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POLICE ASK FBI TO HOLD SUSPECT

Extradition Asked For Paul S. Franks



Extradition papers for Paul Franks, an alleged accomplice in the daring robbery of more than \$30,000 from National Supply Co. Employees' Credit Union more than a year ago, will be issued when courts re-open Tuesday, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton.

Torrance police sent a telegram to the FBI in Portland, Ore., requesting that Franks be held for extradition after they were notified of the arrest by Special Agent Joseph F. Santolana late Thursday. Capt. Ashton said he will "probably" fly up to get the suspect after clearance through the District Attorney's office.

"All is ready for the prosecution," the detective captain said.

Franks, captured by the FBI in a Portland rooming house, is charged with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution on the robbery charge. The daring hold-up set off a "startling chain of events leading to conviction of the victim, credit union manager, on embezzlement charges."

Joe Alden, allegedly slugged and robbed by Franks' accomplices while he waited in the get-away car, was convicted of embezzling \$7628 after a federally-conducted audit of credit union books. He served a six-months sentence in Los Angeles County jail and is now free on a five-year probation.

The two accomplices, William McNally and Conrad Madlung, have been convicted of the robbery. McNally is serving a five to 15 year sentence while Madlung is in county jail pending appeal of his conviction.



ROY L. MANKINS To Head PE Mechanical Dept.

Roy Mankins Promoted To High PE Post

Roy L. Mankins has been appointed to head Pacific Electric Railway's mechanical department, including its big Torrance shops, effective June 1. G. F. Squires, vice-president and general manager, announced Mankins will have the title of master mechanic and will assume duties formerly in charge of E. A. Stevens, retiring general superintendent of motive power, which title is being discontinued.

Mankins will supervise maintenance of Pacific Electric freight locomotives and other equipment. He will be headquartered at Torrance shops and at the company's general offices in the Pacific Electric Building, Los Angeles.

Mankins has been with Pacific Electric since 1919, when he went to work as a car repairer at the Macy St. shops in Los Angeles. Experience as electrician led to his appointment as foreman at the West Hollywood shops in 1940, assistant general foreman in 1943 and general foreman of the mechanical department in 1945. He has resided in Monrovia since 1927.

Sowle Chairman Of 'Y' Breakfast

D. M. Sowle has been named chairman of the general arrangements committee for the annual YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast, to be held Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Civic Auditorium.

This announcement was made this week by Stan Roberts, "Y" executive secretary, speaking for "Y" Board of Managers Chairman R. I. Plomert Jr., who is ill.

Sowle has accepted the chairmanship and will be making further appointments to the committee from time to time, Roberts reported.

The "Good Neighbor" award will be presented at the breakfast, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett won the award in '53.

Youth Wins High Scouting Award

One of the highest honors in Scouting, the "God and Country" award, will be presented this morning to Boy Scout Darel Kelley, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kelley, of 1415 Beech Ave.

The presentation will be made by the Rev. Douglas Jeffrey at the 11 a.m. worship service of the First Baptist Church.

Ranking on the same level as the Eagle Scout award, the "God and Country" ribbon and medal takes a year of effort to win. Scouts carry out church and civic projects to earn the prize.

Darel's brother, Don Jr., received the "God and Country" award two years ago. The boys belong to Scout Troop 721.

Seek Three Here In Beating, Five Held

Police have rounded up five members of a gang of ten who are believed to be involved in the beating of a Harbor City man Sunday and three others have been identified by witnesses and are being sought here.

Warrants have been issued charging the five with assault with force, burglary, false imprisonment and conspiracy. They are being held in San Pedro jail on \$5000 bail each.

The five, who will appear at preliminary hearing Thursday are James and Clarence Caples, brothers, of 23850 Park St., Welteria; William Stokes, 22, of Lawndale; O. E. Rogers, 26, of 22015 S. Normandie Ave. and Walter Ventruella, 22, of 24315 Lomita Dr., Lomita.

They are suspected of being members of a gang of thugs who beat Raphael Moton, 28, of 1414 W. 253rd St., Sunday in his bedroom with bottles, feet and fists.

Three Sought Sought as members of the gang are Billy Joe Haselwood, 23, and Herbert E. Haselwood, 21, both of 21730 Dolores St., and Ted Onay, 22. These three have been identified by witnesses, according to Det. Wally Butts of San Pedro.

WEATHER

Drizzles are predicted this morning by the Weather Bureau, but the skies should become partially sunny this afternoon. Little change in temperature is foreseen, with a high near 70 degrees.

'I Live Dangerously'

OWNER WATCHES WHILE PAIR SET HOME ON FIRE

A man who set a Shoestring Strip house on fire, commenting to its owner "I live dangerously," is being sought with an accomplice by arson investigators today.

Raymond Thorpe, of 1406 W. 247th St., told police two men forced their way into his home and set the house on fire as they moved clothing and a refrigerator outside.

Thorpe said he thought the men were friends of his estranged wife.

The pair pulled a stove out from the wall, letting dangerous gas escape into the room. Thorpe said he informed the men that the house might blow up, whereupon one of them remarked: "I don't care if we blow up—I live dangerously."

He then lit the escaping gas. Flames engulfed the kitchen and, after Thorpe had battled the fire for about 20 minutes and brought it under control, he called police.

Graduation Near For 223 Tartars In Class of '54

A total of 223 Torrance High School seniors will begin their last week of school tomorrow, will attend Baccalaureate services Sunday, June 6, and will be graduated in Commencement exercises Thursday, June 10.

