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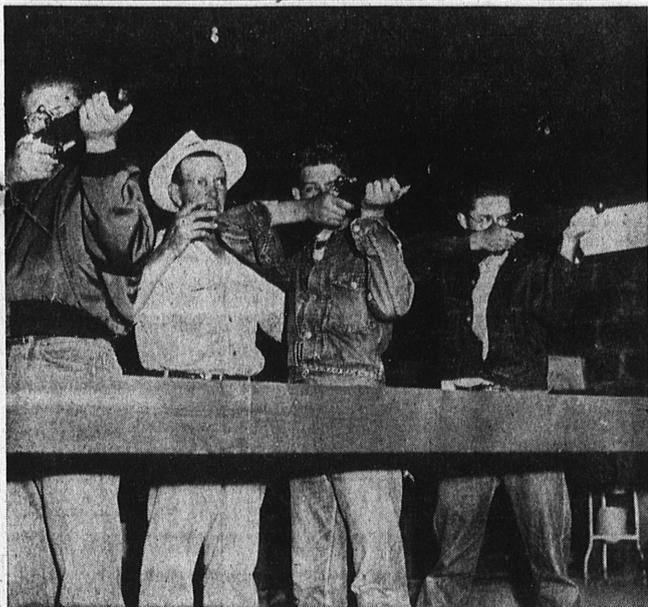
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**YOUNG MARKSMEN . . .** Torrance police pistol rangemaster H. Paul instructs Torrance Auxiliary Police members Weldon Smith, left, Stan Welpton and Dave Parton in the proper and safe use of .22 caliber rifles at the local police range in the Palms Verdes Hills. The TAPs attend "shooting classes" each Saturday morning. Membership blanks for TAPs can be obtained now at the police station.

### Legion Election Scheduled for Tuesday Evening

Annual election of officers of the Bert S. Crossland American Legion next Tuesday evening is expected to feature an unopposed candidate for the position of post commander and contests for almost all of the other offices.

Harry Green, present first vice-commander and chairman of the house committee, is thus far without opposition in the race for the top post in the veterans' organization. Nominations will close just prior to the election.

Similar situations existed, however, in two prior elections, and it is possible that a "dark horse" candidate may be entered at the last minute.

Ken Cunningham, Stanley Helman and Gordon Arnold were nominated at the last meeting for the office of first vice-commander. Clark Morris and Vernon Coil will make the race for the office of second vice-commander.

Ralph Dodge, a newcomer to Torrance, will oppose "Hugh" Stumpf, former major league ball player, in the contest for sergeant-at-arms.

### General Petroleum To Answer Tax Quiz

City councilmen will get a chance to hear General Petroleum's answer to questions raised last week by Councilman Nick Drake on the taxing of the company's local refinery.

"There is no mystery about our taxes or the assessments on our property," P. S. Magruder, executive vice president of the firm, said yesterday.

Methods Are Public  
"Both are a matter of public record," he continued "available for examination by any citizen at any time in the offices of the Los Angeles County Assessor. The assessor determines the assessments according to a formula which applies identically to every citizen's property."

The taxing question was brought up by Drake at Tuesday evening's council meeting when he said it looked funny to him that the refinery's taxes were being lowered each year while the plant was expanding.

Supported by Blount in his pleas for an investigation by Council-

### Membership Open in TAP's For Boy, Girl Teen-Agers

Teen-aged boys and girls interested in joining the Torrance Auxiliary Police Department now have an opportunity to do so, it was announced yesterday.

Applications for membership

### Young Driver Hospitalized After Crash

Reported improving yesterday in a San Pedro hospital following a serious traffic collision was 21-year-old Bill Dominguez, son of Frank Dominguez, owner of Frank's Furniture Store.

Young Dominguez was injured Thursday afternoon when a light furniture truck he was driving collided with a heavy steel-carrying truck at Alameda and Imperial. The large truck was loaded with 40-foot steel beams.

Attendees at the hospital said the young driver suffered cracked ribs and a cracked shoulder blade, and numerous cuts and bruises.

