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# Suspect Halted by Bullet

## Police Revolver Halts Burglary Suspect in Cafe

One bullet from a police revolver changed the mind of a burglary suspect who tried to flee officers Saturday.

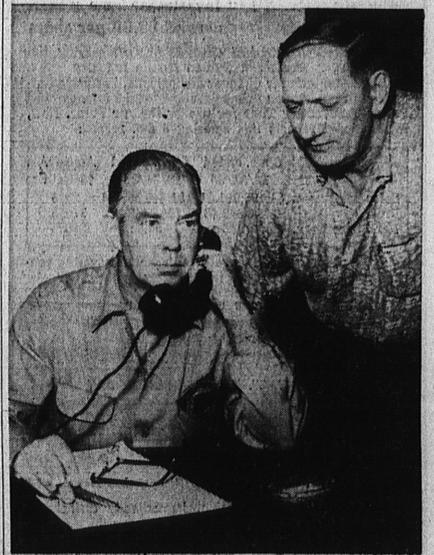
Leonard D. Warner, 25, of 1046 W. 208th St., surrendered after Officer Ralph Walker fired the shot from his service pistol.

Walker and Officer Jim Doyle said they found Warner in the act of burglarizing the Ozark Barbecue at 3124 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. When Walker entered the establishment, Warner attempted to flee, but threw up his hands when the bullet thudded into a wall near him.

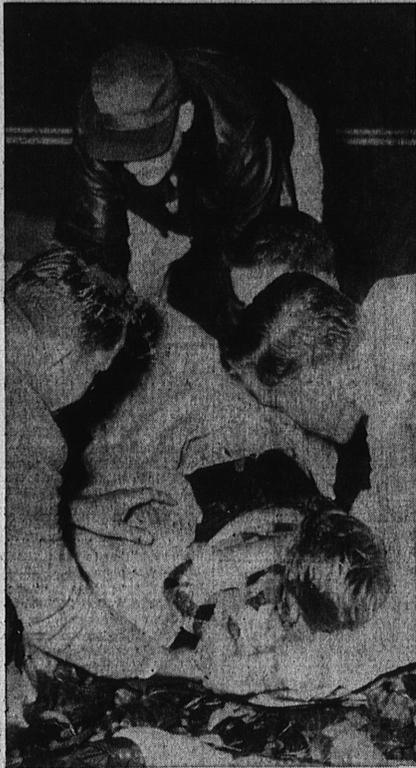
Investigators said they found loot from the Booth Cafe at 2301 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, in Warner's auto, parked near the local establishment. The Lomita place had been entered earlier.

Det. Sgt. Ted Morris said that Warner had removed coins from a cigarette machine in the barbecue stand.

Morris said Warner is an ex-convict from Illinois.



(Herald Photo) **PLANNING ANNIVERSARY . . .** Busy making plans for the 20th anniversary of the United Steel Workers of America Local 1414 are Roy Constance (on phone), financial secretary of the local, and President Alex McJannett. The celebration will be held in the Civic Auditorium on Thursday evening, March 14, from 7:30 to 10.



(Herald Photo) **CYCLIST AIDED . . .** Ambulance attendants administer aid to 10-year-old Gary McMackin of Hollywood Riviera after he was thrown from his bicycle. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital with head injuries and bruises.

## Car Hits Pole Driver Injured

A Lomitan, Joe Louis Gabaidon, 21, of 2119 W. 250th powered into an Edison Co. power pole along 186th St., St., was injured seriously Saturday morning when his car east of Roslin Ave.

The impact sheared the wooden pole off near its base, but miraculously three lines, each carrying 66,000 volts of electricity, remained aloft.

Gabaidon was taken to Harbor General Hospital with possibly serious internal injuries.

Robert H. Peal, 65, of 21241 Shearer St., suffered cuts and bruises when his auto smashed against a tree along Western Ave., south of 190th St., Saturday.

**Cyclist Hurt**  
A bicyclist, Gary McMackin, 10, of 820 Calle Miramar, was taken to Torrance Emergency Hospital with head and leg injuries suffered when he was pitched to the pavement from a two-wheeler along Via Monte D'Oro near Calle Mayor.

Two persons suffered head injuries in a three-car crash late Wednesday at 213th St. and Western Ave.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital were James F. Clement, 27, of Long Beach, and Mrs. Donald Houske, 26, of 723 Sartori Ave.

Drivers were Mrs. Dorothy Sawyers, 24, of 1055 W. 204th St.; Thelma Hinds, 49, of 1818 W. 242nd St., Lomita, and Clement.

**Teenager Hurt**  
Lonnie Parmentier, 14, of 4309 Highgrove Ave., suffered minor hurts when his bicycle was involved in a collision with an auto on the 500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy. Wednesday evening. The motorist was George Birch, 49, of 5026 W. Pacific Coast Hwy.

Phillip Bartlett, 10, of 2014 W. 174th St., was treated for slight cuts suffered when he was hit by an auto as he ran across 174th St. near Wilton Pl. on Thursday. The driver was Mrs. Edith Gunther, 38, of Gardena.

## Extensive Channel Projects May Ease Flood Threat Here

Final corrections are now being made on construction plans to widen and improve Dominguez channel between Denker and Vermont Aves., and it is expected that the \$2,000,000 project will be advertised for bids within 60 days, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week.

Construction of the new channel section will be on a new alignment south of Artesia Blvd. and will eliminate two crossings under Artesia.

New bridges will be constructed across the new channel at Normandie and Vermont as a part of the basic contract. These bridges will be full-width and will greatly increase the capacity of the channel to carry the large vol-

umes of water following storms.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that much of the flooding in Gardena and Torrance has been caused by the inability of the culverts in the present bridges to carry the water through. As a result the water has backed up, flooding large areas.

