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GANG ARRAIGNED IN DOPE THEFT

Court Hearing Set Jan. 13

Charges of armed robbery and violation of the state narcotics act were filed against seven Torrance and harbor area suspects arrested in connection with the robbery of the Kaiser Foundation Hospital pharmacy earlier this week, Harbor Division police report.

Charges of armed robbery were sought against David W. Darst, 25006 Andreo Ave., Lomita; Terry R. Fuelle, 19, 2321 W. 249th St., Lomita; Herbert C. Themm Jr., 21, of 2125 W. 256th St., Lomita; and Gary R. Bill, 19, of 2614 Brian Ave., Torrance.

Charges of violating the state narcotics law were sought against Mrs. Barbara Dwyer, 20, of 1904 Camino de la Costa; Roy S. Jennings, 34, of Lynwood; and Donald A. Clair, 19, of El Segundo.

THE SEVEN were arraigned Friday and will face preliminary hearing on the charges Jan. 13.

Charles G. Moore, 19, of 19349 Flavian Ave., was arraigned on a misdemeanor charge, and will have a preliminary hearing date set.

The four armed robbery suspects were nabbed in Barstow Wednesday on information supplied by San Pedro police. They are accused of obtaining \$100 in narcotics at gunpoint in the hospital robbery.

The Dwyer woman, Jennings, Clair, and Moore were arrested later in the Dwyer home during the investigation. Police said bottles of narcotics similar to those taken from the Kaiser Hospital were found in the home.

Second B-I-E Day Planned

Plans for a second Business-Education-Industry Day on March 17 were approved Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education.

The board accepted the invitation of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for all of the school district's teachers to visit local businesses and industries on that day.

A similar program was carried out last year. It was designed to show teachers how the free enterprise systems operates here.

Council Backs Away From Water Fight

At an informal conference Tuesday, City Council members decided to surrender in their battle with a private water firm slated to provide service to a new tract of homes to be constructed in southwest Torrance.

Originally the councilmen had considered having the Torrance Municipal Water District provide water to 428 homes to be constructed by Don Wilson in a tract west of Henrietta Ave. and north of Torrance Blvd. However at Tuesday's meeting it was decided that this would be too costly.

The building contractors have an agreement with Dominguez Water Co. which the council earlier had hoped to void. At the present time the city and the water company are involved in litigation concerning service to a different tract in the west portion of the city.

A hearing on an ordinance that would declare the southeast section of the city a "special hazard area" has been set for Jan. 27. Serving the area involved is the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. City officials contend that fire hazard exists in the area due to low water pressure.

Woman Injured

Mrs. Ella Gitschier, 45, of 1303 Acacia Ave., suffered cuts and bruises in a collision which occurred Tuesday between a car driven by her husband, Lawrence Gitschier, Torrance Recreation and Park commissioner, and Jerry Vandenburg, 16, of 2901 Sonoma.

Receiving minor injuries in another crash which took place Tuesday was Carl Newling, 20, of 17905 Crenshaw Blvd.



TARTAR THESPIANS . . . Part of the cast of "Every Family Has One" are pictured rehearsing a scene from the comedy play to be staged by the Torrance high school Senior class Friday at 8 p.m. From left: Ernie Smith, as Reginald Reardon; Mardell Clayton, as Laura Reardon; Sharon Clark as Marcia Reardon; and Sally Mason, as Nana Reardon. Play, directed by Miss Marcy Larson, deals with the opposition of mother and father against daughter's plans to marry and the loyalty of her grandmother. (Herald Photo)

Lomitans to Air Water Problems Again Tuesday

Discussion of a proposal to annex the area served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 to the County Water District No. 13 has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Lomita Elementary School.

Mrs. Dessie Myers, president of the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters Assn. said the session was called to explore ways of improving the water service to the

north Lomita and south Torrance area served by the firm. Representatives of the county district have been invited to explain the methods and probable cost of annexing the district to the county district. Mrs. Myers said.

Complaints of water service have been voiced for several years, and a public hearing was conducted on the matter last month by the Public Utilities Commission.

Mrs. Myers also pointed out that the inadequate water service keeps insurance rates high in the area.

A second hearing on the water situation has been scheduled for Jan. 26 before the Public Utilities Commission. The meeting was continued from the December session to give A. E. Cook, director of the water company, an opportunity to furnish specific information on what Cook and the water company have done to improve the system since it was granted a rate increase in 1954. The rate hike was granted with the condition that improvements were to be made in service and pressure.

City, Schools To Split Tab

In a proposal made this week by the City of Torrance to the Torrance Unified School District plans were set for the financing of a jointly-sponsored recreational program for the pupils of the city schools during the fiscal year 1958-1959.

According to the proposed budget, the Torrance Unified School District will provide the recreational facilities and provide \$4000 to go towards salaries. The cost of furnishing equipment will be borne by the city which will allocate \$153,912 to be earmarked for salaries.

Detroit Plant Eyes City Site

A Detroit, Mich., processor of lightweight metal is eyeing a Torrance site for its operations, Planning Director George Powell revealed this week.

Discussing the matter with members of the Planning Commission Wednesday, Powell said he would be unable to reveal the name because the firm did not want to tip off its competitors of an impending move, but he said they wanted about 30 acres of property in the area south of Monterey and west of Crenshaw Blvd.

