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## 'CINDERELLA' BANDIT CAPTURED BY COPS

Once upon a time in the Land of San Pedro there dwelt a Teddy L. Tewalt and a Billy R. Prince. In their 23rd and 21st year they decided to betake themselves to the neighboring Land of Torrance for the admitted purpose of burglarizing a small inn at 190th st. and Hawthorne ave.



GOING, GOING . . .

Sam Levy, who was made honorary fire chief after being instrumental in remodeling this fire station at a great savings to the city and Torrance taxpayers in 1947, takes a last look at the old station. The building is being removed now to provide more parking in downtown Torrance. Hugh F. Smith & Son are doing the work.—Press Photo.

## 'OLD FIRE STATION BOWS TO 'PROGRESS'

The old fire station in downtown Torrance is being torn down now.

And one person who feels a bit nostalgic about it is Sam Levy.

Levy played a rather important role in the station's history.

In 1943 the building was shaken and cracked badly as a result of the earthquake which jolted Torrance.

The building was condemned by the city engineer, the county engineer, and the State engineer.

The Torrance City Council then tried to put over a \$140,000 bond issue for a new fire station and a war memorial. But the bond issue failed.

All this time Levy kept insisting that the building was not unsafe at all and that if only required some remodeling which would be far less expensive.

By the time of the election, the Fire Underwriters issued an order to take the fire trucks out of the building.

Standing outdoors, the trucks were unprotected.

When the bond issue failed, the council proposed putting up a "temporary roof" for about \$4000 to house the fire trucks.

Levy, again appearing before the council, declared that for that money it would be possible to fix the whole station.

When he was challenged to do it, he accepted the challenge.

The conditions were that the council would appropriate \$4500 for the job itself and pay Levy one dollar a month "salary."

There was quite a bit of speculation as to whether "Sam" could do it but within three-and-a-half months he had the job done.

It ran just slightly above the appropriated sum—\$4800—and Levy collected a "salary" of \$3.50. He still has the checks.

The funny thing was that the building had been condemned mainly because of its dangerous "concrete" (Turn to Page 7)

## \$8 Million Expansion Set at GP

Plans for an expansion costing more than \$8,000,000 for General Petroleum corporation's Torrance refinery were announced today.

The project includes a 12,000 barrel per day catalytic reformer for producing high octane number gasoline components and additional gasoline fractionating and offsite facilities.

The major portion of the new facilities will be constructed by the Ralph M. Parsons company.

This will be the third Sovafomer to be built in the General Petroleum refineries, and the estimated completion date is October, 1957.

## YMCA Good Neighbor Call Issued

Time is drawing near for the annual selection of the "Torrance Good Neighbor of the Year." S. C. Staxrud and William Speck, co-chairmen of this year's selection, have issued an invitation to all citizens to send in a letter of recommendation for persons that they would like to see win this honor.

The "Good Neighbor" will reign over the annual YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast, to be held on October 27, in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

The whole community is invited to attend this breakfast to help the local YMCA build new club rooms, as well as to honor the person selected.

All letters should be addressed to the Good Neighbor Committee, YMCA, P.O. Box 33, Torrance, Staxrud and Speck promised that their committee will consider each letter carefully before coming to a decision.

Rev. John Taylor announced today that plans for the Annual YMCA Neighbor Breakfast are progressing in fine order. He pointed out that all food has been procured to serve a complete pancake breakfast. Tick (Turn to Page 7)

## City Policies In Lomita File Renewal

With the first time limit running out for circulating incorporation petitions, pro-incorporation forces in Lomita have filed a new notice of intention to circulate petition. It was learned this week.

The matter is scheduled for submission to the Los Angeles County Boundary Commission October 10.

Permission to circulate petitions is usually granted for a period of 50 days after which the request must be renewed.

## FALSE AIR RAID ALARM

Mechanical defects caused the air raid siren in Lomita to go off Thursday and Friday, civil defense officials explained.

