

### Obituaries

#### Lucy Baldwin

Funeral services for the young daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Baldwin of 23906 Ocean Ave., were held in Anacortes, Wash., this week following her death in a head-on auto collision near that city. Killed were Mrs. Don (Lucy) Baldwin; her mother, Mrs. Thelma Hatten of Anacortes, Wash., and a 21-year-old sailor who was driving the second vehicle.

The Baldwin's son, Don, was notified of his wife's death while he served his fourth tour of duty in Vietnam as a Marine aviation specialist mechanic second class. He was flown home for the services. He had previously been scheduled to return this week to complete his tour of duty before release in April.

Another Baldwin son, Dan, a Purple Heart Marine Corps veteran, flew to Washington with his wife for the services.

J. O. Baldwin, former managing editor and assistant to the publisher of the Torrance Herald, said the young Mrs. Baldwin and her mother were killed near Anacortes when their vehicle was struck head-on by the vehicle driven by the sailor.

The 20-year-old victim was the mother of two children, Christina 2, and Donald, 14 months. She also had three brothers in the service, serving in Vietnam, Spain, and San Diego.

#### Wilburns R. Taff

Services for Wilburn Roscoe Taff, 21721 Grace Ave., Carson, were conducted Thursday at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

Mr. Taff, a resident of the area for more than 30 years, was born Dec. 9, 1910, in Arkansas. He died Monday.

Surviving are his widow, Edith; a daughter, Wilma Jean DeChamp of Idaho; a sister, Lois Williams; a brother, Carl of Indiana; his mother, Ida Taff of Indiana; and two grandchildren.

#### John A. Noster

Requiem mass for John A. Noster, 616 E. Carson St., will be celebrated Monday morning at St. Philomena Catholic Church. Rosary will be recited Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

A resident of the area for 12 years, Mr. Noster was born Nov. 30, 1910, in Ohio. He died Monday.

Surviving are his widow, Josephine; two sons, John of Long Beach and Dennis, now on duty with the U.S. Air Force; five brothers, Stanley of Carson, Thomas of Long Beach, and Joseph, Anthony, and Frank of Ohio; and three sisters, Jennie Ordway, Bernice Skidel and Susan Antonczak, all of Ohio.

## Christmas Babies Get Special Holiday Gift

If you see a young mother leaving South Bay Hospital carrying a large red and white Christmas stocking, you can be sure bundled inside the elaborately decorated felt stocking is a small newborn baby.

The stocking is a gift blanket fashioned by South Bay Hospital Auxiliary members as a special remembrance for babies born in the hospital between Dec. 20 and 31.

The project, now in its eighth year, is supervised by Mrs. Jack Jordan of Manhattan Beach, who is Arts and Crafts chairman for the auxiliary. Members of her committee are: Mrs. Harry Snider, Mrs. Elmer Reinmiller, Mrs. Dennis Bundy, Mrs. George Staley, Mrs. Martin Schmidt, Mrs. Lee Haley, Mrs. William Campbell, Mrs. Wilfred Wiher, Mrs. Marie Cervini and Mrs. Vincent Schide.

In addition to the gift blankets, Mrs. Joseph Fischer,



**PRESENTS CHECK . . .** Bill Roberts (left) district representative for the State Fund Compensation Insurance, presents a check for \$22,307.17 to Herman Brandt (right), member of the South Bay Hospital Board of Trustees. Harrison Daigh, chairman of the board, watches the exchange. The check represents dividend payments earned on the Workman's compensation Policy carried by the hospital. Accident prevention procedures for employes at the hospital were cited as the chief reason for the dividend payment.

## Mini-Bikes Classified as Motor Vehicles by State

"Be sure you'll have a place to operate your mini-bike or go-cart legally before you buy it. Lawful operation of a vehicle on any public street requires a licensed driver and a registered vehicle," Capt. P. J. Ford of the California Highway Patrol has warned parents who are preparing Christmas gift lists.

Mini-bikes are so light and small, with scooter-sized wheels and low horsepower, that some people don't realize they are legally classified as motor vehicles, he said.

As such they must meet all the equipment requirements

contained in the vehicle code in addition to being registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles and operated by a licensed driver in order to be used on any public street, including the sidewalk.

**THE SAME** requirements apply to go-carts, the low-slung miniature cars sometimes used for parking lot races, if they are to be operated on streets or highways.

Captain Ford also pointed out that it is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle in school yards, on posted hiking or riding trails, on sidewalks, and on the

grounds of any state, county or municipal institution, without authorization of the governing board.

"That's why we strongly advise knowing in advance where a non-registered vehicle will be used before purchasing it. The owner of the vehicle (the parent) is held responsible under the law for the legal operation of the vehicle. If he doesn't plan ahead, he'll have a similar problem to the one facing a parent who gives a BB gun or a small rifle to a child living in a big city which prohibits shooting. He's asking for trouble!"

**CAPTAIN FORD** noted that any civil liability of a minor, whether licensed or not, arising out of his driving a motor vehicle on a public road with the expressed or implied permission of his parents, is imposed upon the parents. The parents are jointly liable with the minor for any damages resulting from any negligent or wrongful act of the minor while driving.

Additionally, a criminal liability is involved. The Vehicle Code forbids anyone knowingly to permit his child under the age of 21 years to drive upon the highways unless the child is licensed.

It is also unlawful for the owner to permit the operation of any vehicle that is not registered.

"**BUT MORE** important than the civil and criminal liabilities involved is the physical hazard to the child," Capt. Ford said.

