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PAIR HOLD UP STATION OWNER

Gunmen Get Smokes, \$\$

Two armed robbers, one of them bandishing a silver-plated pistol described as a .22-caliber, held up service station operator Frank Smith, 52, at his station at 182nd St. and Hawthorne early yesterday, escaping on foot with cash and cigarettes.

Smith, who lives nearby in the El Nido Trailer Court, told Torrance police that he had gone to the station, and was counting out dimes when the pair entered through a side door.

"Give us your money," one of the duo told Smith. The station operator handed up the \$5 worth of dimes he had been sorting out when another of the robbers said:

"We know you have more than this."

Smith was forced to lie on the floor while the gunmen rifled the cash drawer of the station, taking an additional \$25 which was out to open the station.

Before leaving, one of the gunmen ripped the phone out, and told Smith to stay down.

Police were told that the gunman apparently fled on foot. By the time Smith got up from the floor, they had disappeared into the stormy morning, he said.

Local Rotarians At L. A. Confab
Torrance Rotarians were among the 2600 in attendance at the Rotary District Conference held Tuesday and Wednesday at the Statler hotel. Under the leadership of President John O. Schmidt, the local delegation took part in the busy schedule climaxed by the address of Warren E. Craft, Rotary International President's representative, who spoke yesterday on the topic "The Anatomy of a Rotarian."

A highlight of the convention will be the election of a new District governor.

SCHOOL HIT BY LOOTER

A burglar or burglars who entered Torrance High School over the week end had a gay time rummaging through offices, making coffee, and generally comporting in a nonacademic manner, police were told.

Mark Caldwell reported Monday that at least three offices at the school had been entered, over the week end, probably by someone who had keys.

Missing were a table radio, pipe, cigars, a stop watch, pocket knives, stamps, and a reading glass. The thieves made their hauls from the offices of the principal, vice principal, and nurse. They brewed a couple of pots of coffee in the nurse's office, investigators were told.

THE STOP watch was the property of Vice Principal Willard Morgan and had been presented to him by the track team of 1953. It was engraved "To the Coach."

Eleanor J. Worthen, of 2603 W. 175th St., said burglars entered her home for the third time, taking \$15.30 in coins and trading stamps. She said the intruders also took food from the refrigerator and drank several bottles of soft drinks.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

In Lincoln's day the big issue regarding the Negro race was freedom from slavery. In the South of late, the prime issue has been integration in the schools. In our part of the country the crux of the problem is housing.

Do you feel that Negroes should be permitted to purchase homes in so-called "White" areas? Do you believe this would affect real estate values in the long run? Do you feel that the freedom to live wherever one wants is part of the meaning of Brotherhood? Those were the facts presented and the question asked by the HERALD's inquisitive photographer to several persons in Torrance this week. Their pictures and answers follow:

Mrs. John Agapito, 22330 Marjorie Ave., housewife:
"I am from the South. I don't believe in mixing races. I feel that they have their place and are happier where they are. The majority of them do not want to be pushed by the communist-inspired few."

Janice Howell, 18446 Amie Ave., bookkeeper:
"I really feel we should be wholly integrated. I would not mind having a Negro for a neighbor or in my church. I feel that all men are created equal and that although it would definitely lower present real estate values, they would equalize in a few years."

Betty Street, 1827 Marionette, part-time clerk:
"Let's just say I believe people were created equal."

E. W. Crow, 441 - 4th Pl., Manhattan Beach, aircraft engineer:
"I believe Negroes should be permitted to purchase home in whatever area they choose to live. It would undoubtedly have an effect on real estate values for a short time; but not in the long run. I sincerely believe that this right is part of the meaning of brotherhood."

Joanne Kirkwood, 2459 Torrance Blvd., secretary - receptionist:
"I certainly do think Negroes should be free to live wherever they please. Granted it would be a temporary effect on real estate. However, over a period of time it would balance out. This is most certainly inherent in the meaning of brotherhood."

ORDERS SURVEY SYSTEM

The city council opened a two-pronged attack on the diminishing water supplies in the south Torrance oil field area this week by ordering a complete survey of the area by the city's water superintendent, and by instructing the city attorney to begin proceedings to set up an assessment district under the Improvement Act of 1911.

The council's decision came at the end of the second long hearing on the matter, brought into focus in December when a builder protested that he was being forced to install pumps in a newly constructed home to bring water pressures up to the legal minimum under the building code.

ACTING ON an opinion presented by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier, the council instructed him to go ahead with the procedures necessary to setting up an assessment district in an effort to bring adequate water service to the area, now served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3, a mu-

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In Arizona

Crash Fatal To GI

A week end of skiing at Flagstaff, Ariz. ended in death for a Torrance soldier when his light plane crashed near Sedona, Sunday en route to Ft. Huachuca.