The half-ton pickup truck he was driving was almost completely demolished.

### Half of Budget Earmarked for New Buildings

The El Camino College Board of Trustees this week approved a tentative budget of \$2,311,034 for the 1952-53 school year with nearly half of that amount allocated to construction of permanent classroom buildings and for equipment.

Largest item in the budget, aside from the funds set aside for the building construction, is \$688,182 for instructors' salaries and other costs of instruction. Operation and maintenance of the school plant calls for an expenditure of \$178,890 with \$150,000 set up in general and undistributed reserves.

In accordance with legal requirements the tentative budget will be submitted to the County superintendent of schools and returned to the district board for further consideration with the public hearing on the budget scheduled for Aug. 5 at 2 p.m.

Acceleration of the building program was authorized by the trustees with instructions to the school architects to proceed immediately with plans for additional instructional units including a commercial building, an addition to the trade and industrial vocational shops building, construction of music and speech arts building, and other facilities adjacent to the proposed library which is scheduled for construction at a later date.

Director of business, C. G. Artwedson, reported to the board that bids will be received on July 18 for construction of the next unit of the shops program.

### New First Aid Class Opening Here July 7

Instruction in a new standard and Civil Defense first aid class will get under way here at the Civil Defense headquarters, 1754 Torrance Blvd., next July 7, it was announced yesterday by George Powell, assistant director of CD for Torrance.

A second class will be started the following Wednesday, July 9, and will continue each Monday and Wednesday evening for three weeks, Powell said.

Tentatively slated to instruct the 22-hour course are Mr. and Mrs. Meade Ferguson of Ketter Knolls. Persons wishing to enroll now may contact the Red Cross office at Torrance 3447 or 1755. Powell is also available at the office, 1754 Torrance Blvd., where booklets are available.

### Willett Loses Votes In Official Canvass

The race for Office No. 2 in the South Bay Judicial District election June 3 was closer than most candidates thought, according to figures released Friday by Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hite.

Judge Otto B. Willett, top man in earlier unofficial tabulations by a margin of nearly 2000 votes over Judge D. Clifford Higgins of Manhattan Beach, held only a 195-vote margin in the official final tabulations, Hite announced.

Final count gives Willett 13,452 votes and Higgins 12,257. Unofficial count had given Willett 14,461, Higgins 12,472.

Both On Ballot  
The change in official tabulation will not affect the situation in the November election, Hite said. Willett and Higgins will be on the ballot for the November run-off election.

Judge Collamer A. Bridge, third man on the ballot, polled 10,685 votes, the official canvass shows. Unofficial totals gave him 10,115.

In the contest for Office No. 1 of the Judicial District, Judge John A. Shidler was officially credited with 22,262 votes while his opponent, Walter N. Anderson, received 16,543. The vote for Shidler was enough to elect him to the office and he will not appear on the November ballot.

In the congressional race, the final tabulation shows that Rep. Cecil King, Democrat, failed by nearly 3000 votes to win election in the primary. He trailed Robert H. Finch on the Republican ballot 24,255 to 21,436. He won his own party nomination easily.

Results of the final official canvass:

CONGRESS, 17TH DISTRICT  
Republican—Robert H. Finch, 24,255; Cecil R. King, 21,436; Mac Baxter, 1554; Weaver Jones, 1517; Lou Skeel, 870.  
Democratic—King, 56,721; Finch, 14,385; Baxter, 4847.

46TH ASSEMBLY DIST.  
Republican—Charles Edward Chapel, 18,052; George E. Gordon Jr., 4442; Robert E. Allan, 3921.  
Democratic—Chapel, 12,774; Gordon, 7892; Allan, 5192.

