

CHURCH THIEF CAUGHT IN THE ACT

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THEY CAUGHT HIM... Policewoman Regina Ryan (l) and Maxine Herman were responsible for catching Irving Lester Arnold, 50, three-time loser who is wanted on suspicion of

grand theft auto. Policewomen look over weapons and clothing which Arnold had in his car.—Press Photo.

Wanted Ex-Con Walks Into Police Station

An ex-convict, who probably thought that he had been summoned to the police station as a matter of routine involving the intended purchase of a gun, found himself on the inside looking out again.

Irving Lester Arnold, 50, of Lumerton, Mississippi, was held for Culver City police on suspicion of grand theft auto as a result of the alertness of Policewomen Regina Ryan and Maxine Herman, according to Torrance detectives.

Arnold tried to purchase a .38 calibre pistol at the Torrance Loan and Jewelry Co., 1342 El Prado last week. Before the sale could be made, clearance had to be obtained from Torrance police.

A check with Criminal Investigation and Identification bureau showed that a man with Arnold's name had been convicted of three crimes and served time for them and that he was now wanted on suspicion of grand theft.

When Arnold returned to the store Friday to find out if he could take the gun with him, the proprietor checked once more with Torrance police to see if Arnold had been cleared.

On a hunch that Arnold was the same man as the one on whom they had received a criminal history, Policewoman Ryan simply asked the store proprietor to send the man to the Police Department.

When Arnold arrived, he was fingerprinted and it was found that the prints matched. He was arrested consequently and held for Culver City police.

Arnold said he was a plumber and that he lived in a trailer park at 18815 Hawthorne ave.

Official Involved In Auto Accident

One person was injured and one car went out of control during a collision Friday on Pacific Coast highway and Prospect, according to police reports.

The other car, driven by Albert N. Posner, assistant superintendent, educational services went out of control following the collision and crossed Highway 101. Posner was making a right-hand turn onto Highway 101 from Prospect when the accident occurred.

Suffering minor injuries was Leonard E. Lihö of Hermosa.



IRVING L. ARNOLD ... he didn't know that call was loaded

2 HURT IN COLLISION

Two individuals received minor injuries when an auto driven by Robert J. Carr, 37, of Los Angeles, struck a parked car on Palos Verdes blvd., near Calle Mayor Sunday.

Injured were Boyd W. Blackburn, 33, of West Los Angeles and Frank M. Hacker, 47, of Hollywood.

Driver of the parked car was Judith Lea Turner, 21, of Hermosa Beach.

MOTORCYCLE, CAR COLLIDE

A motorcycle collided with an automobile Saturday at Hawthorne Ave., and Hallison, causing minor injuries to Dorothy Hackey, 22, of 22503 Reynolds, Torrance.

Driver of the motorcycle was David M. Longoria, 25, of Inglewood. The car was driven by Carl Roy Caroway, 23, of Manhattan Beach.

Herb Allen, Long-Time Resident, Dies

Herbert C. Allen, 69, long-time resident of Torrance and owner of Allen's Donut shop on Cravens ave., died of cancer Tuesday evening at the Torrance Memorial hospital.

Mr. Allen, who lived at 1447 Post ave., was born in Indiana and has been a Torrance resident for the past 20 years, owning and operating restaurants in this area at different locations.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 3 p.m. at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary chapel, corner Cravens and Engracia, the Rev. H. Milton Sippel and the Torrance Masonic Lodge officiating.

Mr. Allen is survived by his wife, Inez; son, Hugh C.; daughter, Mrs. Lois Coleman of Culver City; two sisters, Mrs. Oma Freeman and Mrs. Myrtle Clark, both of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; one granddaughter, Lynn Patricia Coleman; two grand sons, Robert and Ronald Allen; aunt, Mrs. Minnie Hathaway and cousin Mrs. Stella Minton, both of Alhambra; and a cousin, J. C. Allen of Kansas.

Mr. Allen was a member of the Torrance First Christian church; Masonic Lodge of Sand Springs, Okla.; charter member and past president of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.; and former member of the Lions club.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to either the cancer fund or for a memorial at the First Christian church.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

HODY LEASE: CAA informed the council that it would approve the Hody restaurant lease provided that the height of the buildings will not interfere with airport traffic.

WALTERIA PARK: The old recreation building, which was contributed by the Walteria Businessmen's association, was returned to that group for use as a youth activity building on Madison avenue. The city no longer needed the building.

TRASH: City Manager George Stevens and members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce will discuss the distribution of a trash container to Torrance residents at a nominal fee as part of a city-wide clean-up campaign.

TRAFFIC: A resolution asking the State Highway commission to start construction of portions of the San Diego freeway in this area was adopted by the council. Motion was made by Councilman Nick Draie.

AIRPORT HOSPITAL: Civil Aeronautics Administration informed the council that it would not give permission for the construction of a hospital of the airport. This virtually stops plans for the proposed hospital since the council cannot give permission without CAA's OK.

