

# Torrance, Lomita Clash Again

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# FBI ARRESTS ESCAPEE BANDIT

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"To what extent should husbands help with work around the home?" inquired the Penner photographer of several Torrance wives and mothers this week.

**Mrs. L. J. Moeder, 115 Patronella Ave.:**  
"I think it would depend entirely on whether or not the wife works. If the wife does hold down a full time job, then the work should be shared. The children should also help when they are old enough."

**Mrs. Harold Foley, 3410 W. 227th Pl.:**  
"I feel that the work should be shared by the husband and wife. I don't work, but I feel a husband should help and take as much interest in the home and family as his wife does. It helps to make things easier in general."

**Mrs. Frank Genta, 2720 Martha Ave.:**  
"I would say that the work should be shared. The wife has a 24-hour-a-day job, and the husband works only eight to 10 hours a day. The husband should lend a helping hand especially if there are small children to watch."

**Mrs. James McClain, 1230 Amapola St.:**  
"I think that while the children are young the husband should give a lot of help around the home. When the children grow up, they should take over many of the duties. But the husband should never become numb to the noise around the home."

**Mrs. John Zimmerer, 3437 229th Pl.:**  
"I think the husband should help around the home. He should give the wife some help in doing the household chores and doing the shopping, and he should share the responsibility of taking care of the children. He should also help with the yard work."

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## Backers Cite Need to Halt Annexations

Border skirmishes along the Torrance-Lomita boundary line broke out this week with both sides massing troops for a showdown.

Lomita boosters began proceedings for incorporation of a two-square-mile area by submitting petitions to County Clerk Gordon T. Nesvig. Submitting the petitions were businessman Joe Haslam, attorney Ray Farthing, Ed Stambagh, and James Cole.

Preparation of the petitions followed filing of annexation proceedings by the city of Torrance covering part of the same area.

Torrance is seeking to annex a total of 57 parcels of land adjacent to the borders along 240th Street and along its eastern boundaries south of that line.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION ANNOUNCED**

A four-year scholarship, valued at \$650 a year, will again be awarded to some high school senior in the Los Nietos-Torrance area by Armo Steel Corp. The scholarship here is one of 20 offered by Armo in the communities where it has plants.

Richard Coulter Jr., 4606 de las Tortugas, was the winner of the 1963 scholarship.

Competition for the 1964 scholarship is open to seniors in public, private, or parochial high schools in the Torrance or Whittier high schools who plan to major in engineering, chemistry, or physics. It is not limited to sons and daughters of National Supply employees.

**HOWEVER**, sons and daughters of employees at National's Torrance or Los Nietos plants are eligible to compete even if they attend high schools in adjacent communities.

The winner may attend any accredited college or university. If the winner enrolls in a privately-supported institution, that institution will receive \$500 a year additional from the Armo Foundation as a cost-of-education supplement.

**AN ADDITIONAL** scholarship, known as the George M. Verity Memorial Scholarship, open to sons and daughters of Armo or National Supply employees, without geographical limitation. This also is a four-year scholarship, but is valued at \$1,000 for the first year, and \$750 for each of the three following years.

The deadline for submitting applications is Oct. 11. Full particulars about the competition, covering who is eligible, how to apply, and how winners are selected, are contained in a booklet entitled, "Armo Community Scholarships." Copies may be obtained from Joseph F. Burley, superintendent, industrial relations, at National Supply's Torrance plant.

**TRUSTEE NAMED**

Albert W. Charles, member of the Torrance Board of Education and president of Personnel Factors, Inc., has been named an assistant professor for the 1963-64 school year at Los Angeles State College.

Charles joined the college faculty last year as an assistant professor in labor economics. He will conduct two classes each week in business economics during this semester.

He has more than 12 years diversified experience as director of industrial relations with major national firms.

**ALL-OUT WAR ON MOSQUITOES**

Prevalence of mosquitoes throughout the city has brought about a declaration of war by the city's park department and the Los Angeles County health department.

