

**Hollins Awarded Degree**

Wayne Charles Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Hollins, 2311 Danaha Ave., was scheduled to receive a degree at Baker University this week. Dean B. A. Gessner released the list of 82 candidates at the Baldwin, Kans. university. The Centennial commencement exercises were held Monday.

**Council Considers Proposal to Establish City Library System**

Approval of a minority report by the city's library commission calling for establishment of a separate library system for Torrance was voted by the city council this week. The council voted to approve in principal the report of two commissioners to work out details for establishing a system here independent of the Los Angeles County Library System. The vote came after the city manager was instructed to contact county officials in an effort to get a one-year extension on the contract now in effect with the county to provide services to the city. The contract is scheduled to end July 1, 1959, on orders of the County Board of Supervisors. Torrance is provided library books and services by the county while the city furnishes the facilities under the present contract. Two commissioners opposing the report recommending that the city join the county district were Mrs. John G. L. Crain and William Hanson. They pointed out that the city probably would not receive back in books and services an amount equal to that it would pay in taxes. Service is provided by the county on the basis of book circulation and population density, the council was told. While Torrance has a high per capita assessed valuation, it would be required to pay the county a relatively high tax rate for library services, some of which would go to support the service in other areas. An offer to build a \$300,000 library here by the county would only complicate the matter if the city wanted to pull out later, the council was told. The city would probably be required to purchase the \$300,000 building before it could pull out of the county system at a later date, it was indicated.

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**...Holdups**

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When Eakins got out to inspect his car, one of the occupants of the other car jumped out and struck him. Police reported Eakins had 32 light cuts on his face and body that were possibly made from a can opener. During the fight, the other men took Eakins' wallet containing \$47. An armed gunman took \$170 and two cartons of cigarettes from a service station at 18200 Hawthorne Ave. Tuesday. Attendant Frank Smith told officers he was cleaning the grease rack when the armed robber and other man appeared. Flourishing a .38-caliber revolver, one of the pair ordered Smith to get inside. "We're not fooling around. Just relax and act normal and you won't get hurt," they declared. The pair also tore the telephone from the wall. They ordered Smith to wait in the storage room for five minutes.

**New Rotary President**

Clifford A. Randall, an attorney in Milwaukee, Wis., was elected president of Rotary International for the 1958-59 fiscal year at the 49th annual convention of that world-wide service organization which is completing its five-day session in Dallas today.

**Team to Install Legion Officers Here on Sunday**

J. Rome Gateley, commander-elect of the Bert S. Crossland Post 170 of the American Legion, will be installed in office in ceremonies at the Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 p.m. Gateley will succeed Roy Grimwood, who has been commander of the post since Al England resigned several months ago. Division 19 of the American Legion is now completing plans to have a drill team handle the installation program, officials of the local post reported yesterday.

**Three to Graduate in Santa Barbara Rites**

Three Torrance students will be candidates for degrees at the University of California at Santa Barbara next Sunday, the college announced this week. Scheduled to receive bachelor of arts degrees are Gregory E. James, 24208 Ocean Ave., psychology; W. Richard Peuser, 3722 W. 225th St., political science; and Julia Ann Rhone, 1019 Beech Ave., elementary education.

**Obituaries**

**E. M. Van Deventer**  
E. M. Van Deventer, father of Grover Van Deventer of Torrance, died in Redlands Saturday. The Redlands pioneer celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary last November. Services were conducted yesterday at Corner's Mortuary in Redlands. In addition to his son Grover, Mr. Van Deventer is survived by another son, A. F. Van Deventer of Crescent City; eight grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

**John A. Moffatt**  
Funeral services were held Tuesday for John Alfred Moffatt, 46, of 1824 W. 259th St., Lomita, who died Saturday. Final rites were held in the First Methodist Church of Huntington Beach. Surviving are his widow, Glennie V.; sons, James and Steven; a daughter, Lynne; mother, Rose Moffatt, and brothers, Kenneth, Clinton, and Thomas.

**Agipita Mata**  
Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Catherine Labourer Church for Mrs. Agipita Guerrero Mata, 44, of 18401 Ashley Ave. A native of Mexico and a resident of Torrance for 35 years, Mrs. Mata died May 30. Rosary was recited Monday evening in the Stone and Myers Chapel and interment was in Artesia Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Jesus Mata; five sons, Ernest, Tony, Santina, Richard and Joe; seven daughters, Martina, Jennie, Eleanor, Lupe, Teresa, Mary Lou and Margaret, all of the home address.

**Cora Thompson**  
Funeral services were conducted Monday for Mrs. Cora Pearl Thompson, 63, of 4834 Carmelyn Ave., who died May 31. Services were in Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Andrew Anderson officiating. Interment will be in Jasper, Minn. Surviving are two sons, Merle Thompson of the Torrance address, and Darrow Thompson of Whittier; two daughters, Darlene Havme of San Diego, and Marvel Funk of Whittier; two sisters and five grandchildren.

**Square Dancers Plan New Club in Waleria**  
A square dance club called the "Reel Squares" has been organized and will meet the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of each month at the Waleria Park Recreation Hall, it was announced yesterday. George Perry will call the squares beginning at 8 p.m. on meeting nights. Any couples interested in square dancing are being invited to attend the first meeting tonight.

**Groups Join**  
The Junior and Senior high school groups at the South Bay Baptist Church will hold a Luau at Huntington Beach State Park June 14. Reservations should be made by next Monday.

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