

TEENAGERS QUIZZED IN THEFTS

Police Seeking Link to Others

Five teenage boys were under interrogation yesterday afternoon by detectives and juvenile officers as suspects in a burglary at a neighborhood market in downtown Torrance Friday night and series of other small burglaries during the past few days.

Detective Don Hamilton and Juvenile Officer Leo Gonzales said the five teenagers were being questioned about the theft of one case and four six-packs of beer from a market at 2323 Cabrillo Ave.

The officers said they had been told that the store was found open Friday night, and the boys helped themselves to the beer, some pennies, and foodstuffs. The same boys then assertedly notified the store owner that the premises were open.

Theft of a bottle of liquor from a store at Lomita Blvd. and Crenshaw and another incident involving the theft of a bottle of wine at a store at Andreo and Carson St. were also being investigated. Information given to police reportedly implicated a group of five boys although those in custody yesterday denied they were involved.

Most of the beer and part of the bottle of whiskey had been recovered yesterday.

Investigation into the matter is continuing, the officers said.

Council to Consider Libraries

A recommendation that one large library be built to serve the south Torrance area will be considered by the City Council this Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at a public hearing.

At the same time, a report comparing Torrance facilities with other libraries in the area will be presented. This report shows that Torrance, with .5 books per capita, ranks lowest in Los Angeles County, and that it has six cents per \$100 valuation tax rate, ranks next to last in library support.

The report also shows that the size of libraries built recently in nearby areas varies from minimum of 3000 square feet to more than 8000 square feet.

In its meeting last week, the Torrance library board recommended one library of at least 3000 square feet be built to serve the south Torrance area. This presumably would replace the smaller library originally planned in the Hollywood Riviera area and possibly the present Walteria branch.

Although the population of Torrance has almost tripled since 1952, no building additions have been made since the construction of the north Torrance branch in that year.

The library board also voted to work on a master plan of libraries for the city.

Registration Of Vehicles Continuing

Motorists preparing to renew their car registrations for 1958 were advised today that fee statements which show a red stripe require special handling at permanent offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles, auto club bureau, or by traveling registration crews of the department.

"The red-striped statements cannot be handled by the department's temporary renewal stations in banks in the metropolitan areas of the state," E. K. Ball, field chief for the department, stated.

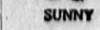
"The bank officers, which operate until Feb. 4 during their regular banking hours, are authorized only to handle regular renewals when the fees are presented with a 1958 card mailed from the department at the end of the year. We also are asking applicants to be sure to present both parts of the renewal card when applying. The stub, should not be detached."

Ball said that the bank operation is designed to process renewals at the speediest possible rate.

Rivets Reports

The weather today may feature a few clouds, but on the whole, it'll be sunny and clear. Rivets, the HERALD weather dog reported, there is little possibility of rain he declared.

High and low temperatures this week included Thursday (71-42); Friday (68-49); and Saturday (67-47).



NEW CAR BLUES . . . Larry Combs, 18, of Hermosa Beach looks sadly at the side of his new auto which was heavily damaged in a crash at Torrance Blvd. and Anza early yesterday. Combs had just got the auto the preceding afternoon and had driven it only a short distance. The other driver was cited by police. (Herald Photo)

Lawndale Resident Crashes

A 25-year-old Lawndale resident not only received injuries in an accident but encountered trouble with the law early yesterday morning.

Robert Hull, 25, was cited for speeding, failure to stop at a traffic sign, and for not having an operator's license with him.

Hull's car crashed in between two westbound autos which had stopped at Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave.

All three were traveling the same direction.

Other drivers involved were Larry Combs, 18, and Denny Roy Owen, 20, both of Hermosa Beach. Combs had taken delivery on his car—a new one—a few hours earlier and had slightly more than 100 miles on it at the time of the crash.

Hull was taken to Harbor General Hospital and later referred to a private physician.

A 17-year-old Torrance youth narrowly escaped injury Saturday morning when his car overturned at Monterey St. and Greenwood Ave.

Robert Rodriguez, of 2853 Sonoma Ave., told officers his steering wheel stuck when he was attempting a left turn onto Greenwood. The car struck the curbing and a boulder, flipping it over.

Civic Group Will Select New Officers

R. P. Hogue was nominated as president of the Southwest Park Civic Assn. at the group's meeting last week at Steele School.

New officers will be elected at the association's meeting on Feb. 4.

