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**DO-IT-YOURSELF HUT** . . . Kurt Lohelt, Jonnie Chilton, and Andrew Loar, fourth graders at Madrona Elementary School, work on a drum during study of Nigeria. In the background is a small grass hut which the class also made during the classroom project. The Nigerian studies are part of a geography lesson in which students compare life in California with life in Japan and Africa. Other projects included handcarved animal figures, ebony elephants, and a tribal mask.

## Two Escape Injury In Airport Crack-up

### Teachers Get Help In Class

Ten West High School girls and one boy, all members of the Future Teachers of America, are participating in a teacher aide program by spending one class each day at Torrance elementary schools.

During their time in the elementary school classrooms, the students "study and identify qualities, traits and aptitudes which are basic to successful teaching," according to Miss Cathryn Chisholm, sponsor of the club.

Students work with teachers at Victor, Flavian, and Anza elementary schools. Teachers at the three schools supervise the student's activities and evaluate their performances.

The teacher aides include Jacqueline Bethea, Diane Braendlin, Pamela Halley, Dianne Lippard, Roberta Parkark, Carol Patterson, Denise Russell, Monica Schubert, Charles Mundy, Lynn Lewis, and Mary Esther Ornela.

## 'History of Torrance' Books Now Being Sold

Sales of the "History of Torrance" by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce are continuing, a spokesman for the Jaycees said today.

The book, prepared by the Torrance Unified School District as a guide for teachers, is available at a cost of \$3.75 per copy, including sales tax. Discounts are available for orders of 25 or more copies. David Nair, press chairman for the Jaycees, emphasized the deadline for returning orders is March 15. Books will be delivered in May, Nair explained.

Order blanks may be found in today's editions of the Press-Herald. In addition, or-

A 19-year-old pilot walked away from his rented plane Friday afternoon after he lost control of the aircraft while landing at Torrance Municipal Airport.

The pilot, Robert A. Winkler, 1419 W. 173rd St., said he lost control of the airplane when the wind changed as he touched down on the Torrance runway. The plane veered off the runway and nosed into soft mud before it stopped.

Winkler and a passenger, Daniel Jesse Rider of 1423 W. 173rd St., were not hurt in the crash, which occurred at 3:18 p.m.

The plane, owned by Progressive Air Service at the Hawthorne Airport, sustained about \$500 damage, including a bent propeller and minor damage to both wings.

### Superintendent On Committee

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools in Torrance, has been elected to the executive committee of the Southern California Industry-Education Council. Dr. Hull will represent the local county council in Southern California.

## Plans for Hawthorne On Agenda

Torrance Councilmen will be preoccupied with the development of Hawthorne Boulevard when they convene Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmen will be asked to approve a tentative tract map involving the development of the Del Amo Financial Center in the northwest corner of Carson Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, and to approve agreements with the State Division of Highways for improvements along Hawthorne Boulevard.

The state-city agreement will call for improvements on the east side of Hawthorne south of 190th Street and on the west side north of 238th Street. In addition, councilmen will be asked to appropriate \$16,000 for the improvement of the intersection of Hawthorne with Lomita Boulevard.

# Driver Arrested When Two Injured in Crash

## Veteran Solon Files Nine New Bills in Hopper

A series of bills which would bring about stiffer penalties for violating the state's laws on fire bombs, arson, interfering with fire fighting and similar crimes has been introduced at the special session of the California Legislature by Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel, 48th District Republican.

The bills were prepared and introduced in response to the Governor's call to the special session which opened the door to new bills on fire bombs and related matters.

CHAPEL, THE author of a

number of bills on ballistics, weaponry, hand guns, and police science, has asked that possession, manufacture, and transportation of a fire bomb such as the molotov cocktail be made a felony crime. It now is a misdemeanor.

He asked also that assault against a fireman with a deadly weapon carry the same penalty as an assault against peace officers.

A penalty of not less than five years in prison is sought for anyone convicted of willfully interfering with, or shutting off water for fire-fighting.

## BB Pellets Fired into Two Homes

Windows in two Torrance homes were broken Friday by BB pellets.

Clyde Martin, 44, of 5307 Reese Road, told Torrance police he and his wife were sitting in the den at the rear of their home about 9:30 p.m. Friday when they heard glass fall. Officers investigating the report said a window was broken by BB pellets, apparently fired from Linda Drive.

The Martin home is on the corner of Linda Drive and Reese Road.

Earlier Friday, police said, Mrs. Evelyn A. Dailey of 3308 Winlock Drive reported BB pellets had broken a large plate glass window in her home.

Mrs. Dailey told officers she was away from the home at the time. Her 10-year-old daughter was sitting on a living room couch when she heard a loud crack about 10:30 a.m. Inspection of the window disclosed a small hole, officers said.