The Rev. Freeman A. Brunson of the Church of the Nazarene will deliver the Baccalaureate Address, the Rev. James P. Lowen of the Four-square Church will recite the invocation, and the Rev. Arthur E. Bello of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will read the Benediction.

The seniors are looking back on a gala trip to Catalina May 21 and are looking forward with

More Info Inside

Further information on the Tartar graduation class, a program of events for the Baccalaureate services, and a list of names of the 223 graduating seniors can be found on page 2.

happy eyes toward Friday, the last day of school and the night of the Junior-Senior Prom, to be held at the El Camino Campus Center.

The following week of senior activities — June 7-11 — includes the senior aud call on Monday at 9 a.m., at which the Class Will will be read; the senior breakfast Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. at the Civic Auditorium; the senior tea from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, for seniors and their mothers at the YWCA; Commencement exercises Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock on the football field, and an all-night party following.

The all-night party will include dancing, movies, and swimming at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club and will end with breakfast at 6 a.m.

Final exams are tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday and seniors check out of school Friday.

Data on Commencement exercises will be announced later.



GIVE MORE FUNDS . . . Four hundred dollars presented to the Torrance Dental Health Association by the Torrance Education Association Wednesday night is boosted as Miss Catherine M. Chisholm, president of the educators' group, presents additional check for \$15 to Paul Diamond, new leader of the Dental Health Association.

Dental Health Group Gets New Officers, \$400

Torrance Dental Health Association got a mammoth check for \$400 from the Torrance Education Association at its yearly banquet at Torrance High School cafeteria Wednesday evening.

Making the presentation to Dean L. Sears, outgoing president, on behalf of the educators' group was Miss Catherine M. Chisholm, president.

Miss Chisholm later presented an additional check for \$15 from the TEA to Paul Diamond, new president, who will be assisted by Don Hyde, first vice-president; Don Hitchcock, second vice-president; Mrs. Robert Moffitt, treasurer; and Mrs. M. B. Millar, secretary.

The Dental Health Association also was on the receiving end of a check for \$50, presented to Sears on behalf of the Torrance Woman's Club by its wife.

Achievements of the past year were reported and participating dentists were thanked for their co-operation in the program of "dental health for all."



CARRIED AWAY . . . The sax melodies of Don Buckley appear to have lovely blonde Norma Quine in a trance, but only a prelude to the full-scale concert being planned by the Torrance Area Youth Band Tuesday evening. The Eighth Anniversary Concert will be held in the Civic Auditorium.

Youth Band to Note Eighth Anniversary

Bob Marsteller, first trombonist of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, will be the featured soloist on the Torrance Area Youth Band's Eighth Anniversary Concert to be given in the Torrance Civic Auditorium Tuesday evening, June 1st.

Marsteller, graduate of the Eastman School of Music on a Rochester Prize Scholarship, will play several selections on trombone during the first half of the concert and will return during the second half and solo on the baritone.

Lucien Cailliet, famous conductor-composer-arranger, will be in attendance at the concert to hear the premiere performance of three of his latest arrangements: Rossini's "La Gazza Ladra" overture, a samba by Bingie entitled "The Red Sombra," and the exciting "Carnaval" overture by Giraud. Other numbers to be performed by the band include "Emblem of Unity" march, Bach's "Organ Fugue in C minor (the little), the "Aragonaise" from Bizet's Carmen Suite No. 1, Morton Gould's "Cowboy Rhapsody," and Alfred Newman's Conquest from "Captain From Castile."

A 12-page printed program, prepared for this concert and paid for by local music patrons and merchants, explains the details of a series of youth band-artists concerts scheduled for next season. Artists signed for this series include Gary Grafman, pianist; Camilla Wicks, violinist, and Anna Maria Albergheiti, coloratura soprano.

The Watters' other daughter, Janet Lynn, was born Jan. 11, 1953. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chariton Watters of San Pedro.

Hawthorne Ave. To Be Divided, Bids Due Soon

Specifications for the improvement of Hawthorne Ave. call for elimination of the sharp curve at Sepulveda, and a widening of the underpass at 190th St., City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop reported yesterday.

Construction of the 4.7 miles of state highway will get under way this summer, Bishop said. Bids on the job are due in the State Highway Engineers office on June 10.

The heavily traveled boulevard will be divided from 174th St. to Pacific Coast Hwy., limits of the current project, Bishop said. Each section will provide two 12-foot lanes for traffic.

The curve through the underpass at 190th St. will be improved with a 65-foot widening of the roadway under the railroad. The west abutment will be moved out another 65 feet, according to the plans.

Traffic islands and left-turn lanes will be put in at several intersections, and new or modified traffic signal lights are scheduled for Hawthorne's intersection with Pacific Coast Hwy., Sepulveda, Torrance Blvd., 190th St., 186th St., and 182nd St.

Torrance Demos Urged To Back Knight Campaign

Torrance Democrats — nearly 800 of them — will be receiving letters from another Democrat urging their support for Gov. Goodwin J. Knight in the June 8 primary balloting, it was announced here yesterday by Torrance for Knight Chairman Donald Armstrong.

The ambitious mailing project has been undertaken by Torrance City Councilman Willy G. Blount, who has been named by Armstrong to head the Democrats for Knight in Torrance.

"Torrance, a city of Democratic registration, is a key city in the campaign to retain Governor Knight in office," Blount said here yesterday.

Groundbreaking Set for Market

Ground will be broken Wednesday at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hawthorne Blvd. for one of the largest of the Clark Super Markets, according to Mark Schulman, president.

The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. Completed plans for the Torrance market call for one of the most modern shopping centers in the Clark chain. Parking facilities will be provided for more than 500 cars and shops of all varieties will be included in the shopping center.