

Pair Hold Up Station

Two men held him up and took \$100 from the cash register at the Advanced Service Station, 2413 Pacific Coast Hwy., Walter S. Wilson, attendant, told sheriff's deputies Thursday.

Wilson said the pair entered the office and asked for cigarettes. Then, he reported, one pulled a gun and told him to empty his pockets. The other man took the cash register keys and emptied the register, he said, and then Wilson was ordered into the back room.

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Obituaries

William Finn

Final rites for William Finn, 54, will be held at 11 a.m. this morning in Stone and Myers Chapel, with Rabbi Henri E. Front officiating. He died Thursday in Seaside Hospital, Long Beach.

A native of London, England, he was a former Torrance resident and lived in Long Beach.

Survivors include four sons, Warren, Robert, David, all of Manhattan Beach, and Standon, of Torrance, and two daughters, Joly, Manhattan Beach, and Lois, Torrance.



CARS FOR SCHOOLS . . . A fleet of seven new Chevrolets was delivered to the Torrance Unified School District by Paul's Chevrolet recently for use of driver training classes in the three local high schools. Driver training instructors and Paul Loranger, owner of Paul's, and School Superin-

tendent J. H. Hull pose in front of the vehicles, which are leased to the district. The cars all are equipped with dual controls to allow the instructor to take over in case of emergency.

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all the time and many people may be victimized before the operation can be brought to the attention of authorities.

However, if investigation shows the salesman and firm should perform as expected, there is another way by which you can be hooked—the contract.

No matter what the salesman has told you (unless you have tape-recorded the sales pitch, it is the contract which determines what you are going to get and how much you are going to pay for it.

A shrewd salesman will have the contract made out and your signature on it before you know what happened, unless you watch out.

Read the contract carefully and see that it calls for what you want. One woman who thought she was buying a new vacuum cleaner discovered that her contract called for a reconditioned machine and that's what she got, at the price of a new one.

Who's Right? It was her word against the

salesman's.

Make sure that the contract doesn't call for higher payments than you had understood verbally, and look at the amount called for as a down payment. If it says "\$50 plus installation costs and service charges," find out what these costs include and how much they are going to be. They can run from \$1 to \$100 or more.

It never hurts to figure up the cost of what you are buying. It may sound very easy when the salesman says, "\$10 and \$10 a month," but it may or may not be a reasonable price when you consider that this is \$130 a year. For a \$50 vacuum cleaner, this would be an outrageous price. For a \$120 vacuum cleaner, it would be a rare bargain.

How Much Interest? Ask the salesman what the rate of interest on the contract is. If he hedges, you hedge too. A man is entitled to interest on a long-term contract, but if you're paying twice as much as the product is worth, you are a sucker.

Many of the prices on the products offered by door-to-door salesmen are lower than competing merchandise in stores, but by the time you get through paying interest on them, they may run considerably higher.

In many cases, the door-to-door salesman's prices aren't cheaper to start out with, and if the prospective buyer checked beforehand, he would find that out quickly. That's one reason why many salesmen give a fast pitch on a product and then try to get your signature on a contract quickly.

No Blank Contracts Never sign a blank contract, however appealing the salesman. That's like signing a blank check. Make sure it is filled in, and you have read it. Some salesman will bring a contract back after it is signed, telling you that there is a typographical error in it and "would you please sign another one?" If it is blank, do

not sign it. If it is typed, re-read it.

If you are paying cash for your merchandise, don't pay the whole amount until you have received it and have found it to your satisfaction. Lots of people could have gotten their complaints satisfied much better had they held out some of the money.

Watch Building

If you have contracted for some construction work or home additions—block wall, roofing, weathersripping, or the like—make sure that the builder has signed a "lien satisfied" form and shows you the receipts for the material. Don't sign completion certificates or give them all the money until this is done.

A number of people who contracted to have their houses painted by a firm which made cheap offers at their doors found themselves paying double what they expected. They paid off the painter, who promptly departed for parts unknown, and found themselves slapped with material liens from the companies from whom the paint was purchased.

Building Permit

Be sure the builder has a building permit on his work. If he doesn't, the city can order it torn down if it fails to meet the specifications.

