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BANDITS STRIKE HERE TWICE

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think the sale of nonessential items on Sunday should be forbidden?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. James Meyer, 1103 Fay-smith:
"I think it would be a nice idea to devote one day to leisure and no selling. I think it would be hard on people who work, especially if they work six days a week."



Mrs. L. H. Albert, 18807 Patronella:
"That depends. It's a good idea but on the other hand why should you make people close when not all people observe Sunday as the sabbath. Sunday is the only day to shop for those who work six days a week."



D. C. Voss, 1303 1/2 Portola:
"I think it's up to the individual businessman. I don't think any religious principals are being violated by selling on Sunday. It's a free country."



James Nolen, 2424 Palos Verdes Blvd.:
"No, I don't think so. There is nothing wrong with stores staying open on Sundays from a religious standpoint. I would not like to see a law passed closing businesses."



Jack Levine, Hermosa Beach:
"I don't feel anybody should stay open on Sunday. I feel Sunday is a day of rest. I have never worked on Sunday and I don't feel it's necessary. If businesses want to stay open they will."



HC Slates Seminar
Dr. Wayne Butterbaugh, superintendent of the Palos Verdes Unified School District, will speak at the general assembly of the Student Suggestion Seminar to be held at Harbor College Wednesday. Students will discuss ideas for the betterment of the college.

New Chamber Manager Due

Appointment of a new manager for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was announced this week by Martin M. Deen, president.

Chosen by a five-member special chamber selection committee was J. Walker Owens of Elmira, N. Y.

In making the announcement, Deen said, "The officers and directors of the Chamber



J. WALKER OWENS Gets Chamber Post

feel that our membership is extremely fortunate in obtaining an individual of Mr. Owens' caliber. His well-rounded professional background will be a definite asset in the future growth of the Chamber and the community.

OWENS, one of some 30 applicants for the position, was selected on the basis of his 20 years of diversified and responsible experience in chamber of commerce administration, industrial research, planning and development, trade association, commercial organization, and governmental and civic activities.

Until his new appointment he was executive vice president of the Association of Commerce and executive director of the Chemung County Development Corp. at Elmira.

BEFORE assuming his position in Elmira in 1959 he was for two years general manager of the Odessa (Texas) Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to his employment at Odessa he was engaged in chamber of commerce work in Lake Charles, La., Charleston, S. C., Salisbury, N. C., Savannah, Ga., and Myrtle Beach, S. C.

He saw service with the Air Force in World War II as a bomber pilot and was separated in 1945 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. His wartime flying service won him, in addition to campaign medals, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Air Medal and Purple Heart.

Rites Set For Early Resident

Thomas Dominic McNeil, 86, a resident at 1744 Andree Ave. for the past 43 years, will be buried in Holy Cross Cemetery tomorrow following Requiem High Mass at the Nativity Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Mr. McNeil died at his home Wednesday.

An early employe of the Union Tool Co., Mr. McNeil was active for many years in the Nativity Church and in organizations of the church. He was a charter member of the Holy Name Society there and was at one time president of the St. Vincent De Paul Society of Torrance. He also was a member of the Legion of Mary Auxiliary.

FOLLOWING his employment with Union Tool Co., Mr. McNeil was employed by Emsco and by the McNeil Construction Co. from which he retired 11 years ago.

He was born in Cape Briton, Nova Scotia, and a brother, A. D. McNeil, still resides there.

Mr. McNeil is survived by his widow, Mary, his wife of 58 years; six daughters, Florence Sprague of Morro Bay, Celina Dean of Torrance, Dolores Payne of Los Angeles, Veronica Tepper of Inglewood, Frances Goss of Redondo Beach, and Mary May of Eagle Rock; two sons, Thomas McNeil of Torrance and Joseph McNeil of Orange; 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

HOLY ROSARY will be recited at 8:30 tonight at the Nativity Church and Requiem High Mass will be sung there at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Mr. McNeil will lie in state at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary from 2 to 4 this afternoon.

South Names Scholarship Life Members

One hundred and thirty-five South High students have been named to the California Scholarship Federation for the spring semester.

Fourteen seniors named as life members are Nancy Baker, Gwen Cassel, Sherlyn Farmer, JoKay Louvier, Patricia Palmquist, Stephanie Palmquist, Roberta Smith, Sue Steele, Richard Coulter, George Groveman, Charles Hanson, Joseph Selliken, and Loren Severs.

For membership, a student must have 10 points. An "A" in academic subjects equals 3 points, a "B" equals 1 point, an "A" in a nonacademic subject equals 1 1/2 points and a "B" equals 1/2 point. Any grade below "C" is disqualifying.



MEETING STUDENTS . . . Robert B. Jaffle of Torrance, former Burbank High School teacher, is shown with students of the Commercial College of Kathmandu prior to showing of USIA documentary films. A graduate of UCLA, Jaffle also taught high school in Illinois and earlier served

as assistant to the Dean of Men at UCLA. Face to face contact by U.S. Information Agency officers and people abroad is a key to getting America's point of view across to countries far distant from our own.