He said the site chosen was about 1500 feet west of Crenshaw and 800 feet south of Monterey.

Disclosure that the eastern firm is seeking property here was first made to members of the city council Tuesday night. Planners were asked at that time to determine the status of a proposed 100 foot buffer zone along the south side of Monterey. Members of the council expressed the opinion that the area in the buffer should be changed to a park zone and planted in trees and grass and that no auto parking should be permitted in the area.

Lloyd Jones, Seaside School principal, will discuss the program in elementary schools, while Mrs. Lavona Dunworth, North High curriculum coordinator, will lead discussions of the high school program.

The title of the program is "The Language Arts as a Tool of Communication." Language arts includes reading, writing, English, grammar, literature, listening, critical thinking, and creative expression.

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip will report on the current status of local school construction.

Industrial Psychology Court Has Openings

Industrial psychology, a course designed for people in business and industry who are working in leadership capacities or in personnel service, will be offered this Spring on the campus of El Camino College.

Registration for the class, which is scheduled for 6:30 to 7:50 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday evenings, is still open, and according to college officials.

Senior Play Set for Next Weekend

"Every Family Has One," a comedy by George Batson, will be presented by the senior class of Torrance High School in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. next Friday and Saturday.

Under the direction of Miss Marcia Larson, drama teacher, the play includes in its cast the following seniors: Gerry Day, Mardell Clayton, Sally Mason, Ernie Smith, John Brentwood, Sharon Clark, Mike Mullen, Walter Janoff, Mary Margaret Blount, Jerene Tussey, and Tony Bertolet.



CLINIC PLANS . . . Mapping plans for a polio clinic to be held here Jan. 20 and Feb. 24 are (from left) Mrs. Alfred U. Launer, Mrs. Roland Stamm, Mrs. Robert Powers, Postmaster Clara Conner, and Mrs. E. C. Oster-

lind. The clinics will be sponsored by the Torrance chapters of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Sorority in an effort to provide polio vaccinations to all residents of the community at a minimum cost. (Herald Photo)

Polio Clinic Scheduled at Plunge

Polio shots will be available to the public at the municipal plunge, 3331 Torrance Blvd., on the nights of Jan. 20 and Feb. 24 from 6 to 9 p.m.

In line with their program of philanthropic activities, Torrance chapters of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International sorority, Delta Gamma, Eta Kappa, Eta Lambda and Eta Mu, are conducting an all-out Commun-

ity Crusade to give all the people of all ages the opportunity to have Salk Vaccine shots at a minimum cost in an effort to prevent any epidemic occurrences of the paralyzing disease "polio."

ANY PERSON over the age of 3 months may have shots. Anyone in the area, not just Torrance residents, is eligible.

Minors must have written consent of their parent or guardian. It is recommended that even persons over 40 years of age should receive the shots. Anyone who has had polio should receive the shots since immunity does not always result from having had the disease. However, persons with certain allergies, any sign of a cold or a fever will

not receive the shots. Persons receiving shots will be charged \$1. Any funds remaining over the actual cost of the clinic will be donated to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to further the work of the Foundation.

TO OBTAIN the maximum benefit, three shots are recommended. (Continued on Page 2)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Has the so-called supermarket lockout affected your food buying?"

That was the question the HERALD's photographer asked several women shopping in Torrance this week.

Wanda Loney, 3308 W. 188th St., housewife: "We had to drive over to Long Beach Sunday to shop. The store had sent its own truck to the bakery to get enough bread to sell. The meat was all sold out, and the perishables were almost all gone. The store was just jammed. They even ran short of shopping carts."

Monica Llamas, 2203 Vandorbilt Lane, R. B., assembler: "Our family hasn't had any trouble. We usually shop at an independent store in the neighborhood, which I went to Sunday. There was a big crowd, but no shortages were noticeable. The prices were unchanged."

Betty Howard, 1641 W. 222nd St., sales clerk: "I usually accompany my aunt when she does her marketing. This week end our regular market was closed, so we went to a small store in Torrance. My aunt didn't care for their meat. It looks as though we'll be eating meatless meals for a while."

Mrs. Loretta Ketter, 2603 Arlington Ave., housewife: "Saturday I did my marketing at a small local store. I found everything I needed there. The prices were the usual ones. Our family is stocked up for awhile, so so far I am really not affected."

Mrs. William Taggart, 23517 Panama St., Wilmington, bookkeeper: "My husband and I shopped Saturday at our regular independent market. There were extra crowds; but there was ample food, and the prices were in line. If the strike-lockout continues, we might be affected by it later on."

Florence Gantt, 1305 W. 218th St., housewife: "I am a day-to-day shopper. With the big supermarkets closed, I find that I am not buying nearly as much. It is costing me more; and I have less variety to select from. The smaller shops are jammed."



AWARDED . . . Another young businessman studying his product. Richard DeVore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. DeVore, 22721 Meyer St., is the winner of the Torrance HERALD carrier boy \$5 cash prize for selling the largest number of new subscriptions during the month of December. By building up his route and increasing his earnings Richard is gaining valuable experience in the business world. (Herald Photo)