Students Will Start School Next Week

Schools in the Los Angeles school district and Torrance school district will open this coming week.

Torrance high schools and elementary schools will open Wednesday, September 14, with 15,000 students expected, an increase of about 3000 students over last year.

Narbonne high school students and elementary school students in the Los Angeles school district will return to school Monday, September 12.

Group to Aid Children In Hospital

The first meeting of the children's ward auxiliary group whose aim is to bring cheer and happiness to the children at Harbor General hospital will be held Monday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the hospital.

This announcement was made by Mrs. Virginia Stoddard, chairman of the group.

Hospital officials and members of the medical staff will outline plans and procedures for the group.

Mrs. Stoddard stated that the response of volunteers so far has been very gratifying. At the same time she issued a call for more volunteers, stating that it would take 100 individuals to run such a program on a full-time basis.

The group plans to see to it that a number of volunteers will be at the hospital every day to bring happiness to the children, some of whom are confined to the hospital for a long time. Some are abandoned children. All of them have a great need for attention, since hospital regulations must, of necessity, keep down the number of visiting hours patients are allowed to have.

"Volunteers will only have to spend about 2 hours a week doing this," Mrs. Stoddard explained. "We will accept both men and women for this work."

Additional information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Stoddard at FA 8-6988 or Mrs. Millie West at DA 6-2827.



PRECIOUS TIME which could be spent more productively must now be wasted by Torrance officials waiting for cases to come up in the overcrowded South Bay municipal court in Redondo. This would be avoided if Torrance had its own court. Supervisor Burton W. Chace and the County Board of Supervisors have

been asked frequently to establish such a court. So far no results. Above (l-r) police officers Ray Silagy, Bill Winther, Assistant District Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer, and Police Chief Willard Haslam.—Press Photo.

EDITORIAL

They Wait And We Wait

For no logical reason that can be discovered, Torrance appears destined to continue availing itself of the costly and time-consuming services of Redondo's South Bay Municipal court.

No such problems would exist if Torrance had its own municipal courthouse. For two years now, Torrance officials have requested that Supervisor Burton W. Chace and the County Board of Supervisors initiate such action.

But nothing of consequence has ever been done by them in that direction.

Instead, Torrance, whose population is almost equal to that of Redondo, Hermosa, and Manhattan, must continue to trudge down to Redondo to transact all of its legal business.

Not only is this inconvenient, but it is expensive and time-consuming as well.

What happened Tuesday is a perfect example.

Five Torrance officials had to trek all the way to Redondo to appear at three cases which came up for trial and to file on seven other cases.

They arrived shortly after 9 a.m.

Officers Ray Silagy and Bill Winther spent one hour in court, not to mention traveling 20 miles back and forth.

Officer Gus Rethwisch and Assistant City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer spent the whole morning in court waiting for two trials to come up. They still weren't finished by noon and had to wait around till the third case was called for trial.

Police Chief Willard Haslam, who also came shortly after 9 a.m., was not able to leave until noon.

Thus vitally needed policemen are kept off their posts and public officials, already hard-pressed for time, must sit around needlessly and wait and wait and wait.

We urge residents and groups to write letters to Supervisor Burton W. Chace, Board of Supervisors, 501 Hall of Records, Los Angeles 12, California asking him to take immediate action to obtain a municipal courthouse for Torrance.

TEAC To Meet September 19

The Torrance Educational Advisory Committee luncheon meeting has been changed from September 12 to September 19 because of the conflict with the meetings for teachers on September 12.

The educational presentation to the TEAC members will be on the "Torrance Reporting System."

Following the presentation, time is to be devoted to buzz sessions for the purpose of selecting topics of particular interest to the members for the 1955-56 meetings.

Thrifty's to Locate in New Center

Construction on one of the largest self-service locations in the Thrifty drug chain is now underway at the South Bay Shopping Center, 174th and Hawthorne boulevard, it was announced by Walter N. Marks, leasing agent.

The new Thrifty will be of red brick and glass construction and will be completely air conditioned throughout.

Move on to Retain NHS Principal

A letter and telephone campaign is under way to return Earl Barnett as principal of Narbonne high school.

Barnett, principal of the school since 1951, has been transferred to a post as principal of Franklin high school in Los Angeles by the Board of Education.

Sponsors of the move said that efforts are being made to retain Barnett because "he has brought up the level of the school tremendously" while he has been assigned here.

Also, Barnett has been instrumental in the construction program of a new Narbonne high school, and the backers of the move say Barnett should be allowed to stay to "see through" completion of the new school.

Herbert Morey has been named to succeed Barnett as principal.

Bids Received On Arlington Storm Drain

Apparent low bidder for construction of the Arlington avenue-Glenburn avenue bond issue storm drain in North Torrance is the Pacific Allied Construction company, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced today following opening of the six bids submitted to flood control officials.

All bids are currently being checked for accuracy and award of contract is scheduled for September 13 to the lowest responsible bidder, Supervisor Hahn said.

Bids ranged from the low of \$278,400 to a high of \$369,601.

