

# Torrance Bandit Gets Five to Life

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# FATHER OF FOUR DIES IN CRASH

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

As Thriftmart in Southwood is one of the markets participating in the "Checker of the Year" contest, this question was asked of four shoppers and one checker.

"What qualities do you think make a good market checker?"

Mrs. Dottie Delamore, 333-11th St., Hermosa Beach, checker:

"I think, from my point of view, getting the customer waited on as quickly as possible is the most important thing. And I also believe in being courteous to people. Treat them the way you would like to be treated yourself if you were in their place."

Wallace Henrich, 422 S. Lucia, Redondo Beach, aircraft worker:

"One thing I don't like is a checker who shoots the breeze all the time and does not get the job done. There is something about that which really irritates me. One reason I shop here is because the girls are efficient and you don't have to stand around while they gab."

Mrs. Margie Herron, 206 S. Lucia, Redondo Beach, housewife:

"Well, I definitely think that a good personality is of major importance and the quality of being patient with others. I also feel she should be happy with her job too. It certainly shows when they aren't."

Mrs. Barbara Cohenour, 22502 Susana Ave., Torrance, homemaker:

"I know it is hard for them to be courteous all the time but I would say that is an important factor when you are dealing with the public. I think they should have a good sense of humor and be able to handle all situations the customers deal them."

Mrs. Dolores Hobday, 5501 S. Anyview Torrance, housewife:

"The two most important things I think are being courteous and friendly and always having a smile, which is sometimes hard to do when you really don't feel like it. I can't find any faults with the checkers here."

## Third Man in Local Robbery Under Arrest

A Torrance man convicted of participating in an \$8800 robbery of a San Pedro market has been sentenced to serve from five years to life for his part in the Jan. 7 holdup.

Gary W. Mann, of 26019 Crest Rd., was sentenced along with three other bandits when they appeared before Superior Judge Maurice C. Sparling in Long Beach. Mann also was sentenced to concurrent one-year jail terms on charges of driving while under influence of narcotics and of rape. Two San Pedro men were given jail sentences of a year each and placed on five-year probation and a Long Beach man was given eight months in jail as part of a five-year probation.

At the same time, it was announced by Torrance detectives that a third suspect in the robbery of a Certi-Bond cashier here this month had been placed under arrest. Police previously had charged Mann with participating in the robbery along with Robert Holbert, 28.

Arrested this week and booked on suspicion of armed robbery was William Oxford, 26, of 1445 E. Carson St. Det. Wally Nitz said Oxford had been identified by Certi-Bond employees.

## Chorus To Give Concert

Los Cancioneros, a choral group representing the southwest L.A. area, will fulfill a double purpose when they bring Arthur Honegger's "King David" as a musical presentation to El Camino College, Friday and Saturday evenings, Feb. 24 and 25. Provision of an opportunity for musical advancement will be possible, and proceeds will be used for a music scholarship which will be available to deserving and talented students of the area.

BRINGING choral music to the community has long been the aim of the mixed group of 50 singers under the direction of Mrs. Tom Mabin of Rolling Hills. They are currently rehearsing for their first work, which will be accomplished by orchestra under the direction of Dr. John Bachus.

Dr. Bachus, in his first appearance as a guest artist with Los Cancioneros, brings a wealth of talent and experience to share with the members of the chorus and orchestra. A professor for the past 15 years at the University of Southern California, he plays a dual role as he teaches students in both physics and music departments.

BORN IN Portland, Ore. Dr. Bachus studied at Reed College. (Continued on Page 2)

## State Set To Widen Hawthorne

Allocation of \$750,000 for the widening of Hawthorne Blvd. from four lanes to six between Pacific Coast Hwy. in Waleria and Manhattan Beach Blvd. in Lawndale was announced in San Francisco Thursday by the State Department of Public Works.

The widening of the 5.7-mile section will connect with the existing six-lane section north of Manhattan Beach Blvd., the announcement said.

## New Committees for Realty Board Listed

Assignments of committee chairmen and members to guide the activities of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors during the coming year have been announced by President Delbert Vaughn.

**Attendance** — Marjorie Krogman, Thelma Turner, Marie Murphy, Juanita Bolin, Lotta Johnson, Erna Delaney.

**Achievement Book** — Hallie Crow, Jack Pettit, Geneva Meara, Gerald Alter.

**Blood Bank** — Larry Fritzen, Jack Clayton, Elmer Peterson, Jack Waters, Calvin Bostwick, Bob Comstock, Marie Murphy.

**Caravan** — Wilfred D. Brugger, Jack Cramer, Albert England.

**Ethics** — Robert Hatcher, Irene Baker, Perry Connitt, Charles Kastner, Rose Craig, Hank Mahler.

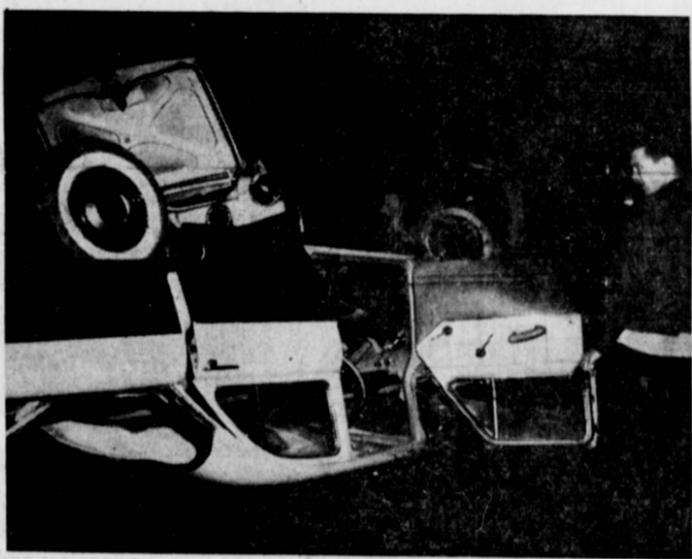
**Grievance** — Bob Haggard, R. D. McEwen, Harry Bowker, Del Wright.

