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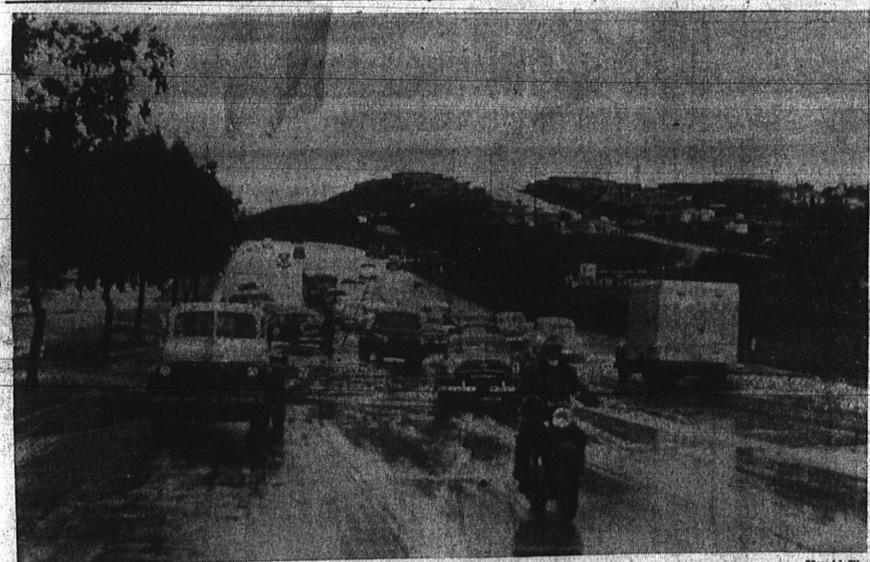
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Escaped Con, Three Others Nabbed by City Detectives



HIGHWAY FLOODED . . . Tow trucks did a thriving business for a while Tuesday afternoon as flood waters washed tons of sand out of the new Ellinwood housing development along

Pacific Coast Hwy. and buried the busy thoroughfare. Many other parts of the city were inundated during the short but heavy downpour Tuesday.

City Opens Door To Rolling Hills

An invitation for Rolling Hills to annex to Torrance was extended by the City Council Tuesday evening.

Voting 3-2 on a motion submitted by Councilman Nick Drake, the Council officially extended the welcome hand to the unincorporated area of Rolling Hills, including the 6800 acres recently purchased by the Great Lakes Carbon Corp.

Offering light opposition to the move was Mayor Mervin M. Schwab and Councilman Harvey B. Spelman Jr. Mayor Schwab said he would like some time to study the situation. It has been referred to the group's next agenda meeting for further discussion.

Councilman Drake said the increased valuation in the area would pay for any additional services the city would incur by annexing the area.

He said the City of Los Angeles was seeking means of annexing the area.

YMCA Coed Snow Trip Cancelled

The Torrance YMCA announced today that the Coed Snow Camp for Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y members originally scheduled for Jan. 16 and 17 had been cancelled because the main lodge at Camp Oongo, where the group was going, burned to the ground on Friday, Jan. 8.

Stan Roberts, the executive secretary of the YMCA, said today that another Snow Camp would be worked out at a later date if adequate arrangements can be made.

Rain, Hail, Earthquake, Lightning—We Had it All

Rain, hail, earthquakes, lightning and thunder. At 3:36 p.m. on Tuesday, the Torrance Police Department received several calls inquiring about a slight earthquake that rattled cups and shook windows for about three seconds.

The storm, which reached the peak of its fury on Tuesday, has abated, the Weather Department reports, and today and tomorrow should be sunny and warmer.

But for a couple of days there local residents were treated to a veritable weather circus. The three-day rainfall total in Torrance for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday was .89 inches, according to the Fire Department, with .02 falling on Monday, .83 on Tuesday and .05 on Wednesday.

It brought the total rainfall figure for the fiscal year, which began in July, to 1.86 inches for Torrance.

Accompanying the rain were occasional bursts of hail, light-

ning and thunder. At 3:36 p.m. on Tuesday, the Torrance Police Department received several calls inquiring about a slight earthquake that rattled cups and shook windows for about three seconds.

No major damage was reported anywhere in Torrance, however, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock traffic was stopped on Pacific Coast Hwy. near the Ellinwood Tract when mud washed over Newton St. onto the highway. Several cars were stranded in the mess and had to be pulled out with tow trucks.

First Time—Perkins
Street Superintendent Ralph Perkins said that it was the first time the highway had been flooded at that spot, and blamed the washout on building activity in the area. The flood waters formerly found room to spread out in vacant fields there, he said, but this year, buildings

channeled the waters down through Newton St. and onto the highway.

The street crews had a fairly easy day of it Tuesday, despite the rains, Newton said. The usual low spots were lanterned and barricaded to protect cars from the mud. Barricades were put up at 231st St. and Normandie, at the end of Monterey St., and in North Torrance on 168th St. between Arlington Ave. and Crenshaw Blvd.

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will make the selection, Isenberg said.

The winner will keep the trophy for one year and it will then pass on to the next year's winner with the previous "Outstanding Citizen" to receive a permanent plaque.

Any citizen of Torrance can enter nominations for the award in writing, addressed to the Selection Committee, Chamber of Commerce. Nominees must live in Torrance, Isenberg emphasized that the award will be non-political and will be based solely on merit.

Tip from East Leads to Arrest Of Con, Pals

An escaped North Carolina convict, his sister, her husband, and his brother-in-law were picked up here by Torrance police Tuesday on a tip from North Carolina authorities that they were visiting here.

Arrested and held for authorities from North Carolina was John Monroe Weaver, 37, who had served 10 years of a 14 year sentence when he walked away from state prison in Raleigh.

