

Two Suspects Confess to \$12,000 Theft

Jack James Calder, 25, and Robert B. Hunt, 19, who were involved in a recent \$12,000 jewelry theft, have made a full formal confession of the crime. They will come up for sentencing in the Los Angeles Superior Court, July 10, according to Detective Captain Ernie Ashton, who has been working on the case.

The two were arrested three months ago. "A little more than half of the jewelry has been recovered," Captain Ashton declared. "This is extremely lucky since it is hard ever to recover such stuff."

Harry Thais, the third person involved, was released by the authorities without charges being pressed because it was discovered that he had been ignorant of the theft and had only accompanied the other two across the border to sell the jewelry.

Construction

(Continued from page 1) minor matters still be ironed out and that these should be settled in about 30 days. A sewer problem is one of these.

The Corporation has been negotiating for the land with the Dominguez Land Company. The present undertaking is considered perhaps the second largest single tract development in the history of Southern California, the largest being Lakewood Village.

Approximately four-and-a-half acres have been set aside for a proposed park, and four and two-tenths acres for another proposed park. An area for a sump to take the necessary runoff water from the tract has been planned. It is estimated that the sump will have 136 acres draining into it.

Soil tests and percolation reports were made by the Donald Warren Co. The subdividers, and the County Sanitation District, and the Union Carbide Corp., which is located across Hawthorne Blvd. from the tract, may all participate in bringing a trunk sewer line in to serve the area. Curbs, gutters, sidewalks, base and paving will be constructed in accordance with the subdivision ordinance.

This new tract, if finished, will break the previous high of 1,200 homes now being built by the Elinwood Corp.

El Camino Board Elects J. R. Black

At the annual organizational meeting of the El Camino College Board of Trustees Wednesday, July 1, J. R. Black, Board member from the South Bay was elected board president. Additional officers elected were M. R. Allen of Inglewood, vice president and Charles V. Jones, Torrance, Secretary. Other members of the College board are H. C. Ashley, El Segundo and Al Wilson, Hawthorne.

Forest Murdock, College Superintendent, was appointed Sec. to the Board.

Those who can command themselves, command others.—Hazlitt.

Schedule Changed

New bank hours will go into effect this week. Officials of both the Torrance National Bank and the Bank of America said that banks will be open until 5 p.m. on Fridays beginning tomorrow, Friday, July 10.

On the following Saturday, July 11, both banks will close, observing the new five-day week designated recently by the California Legislature.

Regular banking hours—10 a.m. to 3 p.m.—will be observed from Monday through Thursday, officials said. Friday hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Neon Sign ...

(Continued from page 1) to 1 a.m. so that a free community street dance may be held in celebration of the new sign which will go into operation that night.

A maximum of 10 concession stands would be erected on the sidewalks of the closed area to serve soft drinks and sandwiches to the public. The stands would be operated by various service clubs and veterans organizations.

A nominal rental fee for each concession booth would accumulate to pay for the expenses of having a colored band at one end of the street and a Western band at the other end.

The sign is being built by the Rich Neon Sign Co. of San Pedro which has been in business in that area for over 30 years.

Police ...

(Continued from page 1) and threatened other hotel occupants.

When Officers William Mitchell and Al Winther noticed signs of smoke, they traced the smoke and found it coming from the Brighton Hotel, 1829 1/2 Cabrillo. The smoke was finally located in one of the rooms after several other rooms were investigated.

Officers, who entered the room, found Joe King, a resident, sitting on a burning mattress smoking a cigarette while the room was filled with smoke. King, who was said to be in a slightly intoxicated condition, was hurried out of the room and the mattress was placed on the fire escape.

The fire department was contacted and responded immediately. "The alertness of Officers William Mitchell and Al Winther probably saved the life of Mr. King. This was a well done job," the police record stated.

