

Pond Yields 38 Cash Bags Missing in School Burglary

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WEATHER

Variable high cloudiness today, with early morning fog in beach areas. Temperatures will be slightly cooler, with a high about 80.

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West Torrance Dump Gets Council's Okay

Action which eventually may mean two more parks within the city, was considered by the City Council at a regular meeting Tuesday night.

Acting to relieve the heavy load on the building inspector's office occasioned by the terrific spurt of new building activity in the city, the council also approved the hiring of three building inspectors.

Viewing a large pit in West Torrance as a possible park or recreation site, the council granted a permit to John Papp, attorney, to operate a non-combustible dump now in use by the Standard Oil Company.

The city fathers decided to give further study to a proposal by City Manager George W. Stevens to purchase 10 acres of land including a large pit adjacent to the present city dump as a site for a cut and fill dump.

The council recently was presented with a petition asking no further extension of the dump. "I feel that if the city has the pit it can best control the operation there and that the city will certainly fill the pit and rid the surrounding area of the unsightly sump as quickly as any other agency," Stevens said.

The area would be enclosed with shrubbery to hide the operation until the pit is filled, Stevens said. When filled, the dump site would make an excellent location for a baseball diamond, it was said.

Councilman George Powell reported that the Recreation Commission had approved of the location for a field to replace the one now at the Torrance City Park which faces being crowded out of the park to make way for more extensive use of the area.

Though some objection to operation of the Standard Oil pit had been expressed in the past, the council was forced to take an objective view of the situation. Mayor Bob L. Haggard said: "The pit must be filled sometime by someone. Whoever does it is going to have to use the city's streets to get there. I believe it would be wise to get the pit filled now while the hardships of transporting the dump material to

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Suspect Jailed In Beauty Lure Robbery Attempt

Charged with using a teenage beauty as a lure in an attempted robbery last February, Clyde Denton Watson, 19, was arraigned in City Judge Otto B. Willett's court yesterday morning, and preliminary hearing was set for 10 a. m. Monday.

Watson is accused of attempting to rob cab-driver William McGhee after the young girl had lured him to a dark market at Hawthorne and Torrance boulevards. Judge Willett set bail at \$1500 yesterday. Unable to meet the bail, Watson is now in the city jail.

Air Hero's Widow In Washington To Receive Cheney Valor Award

Mrs. Ruth Blair and son Randy left Tuesday by air for Washington, D. C., where she will receive the Cheney Award for the late Capt. William E. Blair tomorrow.

The award is presented annually for the most outstanding act of valor, extreme fortitude, or self-sacrifice performed by a member of the Air Force. Captain Blair rode a crippled B-25 to its death near Chattanooga, Tenn., last fall while saving his seven crewmen to safety.



TANK FULL . . . Life of a tank driver during the war would certainly have been more enjoyable if each tank came equipped with a bevy of majorettes such as those from the Torrance Area All-Girl Baton Corps. The local youth band and the armed forces are combining efforts for the staging of a parade to be held in Torrance on May 20—Armed Forces Day—and start of the Annual Youth Band drive.

1000 Sign For Parade ..And Still They Come

YMCA Announces Annual Dinner

The annual dinner meeting of the Torrance YMCA will be held Wednesday, May 24, at the American Legion hall, according to Rollin Smith, YMCA board member and chairman of the annual meeting.

Assisting Smith are B. T. Whitney Jr. and John Steinbaugh. According to Smith the guest speaker will be Rev. R. A. Dawson, pastor of the Palos Verdes Estates Neighborhood Church. Rev. Dawson has completed 10 years as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Tucson, Ariz., and 7 years as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Lincoln, Nebraska. While in Lincoln he was a member of the YMCA Board of Directors of that city.

Other highlights of the program will be installation of new officers and directors, recognition of volunteer leaders, special music and financial report of the YMCA.

Reservations for the dinner can be made at the YMCA or from members of the YMCA board. Price of the dinner will be \$2.

More than 1000 persons will be vying for \$600 in gold trophies during the Torrance Area Youth Band-Armed Forces Day parade to be held in Torrance on May 20. Here is some of the talent curbstone viewers will see the day of the parade:

- Ten bands.
- Three drum and bugle corps.
- Nine All-Girl Baton Corps.
- One hundred Southern California equestrians.
- Two hundred marching soldiers.
- Five floats.
- One California Centennials float.

Five antique automobiles. Five miscellaneous groups. Preceding the parade at 9 a.m., 150 of the top baton-twirling majorettes of Southern California will compete in a contest to be held in El Prado Park.