SO. BAY JUDICIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPAL COURT  
Office No. 1—John A. Shidler, 22,262; Walter N. Anderson, 16,543.  
Office No. 2—Otto B. Willett, 13,452; D. Clifford Higgins, 12,257.  
COUNTY SUPERVISOR  
FOURTH DIST.  
Raymond V. Darby, 161,924; Glenn M. Anderson, 52,829; Harold

### Bookie Charge Ousted By DA

The District Attorney's office moved for dismissal of a bookmaking charge against Bennie Gartzman, Torrance taxi driver, in City Court Thursday. Judge Otto B. Willett approved the motion after the DA said they had insufficient evidence to press a complaint.

Sheriff's men arrested Gartzman two weeks ago on the charge when they reportedly found two betting markers in his pockets.

### Lt. John Koshak Named Exec. Officer of Engineers Co.

Second Lieutenant John Koshak has been appointed executive officer of a Headquarters Engineers Intelligence Company in Schweitzingen, near Heidelberg, Germany, his mother, Mrs. J. J. Koshak was informed last week.

Lt. Koshak, who received his commission in September, has been with the Army engineers for four years. He was named OCS school while serving as a surveyor in Alaska. He was the only candidate named from



SAM VAN WAGNER AND TROPHY . . . Able Mabel Campaign Pays Off

### Jaycees Win Cup for 'Able Mabel' Drive

Able Mabel, the member-getting rabbit of the Torrance Jaycees, produced again for the local boys Thursday night.

The Torrance organization won the cup for the most outstanding project of District No. 12. The local unit, under the chairmanship of Sam Van Wagner, more than doubled its membership last year.

Van Wagner successfully used Able Mabel as the incentive for each Jaycee member to get a new member. Mabel, who was about to "rabbitize" at any moment, was passed from one

member to another. Due to Mabel's delicate condition it behooved each member to sign up a new member. Mabel then could be passed to another Jaycee who had to find a new member or go into the rabbit business.

At District Meeting  
The award was made at a district meeting held in El Segundo. Attending the meeting from the Torrance club were Jerry Loy, Jay Nielsen, Jack O. Baldwin, Ed Karlow, Warren Perry, Joe Helphand, Jim Wood and the club's president-elect, Marvin Goettsch.

Howard Perry, retiring State vice-president from Dist. No. 12 was presented with a gavel by Dick Fitzgerald of the El Segundo club, who was voted the key man of the district. Floyd Carr, the new vice-president, and Jerry Green, district secretary, were installed by Norman March.

### Sailor Beaten, Robbed, Thrown From Automobile

A young sailor who had hitchhiked a ride from Oceanside, was beaten with a metal flashlight, robbed of his wallet and thrown from an auto on Pacific Coast Hwy. near Seaside Ranchos yesterday morning, according to information reported to Torrance police.

The sailor, Arthur S. Aldrich, 21, stationed in San Diego, told officers he was riding with four men who picked him up in Oceanside. When they reached the Seaside area, one grabbed him from behind, another slugged him with the flashlight, and the other two snatched his wallet, containing \$15 and Navy ID cards.

Aldrich reported that he was thrown from the car, near Roberts Rd., and his ID card and empty wallet were returned.

The victim then made his way to the Hermosa Beach police station where police held him for local authorities. Aldrich said the four suspects were riding in a 1941 black sedan, and all were wearing blue jeans, and were young.

### Construction of New Dow Plant Reported

Construction of a new multi-million dollar industrial plant for the Dow Chemical Co. was expected to get under way here in the near future following the announcement this week by the National Production Authority that a material allotment amounting to \$1,828,000 had been granted the firm.

Site of the new plant will be on Crenshaw Blvd. north of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. informed sources have indicated. The company has held the site for some time.

Earlier reports of the proposed construction indicated that the company had been holding off on plans until patents for several new manufacturing processes involved had been cleared. Nature of the manufacturing to be carried on at the new plant has not been revealed.

Officials of the Dow Chemical Co. plant at 220th and Vermont Ave. declined to comment on the new development saying any announcement of the move must come from the San Francisco office of R. L. Curtis, general manager of the company.

A query to that office by the Herald last Monday has not been answered.



LT. JOHN KOSHAK . . . New executive officer