Killed in the crash was Pfc Donald N. Belanger Jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald N. Belanger Sr., of 5114 Patrick St.

A skiing companion, Sp/4 Charles S. Ishii Jr., 25, of Kauai, Hawaii, also died when the tragedy occurred.

Born in Michigan, Belanger lived in this area for over two years and was graduated from Serra High School, Gardena, prior to entering service. His father is employed by Northrop Aircraft, Hawthorne, as a methods analyst.

Besides his parents, he is survived by three brothers, Allen and Gerald, 19, and Richard, 11; and a sister, Betty, 21.

TEAC Members Told

School Emphasis on the Child

Local educators evaluated the Torrance school system at a luncheon meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee held at the YWCA on Monday. Used as a yardstick in determining excellence were a list of criteria set up by the school administration.

Leader of the evaluation was Mrs. Margaret Denmark, district curriculum consultant, who rose to her present position in the local school system through the ranks of kindergarten teacher, vice-principal, and principal—a living symbol of the opportunity for professional advancement in the Torrance system.



TO OPEN MONDAY... The new Broadway Del Amo, first of a number of major stores to open on the new Del Amo Shopping Center, Sepulveda and Hawthorne, will be opened formally Monday noon with top Broadway and area civic

leaders participating. A pre-opening affair will be held Sunday evening at the store under the auspices of the area's Woman's Clubs for the benefit of Harbor General Hospital.

New Broadway Store To Open Here Monday



A VALENTINE... Sixteen-year-old Dana Hunter posed for this Valentine picture as she was leaving the South High campus where she is a junior. The pretty brunette, who was the Lowellen Press entry in the Miss Torrance contest, plans to go to modeling school and hopes to join the Cover Models in New York. (Herald Photo)

A ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for 12 noon next Monday, Feb. 16, will mark the formal opening of the new Broadway Del Amo, ninth of the group of Broadway Stores serving Southern California.

Top store officials, including Prentis C. Hale, chairman of the board, and Edward W. Carter, president of the Broadway-Hale Stores, will be on hand for the opening.

Others scheduled to participate in the affair will include Miss Dorothy Marshall, general manager of the Broadway Department Stores; William M. Belding, manager of the new store; Miss Dorothy Kirsten, opera star and peninsula resident; and Torrance's Mayor Albert Isen.

Miss Marshall announced yesterday that last minute fixtures, displays, and merchandise are being moved in, and will be ready for a gala charity preview at the store on Sunday evening, sponsored by the Woman's Clubs of the area.

THE PREVIEW is expected to attract more than 300 guests, and will benefit Harbor General Hospital. Highlights of the party will include a fashion modeling, strolling musicians, and glamorous prizes.

This latest addition to the Broadway Stores is on the new

Del Amo Shopping Center at Hawthorne and Sepulveda near the geographical center

Exclusively yours in today's 60-page HERALD is a special 20-page "open house" section for the new Broadway Del Amo which will open officially at 12 noon next Monday, Feb. 16. Turn to Page B-1, Section 5 for a preview of this outstanding event. And, to make your shopping easier, check the Broadway credit information coupon found today on Page 15.

of Torrance. It is the first of a large group of stores, specially

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Rites Set Saturday

21-Year Veteran City Worker Dies

Fred B. Franklin, 67, one-time entertainer and popular Torrance old-timer, died yesterday at Torrance Memorial

Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Employed by the City of Torrance for 21 years, Franklin made his home at 23010 Arlington St. While employed by the city, he worked for both the street department and the park department.

Prior to his employment with the City of Torrance, he was in the entertainment field and



FRED B. FRANKLIN City Veteran Passes

was associated with members of the present "Sons of the Pioneers."

Franklin was born in Harrison, Tenn. in July, 1891.

Surviving relatives include his widow, Mrs. Alta Franklin; a sister, Mrs. Eliza Wakefield of Hermosa Beach; four sons, Floyd Franklin of Redondo Beach, George Wilbur Franklin of Porterville, Kenneth Franklin of Drain, Ore., and Bob Franklin of Torrance; a daughter, Mrs. Wanda Powers of Phoenix, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two stepsons, three stepdaughters, eight step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Stone and Myers Mortuary, at 2 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Pacific Crest Cemetery, Redondo Beach.

City Hall Closed

The city hall is closed today as a tribute to the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. The city council approved the closing Tuesday on the recommendation of City Manager George Stevens.

PROFESSIONAL standards