Also picked up were his sister, Ida Mae Correll, 32; her husband, Ray Coolidge Correll, 28; and Weaver's brother-in-law, James Oscar Black, 29. Police were preparing to release the latter three yesterday when North Carolina officials said they were not wanted by them.

Detective Captain Ernie Ashton and Sgt. Percy Bennett captured the quartet without a struggle Tuesday evening when they got a tip that Weaver was in Torrance. Going to a North Torrance address supplied by the North Carolina officials, Ashton and Bennett found Mrs. Correll, who told them the others were expected to return shortly. Weaver and the other two men were arrested by the two police officers about three hours later when they returned to the North Torrance home.

A check of the Monterey Park motel yesterday which the four had occupied failed to turn up any evidence which would warrant holding the Corrells or Black, Captain Ashton reported. Weaver has agreed to sign waivers for his extradition to North Carolina and authorities from that state are expected here to return him this week.

He is being held in Torrance City Jail.

The four told Ashton and Bennett that they had come to California to look for work.

Wade Glenn Hearing Delayed Until Jan. 28

Preliminary hearing for Wade Glenn, formerly associated with the now defunct Post Ave. Motors, on charges of grand theft was postponed until Jan. 28 when he appeared in the South Bay Municipal Court of Judge Otto E. Willett yesterday.



LEARNING TO WALK . . . Walking, which most four-year-olds take for granted, is a daily struggle for Donna Broos. She was stricken with polio in October, and her right side paralyzed. This week, thanks to National Polio Foundation treatment and her courage in the face of great pain, little Donna is walking again. She does not have to wear braces, but wears special shoes as she walks slowly to her mother's arms, above. Donna's twin sister, Doris, was also stricken with polio. She died from the disease the next day. (Story on Page 17)



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DR. GERALD EASTHAM
To Be Installed

Gerald Eastham Hospital Chief

Dr. Gerald Eastham of Torrance, president of the southwest branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn. in '53, will be installed as Chief of Staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital at ceremonies to be conducted Saturday night at the Palos Verdes Country Club at 7:30 o'clock.

Also elected to the executive staff for 1954 were Dr. John Tiffin, Torrance, assistant secretary-treasurer; Dr. John Grube, Manhattan Beach, assistant chief of staff; and Dr. Richard Schaeffer, Redondo Beach, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Eastham, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, has been practicing in Torrance since his release from the United States Navy in 1946. He served as president of the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn. during 1953, and will be replaced in this position by Dr. John Wilson, Manhattan Beach, internist.

The executive committee appointments for 1954 were as follows: Dr. John Beeman, Torrance, obstetrics; Dr. Frederick Evans, Manhattan Beach, and Dr. Charles T. La France, Redondo Beach, surgery; Dr. Clifford E. Easley, Torrance, orthopedic; Dr. Ralph W. McNeil, Torrance, credentials; Dr. Robert C. Schaeffer, anesthesia; Dr. George C. Andersen, Hermosa Beach, tissue; Dr. W. E. Grubbs, Torrance, program; Dr. Ernest Butt, Redondo Beach, grievance; Dr. John Wilson, Manhattan Beach, medical; Dr. Arthur Olson, Redondo Beach, public relations.

Machinists Picket Doak Aircraft Plant

Pickets appeared at the entrance to Doak Aircraft Co. at 22309 S. Western Ave. yesterday morning as members of IAM Local 720, whose contract with the company was terminated at the union's demand, walked out of the plant.

The walkout was called earlier this week when union officials said the aircraft firm refused to enter negotiations for a contract which terminated Nov. 11.

Company officials were hopeful that the strike would be ineffective, however, when 85 per cent of the company's more than 120 employees showed up for work yesterday.

Yesterday's strike had its background in a petition submitted by employees of the firm last summer to call an election to decertify the IAM Local as bargaining agent because it represented a minority of the workers, a company spokesman said.

Decision Pending

Transcripts of hearings held in Los Angeles on the decertification petition in late July have been sent to the National Labor Relations Board, but pleas of the company for a decision from Washington have been ignored.

Officials of Doak Aircraft say the lodge now has less than 20 members and that at the time the strike meeting was called on Nov. 16 that only 38 members of the union were present and that only 27 of the invited.

Charges of unfair labor practices were filed against the company by the union recently.

Mrs. J. Aspern Services Slated

Funeral services are scheduled to be held this morning at 11 o'clock at Stone and Myers Chapel for Alyce Gertrude Aspern, 80, who died Tuesday at Harbor General Hospital.

Mrs. Aspern resided at 355 E. 220th St. with her husband, John. The Rev. C. M. Northrup is to conduct the funeral services and interment will follow at Roosevelt Cemetery.

A native of Illinois, Mrs. Aspern leaves a sister, Stella M. Sharp of El Monte, and her husband.

Contract for Sewers in Jay Street OK'd by Board

Contract for construction of sewers in Jay St. in the Torrance area was approved by Supervisor Burton W. Chace Tuesday.

Chace Dedicates New Courtroom In South Bay

County Supervisor Burton W. Chace formally dedicated a new courtroom for Division Two, South Bay Municipal Court, in ceremonies held yesterday in the South Bay Cities Civic Center in Redondo Beach.

Mayor Mervin M. Schwab of Torrance was invited to attend the ceremonies as were mayors of other South Bay cities. Master of ceremonies was Collamer A. Bridge, president of the South Bay Bar Association.

At the same time, a new area office for the District Attorney to serve Torrance, Gardena, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Palos Verdes, was formally opened. Deputy District Attorney William B. Keene was assigned as chief of the office.

Bargain Hunter Given a Break

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