

Police Press Search for Cold-Blooded Murderer

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KING, THOMAS IN EASY WINS

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think teachers should be permitted to go on strike as they did in New York this week, leaving classrooms unattended?"

This is the question asked for today's column.

Mrs. Jean McCaskey, 20110 Pruitt Dr., Torrance, housewife:

"I feel they should have a bargaining body before they get to a strike point. Our classrooms should not be unattended. I certainly back them upon their need for a negotiating body to prevent this from happening."

Patsy Jones, 608 W. 216th, Torrance, cashier-clerk:

"No, I can't see them leaving classrooms unattended. I can see their cause alright but not the method of operation they use — just walking out on the whole thing."

Mrs. Betty Benson, 20612 Kenwood, Torrance, market cashier:

"I don't think they should have done this in the manner they did. But you know, I can see the teachers' point of view. I think they should have higher pay than they do. It is quite a job handling large classes of children."

G. E. Kimble, 4749 Darien St., Torrance, building construction:

"With the present salary they are getting, I don't think they should strike. Of course, some states have lower pay for them. I think they should get adequate pay. They seem to be able to work nine months out of the year and take summer vacations in Europe."

Lenny Mormino, 20921 Brighton Ave., Torrance, TWA transportation:

"Our teachers have always been underpaid. A strike is the only outlet they have to express their opinions. It is a very serious problem."

City Hall Closing On Veterans' Day

The city hall will be closed tomorrow, Veterans' Day, City Manager George Stevens reported yesterday. The Friday holiday will make rubbish collections a day later than normal the following week. Friday's normal runs will be made Monday, he said.

Two Suspects Questioned, Turned Loose

The search launched Friday night for the killer of a Torrance market operator continued yesterday as Harbor Division detectives pressed for an early solution to the slaying they described as a "cold-blooded murder."

Two Torrance men questioned by police about the incident have been released, according to Det. Walt Phillips of the Harbor division.

Charles P. Burgess, 25, of 1348½ W. Carson St. was arrested over the week end but was released after being cleared of implication in the slaying.

A SECOND suspect, Eurrell Elj Loftis, 43, of 1728 Abalone Ave., was questioned as a suspect in the slaying of 34-year-old Peter Barerra of 1622 W. 214th St. Barerra was slain as he worked at the market he operated at 1552 W. Carson St. Friday evening.

Phillips said Loftis' car had been spotted leaving the market at about the time of the robbery-murder. A revolver and ammunition were found at the Loftis residence. Loftis admitted being a customer at the store, but has denied any implication in the slaying. Loftis was later released.

A WITNESS who saw a man near the store Friday evening is relaying information to Police Artist Hector Garcia who is making a composite picture from the description. The picture will be used in an effort to identify the man seen near the market, Phillips said.

FUNERAL MASS was celebrated for Barerra yesterday morning at the Nativity Catholic Church with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas McCarthy as the celebrant. Rosary was recited Tuesday

evening at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

SURVIVING Barerra are his widow, Celia; and children Robert, Peter, Leo, Elizabeth, and Teresa; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Barerra, and two brothers and two sisters.

Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

More Men Sought For Post Office

Applications for Christmas employment at the Torrance Post Office will be accepted from men only between 10 a.m. and 12 noon next Monday, Nov. 14, Postmaster Clara Conner reported yesterday. Men hired will be given two or three weeks of work during the Christmas season, depending on volume of mail to be handled, she said.

Welfare Planning Council Sets Forum

A new form of programming is being adopted by the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council, it was announced today by Mrs. Herma Tillim, program chairman.

"We have planned a series of three Community 'Forums,'" Mrs. Tillim explained, on current social issues in our community which affect the health and welfare of our citizens."

The first Forum will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15, and will be devoted to "The Recreation Needs of the Harbor-Peninsula Area."

Participating in this Forum will be Mrs. Walter Bott, vice president of the Palos Verdes Coordinating Council; William Doehny, chairman of the parks and recreation committee of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce; Fred Thompson, director of the San Pedro YMCA, and Harry Van Bellehem, director of the Torrance Recreation Department. They will each discuss recreation projects and needs which are presently producing interest in local communities throughout the Area.

HENRY WALTZ, executive secretary of the Metropolitan Recreation and Youth Services Council, will be on hand to answer questions and suggest ways that interested citizens can support better recreation services.

"The purpose of this type of program," Mrs. Tillim pointed out, "is to provide a more thorough discussion of local problems. By specializing in key problems," she continued, "we hope to bring more civic groups and interested individuals together with the wealth of highly qualified resource people throughout Los Angeles County so we can aid the efforts to make our local communities better places to live." Future Forums will be devoted to problems of the aging and urban renewal.