**By-Laws** — Lee Dawson, Kenneth Miller, Joseph Allen, Harry Bowker, Bob Haggard.

**Membership** — Don Borden, R. B. Keith, Taft Allen, Dorothy McNary, Lotta Johnson,



BY THE NUMBERS . . . Rain-slick streets were credited with the responsibility for this four-car pileup Thursday afternoon at Carson and Figueroa. Drivers of the four automobiles involved survey damage and exchange identifications. None was hospitalized according to reports. (Herald Photo by Bill Brown)



SCRATCH TWO . . . These two light cars were completely demolished, but the driver of each crawled out without injuries late Wednesday night when they flipped off the 190th St. curve at Hawthorne Blvd. Drivers were listed as Emma Gayer, 23, of El Segundo, and Gwen Gressman, 28, of Hermosa Beach. (Herald Photo)



BIRTHDAY NOTED . . . A cake baked as a replica of the Little Company of Mary Hospital is wheeled into the banquet room during the first Founders' Day observance Wednesday evening at the Plush Horse. Mrs. Frank Forester, president of the hospital auxiliary, was asked to make the first cut in the cake. (Herald Photo)

## Auto Slams Into Pole, Driver Dies

A 26-year-old Carson area father of four died early Friday as the result of injuries he received when his car slammed into a power pole along Avalon Blvd. north of 223rd St. Bobby Frank Patterson, who resided at 22719 Neptune Ave., died at Harbor General Hospital of head and internal injuries suffered in the crash.

California Highway Patrol investigators said Patterson, a storage company employe, may have fallen asleep at the wheel of his car while driving north on Avalon Blvd. The auto was demolished.

FUNERAL services are being scheduled in Morris, Ala., for the victim through Halverson-Leavell Mortuary here.

Patterson is survived by his widow, Frances; two daughters, Sherry and Terri, and two sons, Steve and Frankie.

A PASSENGER in an auto driven by a chemical company worker was taken to Harbor General Hospital after a crash here early yesterday.

Thelma Lee Velez, 26, was rushed to the hospital after an auto driven by Harley Dean Starkey, 33, of Long Beach, careened off 190th St. near Patronella Ave. and slammed through a power pole.

## Businessmen Of Waleria Set Meeting

Members of the Waleria Business Men's Club will celebrate completion of their obligations for building the Waleria Scout Center at a dinner meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 at the Jump 'n Jack.

Jack Rogers, owner of the resaturant, and Chris Sorenson, Waleria realtor, will be in charge of the affair.

In addition to noting the payment of all obligations on the Scout Center project, the members will hear reports on various phases of city and community activities.

## Harvey Gets Two Army Contracts

Harvey Aluminum, Inc., has been granted a contract valued at \$565,057 for cartridge cases, and a \$25,000 contract for integral barrel chamber guns, the U. S. Army Ordnance District of Los Angeles has announced.

## Overflow Crowd Observes Anniversary of Hospital

An overflow crowd which necessitated the late addition of several tables celebrated the first birthday of the Little Company of Mary Hospital at a Founder's Day banquet at the Plush Horse Wednesday evening.

Cited for his work in formation of the advisory and campaign committees was Robert I. Plomert r., Mobil Oil Co. official, who was presented a plaque in appreciation for his contributions.

A large cake, a replica of the new Torrance hospital, was wheeled in during the festivities, and Mrs. Frank Forester, president of the hospital auxiliary, was called on to make the first cut.

SAM LEVY, who succeeded Plomert as president of the hospital's advisory board earlier this year, presented the hospital plaque, while William E. Shawger, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, made a similar presentation to Plomert on behalf of the Chamber, citing his work for the community and the hospital.

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THE RT. REV. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, director of health and hospitals for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, outlined a history of the hospital, and reviewed the work of the committees of laymen and doctors which climaxed with the opening of the structure a year ago.

Others participating in the program Wednesday included Rabbi Henri Front of Temple Menorah in Redondo Beach; Fred W. Mill, first vice president of the advisory board; Dr. John A. Wilson, first president of the hospital's medical staff; Dr. Vincent J. Rounds, current president of the staff; Judge William McFaden, who served as master of ceremonies, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McCarthy, pastor of the Nativity Catholic Church.

## Dominguez Gets Hike In Water

The California Public Utilities Commission has authorized Dominguez Water Corporation, which serves about 17,000 customers in southwestern Los Angeles County, to increase its rates by \$362,000 a year, effective on or after Feb. 15, to offset higher operating costs.

The increase is \$209,000 less than the company requested and will add about \$1 to the monthly water bill of the average residential customer. The present charge for an average usage of 1600 cubic feet of water is \$4.05, and under the newly authorized schedule, \$5.05. The company had proposed a monthly charge of \$5.50 for that amount of water.

The Commission turned down the company's request to abolish irrigation and combined domestic-irrigation service by transferring both to general metered rates, but permitted an increase of one cent per 100 cubic feet of water in those rates.

DURING FOUR days of public hearings in Torrance, truck farmers and other growers testified that the company's proposal to transfer them to general metered service would raise their costs to the point where they might be forced out of business.

The decision also authorized higher rates for public and private fire protection service.

IN ARRIVING at its decision, the Commission accepted estimates of its own staff engineers and accountants as to the company's operating costs, with the exception of \$14,000 additional, pension, and retirement expenses.

The staff estimated the company would earn a rate of return of 8.70 per cent under the

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