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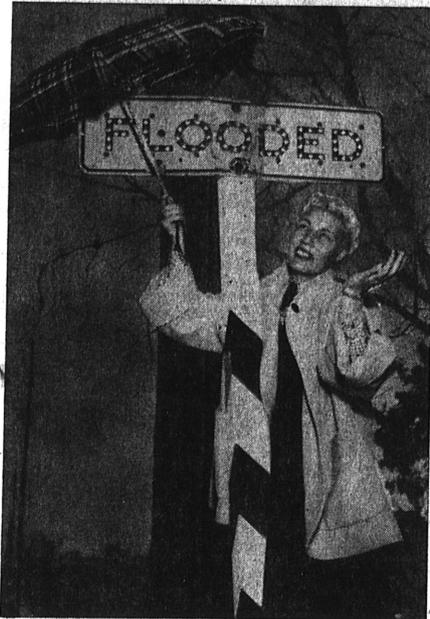
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WEATHER-WISE (?) . . . Those "flooded" signs which have been out all year on many Torrance streets may have puzzled some people, but pretty Beckie Smith says she has a direct line to the weatherman and he claims they'll soon be back in style. The forecast calls for showers today or tonight.

Firemen Launch Dystrophy Drive

Fifty uniformed members of the Torrance Fire Department will "march to fight Muscular Dystrophy" starting Monday evening, in an all-out campaign to raise a dollar a family to help stamp out the dread disease.

Stolen Payroll Checks in Area

Stolen payroll checks may be circulating in the Torrance area, and merchants have been warned by police to be on the lookout for them.

Payroll checks imprinted with the "Ben Rudnick Tire Co., of 2209 S. Flower St., Los Angeles," were stolen in a recent burglary.

They are numbered from 2925 to 2790, and 6923 to 7200, according to Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett. All are printed on yellow paper, with the Security First National Bank name.

Merchants asked to cash such checks should phone the police department at once, Bennett advised.

A Police Department bulletin received late yesterday indicated that the South Bay area is being flooded with checks from the "Plastic Process Co., of 10400 Aviation Blvd., stolen in a burglary.

Bennett said all are imprinted with the serial number 4965, and are printed with blue ink on yellow paper. Those cashed so far have been for \$91.88, and made to a Phillip Blanchard, or to an Anderson or Fuller.

They are Bank of America checks, signed by M. C. Cline or E. K. Madden.

Two checks recently stolen from the "Redwood Center," 1110 6th St., Manhattan Beach, have been passed in Torrance, one in the amount of \$86.20 at a local grocery store.

Both checks were made payable to Everett Miller, at a fictitious Manhattan Beach address. Cashing the notes was a woman suspect, described as 23 to 25 years of age, 5 ft. 2 in., 140 pounds, and a nice dresser.

Bennett said both merchants failed to ask for identification when they cashed the checks.

Rucker Named Carbide Head

C. N. Rucker has been appointed 2,000,000 Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co. plant now under construction in Torrance.

A veteran of 21 years with the company, he has been superintendent in charge of gas and utilities at Carbide's South Charleston, W. Va., plant.

New Meter Slots Due Here Soon

Installation of parking meters on Torrance streets will begin probably next week, City Manager George Stevens reported here yesterday as crews from the parking meter firm began measuring the city's downtown streets for the pay-as-you-park devices.

Posts for the meter heads will be installed immediately and the meters should be along within a week, Stevens said. They will be installed as soon as they are received from the manufacturer.

Installation of the meters will be a new experience for motorists in Torrance. The new parking district in which the meters will be placed includes most of the downtown business section. The meters will be placed at the head of angle parking stalls according to action of the City Council this week. In parallel parking areas, the two parking stalls will be joined with entry and exit space separating each two stalls. The meters will be placed alongside each stall.

Proponents of the parking meter plan will be watching the experiment carefully to determine how it will effect the critical parking problem in the downtown area.

To assist the meters with the task of providing parking for shoppers in the downtown area, property owners are making plans to form an assessment district and purchase off-street parking lots in the area.

C of C BREAKFAST SET FOR TUESDAY

The next Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting will be held in the YWCA building next Tuesday morning, Dec. 7, from 7:30 to 8:30, it was announced here yesterday by Chamber President Paul Loranger. Name of the guest speaker for the breakfast will be announced later.