The Ins



THE WINNER'S CIRCLE . . . Whooping it up early yesterday as it became apparent that Sen. Jack Kennedy had won the presid ential campaign were workers in the local Democratic headquarters at 1607 Cabrillo Ave. The celebration began early and lasted late as the small quarters were jammed with workers and well wishers. (Herald Photo)

The Outs



MIXED EMOTIONS . . . While Don Carlson and John Kesson see something encouraging in Tuesday night's returns, Anita Sharpe and Patty Lou Svendsen apparently feel more accurately the feeling that came over GOP headquarters from coast to coast as the returns built up an Electoral College lead for Senator Kennedy. (Herald Photo)

San Diego Accident Kills Torrance Boy

A 9-year-old Torrance boy was killed in a traffic accident on Highway 101 north of San Diego Monday, it was reported here yesterday.

Eric Meldrum, son of Mrs. Gladys Meldrum, 2715 W. 180th St., was killed when a car driven by Robert A. Davis, 43, also of Torrance, was involved in a collision with another driven by Victor L. Thompson, 29, of Pasadena.

Mrs. Meldrum, another son, Allen, 14, a daughter, Marjorie, 11, and Davis were taken to Scripps Hospital in La Jolla where their condition was described as satisfactory after the crash.

Thompson and two passengers were injured.

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Chapel Beats Teacher by 20,000 Votes

Nearly complete unofficial returns late yesterday which gave Senator Kennedy a victory also indicated that the area's three incumbent candidates scored easy victories in their re-election bids.

Congressman Cecil King, seeking his 10th term in the House of Representatives, piled up his greatest plurality by defeating Electrical Engineer Tom Coffee, his Republican opponent Tuesday.

With all but nine of the 1418 precincts tabulated, King has compiled 199,877 votes while Coffee received 94,446.

KING'S TOTAL vote was nearly 18,000 more than his 1958 record of 182,965 when he defeated Leonard DiMicceli, the GOP candidate.

With 541 of the 547 precincts tabulated, Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel had taken nearly a 20,000-vote lead over his Democratic opponent, Charles Sohner. Chapel had received 65,019 votes; Sohner 46,489.

IN THE 68th Assembly District, Democrat Vincent Thomas piled up a lead nearing three-to-one over Republican Richard Glazier. Thomas had polled 66,215 votes while Glazier had 22,193 with all but 11 of the 452 precincts tabulated.

LATEST RETURNS

17th Congressional District (1409 of 1418 Precincts)
King (D) 199,877
Coffee (R) 94,446

46th Assembly District (641 of 547 Precincts)
Chapel (R) 65,019
Sohner (D) 46,489

68th Assembly District (441 of 452 Precincts)
Thomas (D) 66,215
Glazier (R) 22,193

Chamber Nominated For Freedom Award

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has been nominated for a Freedom Foundation National Award, according to President R. S. Pyle.

Pyle said the Chamber is in contention for the Alexander Hamilton Award which is presented "For Economic Education in Dynamic Capitalism."

Pyle said the Freedom Foundation, located at Valley Forge, annually sponsors the nation's largest award program. It is headed by such men as President Eisenhower, Don Belding, Ex-President Hoover and Admiral Arthur Radford, U.S.N. (Retired).

The Alexander Hamilton Award includes one award of \$500, up to 10 awards of \$100 each, and George Washington Honor Medals. The cash awards go only to schools, non-profit organizations, or individuals. The Awards are presented "For the most outstanding contribution toward bringing about a better understanding of the American competitive, free enterprise, risk-capital system, by an individual, school, college, organization, group, or corporation."

The Torrance entry is the 17-minute color-sound movie entitled "Business-Education Day in Torrance." The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, for the first time in its 48-year history, purchased 11 prints of the Torrance film. The film was written and directed by the local Chamber's Education Committee under the leadership of Lyle Albord and Fred Brunner.

No School Tomorrow

Students in Torrance Schools will have a one-day holiday tomorrow in honor of the Veterans' Day holiday.

Classes also will be dismissed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25, for Thanksgiving, Christmas vacation will last from Dec. 19 through Jan. 2, 1961, with students reporting back on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

School offices will be closed Nov. 11, 24, and 25, and on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.



PLAN HOMECOMING . . . Checking final plans for El Camino College Homecoming activities are Co-chairmen Pat Stevers and Bob Barker. A parade and football game will climax festivities Saturday in Murdock stadium; floats will move around the field at 1 p.m.