Other nominees include Louis Bisou and Warren Pancake, vice president; John Wilacy, treasurer; Mrs. Glenn Rickard and Mrs. R. O. McCaskey, treasurer, and G. H. Wade, Robert Brigham, Mrs. Louis Bisou, Mrs. Mary Christian, and Mrs. Harry Hughes, board of directors.

J. A. Beasley led a discussion of taxes, while the group also heard a report on petitions to be circulated for park bonds.

Little League Use Of Park Gets Okay

Despite a debate over the merits of Little League baseball in Paradise Park, the Torrance Recreation Commission Wednesday night voted to recommend granting a lease for Little League use of 1½ acres of the park, with a 30-day cancellation clause.

Use of the park for Little League ball came under fire from Walter Wiecek, 4807 Lee St., who said opponents felt that the park should be used by all groups of youngsters, not just Little Leaguers. Little League areas generally are unsightly, he said.

Objective Cited
John Baird, 21222 Evalyn Ave., told the commission that home buyers had been assured that the park would be used only by the city. He objected to setting the property aside for a few ball players, bringing with it "bright lights and commercialism." He also objected to the traffic, which he said would have to park in front of private homes.

Speaking for the Little League, Ray Tibben, 21617 Linda Dr., said that games would be played in the afternoon and that children would

Two Injured In Accident

Two persons were taken to an emergency hospital Thursday afternoon following an accident at Crenshaw Blvd. and Rolling Hills Rd.

Richard Lyle Mitchell, 17, of 2451 W. 238th St., was driving north on Crenshaw when the collision occurred. He was thrown from his car and received bruises.

The other driver, Catherine Moore Richter, 69, of Rolling Hills, sustained a fractured knee. Her car was proceeding south on Crenshaw.

Bank Votes Dividend

California Bank's board of directors has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cent per share payable Feb. 3 to shareholders of record at the close of business Jan. 17.

Chiropractor at Meet

Dr. Roy R. C. Sanderson, local chiropractor, will attend special classes at the Hotel Stalter this coming week end, Jan. 18 and 19.

Also attending the symposium on "Professional Economics" will be his two assistants, Mrs. Betty J. McNabb and Dr. Ruth Kurtz.

Canine May Be Introduced As Court Exhibit

If Mrs. Margaret Felix shows up in court tomorrow with her German shepherd, Queenie, it won't be because she's blind, but because she just wants to present all the facts.

Mrs. Felix, who lives at 3530 W. 228th St., got a ticket Friday on Hawthorne Ave. for not having tall lights on her car. When she got home, she laid the ticket on the breakfast nook.

The next thing she knew, Queenie was eating what she evidently thought was her breakfast—the ticket.

She is considering taking Queenie to court as part of the evidence in the case.

300 Expected to Attend Dinner for City Manager

More than 300 guests are expected to attend a luncheon here Wednesday honoring the 10th anniversary of City Manager George W. Stevens in that post, it was reported yesterday.

Sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce with Director George Bradford as chairman, the luncheon has been scheduled for 12 noon at the Plush Horse.

Highlights of the city's growth under the guidance of City Manager Stevens will be presented during the testimonial affair, Bradford said.

When Stevens came to Torrance in January, 1948, the city had an estimated 14,000 population. During his 10 years here, it has grown to nearly 100,000 persons.

Although Stevens has been instrumental in the phenomenal growth recorded during his tenure, his thoughts are in the future. He sees the city becoming the retail center for a large southwest county area, a population growth to about 150,000 persons, and a maturing of the city in culture and social aspects.

His forecasts for the city during his tenure here have been substantiated by the developments of the area.

All of this and more is the basis for Wednesday's salute to the city manager, according to the sponsors.

The Chamber of Commerce is handling reservations for the affair.

City Receives \$40,415 in License Fees

Torrance received \$40,415 as its share of \$8,565,080 in motor vehicle license ("in lieu") taxes, State Controller Robert Kirkwood announced Friday.

The apportionment represents about 43 cents per resident and was for the six-month period ending Nov. 30.

Motor vehicle license fees are levied at the rate of \$2 per \$100 of market value on each car for the privilege of using the highways. The fee is an excise tax, levied instead of the personal property tax once put on motor vehicles.

The city's recent census, which added 14,128 persons to the official city population, netted an addition \$4674 to the city coffers for the six-month period between June 1 and Nov. 30. Torrance will get more in its next apportionment, since the larger portion of license fees are collected in January.