Park Superintendent Casper W. Clemmer has issued a request to all Torrance residents to check yards and other property for any areas which might hold water capable of breeding mosquitoes.

The park department is spraying all open areas containing water that might be a possible breeding area, Clemmer said.

**CITY'S PORTION OF TAX CLIMBS**

The city of Torrance has received \$477,956 as its share of local sales and use tax distributions resulting primarily from sales during the second quarter of 1963.

This sum distributed to the city during August and September showed a 16.1 per cent increase for the same period of 1962.



**BIG THREE . . .** Commerce and industry chairman for the Torrance area in the coming United Way, Inc., campaign are Karl Stefek, commerce and industry division chairman; Stanley Williamson, harbor area volunteer chairman, and Arthur Reeves, city chairman for Torrance. The charity drive, formerly the Community Chest, serves more than 300 individual agencies in the county. The Torrance industry drive is now in full swing.

## Bridge Dedication Set As Highlight of Fiesta

Dedication of the new Vincent Thomas Bridge spanning the main channel of the Port of Los Angeles next Saturday will be one of the early highlights of the annual Fishermen's Fiesta celebration in San Pedro scheduled for the week end.

The bridge, third largest in California, stands 185 feet above high water, allowing passage of the world's largest ships. It will connect Pacific Avenue and the Harbor Freeway in San Pedro to Terminal Island, supplanting the veteran ferry boat service which has plied the channel for many years.

**A DEDICATION** parade is scheduled to begin in the bridge area at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and will be followed at 11:30 by official dedication ceremonies.

Plans to have Governor Brown officiate at the dedication rites were scrubbed this week when the governor canceled his appearance to attend other ceremonies in northern California at which President Kennedy is scheduled to attend.

The \$22 million bridge is 6,060 feet in length and the main suspended span is 1,500 feet in length with 500-foot side spans. Construction of the bridge has required — among other materials — more than 6 million pounds of reinforcing steel, 46,000 cubic yards of

concrete, 22 million pounds of structural steel, and more than 2 million pounds of the suspension cable.

**SATURDAY'S FIESTA** program will continue with a daylight fireworks show at noon, a contest of fishermen's skills at 2 p.m., street dancing and entertainment on Fishermen's Wharf at 8 p.m., and a 10 p.m. fireworks show from the Ferry Building.

Sunday's Fiesta program starts with a band concert by the Fort MacArthur Band at 11 a.m.; dockside ceremonies at noon with welcomes by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and Mayor Sam Yorty; the finals of the fishermen's skill contests, and the world-famous decorated boat parade at 1 p.m.

**ACTOR DANA** Andrews will head judging of the boats, to be decorated in an "Around the

## Democrats Slate Panel Discussion

Members of the Zenith Young Democrats will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday evening at the Higgins Brickyard party room, 2217 W. Artesia Blvd. The public is invited to attend the meeting, which begins at 7:30.

Following the business session, the club will hear a panel discussion entitled, "Is the Reactionary Right Endangering the American Democratic Way of Life."

Panel members will include Mrs. Marlene Rothstein, from the Community Relations Conference; John Geegan, Y. D. regional director; and Howard Schumann, Y.D. national committeeman.

A question and answer period will follow the panel discussion.

World" theme. Fiesta sponsors expect the largest boat parade since the 1946 Fiesta celebrating the end of World War II.

General chairman of the 1963 Fiesta is Nick S. Trani, long-time San Pedro civic leader and businessman. He said as many as half a million people are expected to visit the port during the three-day festival.

## Sheriff's Aid Before City Council

Members of the City Council will be asked Tuesday night to ratify a move by its police and fire committee to invite the aid of Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess in reviewing the organization of the city's police department.

The request to Pitchess was presented at a meeting Thursday between the Sheriff, City Manager Wade Peebles, and Councilmen Victor Benstead, George Vico, and Ken Miller.

