

Fugitive Caught, 22 Shots Fired

After 22 shots were fired and following a wild chase, a fugitive from an Indiana state prison and his nephew were caught by local detectives.

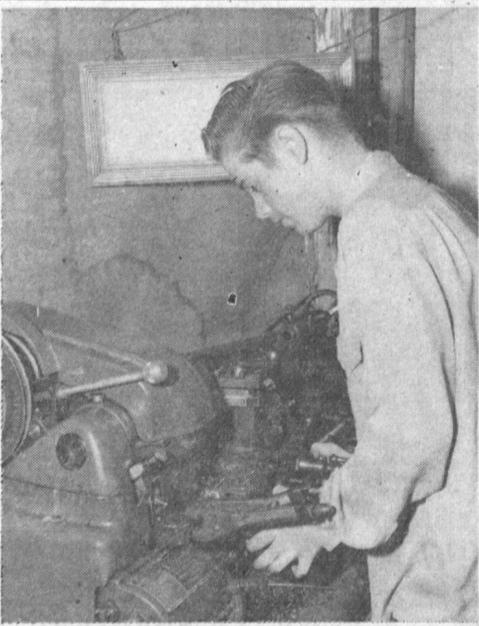
Making the arrest with drawn gun after the burglary suspects fled the scene in their car was Det. Sgt. Ted Morris of the Torrance Police Department, who forced the car to the side of the road following a wild chase.

In Torrance jail is George L. Spillman, 35, escapee from Indiana state prison (grand larceny and burglary eight-year sentence), and his nephew, Clarence L. Goodwin, 21, laborer, of Logansport, Indiana.

Both admitted burglarizing the Ozark's Barbecue, 3124 Pacific Coast highway, late Friday night, according to Morris.

Owner of the cafe, John Stretch, 36, 3111 Newton street, said he heard the commotion from his house and rushed over, firing 12 shots from his .22 calibre rifle at the men after they failed to heed his warning to halt.

Motorcycle Officer Fitzgerald, who lives nearby, but was off duty, saw the suspects running for their car on nearby Newton (Turn to Page 13)



LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

Richard Morris, 16, of 1845 W. 247th St., Lomita, demonstrates his skilled operation of the metal lathe. Richard, who hopes to be a mechanist someday, suffers from the rare blood disease called hemophilia, and like many others who share his plight, is grateful for special Red Cross processed blood derivative, anti-hemophilia plasma, which helps him to lead a normal and happy life. For story, see page 3.

North High Slates First Open House

North high school will celebrate its first anniversary by holding an open house Tuesday evening, October 16, from 7:30 to 10 o'clock. All mothers and fathers and other interested persons are invited to attend this activity.

The open house will include a PTA meeting. Parents will then be given outlines of their children's school program, as well as a map of the entire campus.

All will have an opportunity to visit the classrooms and to see various exhibits, demonstrations, and experiments (including the three driver-training dual-control cars; a demonstration of theatrical make-up; biological exhibits; and machine, metal and wood shops in operation).

A number of North high school students, as well as all of the teachers, will take part in the open house.

Refreshments will be served. A capacity crowd is expected at this event.

On public exhibit for the first time will be the new cafeteria and the new gymnasium. A program of musical selections will also be presented, including soloists and featuring the North high dance band.

It Took Off In a Cloud Of Dust...

It was a '41 Mercury but it took off like a tornado.

That's what Mrs. J. Wilson of 2373 West Del Amo boulevard, Torrance, discovered upon placing the following classified ad in the Torrance Press:

FOR SALE—'41 Mercury club coupe, \$65, or trade for gas mower. FA 8-1841

"This is the first ad I ever ran—and I was scared," Mrs. Wilson chuckled. "I had lots of calls and could have sold the car several times."

So, whether you wish to buy, sell, rent, lease, or hire—call FA 8-2345 and place your ad. It's the fast, sure and easy way of doing business.

