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Trio to Answer Bookie Charges Next Thursday

Police brought to an end to what they termed a rapid-fire bookmaking operation with the arrest of two women and a man in a south Torrance home Tuesday evening.

Booked into city jail by Sheriff's anti-vice officers and Torrance Detective Capt. Ernie Ashton were Mrs. Laurine Louise Trimble, 38, of 25225 Selma St., at whose home the arrest was made; and Judson B. and Margaret A. Allsup, of Hermosa Beach.

One of the suspects, Judson Allsup, was nabbed only a few hours after appearing in South Bay Municipal Court for preliminary hearing on a similar bookmaking rap arising from his arrest last week in Manhattan Beach.

The trio was released on writs of habeas corpus late Tuesday night, signed by Superior Judge L. Howard Zie-man. The writs are returnable in Dept. 41 next Thursday, and carry \$500 bail each.

Telephone Kept Busy
Ashton reported that the telephone jangled constantly after they entered the home, and that nearly 50 calls were taken in less than an hour. Most bets were not in the "big money" class, it was indicated.

Mrs. Trimble, employee of a local jewelry store, told detectives that she was unaware of the bookmaking business operating from her front room.

She reported that she worked each day, but knew that someone had permission to use the telephone in her rented home while she was away.

Ordered to Leave
The woman said she learned only Tuesday "what was going on" and told the Allsup's that they would have to leave the next day.

Police said they found betting markers and bookmaking paraphernalia in the house. The Allsup's allegedly admitted taking part in the operation.

Brothers Nabbed On Battery Rap

Two brothers were arrested Monday night by Sheriff's deputies who had to force their way into a home at 23096 Narbonne Ave. in order to apprehend the suspects.

Police said Albert W. Masse, 24, and his brother, Norman, 19, picked up three hitch-hiking youths at 240th St. and Walnut Ave. and drove them through back streets in the south Torrance area at gun-point. They let them go on Pacific Coast Hwy.

The boys, Richard Mendoza, 16, of Lomita, and Lee Vasquez, 16, and Salvador Duarte, 19, both of Torrance, said the brothers released them when they learned they had no money.

A partial license number furnished by the victims was given to Sheriff's deputies who checked the area. They found the car parked at the Narbonne address, and reportedly had to force their way into the home.

An occupant, Mrs. "Bobbie" Masse, called Torrance police reporting that two men who said they were policemen were breaking into her home.

Local officers aided Sheriff's men in arresting the Masse brothers.

Judge John Shilder sentenced the pair to five days in jail or pay a \$25 fine after they pleaded guilty to a battery charge in South Bay Municipal Court, Wednesday. The men paid the fine.

The jurist suspended a similar sentence for a concealed weapons charge.

Honesty Is Best Policy, School Girl Discovers
Honesty pays, a seventh grade student at Torrance Elementary School discovered this week.

Principal D. Boone Kirks Tuesday received a letter from Seaman Recruit Joan Simmons, a Wave stationed at San Diego, praising Marilyn Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Johnston, of 2766 Gramercy Ave., for her honesty.



QUESTIONS SUSPECT . . . Police Matron Maxine Herman takes a statement from Margaret A. Allsup, who was arrested with her husband and another woman on bookmaking charges at a south Torrance home Tuesday. One of the suspects had appeared in court on a similar charge earlier in the day.

Leontyne Price to Appear Here Next Monday Evening

Leontyne Price, nationally known soprano, will be featured in the second of the Youth Band—Artists Concert series, scheduled Monday night at Torrance Civic Auditorium. The concert begins at 8:15.

The youth band will perform during the initial half of the program, with Bill Ulyate, saxophone artist, doing the solos. He will play "Concettino Da Camera" for saxophone and piano by Jacques Ibert.

Ulyate is on the staff at Fox Studios and records exclusively for MGM.

Miss Price will sing during the second half of the program. She was recently seen on a national television presentation of the opera, "Tosca." She also is a veteran of the New York stage, having played the lead in the musical hit, "Porgy and Bess."

The concert is open to the public, but only 300 seats are available at \$1 apiece.

Schools Receive Good, Bad News In Law Opinion

The County Counsel had words of encouragement and discouragement for the Torrance School Board, in a letter on annexation problems read to the board Monday night.