Don't let the builder talk you into taking out the building permit. He has contracted to build the wall or addition, not you, and should be held legally responsible if it isn't put up right.

One man had to tear down his wall and build it again because the man he hired to do the job failed to get a building permit.

Buying from a door-to-door salesman sometimes is a shortcut for you. Sometimes it's a shortcut to trouble. The only way to find out is to read and investigate carefully.

If you're looking for a bargain, you may get more than you bargained for. Don't be a sucker.

(The fourth installment will consider some of the gimmicks used by shady salesmen.)

POWER POTENTIAL

Grand Coulee hydro-electric plant is rated at about 1,316,000 kilowatts.

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live in the house to help him, since he is in ill health.

George Steinkamp's request for a change of zone for single-family residential use of property on Dorman Ave. between 182nd and 186th Sts. was sent to committee for study.

Business licenses were okayed for Doris T. Hoffman to give piano lessons at 3757 W. 182nd St. and Patricia Schmidt to operate a care center for two children at 17120 Ermanita, providing she gets state approval. Both would be on a year-to-year basis.

New Plan Eyed Action on adoption of a "C-4" classification for major regional shopping center was delayed until April, 1958. The plan had proposed this classification for shopping centers and would ban construction of filling stations, hotels, and similar businesses.

The Planners also studied a plan to change the land use ordinance to allow placing of aluminum awnings on patios, provided they were painted so that they could not be mistaken for iron. The city's ordinance now bans structure of iron or steel.

Commissioner Thirvin Fleetwood urged the commission to recommend to the Council that action be speeded on joining Madrona Ave. which ends at Del Amo Blvd. and Prairie Ave., which ends at 190th St., to provide another north-south artery for the city.

Chace Names Two Men to Study Group

Two civic leaders have been appointed by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace to serve on the County Hospital advisory committee.

Named were Joseph C. Gilbert retired division manager of the Southern Counties Gas Co. of Santa Monica and Dr. Lowell Hill of Rolling Hills.

The committee was created at the instigation of Chace last month to study conditions at County General Hospital and at Harbor General Hospital.

The committee, following a complete study, will make recommendations to the Board to alleviate over-crowded facilities at the Los Angeles General Hospital and to improve emergency clinic services at Harbor General Hospital.

Plans Studied For 465-Home Tract Here

Torrance may again echo with the sound of many saws and hammers soon as the Planning Commission studied tentative plans for 466 new homes in five tracts presented by George Chacksfield.

The proposed development would be the largest to be built here in more than a year. It would be located at the northeast corner of 190th and Crenshaw Blvd.

After discussing the possibility of obtaining a park site for the city within the development, the planners sent the tract-proposal to a committee headed by Commissioner Thirvin Fleetwood for study.

Two other tracts presented to the commission were held over for two weeks. Tract 24148, northwest of 182nd and Doty, presented by R. A. Watt, was held over until a new tract map is presented.

S. F. Morning's proposal for 49 homes at the southeast corner of Valerie and Emerald Sts. was held over until a final decision is reached on a change of zone on property at the location.

FIRE TOLL

Forest fires in the United States each year, most of them caused by human carelessness, destroy enough timber to build 86,000 average private homes, according to federal estimates.

Apartment, Motel Lead Building List

Building permits for the first half of September totaled \$452,780, bringing the year's figures to \$12,357,214, according to the City Building Department.

Biggest permit issued so far this month was for three six unit apartments at 3325-33 W. 174th St., taken up by the B and A Investment Co. for \$133,629.

Permits were taken out for the El Rancho Rolling Hills Motels, containing 23 units at 3215 Pacific Coast Hwy. and valued at \$80,560.

George Knight took out a permit for a \$34,000 medical building at 18402 Hawthorne Ave.

BIRTH RATE

The 1947 U. S. birth rate was 26.6 per 1000 or more than one-quarter more than in the previous 25 years.

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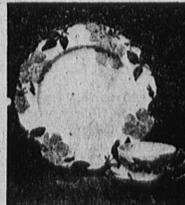
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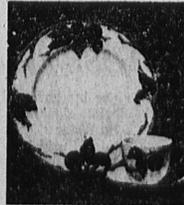
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