Among the drum and bugle corps entries is the famous 70-Girl Monterey Park Band. According to James Van Dyck, parade chairman, the Huntington Park Band that made such a hit last year will be back as well as the 125-piece Long Beach Youth Band.

Celebrities in the parade include TV star "Cowboy Slim" as Grand Marshal, and western singing star Carolina Cotton.

"King Cortez," the world's largest stallion, will also appear during the parade.

The parade will start at Plaza Del Amo and Cabrillo avenue at 2:30 p.m. and will proceed through the central section of town.

Dr. Eugene Cook On Month's Leave

Dr. Eugene L. Cook, an associate of Dr. W. I. Laughlin in Torrance Medical Group, is on a month's leave in Chicago, where he is taking a post-graduate course in surgery.

His free time will be spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Cook, long-time Chicago residents, it was learned.

Turns Sacks Of Cement Into Bags of Gold

City Judge Otto B. Willett fixed the price of cement at \$7.50 a sack this week.

After hearing a plea of guilty to stealing 10 sacks of cement from the El Retiro Park in Hollywood Riviera, Judge Willett fined Albert Floyd Bennett, 35, a Walteria resident, \$75 and suspended a one-year jail sentence.

He was arrested by Torrance Police Officers D. C. Cook and Donald L. Miller Tuesday night.

Unidentified Youths Find Robbery Loot

Playing in a pond yesterday a group of unidentified Torrance youngsters recovered 38 cash bags involved in a burglary of the Long Beach Board of Education, according to Long Beach police.

Detective Captain Lorin Q. Martin said that the youngsters found all 38 missing bags which had contained \$2800 in cafeteria receipts at the time the money was stolen from the Board of Education vault.

Found with the bags were a number of automobile pink slips, an assortment of official school correspondence and 87 cents.

Detective Captain Ernie Ashton, of the Torrance Police Department, said the youths must have reported their finding directly to the Long Beach Police since the matter was not reported to the local department.

Flyer Seeks Coast-Coast Plane Record

Attempting to set a new coast-to-coast record for light twin-engine aircraft, a San Pedro auto dealer will take off from Torrance Municipal Airport on a proposed non-stop hop on June 1.

Charles Soderstrom, who took up flying in 1931, will attempt to set the record flying a Beechcraft Bonanza. He will make the hop alone, he said.

The local airport was chosen for its long runway, Soderstrom revealed. He said he would take off with a 190-gallon gas load.

He expects to make the flight in 15 hours.

NROTC CANDIDATE NAMED

John C. Hall, son of Mrs. Rose M. Hall, of 1428 Post avenue, has been named by the Bureau of Naval Personnel as one of the 1800 successful candidates for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Census Taker Slight You?

Any resident of Torrance who believes he has not been enumerated in the 1950 census is urged to get in touch with the Census District office at 2201 Washington street, Torrance, according to a statement issued this week by James I. Pierceall, district supervisor.

Residents may communicate with the Census office by telephoning Torrance 1535, or by writing to the district office giving name, exact street address, or detailed instructions for finding any homes which are in the country Pierceall said.

Latest Queen Story

Barbara Zachary, candidate of the Torrance Lions Club, recaptured the lead this week in the race for the title of Miss Torrance of 1950!

In the contest billed as the Fifth Annual Junior Woman's Club Queen contest, the Torrance skating wonder passed Rotary Club Candidate Ann Mondor after three weeks of voting. Ann was leading last week at this time.

Top bonus points went this week to Jackie Johnson, sponsored by Merle Norman Cosmetics. She got 100 extra points for turning in the most votes during the past week.

Fifty bonus votes went to Barbara Zachary for the week's second place, 25 to Ann Mondor for third, and 10 to Beverly Moore for fourth. Present standings show Barbara leading, followed by Ann

Owner Burned Over Blisters on Car's Paint Job

Floyd Bradshaw is going to take the skin off somebody's nose if he finds the somebody who took the paint off his car.

Bradshaw, of 1110 West 215th street, told Saa Pedro police Tuesday that someone threw paint-renewer all over his automobile while it was parked near his house.

"My car may be one that is blistering, but I am the one that is burned up."

Revival of Pre-War Show Attracts Unique Entries



TO BE SHOWN . . . Officer D. C. Cook of the Torrance Police Department displays a narcotic comparison board constructed by him and another officer, A. S. Thompson, and which will be among the hundreds of items to be on display during the three-day run of the Arts, Flower and Hobby Show to be held in the Civic Auditorium beginning this evening at 7 o'clock (Herald photo).

Better Counseling

Parents Asked to Aid School Heads on Ninth Grade Plan

Beginning today the aid of parents of next semester's ninth grade students will be sought by school administrators in streamlining the curriculum of the first year of high school courses.