Systematic Steps Taken To Clean Up Oil Fields

The Torrance oil fields are being cleaned up.

As a result of putting a full-time land use investigator to work, violations in the oil fields are being brought to light and systematic steps are being taken to correct these violations.

Wooden rigs are being thrown, moving parts are being fenced, pumps are being eliminated and fenced, and the fields are being cleaned up generally, according to George Powell, Planning Commission director.

Powell stated that J. A. Bensley, land use investigator, has concentrated on the following areas which are now in the process of being cleaned up: Kaufman, Del

Amo, Pacific American, Tidewater Associated, Standard Oil, and tract 3458 (independents).

One other area occupied by independent producers is next on the agenda. The area is bounded by Crenshaw boulevard, Western avenue, Carson and the southern boundary of the city.

The Victor precinct, too, will be investigated. One firm, Tidewater Associated, has agreed to throw all its wooden rigs within 180 days, Powell stated.

The cleaning up of deplorable conditions in the local oil fields has been a long-standing campaign with the Torrance Press.

COUNCIL BUSTS CITY WIDE OPEN FOR BILL BOARDS



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Final Action Tues.

The City Council split wide open over the bill board issue Tuesday night, thus paving the way for the erection of bill boards, all up and down the city's streets and highways.

The council's original intent to regulate the erection of signs in the city of Torrance was thrown to the winds Tuesday night.

Bill boards can now go up along such major highways as Crenshaw blvd., Hawthorne ave., Pacific Coast highway — and any place in the city of Torrance where the land is zoned for commercial or industrial purposes.

'Legitimate Business'

Responsible for this move were Councilmen Nick Drale, Willys Blount and Bob Jahn. Opposed were Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Victor Benstead. Drale called billboards a "legitimate business."

The sudden blow-up over bill boards occurred when the council was asked to consider a modified bill board ordinance, in keeping with the council's recent request.

Mayor Albert Isen, however, took issue with the ordinance, declaring that it did not carry out the original intent of the (Turn to Page 12)

School Issues Pass In 25% Record Vote

STATE AND OVERRIDE TAX OK'D

Torrance school officials were smiling from ear to ear Wednesday morning, happy over the outcome of the two tax issues.

Both the State loan tax and override tax received the overwhelming approval of Torrance voters.

Turn-out at the polls hit an all-time record here for school elections, with about 25% of the registered voters casting their ballots, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

A total of 5478 individuals went to the polls out of about 20,000 registered voters who were eligible to vote, Dr. Hull indicated.

Voters approved the State loan issue (for more school buildings) 4529 to 949 (with 13 void ballots—blanks). This issue had to pass by a two-thirds vote.

The 75 cents override tax for equipment and more teachers, passed 4032 to 1436 (with 23 void ballots). It required only a simple majority.

Warren Hamilton, director of special services, indicated that the heaviest vote was registered in the Fern-Greenwood and Madrona area. He went on to say that actually there was no light vote registered anywhere.

A total of 468 voters turned out at Fern-Greenwood. Madrona showed the strongest approval of the tax issues, with a 303-71 vote registered for the State loan and a 336-39 vote registered. (Turn to Page 13)

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS CLAIM THREE LIVES

A tot toddled to his death, a youth was flung to his death, and a man succumbed to death this week—all being the result of traffic accidents.

Tiny Robert Morris, 20 months, suffered fatal injuries when he apparently wandered from behind a parked car into the street to be struck by a car driven by Robert K. Frey, 28, of 5514 Ruby st.

Robert Morris, Sr., of 21213 Palos Verdes blvd., father of the child, had been mowing the lawn. On hearing the squeal of brakes, he rushed to his son, gathered up the crumpled body, and hurried him to Harbor General hospital where the child died of a fractured skull and internal injuries.

In addition to the parents, the boy leaves a brother, Richard E. Morris, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Selman Burtness, of Lomita, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris of Stockton.