"We cannot help but think that this amount is not too much for most of the families in our city," Holloman said. "It's a small amount, but a dollar from each family will make a sizeable contribution to the national fund."

Fireladies Assist Members of the Torrance Fireladies, an auxiliary of the department, also will work with the firefighters in the march Monday.

Cars have been provided by Oscar Maples Ford for the firefighters.

Mayor Nicholas O. Drake and Fire Chief J. J. Benner each have issued proclamations setting forth the period of Dec. 6 to 11 as Muscular Dystrophy week, and asked the full support of the community in the venture taken by the firefighters.

Firemen will "march" on their regular day off periods, while the remaining firefighters are on duty at the three Torrance fire stations.

Contributions also may be left at the fire houses, should a home be missed by the visiting firemen, Price said.

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Three-Day Auto Show Opens in City Tomorrow

A three-day showing of new automobiles sold by Torrance dealers will open tomorrow noon in the Torrance Civic Auditorium and will be open each day through Sunday from noon until 10 p.m.

Torrance dealers who are participating in the show will also keep their showroom floor open during the Civic Auditorium show to allow display of more models than can be accommodated in the Civic Auditorium, a spokesman said yesterday.

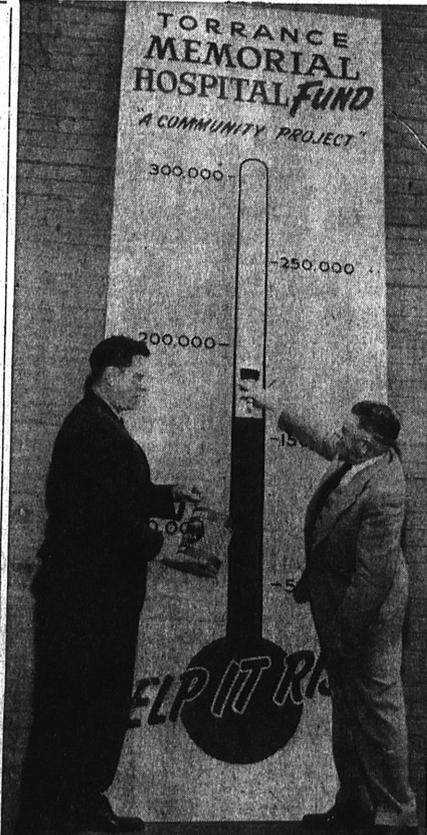
A special section of today's Torrance HERALD contains news and advertising of the local dealers who are participating in this first annual Torrance Auto Show. For more information on the show, turn now to the special automobile section beginning on Page 33 of today's HERALD.

Wife Cleared in Shooting; Husband Held

Carl Tantow was bound over to Long Beach Superior Court Monday by South Bay Municipal Judge John Shidler on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, while his wife, Ethel, was released.

The couple, who live at 2326 W. 24th St., Lomita, were charged with the assault on Carl Graper, of 2929 Normandie Ave., on Nov. 21. Graper claimed that he opened his front door to find them standing there. Tantow took a shot at him, he said, narrowly missing.

Mrs. Tantow, sheriff's deputies said, smashed a window at 23303 Cypress Ave. with her fist. Tantow will come up for arraignment in Long Beach Superior Court, Department C, on Dec. 13.



UP SHE GOES . . . Chalking up a new mark on the Torrance Memorial Hospital Building fund chart are Henry W. Creeger, drive chairman, and Paul Loranger, Chamber of Commerce president. The new thermometer will plot the progress of the fund campaign. To date, more than \$165,000 has been pledged.

Six New Tracts Boost Figures

Torrance planners modestly hoping for a \$40,000,000 building year in 1954, this week raised their sights, as six large tracts pushed totals to \$41,498,649, more than 61 per cent ahead of last year.

A \$45,000,000 year was brought within striking distance with the \$4,802,191 November total. Last year's total was a record-breaking \$29,315,365. Biggest total for any month was recorded in October of this year, with \$5,385,618.

Figures indicate that Torrance is the third city in Southern California in building, trailing only Los Angeles and San Diego, and leading Long Beach.

Two million dollar tracts—one for 144 houses valued at \$1,175,000 presented by Milton Kauffman near 190th St. and Hawthorne Ave., and one for 116 houses on the southern edge of Torrance by the Ambassador Construction Co.—swelled the totals.