The parents of today's eighth graders are being asked by school principals and counselors to offer their suggestions in helping their offspring through the difficult transition from grammar school to high school.

"Educators have long realized that many children lose much valuable time in adjusting themselves from the single-teacher system in grade school to the more independent seven-teacher system followed in high school," commented John Steinbaugh, principal of Torrance High School.

"We need the suggestions and help of parents in forming the framework of a new system which we feel will provide greater student counseling, through closer student-teacher relationships," he said.

"We propose to have a one student spend three consecutive periods a day with the same teacher studying basic skill subjects such as English and social studies, with emphasis both in counseling and in instruction on the many teenage problems. In this way teachers will have only 60 different students to supervise instead of 180 as at present. This is accomplished without adding any additional teachers to the district rolls," Steinbaugh pointed out.

"It has been found," said Steinbaugh, "that teachers who spend at least three periods a day with each student are more capable of advising and counseling the students than those who only have each student once a day for a 55-minute period."

"The basic principle of the new curriculum makes the teacher responsible for the student and the student responsible to the teacher," Hull elaborated.

He stated further that: "In addition to the counseling available from each teacher there will be a grade level counselor for both boys and girls. The counselor for the girls will be available at any hour during the day."

Dr. J. Heinrich Hull, superintendent of schools, pointed out at a recent meeting of the Board of Education that the school district is attempting to obtain the services of a woman doctor.

It is planned that in addition to the three periods spent with each teacher with supervised study periods that each student will take four other subjects including physical education. Three of each day's subjects will be elective as at present. These may include industrial arts, business, science, the arts and crafts, music, or homemaking subjects of the student's own choice.

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Flight Strip Buildings Moved

Five buildings at the Torrance municipal airport housing project have been torn down or moved to make way for the forthcoming extension of Crenshaw boulevard.

Residents of the structures had either moved out of the emergency rental project or to another area, officials stated.

The buildings, one of which was sold to a manufacturer at the airport, was on the right-of-way for the lengthening of Crenshaw from Sepulveda boulevard to Pacific Coast highway late this year.

Everything from A to Z—from autos to zinnias will be on display—this week-end during the staging of the Fourth Annual Arts, and Flower, and Hobby show in the Civic Auditorium.

The show will open to the public beginning at 7 p. m. tonight. The doors will open on Friday and Saturday at noon and will remain open until 10 p. m. according to Fay L. Parks, general chairman.

Judging of the entries will start at 1 p. m. today. Ribbons for the first three places will be awarded the top entries in each division.

Mrs. Frank Farrell, president of the Torrance Garden Club, is in charge of floral entries. Judging of the garden entries will be done by Mrs. Virginia Yelton, owner of the Torrance Flower Shop, and Nadine, owner of Flowers by Nadine.

Other judges include Mrs. Robert Deining, Mrs. R. R. Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, and Donald Manshaw.

Among the many entries will be old-time autos, paintings by various members of the community including those of Dr. P. H. Lisman, a gun collection of Perry Connet, a comparison board of common narcotics, and flowers from the gardens of many residents.

Members of the show committee other than those mentioned include Mrs. Harry Burkholder, secretary; Dean L. Sears, treasurer; and G. S. Evans, publicity.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce recently voted \$100 to help defray the expense of staging the event.

A. L. Jackson Named V-P of Burbank Firm

Former Councilman Albert L. Jackson, plant manager of the International Derrick and Equipment Company and a candidate for the Torrance Board of Education has resigned his position at the local plant to accept the vice-presidency of the General Panel Corp. in Burbank it was announced this week.

Jackson said he would continue to live in Torrance at his residence at 1448 Engraola avenue. He said the change in positions would not affect his candidacy for the Board of Education.

Succeeding Jackson as plant manager is Hank Streidl, formerly assistant plant manager. Streidl has been at the local manufacturing plant since 1947, Jackson since 1943.

April 'Light' Accident Month With Two Deaths

Although April was a "light" month as to the number of auto accidents, two persons were killed in crashes during the month, Police Department records revealed.

According to Police Clerk Leslie Stroth there were only 21 accidents—nine of which were injury accidents. A total of 11 persons were injured, the reports showed.

The two victims in April included a young and pretty 24-year-old girl Betty Larch, who died in a train-auto crash at the Santa Fe crossing on Western avenue on April 10. It was the first accident at the intersection following the recent completion of the Western avenue improvement.

The other victim was Mrs. Nora Scully, 80-year-old Los Angeles resident, who died on April 18, 16 days after she was injured in a Walteria crash near Newton street on Hawthorne avenue.