"This situation will be greatly improved with the new channel and the new bridges," Supervisor Hahn declared.

Plans also call for the extension of the recently completed Normandie Ave. bond issue storm drain from its outlet north of Artesia to the new alignment of the channel, which is south of, and parallel to, Artesia.



(Herald Photo) **DRIVER HURT . . .** Lomitan Louis Gabaidon was taken to Harbor General Hospital with possible serious injuries yesterday after his car powered into a power pole on 186th St. near Roslin Ave. The pole, carrying three 66,000-volt lines was snapped off at the base, but the wires did not break.

## Youth Hurt As Revolver Discharges

A North Torrance youth was painfully but not seriously injured when a revolver accidentally discharged Wednesday night, according to police.

Richard Hinkey, 17, of 2109 W. 177th St., said he was examining the .22-calibre revolver in a bedroom at his home when it fired.

The slug passed through the fleshy part of his left shoulder. A neighbor took him to Park Emergency Hospital for treatment.

The mishap occurred in the presence of his step-sisters, Sherry Huson, 19, and Tessie Huson, 7.

## Planners Okay Victor Zoning

Outlines for rezoning of the recently-annexed Victor Tract were unveiled at the Torrance Planning Commission meeting Wednesday night, with considerable discussion about certain parts of the rezoning.

Roughly, this was the plan for rezoning:

**Manufacturing**—all land west of Spencer St.

**Commercial**—along Torrance Blvd., east of Spencer, and along Madrona Ave., to Del Amo Blvd.

**Agricultural**—the center of the Victor tract.

**Residential**—along Del Amo Blvd., east of Spencer to a half-block from Madrona.

**Plan Approved**  
Overall, the plan was approved, but Planning Commission Secretary George Powell will discuss possible changes with residents. The third hearing will be held before the City Council on March 19.

The petition of the Del Amo Estates Co. for a variance and conditional permit to build an industrial park for research and development and light manufacturing along Torrance Blvd. between Hawthorne Blvd. and Madrona Ave. was sent to committee. First formal hearing on the matter, will be March 20.

Held over until the next meeting was the petition for commercial zoning on the northwest corner of 174th and Arlington Aves., for use as a neighborhood center, including a medical center, drug store, and small shops. The petition was presented by Betty Carlin Redmon. No gas stations will be built there, since there are already too many in the area.



(Herald Photo) **MUSIC WINNER . . .** Michael L. Mullen, 1519 Post Ave., Torrance High sophomore, won a \$50 first prize in the senior piano division at Long Beach State College.

Competition, sponsored by the Long Beach Women's Music Club, will continue March 27 at the Long Beach Ebell Theater, with Mullen competing.

The petition of CBS for a change of zone on property at the northwest corner of 190th and Hawthorne was held for another two weeks, pending (Continued on Page 2)

## Phone Company Hearing Called

Charges that the General Telephone Co. is telling customers that the City of Torrance is to blame for slow service in the west part of the city and on the Palos Verdes Peninsula will be aired before the members of the City Council Tuesday night at 7:30 when H. C. Vaupel, manager of the utility, is scheduled to make an informal appearance.

The Council's attention was drawn to the complaint last week when Councilman Robert Jahn reported that he had called to request a business phone in his office near Walteria and was told that it would be up to six months before he could get a phone because "Torrance had turned down the company's request to ex-

change switching facilities in Hollywood Riviera."

Later Denied  
Jahn said it was denied later that any of the General Telephone Co. personnel were making such statements. A brochure put out by the company over the signature of Vaupel as manager, however, implied the same thing, Jahn told Councilmen.

Vaupel has been invited to appear before a pre-council session to straighten out the matter.

**Hearings Set**  
In other business before the formal meeting which begins at 8 p.m., the Councilmen will conduct hearings on the Yukon Ave. Improvement District, Planning Commission cases 417, 420, 429, and 421, several of them concerning K. Sande Senness property in South Torrance on which he is seeking permission to drill for oil, and for extension of the Torrance Sand and Gravel Products Co. operations.

The city fathers also are scheduled to hear complaints of Kettler Knolls residents on operations of a helicopter repair service on Western Ave.

**Reappraisal Asked**  
"It would seem that the Torrance educators could re-appraise their reporting system. After a group conference and individual conference between teacher and parent is established in regard to the student and I would rely on the teacher's judgment to grade A, B, C, etc., and thereby furnish me with far more information (Continued on Page 2)

## Survey Shows Parents Like Schools' Gradeless Reports

A study of parent's comments on their children's report cards indicates that the proud parents are overwhelmingly pleased with the "gradeless variety, according to a report submitted to the Torrance Board of Education.

Superintendent J. H. Hull ordered a compilation of parent comments after receiving complaints about the lack of grades on the cards from several parents.

In elementary schools, the Torrance Unified School District uses written comments about the children combined with conferences in which parent and teacher discuss the progress of the youngster.

**Don't Tell Story**  
The reason, according to Assistant Superintendent Albert N. Posner, is that "grades don't tell the story. To describe a pupil's behavior, you must say something and let the people know what you mean. You must describe what he is accomplishing."

In the survey of parent comments, only about 50 dissents were found. An overwhelming majority indicated they liked the system, although many failed to comment at all.

**Favorable Comments**  
Favorable comments included such remarks as the following: "We feel that this is a clear and informative report." "I feel that this written report gives me a greater understanding of his progress than A's or B's would."

"How do you find time to do so many well written reports?" "Report seems to be complete and satisfactory."

**Dissenting Notes**  
Unfavorable comments included the following: "Need more spelling, less playing, more reading. What is she really doing?"

## Temperatures

	High	Low
Sunday	64	45
Monday	67	45
Tuesday	64	43
Wednesday	74	52
Thursday	75	48
Friday	71	49