With the award of contract on September 13, the contractor (Turn to Page 5)

3rd SPECIAL CENSUS STARTS THIS MONDAY

This coming Monday, September 12, will see the start of a special census in Torrance, according to City Manager George Stevens. Stevens was notified by the Bureau of Census that Elijah B. Lewis, special census supervisor has been assigned to this job.

At the same time the city manager called for enumerators to assist Lewis in canvassing the Torrance population.

Helpers Needed
About 70 enumerators will be needed. Applications are now being taken in room 6 of the City Hall, corner Cravens and El Prado.

Those who qualify will be paid 6 cents for each name correctly recorded. Those accepting the job will have to devote full time to it every day for at least three weeks, Stevens said.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a citizen of the United States, between 21-65 years old, and physically capable of making the survey.

The September date came as a surprise to Stevens who thought that the survey would not start till October or November.

Third Census
This is the third special census since the 1950 Federal census. Torrance's population is now estimated to be at least 65,000. The present official figure is slightly above 44,000.

The added population will mean about \$100,000 to the city during the current fiscal year and will bring in more in succeeding years, Stevens says.

The boost in population will (Turn to Page 5)

Started When He Was 10 Years Old

Arrest of a 20-year-old Torrance man who admits burglarizing churches since he was 10 years old put an end to a wave of church thefts in this area in recent months.

Jailed was Arthur Rogers, 20, of 1903 Gramercy place, Torrance, together with Vernon Mountjoy, 19, a taxi driver living at 916-B Portola avenue, Torrance, and a 17-year-old youth.

Rogers gave two reasons for burglarizing churches according to Det. Joe Fotts. First, churches generally do not have burglar alarms. Second, he thought that by stealing from a church he did not hurt any one particular individual financially.

The man and two accomplices, one a teenager, were arrested Sunday night by Hermosa police.

Credited with tipping off police was Rev. W. C. Jones, pastor of the Nazarene church in Hermosa. Jones said he heard someone enter the church whereupon he called police who arrived two minutes later.

Police officers caught Rogers in the act in the church office while other officers nabbed his accomplices who were sitting in a car parked nearby.

The two men were transferred to county jail following their preliminary hearing in court. The youth was turned over to juvenile hall.

They Could Hardly Wait To Get In

Results were so terrific that the people hardly had time to move out of the apartment before the new renters moved in.

That's what Mrs. Judd Whitcomb of 1803 Andree ave., said who ran the following ad in the Torrance Press Classified Section:

UNFURNISHED—2-bedroom large duplex. Close in. Near transportation, schools, shopping. Immediate occupancy. Garage available. Call FA. 8-4835

"I had so many opportunities to rent the house," she exclaimed happily. "I had it rented three hours after the people moved out."

For quick results, call FA. 8-2345. Classified ads are so inexpensive and so effective!

Fill out the handy classified coupon on page 24.

It Wasn't Homicide After All

What appeared like an eerie murder scene turned out to be no more than an optical illusion and a man taking a good old snooze on Torrance beach late Saturday afternoon.

An excited woman called Torrance police to inform them that she had seen what appeared like a man lying on the sand with a knife through his chest.

Upon investigation, officers found that there was really a man lying motionless on the beach... but only because he was taking a sound afternoon nap.

What caused the woman to think she saw a knife from a distance was nothing more than the reflection from a wrist watch and the expansion bracelet.

1400 Residents Petition Council for Rabies Law

Petitions carrying 1457 signatures in favor of a rabies law were submitted to the City Council Tuesday night in an effort to get the council to reconsider its stand on the rabies issue and enact a rabies law.

Circulating the petitions were members of the Committee for the Control of Rabies who were aided by numerous P-TA members and groups.

No action was taken by the council following the presentation of petitions nor was there any discussion of the matter.

While petitioners were obviously stunned by the complete lack of response, they were hoping the councilmen would give serious thought to their impressive request.

Petitions Will Continue
In the meantime the individuals indicated that they would continue circulating petitions and that they would return from week to week as more names poured in.

There has been no issue in recent years when the council

received nearly as many as 1457 signatures.

Petitions were accompanied by a few comments made by a number of individuals.

Mrs. Herma Tillim, of 16940 Osage st., in addressing Councilman Nick Draie, argued that there was nothing wrong with a "compulsory" law.

There's nothing more compulsory than traffic laws, she said, and no one advocates the elimination of those laws.

She also referred to Paul Coates' program Sunday night to show that the rabies vaccine is absolutely harmless. To prove this point, a veterinarian was vaccinated with the serum usually given to dogs.

Couldn't Forgive
"All I ask is that you do your Christian duty," Mrs. Tillim said in addressing the council. "If one child dies I hope God will forgive you—I know I can't and I don't know if many

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TORRANCE SHOE MART at 1330 Sartori ave. will open tomorrow, Friday, September 9. The store features all new quality shoes sold at the lowest prices. This is made possible because

the owners have eliminated all unnecessary expense in the furnishing of the store itself.—Press Photo.