Honors Awarded Waleria Scouts At Ceremony

A Court of Honor was held last meeting by Waleria Boy Scouts, Troop No. 240. William Wagner is Scoutmaster of this troop, and it is sponsored by the Waleria Business Men's Club.

Parents and friends were present to see the boys receive their merit badges, or to be presented with their tenderfoot, second, or first class pins.

Scoutmaster Wagner introduced Star Scout, Charles Robert Adams, who demonstrated the latest method of treating snakebite with ethyl chloride. Robert Walker, Life Scout, assisted in this demonstration.

Boys receiving their Tenderfoot were, Floyd Ramsey, Gary Thompson, Glen Bostwick, Bob Butcher, Richard Hull, Gary Farrulli, Victor Bestoff. Others receiving their second class were Dennis Lupin, Dennis Harvey, Donald Lipani, Pat Willey, Robert Johnson.

William Butcher received his first class plus four merit badges. Charles Robert Adams received his star plus eight merit badges. Robert Walker, Life Scout, was awarded two merit badges toward the Eagle Trail.

A prize cup was presented to Robert Johnson for selling the most Scout-o-rama tickets. This was presented by Mr. C. Adams, chairman in charge of ticket sales.

Refreshments were provided by the mothers, and served by the boys of the troop. A committee meeting to discuss ways and means whereby the boys may finance their week at camp, was called for the 30th of June, at the home of the William Butchers.

Housing starts rose to 110,000 in April, 4 per cent above the year-before figure.

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Lighting ...

(Continued from page 1) of 814 Fonthill ave., stated that the group had to decide among three types of lighting but settled for their present choice for several reasons. While the Edison company was willing to put in free wooden poles, the group felt that these would detract from the value of the property. They also had a choice between underground or overhead lighting. The underground installation would have cost anywhere from \$1-\$1.50 a month over a period of 10 years, Root said.

Financing It was stated that George Post of the Torrance National Bank has volunteered to finance the \$30 cost for a any individual under whatever arrangement he would want to make. Root said that this way no one would have to pay the \$30 all at once if he did not wish to do so.

As soon as a majority sign the petition, the poles will be installed. The city of Torrance is not involved in the cost of these poles. The Homeowners Association has been working on this lighting for the last six months.

Homeowners may contact Hugh Root, FA. 8-4495, or President Ralph Schmidt, 1220 Maple, FA. 8-4874 for additional information.

Census ...

(Continued from page 1) ple, Torrance would be qualified to get its own municipal court. Local Assemblyman Vincent Thomas has indicated that he would introduce a bill urging such a court for Torrance.

Court Dissolved The Torrance city court was dissolved last year when the new South Bay Municipal Court office opened. The South Bay court consolidated the city courts of seven bay localities and serves about 180,000 persons.

The census would take about three to four weeks and would cost the city about \$5,000, about \$1,300 more than last year's.

The census is conducted by government officials who divide the city into areas and recruit local help to canvass the area.

Last year's census placed the population at 31,834 but by June the electric meter count already read 35,000.

Tidwell ...

(Continued from page 1) said that at the time of the assault Tidwell appeared "drunk or high." Tidwell denied this steadfastly. Elliott was one of several union leaders that brought charges against the ex-union leader and which ultimately resulted in his dismissal by the International.

THINGS TO COME... a bin-shaped plastic container for ground coffee holds three pounds, dispenses one tablespoonful at each turn of a handle.

Slab Floors Questioned by Commission

At a recent meeting of the city planning commission John Salm asked if anything could be done to prevent the construction of slab concrete floors in the city of Torrance.

Secretary Lloyd said he did not know whether there were any cit-

ies prohibiting this type of construction, but that a survey could be made.

A. K. Hill stated that he did not object to concrete slab floors, but he did object to constructing them right on the ground.

Hill moved the secretary be in-

structed to write the building inspector requesting a report on concrete slab floors and their regulation. Motion, seconded by Salm, was carried unanimously.

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