All agreed — city officials and Pitchess and his staff — that assistance sought from the Sheriff was administrative, and that there would be no move to make personnel changes in the department.

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## Area Robber Jumps Fence, Free 39 Days

A 34-year-old bandit who fled from Chino Aug. 11 by climbing over a wire fence was captured without a struggle by agents of the FBI in Albuquerque, N.M., despite his earlier boasts that he wouldn't be taken alive.

Charles Edwin Falk had been the subject of an area-wide search in connection with the \$2,500 robbery of a Wilmington savings firm on Aug. 20, slightly more than a week after his flight from Chino.

Falk, a one-time longshoreman, was named as the suspect in a one-man crime spree here two years ago which included the \$1,200 robbery of the U-Sav Mart in Torrance. Falk has admitted that he had jumped bail in connection with the Torrance holdup.

**TORRANCE POLICE**, who had been searching for the bandit since notified of his escape from Chino, noted his New Mexico capture with a daily log item noting his arrest "with the compliments of the FBI."

Falk's arrest this week followed by two days the arrest of an alleged accomplice, Gene Laverne Patterson, 37, of Oklahoma. Each has been arraigned before a U.S. District Judge in Albuquerque and are being held in lieu of \$25,000 bonds.

**ARRESTING** officers reportedly found a sawed-off shotgun, two hand guns, and several sets of license plates in Falk's car.

Authorities have not determined whether Falk and Patterson will be returned to California or tried in Albuquerque.

## First Day Enrollment Tops 30,000

Enrollment figures for the first day of school were released this week by the Torrance Unified School District.

A total of 30,073 students attended classes on the first day, somewhat above the predicted first-day figures. Total enrollment for the district is expected to climb to the 31,000 mark by Oct. 1.

Seven students were enrolled in special home classes, and 138 attended special classes at Columbia School.

Other enrollments include: North High, 2,352; South High, 2,745; Torrance High, 1,469; and West High, 1,189. Total high school enrollment was pegged at 7,755.

Elementary enrollment totaled 22,173. The largest elementary school is Victor, with 993 in classes, while Madison was the smallest with 369 students.

Quick work with the figures show the 32 elementary schools have an average of 692.9 students, while the high schools average 1,938.8 students.

## Stamp Club to Meet Tomorrow

A meeting of the Torrance Stamp Club will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Scott Park Community Building, 23410 Catskill Ave., Wilmington.

## Real Estate Convention Opens Today

Representatives of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors are among some 5,000 real estate brokers and salesmen who will begin a five-day convention in Los Angeles today.

L. H. Wilson of Fresno, president of the 40,000-member California Real Estate Assn., said some 3,000 members have already registered for the convention. The Los Angeles Realty Board is hosting the meeting.

Among the persons who will address the CREA delegates are Governor Edmund G. Brown, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Ronald Reagan, Ivy Baker Priest Stevens, and real estate commissioner Milton G. Gordon. Dr. Glenn Dumke, chancellor of the California State Colleges, will also address the delegates, as will representatives of the University of California.

A number of displays, open to the public, will be set up at convention headquarters in the Biltmore Hotel. Exhibit contests are planned also.

The convention will be a working session for most of the delegates. Prospects for next year will be explored and several seminars are scheduled. The roundtable seminars will cover a variety of real estate subjects, including selling techniques and specialized sales.

At the conclusion of the sessions, the association will elect officers for 1964.

## New Law For Cars In Effect

The owner of any commercial motor vehicle with an unladen weight of less than 3,000 pounds may, under the provisions of a new law taking effect on Friday, apply for commercial plates by payment of an annual weight fee, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The weight fee for vehicles in this category will be \$10 annually prorated on the month of application.

This change will permit owners of light commercial vehicles, which were formerly restricted to auto plates, to obtain commercial plates for their vehicle when this form of registration is desired.

Applications for a change of plates may be made at any field office of DMV.