"Because of the small size of the vehicle and the youngster, and because of the child's lack of knowledge of traffic perils, if a mini-bike or go-cart is ever hit by a car, the child is almost invariably injured seriously, if not killed."

## Salesman Returns to Vel's Ford

Charles (Chuck) Kelly has returned to Vel's-Parnelli Jones Ford after a six-month absence.

"I just had to come home," Kelly said. "It's a real pleasure to again be working with all my many friends here." Born in Texas, Kelly moved to the Torrance area when he was 12 years old. He attended Banning High School and El Camino Junior College. During World War II he served three years in the Pacific as a Marine.

Vel Militch is especially proud to have Kelly back in the New Car Sales Department.

## Tartar Teen Talk

By Betsy Tomita

Charming and bright are the words for Amata Namavrat, Torrance High's AFS student from Thomburi, Thailand.

Amata went through a series of oral and written English tests, and after an interview was selected to come to the U.S. under sponsorship of the American Field Service.

"It is required to learn to speak English in Thailand," said Amata.

**WHEN** asked about the American bases located in Thailand, Amata explained, "They are good because they help us fight the communists, who come from Laos and fight on our border."

After Amata returns home, she will attend college, where she will be a liberal arts major. When her schooling is completed, she plans to go into teaching languages in her homeland. Amata graduated from the Triam Udom in Bangkok, which is equivalent to a high school.

From her observations of the U.S., she notices that "American kids are louder."

"Things are stricter in Thailand but the customs are changing, just like in America," Amata said.

**SHE HAS** had no problems adjusting to American food.

"I like apple pie and Mexican food—it's hot!" commented Amata. In her country the basic food staple is rice, which is also the major crop.

Amata knows some of the classical dances of Thailand, which are usually performed on religious holidays. Buddhism is the main religion in her country.

**DURING** her stay, Amata was chosen among the "Top 15" and also honorary princess in the homecoming court. She is also an honorary member of the Tartar Ladies. Her studies in the states include U.S. government, English III, senior English, speech, and art. Amata said that the classes are "a little difficult," because they are all in English. Amata speaks English fluently.

"I really like America," exclaimed Amata. She wishes to visit the U.S. again some day. After finishing her year at Torrance High, Amata will tour the U.S. and have a chance to meet the President.

## South Side

By Lynne Alessio

Sex, football and fighting for principles are all brought to the South High stage when the Senior Class presents "The Male Animal," a Thurber-Nugent comedy.

Professor Tommy Turner, played by John Elliott, wants to read a letter written by anarchist Bartolomeo Vanzetti and is forbidden to do so by the school administration. In an editorial, Chris Sampson, who plays a student, sides with Turner, condemning the Board of Trustees and the administration. The article upsets Ed Keller, played by Dave Brenner, who is a believer that football is the root of Americanism, and who is violently opposed to the reading of the letter.

Other cast members include Keith Snook, head of the Eng-

lish Department who supports Turner (also student director); Carolyn May, Ellen Turner, Tommy's wife; Darlene Ramsey; Molly MacLeod; Joe Valentino; Chris VanderLeest; Tricia Burdette; Bill Bull and Robin Flint.

Performances are tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets are 75c with ASB card and \$1.25 without.

Two 20-minute previews of the Male Animal were performed today for Spartans during seventh period to encourage student attendance tonight and tomorrow.

The Work Experience Department is sponsoring an old toys and canned food collection to help the Head Start Program. These objects will be delivered to needy 4-year-olds in the area who are not likely to get any other presents for Christmas.

## Adventist Subject Of Lesson

A mile high, this Uro Indian boy never leaves the surface of Lake Titicaca. His house is made of reeds. And underneath his house is a floating island of reeds. He makes toy boats of reeds and travels in a bigger boat made of the same reeds.

He goes to school in a floating school house built by the Seventh-day Adventist mission. Before the mission brought the floating school to his island world he didn't have to go to school. But then he didn't learn anything either.

Bringing education to people like the Uros is one of the jobs the Adventist church thinks is important. More than 5000 schools in 190 countries prove just how important they think it is. Good health is one of the things their schools teach. Their health program is backed up by a globe-girdling chain of more than 300 hospitals and dispensaries and clinics.

The funds collected throughout the Christmas season in the churches 65th annual World Service Appeal goes to this type of humanitarian ministry.

### FARM INCOME

U. S. Census Bureau, in profiling the average commercial dairy farmer in the U. S. says the average age is 49 and gross income is \$16,500. There are 367,000 commercial dairy farmers in the U. S.

## SPECIAL ROSE PARADE BUSES WEDNESDAY JAN. 1, 1968

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## Curtain Going Up



**SHOWCASE THEATER** — "Anniversary Waltz" comedy directed by Larry J. Hayter. Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 7, 8:30 p.m. 13752 S. Prairie Ave., Hawthorne, 644-5400.

**PALOS VERDES PLAYERS** — "A Delicate Balance," comedy by Harold Pinter, directed by Henry Saloman. Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. through Dec. 14. Malaga Cove Plaza, Palos Verdes Estates, 375-7566.

**LONG BEACH COMMUNITY PLAYERS** — "The Silver Whistle," comedy by Robert McEnroe, directed by James Brittain. Thursdays, 7:45 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. through Dec. 7. Long Beach Community Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St. 438-0536.

**KENTWOOD PLAYERS** — "Barefoot in the Park," comedy by Neil Simon, directed by Ed Cotter. Fridays and Sundays through Dec. 14, 8:30 p.m. Westchester Playhouse, 8301 S. Hindry Ave., 645-5156.

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