Cities, Civic Groups Join In Fight for Area College

Opposition to the Fox Hills Golf Course as a site for the South Bay State College has mounted to the point where it is nearly unanimous, a survey of activities showed at week's end.

From cities, civic organizations, school officials, political organizations, homeowners' groups, and from individuals by the thousands, the pro-

tests have been piling up against the announced preference of site selection committee of the Board of Trustees for California State Colleges.

Nine Southwest area city councils have gone on record in opposition to the Fox Hills site and five of those have indicated a preference for the site offered in Torrance. The city councils have been joined by

chambers of commerce, school districts, and other official groups in voicing protests.

PETITIONS new being circulated which the signer asks only that the college be located south of Rosecrans and west of Western Avenue have been gaining hundreds of signatures. A number of petitions containing spaces for 100 signatures each have been issued to interested persons by The HERALD, and another petition is available at The HERALD for signatures.

Hopes that Torrance can still come up with an offer which would swing consideration of the site selection committee back to this area have been voiced during the week by several Torrance officials, and Mayor Albert Isen said this week "a new package may be ready for the trustees in a very short time."

REDUCTION OF THE site requirement from more than 300 acres to 100 acres has raised hopes that the Torrance site can be mapped out to avoid the problems presented by the presence of oil wells in the Sepulveda-Crenshaw area.

"If we can get consideration of a 100-acre site, we may be able to make an offer in which oil would be no problem," Mayor Isen said.

Next meeting of the trustees has been scheduled for Arcata, a small town in northern California and site of Humboldt

State College, for May. There is no scheduled meeting in April.

CHARTERING of a train to take boosters of the local site to the meeting was suggested Tuesday by Mayor Isen. "They have scheduled the meeting as far away as they could get, perhaps hoping none of us could get there," the mayor said.

Street Project Now Under Way

A \$5,000 roadway improvement project on Knox Street easterly of Normandie Avenue will begin this week under County Road Department supervision.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace said the improvement in the Torrance-Carson area will consist of laying asphaltic concrete pavement along the road to join newly constructed curbs and gutters to provide improved drainage and lower maintenance costs.

Doctors, Finance Co. Hit

A medical office receptionist and a finance company were victims of bandits within a two-hour period Friday morning. A total of more than \$300 was taken in the two robberies.

Bonnie Kay Boucher, receptionist for Drs. H. G. Alksnis and K. J. Kellner at 2422 Torrance Blvd., was the first victim, telling police that the bandit was waiting in his car in front of the office when she arrived to open the offices just before 8 a.m. Friday. He forced the receptionist to surrender office money and money from her own purse before fleeing.

SHORTLY AFTER 10 a.m., personnel at the Seaboard Finance Co. at 2155 Torrance Blvd. gave up \$186 in bills to a bandit displaying a snub-nosed pistol.

In the first robbery, the bandit did not display a gun. The victim said the bandit had been in the office the previous afternoon looking for a certain doctor and was referred to a local medical center.

When the receptionist arrived to open the office Friday, the man was seated in a car in front and called to her, saying he was sick and needed a doctor.

HE WAS told that neither of doctors would be in until later, and then asked to go into the medical offices while a doctor was summoned.

Once inside, he locked the door, saying "I've got a reason," when asked why. He demanded the keys to the office money, and threatened the receptionist when she said she did not have them. He grabbed at her and tore a pocket from her uniform in a short struggle.

THE VICTIM gave up the office money, reported to be \$73, and money from her own purse, another \$47. Also taken were blank checks to be drawn on the Security First National Bank of Torrance and bearing the names of the two physicians.

The receptionist called one of the doctors as soon as the bandit had left and the doctor called police.

IN THE finance company holdup, Manager Gene DeGarrimore said he was standing next to Terry Patton when the bandit walked up to Miss Patton's desk and asked for money, saying it was a holdup. "I'm not kidding, give me all your cash," he snapped when Miss Patton laughed.

DeGarrimore reached into a desk drawer and brought out the cash which he handed to the bandit, he said. He reported the bundle contained \$186.

THE BANDIT put the money in the pocket of his windbreaker, and warned the finance company employes not to follow him.

"I'll start throwing lead . . . (Continued on Page 3)

HERE'S HOW TO HELP

Feel like helping in the fight to get a four-year state college to serve this area? Here are some of the things that need to be done:

Petitions now circulating need signers and circulators. Copies may be picked up at the Torrance City Hall or at The Torrance HERALD.

Everybody who has any connection with selection of the college, no matter how slight, should know how residents of this area—who will provide the bulk of future students for the college—feel about its location. To do this write letters, sign the petitions, and talk it up. Current tendency among state college officials is to ignore the noise from this area, but if it's loud enough, they can't. If you're in a writing mood, send off letters to the board of trustees:

Louis H. Heilborn, chairman, 14 Montgomery St., Room 700, San Francisco 4, Calif.

Allen J. Sutherland, vice chairman, 630 Rosecrans, San Diego, Calif.

Charles Luckman, chairman of site selection committee, Charles Luckman Associates, 9220 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 46, Calif.

Letters to the governor, lieutenant governor, assemblyman, and other state officials will help swell the tide.

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