Kauffman also presented plans for 45 houses in the same area valued at \$365,300, and the Ambassador took out permits for 45 houses worth \$408,440. The Woodland Investment Co. got permits for 26 houses worth \$273,000 near 185th and Arlington, while the Hickman Co. will build 70 houses valued at \$695,900 near 180th St. and Hawthorne.

The State of California took out a \$100,000 permit for a new national guard armory at Lincoln Ave. and Cabrillo St.

Four Arrested For Robbery

Four ex-convicts had preliminary hearings in Los Angeles Municipal Court this week, charged with operating a market robbery ring which netted them \$22,500, including \$5800 from Market Town, 15017 Crenshaw Blvd., last summer.

The quartette—David Sherman, 53; Charles Miller, 53; Raymond Wagner, 44; and Russell E. Lane, 54, all of Los Angeles—will be arraigned in Superior Court on Dec. 14. They were arrested Nov. 11 after months of investigation by police.

Yule Window Contest Set

A grand prize and three divisional awards will be given in the fourth annual Christmas Window Decoration Contest, sponsored by the Torrance Jaycees, Jack Warnitz, chairman, has announced.

Classes will be by size, and a perpetual trophy will be awarded to the grand prize winner. Last year, John's Paint Store, of 1413 Cravens Ave., won the grand prize.

Over 100 letters have been sent out asking merchants to participate.

Crenshaw Improvement Told by City Engineer

Improvement of Crenshaw Blvd. between Carson St. and Sepulveda Blvd. was authorized by the city recently, and a bid call has been set for Dec. 21, according to City Manager Ronald Bishop.

The project calls for resurfacing of the present two-lane roadway and paving of the shoulders. The work should be done by the end of the month, it was indicated.

LA Policeman Named County Smog Officer

Los Angeles County Supervisors Tuesday selected one of the county's most experienced law enforcement officers, Capt. Louis J. Fuller, of the Los Angeles Police Department, to be the new enforcement head of the Air Pollution Control District. It was announced by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Fuller, member of the Los Angeles city department since 1925, has commanded the traffic enforcement division of the department since 1952. He is well known for his work in traffic enforcement and has served on the faculties of the University of Southern California, UCLA, and the University of California at Berkeley, teaching special courses in physics in its relation to traffic enforcement.

Fuller's appointment was recommended to the Board by Supervisor Roger Jessup and also by the county's chief administrative officer, Arthur J. Will. Fuller was one of 40 candidates interviewed for the post, Will said.

Commenting on Fuller's appointment, Chace said: "Captain Fuller comes to us with the highest of recommendations and it shall be my policy to give him all possible cooperation for rigid enforcement of our air pollution laws."

Wolfe Retires at 70

Customs Inspector Norman J. Wolfe, of 24248 Ocean Ave., retired Tuesday at 70, after 37 years in the government service, 24 of them in San Pedro.

Boy Knocks On Door, Then Things Happen

Six-year old Dave Hansel banged on a lady's door late yesterday, sadly said a couple of words, and in a few minutes, mass chaos!

A County Fire Department engine company, a Los Angeles City fire engine and rescue truck, three fire chief's cars, a life guard unit, two police motorcycles, and a Sheriff's car converged on the area.

They searched for an hour through a boggy slough on Normandie Ave., north of Carson St., and found nothing. The woman had reported that the boy said a pal of his, Buddy Parker, 6, was marooned on a raft far out into the muddy waters.

Recalls Disasters The report recalled several disasters that have befallen the water-filled swamps in the area.

Finally, a neighbor woman said she saw a little boy and a girl running along Normandie Ave. towards 211th St., and the lad "looked like he might have done something bad."

Sheriff's deputy Donald Andum struck out in that direction and spotted the pair. Yep, Buddy said, he had been stuck, but he had himself to shore and he and his sister, Judy, 7, decided to lamb out of the area.

Andum took the pair to their home, at 1338 W. 209th St., and then went out to find their mother, who was last seen heading towards the slough.

Mother Searches Rumor had circulated through the area that the "missing" boy was Buddy, and Mrs. Parker rushed to the scene. She was assured by firemen that they thought Buddy was okay, that they could not find anyone in the water.

Mrs. Parker zipped home to find Buddy, Judy and Dave playing with some toys, safely in the kitchen. The Parkers have seven children.

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