In reply to board questions about what would happen if the Palos Verdes territory were annexed, the counsel indicated that:

1. If the annexation is approved, the Torrance School District would get no tax money from the area until December, 1956, a year later than the Great Lakes Carbon Co., promoter of annexation, had estimated.
2. Residents of the annexed territory would be bound to support the present school indebtedness and pay taxes on it.
3. Residents also would assume the present bonded indebtedness of the school district.
4. If it wished, the city could annex the territory only for municipal purposes, leaving the school system under the Palos Verdes School District.
5. The Redondo Beach School District did not automatically assume El Nido territory when the city annexed the area. It remains in the Torrance Unified School District.

Torrance Elks Lodge 1948 Institution Set Saturday

About 1500 Elks from this area are expected to attend the official institution of Torrance Elks Lodge 1948 in ceremonies starting at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Civic Auditorium.

Mayor Nicholas O. Dralle has proclaimed Feb. 19 as Torrance Elks' Day.

After institution of the lodge by District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd Tumbleson, of Huntington Park, and other Grand Lodge officers, all Elks transferring from other lodges will be initiated by officers of

Redondo Beach Lodge 1378, the mother lodge.

Formal election of officers of the Torrance lodge will follow. After a 5:30 to 8 p.m. recess, the officers will be installed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, of Anaheim, and other Grand Lodge officers.

School May Get Free Hill Site

If the Palos Verdes territory is annexed, the Torrance Unified School District, Monday, got the promise of a school-site in the first 662-home tract.

Ivar O. Hanson, manager of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., offered a 10 to 15-acre site along Silverspur Rd., complete with grading. Sewer and water lines will run by the site, he said.

School officials said the site sounded as if it might be acceptable, but declined to comment until the territory is annexed and until they inspected the site.

The offer was made at a meeting between the School Board, Hanson, and other Great Lakes Carbon officials. The meeting was attended by several planning commissioners, who had requested a conference to discuss school problems.

No Commitment Made
Hanson indicated he could make no commitments on future school sites, and that future plans would have to be made as tracts are developed.

"I don't have all the answers," he said.

E. L. Gerkin, Engineering Service Corp. representative, indicated there might be some difficulty in finding a second site in tracts now proposed, since the area is divided by a deep canyon.

"How are we going to get the people of Torrance to vote taxes and bonds to build new schools, when they know that the money is going for schools up in Palos Verdes?" School Superintendent J. H. Hull asked.

"The present Torrance school system would have to be duplicated in the Palos Verdes area. Cost \$11,000,000.

"To date it has cost some \$11,000,000 to build what we have. If we had to do it again, there is no reason to think we could do it cheaper. At first, Torrance will be paying taxes at an 80 to 1 ratio, and when completed possibly at a 2 to 1 ratio," he said.

"There is no hope for anything but double sessions in many Torrance schools if the territory is annexed," Charlton A. Mewborn, board member, noted.

At the same time, Hanson indicated that his firm could not guarantee what would happen in housing developments or school sites, but said something could be worked out.

Businesses Planned
He reiterated his company's plans for commercial development, including a large one in the center of the property, which he compared to that in Griffith's in New York. He maintained that this would increase valuation in the area, as would possible hotels and other developments along the coast.

The board itself could not legally act at the meeting, she pointed, but members showed little disposition to change their previous opposition to the annexation.

Palos Verdes Interested
Charles K. Hogue, president of the Palos Verdes Board of School trustees read a letter expressing the following:

1. Opposition to annexation by Torrance unless the territory is taken in for school purposes.
2. Doubt over some problems involved, since annexation would divide the Palos Verdes district into four islands.
3. A promise by Palos Verdes to do their best to take care of the area if annexation was not approved.

All present seemed to agree that if the territory were annexed, it should be taken in for school purposes as well.

Long-Range Benefits
Planning Commissioner J. A. Beasley declared that annexation of the territory might offer long-range benefits which would overshadow short-term liabilities.

The school board's main opposition to the plan stems from the extreme hardship on the school system during the next few years, Mrs. Grae Wright, president, declared.

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Waitress Held On Charge of Shooting Lover
A 40-year-old waitress who allegedly fired a pistol at a former governor of the Torrance Moose Lodge, is slated to appear in court today on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

Booked into county jail Sunday was Madeline Taylor, of 20400 Madrona Ave., who police charge aimed a .38 caliber revolver at Marvin P. MacArthur, of 1240 W. 251st St., and pulled the trigger.

The slug ripped into MacArthur's arm, narrowly missing his head.

Detestives said MacArthur just had left the Moose Hall, at 1740 W. Carson St., when the woman's car drove up beside his auto.

After the shooting, MacArthur hurriedly drove away and called police.

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Pilot, Observer Die in Mountains

A rescue party comprised of Sheriff's deputies and fellow Civil Air Patrol members last night brought out the bodies of two airmen who crashed in the rugged Santa Paula Mountains Sunday.

