets, radios, tools, cans of food and restaurant supplies. Lt. G. Rethisch, in charge of the juvenile bureau, estimated the value at more than \$500.

Three restaurants in Torrance which were entered by the "burglary ring" were:

L and L Cafe, 17905 Western Ave.; Ken and Bev Cafe, 1645 Border St.; and B and B Cafe, 2415 Arlington Ave.

Names of those in custody have not been revealed as more arrests are expected by the three police departments. Lt. Rethisch said. The quintet were rounded up in an apartment at

2115 Torrance Blvd. by Lt. Rethisch and Officers H. "Buck" Ingram and Jim Daniel. Lt. Rethisch stated:

"Credit should go to Officers Ingram and Daniel, who worked hard on the case for more than a week. They perhaps prevented a rash of additional burglaries."

Thief Smashes Window, Steals Seven Radios

Seven transistor radios were filched from the show window of Gans TV and Appliances by a window-smashing thief early yesterday morning, according to Torrance police.

Unnoticed until shop opening time, the gaping hole in the heavy plate glass window adds to the cost of the robbery.

Sid Gans, owner of the shop at 1409 Cravens Ave., estimates the value of the stolen radios at \$230.

Memorial Hospital Officers Installed

Nearly 100 doctors and wives last night attended the installation banquet of the medical staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital at Palos Verdes Country Club.

Dr. George O. Peeke of Torrance was installed as chief of staff for 1960. Other incoming officers are Dr. Thomas E. Benenson of Redondo Beach, assistant chief of staff; Dr. Carlo A. Tabellario of Torrance, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. John L. Bourne Jr. of Torrance, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Satisfactory Situation
In accepting office, Doctor Peeke said, "Our people of the South Bay area no longer need to go outside our community for doctor and hospital care. We now have an adequate number of family doctors and specialists, along with well equipped hospitals, to care for the medical needs of our people."

Doctor Peeke pointed out that as a non-profit community hospital, Torrance Memorial has played an active part in providing hospitalization for residents of the area since 1924. It recently added to its physical plant and facilities in order to accommodate more patients.

Dr. Butt Feted

Honored at the dinner was Dr. Ernest G. Butt, pioneer Redondo Beach physician, who has practiced over 50 years in the South Bay area. Dr. Butt was presented with a plaque which said, "The Medical staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital honors its pioneer staff member, Ernest G. Butt, M.D., for his 50 years of medical service."

Dr. Butt was one of the original organizers of the hospital's medical staff and is the oldest actively practicing physician in the area. In addition to carrying on an active practice, Dr. Butt still plays tennis several times a week.

Torrance Street Work Defended by Supt. Chace

County Supervisor Burton W. Chace presented figures to refute the charges of Culver City Mayor James C. Roberts that tax road-building funds are being wasted by the county supervisors. Roberts singled out Chace when the mayor stated:

"The most severe traffic problems in California exist on the perimeter of International Airport, yet Chace has seen fit to allocate road funds to areas of lesser importance."

Chace pointed out that \$175,000 will be available to the city of Torrance next July for



SURVEYS BASTION — Mrs. Robert Ackerman, 5215 Ruby St., stands at dusk on Paradise Park, which she defends against the Little League efforts to secure as a baseball diamond. Son Robert, 4, is beside her

while her daughter, Mary Beth, grins from her arms. Talking to Mrs. Ackerman about baseball and such things are Anthony Wachter, 5032 Stevann St.; John Payne, 5013 Carson St.; and Jerry Fulford, 5106 Lee St.

Torrance Youth Burglary Suspect

A Torrance youth today is under arrest after a credit card forged ring went out of business under Los Angeles Police Department prodding.

Arrested with seven other members of the ring was Michael Kaseno, 23, 2503 Arlington Ave. Kaseno's father owns and operates a downtown men's shop.

Los Angeles police said the gang would obtain stolen credit cards from call girls and then sell them for \$50 or rent the cards for \$30 to anyone interested in inexpensive shopping.

Police trapped the gang when one of them aroused suspicion while making purchases.

More Chiefs Than Indians

Student Election Results Place Scores in Office

Roy Yanase won election as Torrance High's Associated Student Body president for next semester, it was learned today.