The Police Department and Fire Department were flooded with calls. Citizens are urged to turn on their radios for civil defense news rather than tie up police and fire departments at such times.

## Blood Bank Slated Here Mon., Oct. 15

Torrance branch of American National Red Cross will hold a bloodmobile Monday, October 15, at the Civic Auditorium at Cravens and El Prado from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. under the chairmanship of Mrs. Gordon Jones.

"We are accepting all possible donors as blood is always vitally needed," said Mrs. Jones. "You may register ahead of the blood bank at the local office next to the auditorium, or just drop into the bank on October 15," Mrs. Jones added.

All former groups and individuals will be contacted as usual, in order to make the blood drive successful.

## New Clark's Opens, All Stores Hold Special Sale

Mark S. Schulman, president of the Clark Supermarkets, today announced that the latest addition to the Clark chain will open in the San Gabriel Valley at Puente at Elliot ave., in the West Covina, Puente area.

To celebrate the newest addition to the Clark chain, all Clark markets will participate in a huge grand opening celebration sale beginning today and continuing for four days through the close of business on Sunday, October 7.

The building and stocking of the new Clark market took months of hard and careful planning. Clark's is now ready with the greatest money-saving grand opening food sale in its 15 years of serving Southern California communities and all Clark markets will join in the celebration.

All buyers from each and every department have made special carload purchases for this big special event. The savings effected by this volume buying is being passed on to (Turn to Page 7)

# MOTORIST KILLED IN FREAK ROAD MISHAP



## Crushed To Death By Car

A Man who was trying to push his stalled car off Hawthorne ave. was fatally injured when another motorist crashed into him and crushed him against his car.

The accident occurred at nine o'clock Saturday night on Hawthorne ave. north of Tallman.

Victim was Edwin M. Proctor, 49, of 2714 Vanderbilt lane, Redondo Beach, who died Sunday afternoon at Harbor General hospital.

Driver of the car that ran into Proctor was Matthew H. Hansen of 20021 Saltee, Torrance.

Hansen was not held and no citation issued.

Hansen, according to police, had just been discharged from the service as a matter of days.

A series of other freak crashes broke on the local traffic scene this week.

One involved a three-car collision in which 12 individuals were injured.

The crash occurred at 4600 day night when cars driven by Charles R. Snow, 26, of Hollywood, Grover K. Hall, 19, of the Long Beach Naval Station, and William H. Worley, 37, of Manhattan collided.

Those injured were taken to Harbor General hospital and either referred to their own physician or to the hospital clinic for periodic treatment.

The injured included: Charles R. Snow, William H. Worley, Mrs. Worley, their children, Lynn, 12, Janet, 9, and Robin, 6, Beradine Schnittner, 36, Sherri Ann Schnittner, 15, Jeff Schnittner, 9, Noble Eddingfield, Samuel Keith, and Kermit Letner.

A third accident involved two police officers whose patrol car smashed into the Newton st. school fence and flipped over early Monday morning.

Driver was Officer Frank A. Sotis, 24, of 2445 W. 237th place, Torrance, who was not injured. Officer Robert E. Hammon, (Turn to Page 7)

## 'Pomes' Are Made by . . .

While strolling through the city one day,

In the merry, merry month of September,

Mrs. G. A. Alberty Of 1715 234th street, Torrance, Placed an ad in the Press and sold everything she advertised.

Oh, well, we're not too hot on poetry—but our classified ad results can't be beat.

Mrs. Alberty placed the following ad in the Press:

DOUBLE roll-away bed, inner-spring mattress, baby bed, feather mattress, bassinet, stroller. All in good condition. Will deliver. DA. 6-7814

"I had calls clear through Sunday and was really surprised at the results," she said. "I even found something I myself wanted to buy from one of the people who called."

For fast, snappy results the inexpensive way, call FA 8-2345.