Police Halt 8 Runaways

Parents from Phoenix, Ariz., arrived Friday to pick up six boys and two girls, ages 14-21, who ran away from home.

Local officers spotted the car full of youngsters in Torrance Thursday and brought them to the station. The car was full of youngsters, clothes and camping equipment.

Parents returned the group to their Phoenix homes from which they ran away last Monday.

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Children to Enroll in Art Classes Here

Torrance recreation department in co-sponsorship with the Torrance Art Group, is offering local children an opportunity to receive instruction in art from Miss Moni Gillett, who is well known in the South Bay area for her art work.

There are two scheduled lessons each Saturday afternoon for six consecutive weeks, beginning Jan. 11 and ending Feb. 15. Boys and girls, 6 to 9, will have instruction from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 9 to 12-year-olds will meet with Miss Gillett from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All the classes will be held at the municipal plunge in Torrance.

There is a small registration fee for the six lessons. All supplies in the program are included in the initial cost. Charcoal, water color, crayons and pastels are some of the mediums that Miss Gillett plans to give instruction on during the course of the lessons.

Miss Gillett has an extensive background in art. She received her B.A. from the University of Tasmania in Australia, where she was born, and took her Master of Fine Arts from Columbia University. She is a retired teacher from New York state, where she taught art in Westchester and Long Island public schools.

Nab 12-Year-Old For Stealing \$3345

Checks and cash totaling \$3345 stolen from the liquor counter of a market at 501 S. Arlington Ave., the day after Christmas, have been recovered and a 12-year-old boy taken in custody in connection with the theft, it was revealed here yesterday by Lt. D. C. Cook, head of the police department's juvenile bureau.

Cook said all of the money taken in the post-Christmas theft had been accounted for and returned to the market officials.

Recovery of the money was made through "a series of incidents and with a little luck," Cook said. He would not expand on the details of the case, saying several of the sources of his information must remain confidential.

The 12-year-old will be handled by the juvenile bureau, Cook said.

Polio March This Month Planned Here

The 1958 March of Dimes polio fund appeal has been launched in Torrance and throughout the country on the dramatic note that for thousands of polio patients "Survival Is Not Enough."

Most of the money sought in the drive is needed to help disabled polio patients stage comebacks from helplessness to usefulness.

This announcement was made by Mrs. Clara Conner, March of Dimes chairman, who declared that during the last year it has been necessary to spend a total of \$21,700,000 in March of Dimes funds on the care and rehabilitation of patients. These patients numbered 57,800, of whom 53,000 were victims of old attacks.

Most of this cost is in the form of continuing care for patients stricken in preceding years and the obligation will continue next year with very little let up, it was pointed out.

Funds are also necessary for an expanded research program to explore many new aspects of virology; for the training of professional workers in the rehabilitation and science research fields; and for a still urgent program of public education to continue the use of Salk vaccine, she said.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Noting concern over what helps and hinders juvenile delinquency, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked: "Should the names of juveniles arrested for various crimes be published in the paper, the same as adults? Why?"

W. C. Webb, 2928 Winlock Dr., construction superintendent:

"I think the names should be published. Juveniles are in the process of growing into adults. They will realize that they have responsibilities, the same as adults, if their names are published."

Mrs. Alma Adams, 25334 Cypress St., Lomita, lead woman:

"I think publication of the names would prevent some of the crime we have nowadays. If children knew it was going to come out in the papers, there probably wouldn't be as much crime."

Harry Van Camp, 3208 W. 186th St., cashier:

"I do not think the names should be published. Kids do lots of things they wouldn't do if they had adult minds. If they do something foolish, they can live it down easier if it isn't publicized."

F. G. Anderson, 3341 Cricklewood St., boys advisor, South High:

"It depends on the individual case. It would be good for other children to learn you can't get away with crime. Sometimes, it would be damaging to the child, if he was never allowed to forget his mistake. Maybe it should be up to the discretion of the juvenile officer."

Mrs. Howard Garrett, 1507 W. 204th St., housewife:

"For first offenders, the names shouldn't be published, but if the children show they do not want to change by getting in trouble again, the names should be published."

Mrs. Effie Belcher, 22733 S. Main St., housewife:

"Juveniles should be talked to, but you shouldn't let everyone know about their troubles. Their names should not be dragged through the papers. I have raised 11 children and there were no delinquents among them."

In next Thursday's edition, the HERALD will give the ideas of juveniles themselves on this same question.