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# GUNMAN ROBS HIGHWAY MOTEL

## Bandit Ties Owner, Flees With \$340

A gunman brandishing what looked like a .32 or .38 caliber revolver fled with \$340 from the owner of a Walters motel early yesterday.

Owner Don L. McFarland of the Driftwood at 3960 Pacific Coast Hwy. said the nattily-dressed gunman, between 24 and 30 years of age, rang the night bell about 3:45 a.m. yesterday and asked about motel rates.

AFTER MCFARLAND had given him the price range, the man stalled a little, leading the motel operator to suggest some "down the highway" which had some lower rates, he told police.

Finally the bandit reached inside of his coat as if to get some money, and came out with the revolver.

"TURN YOUR HEAD and don't look at me," the gunman said.

"I want everything."

After taking the money, the gunman tied McFarland with heavy cord, and then warned him against calling for help.

"If you move for 15 minutes, or give my description, I'll come back and kill you," McFarland quoted the bandit to investigating officers.

MCFARLAND WAS forced to lie on the floor of his living room at the motel while the bandit fled in an auto described by the victim as having "loud pipes."

McFarland said later that the gun might have been a toy.

Detective Lonnie Brown began checking back over the scene for leads to the bandit yesterday.

## Morris New Chief of Lions Club

Ralph Morris, industrial relations manager for Rome Cable Corp., was elected president of the Torrance Lions Club at the organization's annual election yesterday by A. L. Murphy and Charles R. Settle, elections committeemen.

Morris will succeed Dr. Robert Barrett, Torrance dentist, in the top post for the 65-member organization.

Elected to serve with Morris during the 1960-61 club year were William W. King, first vice president; Ray Wyatt, second vice president; James Becker, third vice president; Lyle Albro, secretary; Milton Pagel, treasurer; Paul Burnam, tallwister; Cecil Powell, Lion Tamer; and as directors, George Colburn and Dr. Stanley Yarnase.

Holdover directors of the board of directors include Newell Larsen and Settle.

## Fireman Hearing Set for May 20

A hearing on charges that Fireman Richard DeArmitt violated city and state regulations by taking an active part in the recent municipal election campaign has been set by the Civil Service Commission for 8:30 p.m., May 20, in the city council chambers.

## Shell Plans To Triple Local Plant

Shell Chemical will triple its projected plant capacity for the production of polyisoprene, the man-made equivalent of natural rubber, it was announced here Friday by J. P. Cunningham, general manager of Shell Chemical's Synthetic Rubber Division.

Shell Isoprene Rubber, the company's name for the new synthetic, has been manufactured commercially on a scale up to five tons per day at the Torrance plant for slightly over a year, enabling consumers throughout the country to evaluate it in a wide variety of products, ranging from elastic bands to huge tires for earth-moving machinery.

The local plant is currently being expanded to a capacity of 40 million pounds per year of polyisoprene with completion of construction expected this fall. The second installation, presently in an advanced stage of engineering design, will be on stream one year later.

This expansion will involve construction at a midwestern location of an integrated monomer-polymer plant of 80 million pounds annual capacity, the hydrocarbon feedstocks for which will come from Shell's Wood River refinery located near St. Louis.

## Harbor Hospital Notes National Hospital Week

"The patient's recovery in the hospital today is aided by many hands and many skills that never emerge from behind the scenes," A. L. Thomas, Administrator of Harbor General Hospital said today on the opening of National Hospital Week.

"While the patient is well aware of the care of nurses, doctors and technicians who come to his bedside, there are many others never seen by him who also contribute to his recovery," Thomas continued.

"FOR EACH hospital patient food is cooked to meet his special needs; complete records of his care and progress are kept up to date; linens are processed to high hospital standards; laboratory tests are run and x-ray films developed by skilled workers; supplies are kept in readiness, and equipment maintained in constant order. All of these tasks are performed by people whom the patient rarely sees."

"It is important for the community to understand that payroll costs for personnel account for the major part of total hospital costs, and they increase as services are increased. Also,

while automation can and does cut personnel costs in industry, it cannot do so in the hospital to any great extent. Hospitals use machines wherever possible, but most hospital services must still be performed by people; patient care cannot be standardized, but must be adjusted to each patient's needs."

HARBOR GENERAL Hospital is joining with other hospitals throughout the country in observing National Hospital Week, May 8-14, 1960. This year's theme—"The Hospital—Many Hands and Many Skills," emphasizes the role of hospital personnel in the patient's recovery.

Included in the week's activities will be a Recognition Night for the Hospital Volunteers, to present service awards, including pins to be awarded to over 30 members who have contributed more than 500 hours. Also scheduled is a Career Day in which 22 members of the Teenage Volunteers will serve as Acting Division Heads for a portion of the day, to emphasize the various skills required in the operation of a large general hospital.

## Modern Pilot, Ancient Plane In Local Hops for Cameramen

By BOB WILTON  
Herald Staff Writer

Ghost rider in the sky well fits Frank Tallman, who pilots an antique airplane from out of the "flying machine era."

Tallman's latest assignment brought him to Torrance Airport where he took off Friday in a 1910 French Bleriot. His job was to fly above the Palos Verdes hills and then out over the ocean.

Pilot Tallman made this flight for Warner Brothers in a film they are making emulating the famous flight of Louis Bleriot, designer of the plane bearing his name, who first flew across the English Channel in one of his early models. "I ONCE FLEW the English

Channel in a Bleriot, but I wouldn't try it again with the power plant those crates had," Tallman said.