## IT'S SAFER THIS WAY

Behind the wheel training is now being offered at both Torrance and North high schools. Almost 800 students have enrolled. Paul Lorange, owner of Paul's Chevrolet, donated five new Chevrolets to the local school district free of charge. Receiving instruction here from J. R. Davidson, driver training director, is Carol Henderson of North high. Cars have dual control and are equipped with safety belts.—Press Photo.

# Safety Factor Stressed in Proposed Plan for Airport

Residents near the Torrance municipal airport filed the council chamber to capacity at a meeting of the Airport Commission last week called to explain the proposed new master plan.

Taking issue with the proposal was J. B. Mosley who listed a number of reasons for disagreeing with the findings and recommendations.

Mosley charged that 1) the plan does not take into consideration the new South high school allegedly in front of the south runway; 2) some of the directions designations (north, south, etc.) of the report are inaccurate thus "prejudicing" (his) feelings for the rest of the report; 3) that the city would profit more from developing the property for other purposes than aviation; and that 4) added air-traffic would bring added danger to the area.

Airport Commission Chairman Jack White pointed out that some of the inaccuracies have no "total effect on the plan."

He indicated that the high school is not within the pattern of the safety zone or in line with the runway, thus is not affected.

White stressed the two major points also made by other members of the commission, namely, that the proposed plan would actually make the airport safer than it is today.

The other point is that the city is forced to continue using the airport property for airport purposes since the land is owned by the government and this is part of the stipulation.

Commissioner Bob Herrick indicated that in trying to "eliminate one problem we are bound to put some problems on other people, but we are trying to do

this as painlessly and fairly as possible and hurt as few people as possible."

He also emphasized the safety factor as well as the need for better drainage. Some of the residents urged caution in going ahead with the

plan, asking that all aspects be studied thoroughly before a decision is reached.

A number of residents expressed concern over the fact that their homes are located in the area proposed for purchase in going ahead with the (Turn to Page 7)

## EDITORIAL

## We Urge You To Vote 'Yes' For Schools Tuesday

This coming Tuesday, October 9, is an important day.

On that day Torrance voters will decide if they want their children to get a good education or not.

Local residents will be asked to approve two tax issues: the State loan program and the 75 cents override tax.

Two considerations are of utmost importance in regard to this matter.

One, it is vitally necessary that voters approve both tax issues. The one is no good without the other, since one provides only the buildings while the other provides only the salaries and equipment.

Two, it is absolutely essential that everyone who favors the two issues exercises his right to vote. Since one of the two tax issues requires 2/3 approval to pass, it could be easily defeated through voter apathy and some relatively few negative votes.

The 23 polling places will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. If you have forgotten where to vote, call FA. 8-0540.

We will all have a chance Tuesday to do something about the educational problem—and not just talk about it.

So, let's vote, and vote YES—twice!

## What's Our Population? Your Guess May Win Expense-Free Weekend at Las Vegas

How many residents does Torrance have now? Your guess might win you a trip to Las Vegas or \$200 cash as first prize or a portable TV set as second prize.

These prizes are being given away by the Downtown Parking association and Baker's furniture, sponsors of this contest.

The contest ties in with the city census which will be held here starting October 8.

There's nothing to do in this contest except guess—and you may guess as many times as you wish, as long as you use the official Torrance Press entry blank.

There are no other gimmicks involved—no merchandise to buy, no bottle tops to trade in, no trips to make.

Just fill out the entry blank with your guess and see that it gets to our office one way or the other.

This will be the fourth special census here since 1950. Since that time the population has multiplied as follows:

- 1950—22,201
- 1952—31,834 (January)
- 1953—44,914 (November)
- 1955—67,459 (September)

It has been estimated that residents are moving into Torrance at the rate of 1000 a month.

The contest will close around October 22, about (Turn to Page 7)

**ENTRY BLANK**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

My guess for the 1956 Official Population Census of the city of Torrance is \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print or Type in above information)

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## ANOTHER GRAND OPENING

Another Clark's market opens today. The grand opening is being celebrated at all Clark's markets with the grand opening special sale. The Torrance store is located at Hawthorne ave. and Pacific Coast highway.

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