OWNERSHIP, possession or transportation of incendiary material with the intent to commit arson would be a felony under another proposal.

Chapel also would make the minimum penalty for arson a five-year prison term.

Many of the new laws are an outgrowth of last August's Watts area riots.

## Secretaries Plan Night For Bosses

Members of the South Bay Chapter of the National Secretaries Association will hold their annual Executive Night Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Redondo Beach.

John Robert Clarke, author, historian, lecturer, and world traveler, will speak on "The Importance of Being Perfect," the title of one of his books.

Members of the group also will select the "Boss of the Year" during a special contest being planned by Mrs. Kathleen Evans.



**TOP HOMEMAKER** . . . Cheryl R. Ward (right), a senior at West High, receives a first-place pin in the 1966 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow from Mrs. Corrine Kline, West High home economics teacher. Miss Ward, who won the West High contest, is now competing for the state title after being named among the top ten finalists. The state award winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and a chance to compete in national finals.

## Sneak Steals Checks, Cash

More than \$300 in cash and a check for \$129.69 were taken from the manager of a Hawthorne Boulevard retail store Friday morning.

Mrs. Bertha (Boots) Isola, 56, told Torrance police someone entered the store, located at 21942 Hawthorne Blvd., and removed her purse from a shelf in the office. Mrs. Isola was waiting on customers at the time.

She said the purse contained \$302.78 in cash, a check made out to Steve Isola for \$129.69, and several credit cards, as well as miscellaneous papers and her driver's license.

Theft of a portable television set also was reported to Torrance police Friday. Jerry K. Ridley, 32, of 3845 W. 226th St., told officers he was away from home visiting

friends at the time of the theft.

Ridley said the television set was worth about \$100. No signs of a forced entry were discovered, police reported.

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## Thrown As Car Rolled

A Torrance youth was arrested on suspicion of felony drunk driving Friday afternoon following a traffic accident in which he and a passenger suffered minor injuries.

Kenneth Earl Crawford, 18, of 22835 Madison Ave., was treated for minor cuts and bruises at Little Company of Mary Hospital, then booked at the Torrance City Jail. He also was charged with reckless driving.

Crawford and his passenger, David Scott Johnson, 15, of 22819 Madison St., were thrown from the car when Crawford lost control in a curve on 230th Street near Galva Avenue. The accident occurred about 3:15 p.m.

WITNESSES told Torrance police Crawford had narrowly missed a second vehicle when he lost control of his car. The car rolled over and came to a halt in a field. It was demolished.

Johnson suffered a 6-inch laceration and several minor cuts on his face and arms. He was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Crawford told officers he had "three of four beers" but did not remember anything about the accident.

Police said the youth was driving "at speeds far in excess of the posted 30 mile-per-hour limit."

A PEDESTRIAN was injured shortly before midnight Friday when she apparently passed out in the street and was hit by a car.

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## New College Try Urged

New attempts to unify the Torrance, Peninsula and South Bay areas in the efforts to establish a four-year college to serve students of the area were urged this week by Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel. In a letter to former Councilman Nicholas Dralle here, Chapel said only a united effort could "defeat the transfer of the college to Dominguez Hills. The original service area for the college was the area south of Slauson Avenue and west of the Harbor Freeway, Dralle said.

## Benstead Not a Candidate

Former City Councilman Victor E. Benstead, who had taken out a nominating petition for the April municipal elections, told the Press-Herald yesterday that he would not be a candidate for the City Council. Benstead was first elected in 1952 and served three four-year terms, leaving in 1964 when his bid for re-election lost. "I want to thank the many fine people who have been urging me to run again," Benstead said. "I have decided, however, that I will not be a candidate but will work for the election of (Orin F.) Bud Johnson." An effort to check on other filing activity was thwarted Friday when it was learned that the Torrance city hall was shut down for the day.

## Curb Mail Boxes Replaced

Snorkle-type mail boxes, designed so motorists will not have to leave their cars to deposit mail, are being replaced throughout the Southwest area by conventional collection boxes, Carl L. Backlund, acting Torrance postmaster, has announced. Backlund said the Post Office Department has ordered the boxes removed because of an accident in which three pedestrians were injured when a woman accidentally hit the accelerator while sliding across the seat to deposit mail. A woman was killed in a similar accident last year.



**HISTORY IN VERSE** . . . Third grade students at Yukon Elementary School recited the History of Torrance in choral verse at a special assembly. The students wrote the program following classroom study of the history of the city. The program, attended by some 250 persons, featured interviews with Mayor Albert Isen; Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian in the city during its early years; Frank Paour, a pioneer resident, and Mrs. Grace Wright, a member of the first school board. For the program, students used a recitation bench which belonged to the Weston Ranch School half a century ago.