Other newly elected Student Council members were Judie Sherwood, vice-president; Charlette McComas, commissioner of records; Susan Mathis, commissioner of finance; Bev Orland, commissioner of pep; Joanne Carr, commissioner of activities; Cherrie Lacy, commissioner of publicity; Ray Bynum, commissioner of group control; Carol Mathlin, court judge; Linda Sweet, senior class president; Steve Parker, junior class president; Roxanne Barnard, sophomore class president; Gail Hyde, freshman class president; Susan Hammack, Girls' League president; James Hensley, Boys' League president.

More Chiefs
Linda Sweet, running unopposed, carried off senior class president. Her cabinet will include Mike Walker, vice-president; Flora Watson, secretary; Barbara Adams, treasurer; Kathleen Taylor, Girls' Court representative; and Sandra Bailey, Girls' League representative.

Junior classmen elected Steve Parker as their new president. Other junior class officers were Ginny Krauszer, vice-president; Joanne Isbell, secretary; Marilyn Holcomb, treasurer; Maxine Ihara, Girls' Court representative; Linda Eldridge, Girls' League representative; and Bob Mullen, Boys' Court representative.

Influence People, Win Friends
Boys' League officers for next semester were Jim Hensley, president; Jim Pritchard, vice-president; Richard Steele, secretary; and Richard Woodward, treasurer.

Newly elected Girls' League officers were Susan Hammack, president; Flora Watson, vice-president; Pat Piercy, secretary; Gracie Connitt, treasurer; Kimiye Takeuchi, historian; reporter.

Paradise Park Fracas Flares; 2d Hearing Set

A rip-roaring fight looms today as once again Southwood Little Leaguers try for exclusive use of a portion of Paradise Park at Lee and Ellinwood Streets.

Exactly two years ago, the same issue, fought by some of the same people, resulted in defeat for the Little League side.

Full House Assured to Hear Chamber Breakfast Speaker

A near-record attendance is assured at the January Breakfast Meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Jan. 26, with the announcement today that the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors would cancel their usual meeting to attend the Chamber function.

Knox, governmental director of the California Manufacturer's Association, is flying from his office in San Francisco to deliver a talk entitled "Political Parties

Southwood Citizens Committee, with Mrs. Robert Ackerman as chairman, and Little League President Walter Virgil are sure to clash for the second time this year when the contending factions appear before the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday evening, Jan. 27.

Hold Opposing Views
Little League baseball players want 1½ acres of the 4½-acre park for a permanent baseball diamond.

Southwood residents, led by Mrs. Ackerman, 5215 Ruby St., bitterly oppose Little League use of the park, declaring that such use would deprive Southwood homeowners of rightful enjoyment of the city park.

Little League Presents Case
In a lengthy letter to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Virgil outlined the Southwood Little League's hopes for Paradise Park. Citing the fact that the city does plan eventual construction of a baseball diamond on Paradise Park, the Little League leader requested permission to build the ball lot in accordance with 10 safeguarding stipulations which he listed.

Virgil asked for exclusive use of the diamond from 5 p. m. to dark on weekdays, from 9 a. m. to dark on Saturdays, and from 12 noon to darkness on Sundays and holidays, beginning April 1 and ending Aug. 31.

Five-Month Season Asked
He noted that an accelerated schedule for West High School construction means that the league must evacuate the premises currently occupied at Victor St. and Del Amo Blvd. by the end of March, 1960.

The youthful league head said, "We are . . . dismayed at the prospect of having to construct our third baseball diamond in three successive years of operation."

Then he stated, "The survival of the Southwood National Little League depends on elimination of costs and efforts attendant to the repeated relocation of its facility."

Thinks League Baseball "Fine"
In opposing Little League exclusive use of Paradise Park 1½-acre diamond, Mrs. Ackerman (Continued on page A-2)



PHIL KNOX JR.

and Patterns—1960." He is former president of the California State Junior Chamber of Commerce, and former legal counsel of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. Knox is remembered locally as the master of ceremonies for Torrance's All-America City Award Dinner in January of 1957.

Chamber President J. H. Paget urged all local businessmen to make reservations by calling the Torrance Chamber office, FAirfax 8-2814.

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PORTION OF LOOT—Torrance Police Department Juvenile Bureau officers Jim Daniel and H. "Buck" Ingram, from left, are shown with some of the goods stolen in eight restaurants of Torrance, Los Angeles and San Pedro. More arrests may be made.