Dead are John Anastasia, 45, a former Torrance CAP flyer, now of Los Angeles, and Ralph Jones, 27, also of Los Angeles.

The pair were on a routine practice search mission, having taken off from a San Fernando Valley airfield. After failing to return Air Force and CAP search planes were sent out.

Joining in the search were two planes from the Torrance squadron, according to Lt. Mary Pinkney, squadron public information officer.

They were named by S/Sgt. Gil Hume Jr. of 712 Calle Miramar and A/SC Frank Stevens, of 2326 Dominguez Ave.

Another plane was operated by Lt. W. Martinez, and Lt. Maurice Allman, also of the Torrance flight.

Two ground search units from Torrance also joined the search.



A. E. THOMPSON
New Rotary President

Two Groups Ask to Keep Barricades

The Hollywood Riviera Homeowners learned last week that two other groups support their stand of leaving barricades between Torrance and Palos Verdes—or at least one of them does.

The Riviera School PTA favors keeping the barricades, for the safety of the children, the group was told. By a 31-30 vote, Las Velinas voted in favor of barricades, the group was informed, although some members claimed the vote had been 31-30 against the barricades.

In other action, the traffic committee recommended that Palos Verdes Blvd. be narrowed from three to two lanes, with a double center line; that the speed limit be reduced from 55 to 35 or 25 miles per hour; and that stop signs be erected at Calle Mayor and Palos Verdes Blvd.

A committee will meet with Councilman Albert Isen and Police Chief Willard Haslam about the matter, it was announced.

President Ross Dorsett appointed a five-member nominating committee to choose a slate of new officers.

W. M. Shutts Hospitalized

W. M. Shutts, campaign director for the Torrance HERALD's current circulation campaign, was stricken Tuesday afternoon and has been confined to Seaside Hospital in Long Beach. Shutts has been ill for several days.

Campaign workers who have been active in the HERALD's program were urged by Mrs. Shutts to continue their work and amass the points which will be used next month to determine the winner of a new four-door sedan.

Mrs. Shutts has been active in the campaign and plans to continue with the program, she reported yesterday.

Dr. Vernon Sheblak's resignation as principal of the Torrance Adult School was accepted Monday night by the Board of Education, with Raymond Edward Collins, Torrance High School teacher, appointed as his successor.

Dr. Sheblak will leave the school district March 1 to take a post as educational director of a large finance company. He has been here three years.

The new principal, a native of Kearney, Neb., came to Torrance this year after serving as principal of the Kearney Senior High School, and the York, Neb., Junior High School. He received both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Nebraska.

An officer in charge of education training for the Signal Corps during World War II, Collins is now teaching social studies at Torrance High School. He is married.

His salary will be \$6816 per year.

In other action, the board approved the hiring of Nancy Reed, Virginia E. Price, and Marydel S. Rendon as substitute teachers, and accepted the resignation of Christine Johnson Coughlan, as of the end of the school year.

Rotarian Gives \$1000 to Assist Pupil Exchange

A check for \$1000 to be used in the student exchange program was presented to the Torrance Rotary Club by Jacob G. Koch, honorary Rotarian, and former Torrance business man, it was announced this week.

John Ebbinghouse, Torrance Rotary president, accepted the check, and in turn, sent it to Rotary International where it will be used to finance the foreign student exchange program.

Koch, now a resident of Beverly Hills, was active in the Torrance Rotary while he was engaged in the furniture business here, prior to 1950. He first came to Torrance in 1932.

Ebbinghouse said funds for the "Visa Program" of Rotary enable students from other nations to study in this nation, and American students to go abroad for college and university training.

NEW ELKS OFFICERS . . . To be installed at ceremonies Saturday in the Civic Auditorium are these new officers of the newly-formed Torrance Elks Lodge No. 1948. Shown are (first row) Robert Burke, chaplain; Warren Arkison, assistant chaplain; Sager Lou, ciler; F. H. Fahnestock, esteemed leading knight; Joseph E. Yates, exalted ruler; Ralph Jakubowski, esteemed loyal knight; Roger Holmes, esteemed le-

turing knight; Michael Fenwick, trustee; Charles Marquand, inner guard; Jack Bassett, equire; Alton Littleton, assistant equire; (back row) Marvin Pike, treasurer; James Whitmer, organist; Harry Carlson, and C. P. Olson, trustees; C. W. Lackey, secretary; Jacob Turpel and Frank Jakubowski, trustees; and Robert Strand, assistant inner guard.

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