

Burglar Takes 5 Pistols

Five small handguns with a total value of \$314.85 were taken by a burglar who broke into the Torrance Cycle and Sport Shop at 1417 Marcelina Ave., early Saturday.

Police Sgt. Tom Pattishall discovered the break-in while on patrol in downtown Torrance about 5 a.m. yesterday. A malfunction kept the burglar alarm from sounding, police were told.

The burglar used a heavy instrument, possibly a piece of pipe, to break in a large plate glass window at the store, and then broke in the front glass of the guncabinet to snatch the five small guns. Other expensive guns, rifles, and the store's cash registers were not touched.

Investigators indicated the burglary may have required only a minute or two to complete.

A possible diversion was noted when a heavy piece of metal wrapped in a service station-type rag was tossed through the window of M & W Electric at 1010 Border Ave. in the early morning hours. No effort to enter the firm was apparent.



JUDICIAL CHANGEOVER . . . Judge Otto B. Willett, seated, has been elected presiding judge of the South Bay Municipal Court for 1964. He will take over the reins of office from retiring presiding Judge Donald Armstrong, right. Judge Armstrong, effective Jan. 6, will preside over Division 3 of the court, located in Torrance, and Judge William B. Keene, left, will be assigned to Division 1 in Redondo Beach. (Herald Photo)

Auto Crash Kills Mayor Of Fresno

Arthur L. Selland, mayor of Fresno and president of the United States Conference of Mayors, was killed Thursday evening when the station wagon in which he was riding slammed into a truck on old Highway 99.

The mayor was returning to Fresno from a meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles which he had addressed. Killed with Selland was Herbert Ferguson, 56, president of the Fresno County and City Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Selland had addressed the Junior Citizens Day banquet at West Covina High School less than two months ago. At that time, he told the large group of students that "even in the face of the tragic death of John F. Kennedy," he had "the greatest optimism about the future."

Two other persons riding in the station wagon were injured. Mayor Selland, a passenger in the rear seat of the station wagon, was thrown through the windshield. He and Ferguson were pronounced dead on arrival at Fresno County General Hospital.

The crash occurred about six miles south of Fresno.

... Probe

(Continued from Page 1) cil and Manley J. Bowler, deputy district attorney, asked for the state officials to intercede in a dispute arising out of an investigation being conducted by Bowler's aides.

Goertzen has indicated that other city officials including members of the City Council and Mayor Albert Isen probably will be called to testify.

Details of the investigation have not been made public.

... Unruh

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Comment by Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles the day before that the death of President Kennedy would detract from his power was dismissed curtly by Unruh.

"If Yorty is no better as a prophet than he is as mayor, then I have no worries," he said.

ASKED ABOUT the Rafferty-Braden feud, the Assembly Speaker raised his hands in protest.

"I dipped one toe into that deal some time ago and it still pains me," he explained.

Earlier in the day Unruh had addressed nearly 190 persons at a tea held at the Torrance YWCA under the sponsorship of Torrance Democrats, Inc. A cocktail reception at the Jump 'n Jack sponsored also by the local Democrats was attended by another large group of Torrance civic and political leaders.

Aero Science Opens Plant

Torrance city officials were among the notables attending open house at the new Associated Aero Science Laboratories, Inc., facility at 2430 Amsler St. Friday. The space firm's headquarters move to Torrance from Hawthorne is to provide larger centralized facilities needed for growth, according to John E. Leadbetter, president.

Visitors toured data processing and printing facilities, a computer center and offices contained in the 9,000 square foot headquarters buildings.

Smith Appointed As Title Officer

James R. Smith, 20921 Amie, has been promoted to the position of title officer by Title Insurance and Trust Co., according to an announcement made by that firm.

New Zoning Request to Get Airing

A requested change of zone from R-1 to R-3 for property at the southeast corner of Victor and Garnet Streets will be re-submitted to the City Council Tuesday evening.

The petition for a change of zone has been recommended for denial by the Planning Commission. The zone change was requested by Joseph E. Webb.

The property is a parcel 120 feet deep fronting on Victor Street. Property located behind the 120-foot parcel is already zoned R-3. Webb has asked that the remaining part of the lot be zoned R-3 so that maximum use may be made of the existing R-3 area.

THE CHANGE of zone was postponed at the Nov. 26 council meeting at the request of the petitioner. Matters may be complicated by a petition submitted by property owners in the area to rezone the existing R-3 area to R-1.

In other matters, the council will consider a recommendation of the Torrance Traffic Safety Council that crosses be painted on streets where traffic fatalities occur to serve as a reminder of a fatality at the site.

A resolution authorizing an agreement between the city and the State of California to install temporary sidewalks along the north side of Pacific Coast Highway between Ocean Avenue to South High School also will be placed before the council.

THE STATE first refused to grant an encroachment permit, then agreed to the sidewalk provided it is installed at city expense and portions which are not replaced with permanent sidewalk by June, 1965, be removed.

The council also will receive a communication from the Torrance Beautiful Commission recommending the council "deal with billboards in a very radical manner and thereby alter the face of Torrance." Exactly what the commission has in mind has not been spelled out to the council.

Diver Okay After Ordeal In Chamber

Don Siverts, 33-year-old skindiver who was stricken with the bends while diving off Redondo Beach Nov. 29, was reported in good condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital yesterday.

Siverts was rushed to a decompression chamber at the Terminal Island Naval Facility after complaining of numbness in his neck and arms while skindiving for lobsters. He was released from the chamber after 49 hours and transferred to the Little Company of Mary Hospital last Sunday.

Spokesmen at the hospital told THE HERALD yesterday Siverts was "resting well." They did not know when he would be released.

Saxon Latins Plan Annual Roman Dinner

North High Latin Club members will hold their annual Roman dinner Wednesday evening in the school cafeteria. The "Saturnalia" commemorates the time when the Romans gave gifts to their slaves. The dinner will be served from 6:30 to 9:30, with all participants wearing roman style costumes.

Entertainment will include skits, dancing, and singing, according to Louis Bereskin, club sponsor. Members will be admitted for \$1.25, and non-member tickets are \$1.75.

Harbor Schedules Christmas Dance

"Winter Whirl" is the theme for this year's Harbor College Christmas dance. The semi-formal event is sponsored by the Associated Women Students and will be held Dec. 14, from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Seahawk Center. Students will dance to the music of Carroll Wax.

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