"This one has a little more power with a 75-horse engine that kicks up a top cruising

## Armed Forces Day Essays

Armed Forces Day essays submitted by seniors in the city's three local high schools will be judged Monday by members of a committee planning the May 21 celebration.

Several hundred youngsters submitted themes on the importance of the military forces to the defense of America and the rest of the free world.

Dr. Bruce Magner of the



REIGN BEGINS . . . 1960 Baseball Queens Earlene Brainard, 15, "Miss Baseball" and Cheryl Osborn, 12, "Miss Little League", began reigns yesterday during the Torrance Baseball Parade. Earlene is sponsored by the North Torrance Babe Ruth League and Cheryl is sponsored by the North Torrance Little League, western division. Thirteen baseball leagues in the city participated in the citywide parade yesterday.

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## Nearer Torrance

## Ribbon - Cutting Opens New Area Freeway Lanes

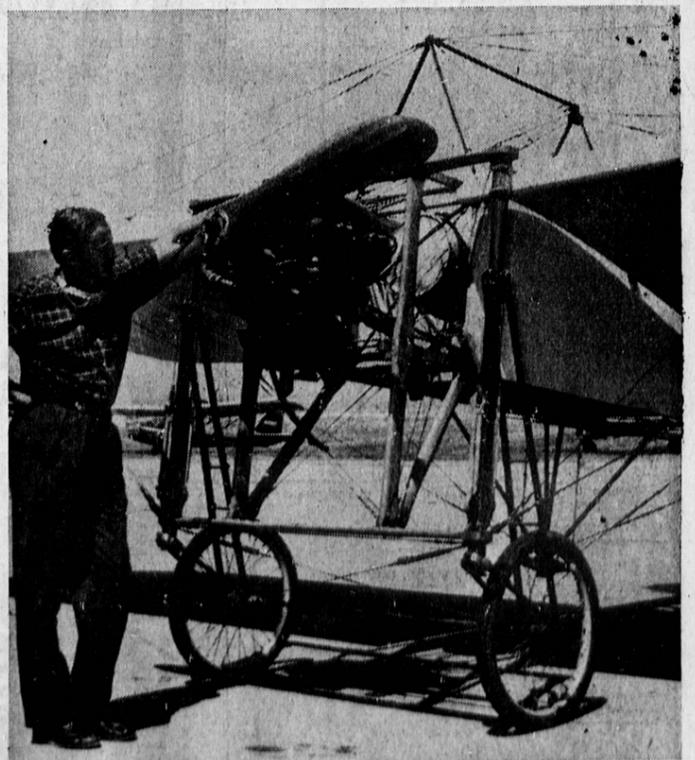
Ribbon-cutting ceremonies Thursday morning opened northbound lanes of the Harbor Freeway between 124th St. and Alondra Blvd. with many public officials and civic leaders of the Southwest and South Bay areas who have long worked for completion of the freeway participating.

Many of those attending were in the contingent of 40 who accompanied Supervisor Kenneth Hahn to Sacramento in August, 1957 to get the State Highway Commission to budget construction money to extend the freeway from 124th to 190th St. Thursday they saw some of the results of their efforts.

Those participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony included Supervisor Hahn, Mayor Robert Kane of Gardena, Mayor Robert Reeves of Hawthorne, Mayor Charles Perry Walker of Manhattan Beach, and Los Angeles City Council President John S. Gibson.

A SHORT, simple program preceded the ribbon cutting, with Donald Davidson, past president, Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce serving as master of ceremonies. Pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Kane, after which the invocation was asked by Reverend H. M. Slusher, Christ Community Evangelical United

Brethren Church. Welcome remarks were extended by Councilman Gibson. (Continued on Page 2)



ANTIQUA PLANE . . . Frank Tallman, Palos Verdes pilot, looks over French Bleriot he flew over ocean in Warner Brothers production here Friday. Built in 1910 and one of three surviving models this 75 horse power plane is also used in shows and was a World War I trainer.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"There seems to be an increase in church sponsored schools. What do you think is the reason for this?"

Answering were:

Mrs. Diane Preston, 21528 Moneta, nurse's aid:

"I think people are beginning to feel the need of religious training along with the academic work. I know at Brigham Young University where I went, everyone, LDS or not had to take a class in religion per quarter. It wasn't especially the Mormon doctrines they taught, but the Christian religion in general."

Mrs. Daphne Wilson, 1648 W. 256th St., Harbor City, housewife:

"I think parents are beginning to feel the need to teach the basic doctrines of Christianity. They also have smaller classes and the student gets more attention. The parents feel closer to the teacher and so they can work closer for the benefit of the student. It really gives a child a good foundation."

Mrs. Fred Borders, 1820 Martina, parttime cashier:

"I think it is partly because the public schools are so crowded and parents feel that their child can get a better education and more individual help in a church school. It could also be partly that parents want their children to follow their religion."

Mrs. Rosalie Ray, 20918 Conradi Ave., housewife:

"I think they are so much better. They have more time to give them help, the classes are smaller so they learn more and they are taught obedience and respect. I have seven children myself and believe me, if we could afford it they would all be in a parochial school."

Gladys Pollard, 2732 Andreo, secretary, First Baptist Church:

"I think it's parents' sense of fulfillment in meeting the problems of their children. They're seeking divine guidance. In a church-sponsored school they get a good foundation to meet later problems of life. We don't send our soldiers into war without preparation, so why should we send our children out without a good Christian education? The Bible says we should teach our children in the ways they should go."