Frey was not held. His Pole in another accident at El Se-

gundo and Cimarron, Saturday Harold Jay Gents, 20, of 616 E. Carson st., was killed when the car in which he was a passenger struck an Edison co. pole while making a right turn.

Gents was flung from the car driven by Daniel Lee Stralsee, 23, of 20920 La Salle ave., Torrance. Stralsee suffered injuries.

Another Torrance man, James Derry, 32, of 17017 Glenburn ave. died in General hospital from injuries he received in a two-car collision last September 14, it was reported. The accident occurred in Artesia.

Two Cyclists Hurt

Two boy cyclists were injured in collisions with cars that occurred within five minutes apart of one another Thursday.

Francis Deikmann, 12, of 2701 W. 166th pl., was bruised at 3:45 p.m. on 174th st. near Crenshaw blvd. The motorist

was Felix J. Irono, 34, of 4316 W. 170th st.

Dennis Dill, 9, of 18338 Patronella ave., was taken by Wright's ambulance to the Tor- (Turn to Page 13)

LOMITA BEAUTY CONTEST

Saturday night, 11 Lomita lovelies vie for the "Miss Lomita" title in the annual beauty contest sponsored by the Lomita Optimist club.

The event will take place at 8 p.m. in Lomita park. Those participating include: Marcia Molek, Marti Fowler, Mary Dodds, Odella Pena, Kathleen Epperheimer, Kathy Partain, Charon Clark, Linda McReynolds, Barbara Barra, Dorothy Ann Rosenberger, and Sunny Richmond.

NEWS BRIEFS

DRAINAGE: Residents along 2800 Winlock road have been annoyed a long time now by the Rolling Hills ditch which runs along the back of their property on Rolling Hills road. The ditch is even beginning to threaten the fences. Since there is no drainage pipe present, moss, slime and weeds form during the summer, and water undercuts the embankment during the rainy season.

VICTOR PRECINCT: M-1 zoning was approved for the Victor precinct Tuesday night and directional drilling permitted in otherwise prohibited sections. Residents expressed satisfaction with the council's action.

LOT SIZE: Minimum lot area of 10,000 sq. ft. per lot or parcel of land used for residential purposes in an M-1 zone was approved at a third and final hearing.

CONVENTION: The council approved that expenses be paid for councilmen planning to attend the American Municipal Congress in St. Louis, provided (Turn to Page 12)

Bloodmobile In Torrance This Monday

Blood donors may make appointments for the Red Cross Bloodmobile visit slated for Monday, October 15, from 2 until 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium by calling the Red Cross headquarters at FAir-fax 8-0510, according to Mrs. Virginia Jones, blood chairman for the Torrance branch.

Know Your Gold Seal Merchants

Highlighting today's issue of the Torrance Press will be a new feature entitled "Gold Seal Merchants," which will appear weekly for the next 26 weeks.

Gold Seal Merchants who are outstanding leaders in their particular fields have been selected for their integrity and honesty and are especially pledged to uphold the highest code of business ethics.

Displayed in their window will be a Gold Seal which is the symbol of satisfaction when shopping.

During the course of the 26 weeks this feature runs in the Torrance Press a biographical sketch of each Gold Seal Merchant will appear on the front page.

We are sorry that space does not permit the publishing of the names of all the reputable and reliable firms in the area.



HALLIE P. CROW, eminently qualified Realtor at Corner of 248th and Pennsylvania, Lomita, who stands as a pillar of respectability in her field, confines her dealings to residential properties, always having sound investments in town and country acreage available for her widely scattered clientele. Negotiating loans on properties, handling trust deeds and availing the public with a notary service in the evening are other facets of her operation. She is a charter member of Torrance-Lomita Multiple Listing Board, Torrance-Lomita Realtors Board, California State Board and National Board Realtor's Association, also member of CREA. Possessed of a striking personality, highly respected, she might well write a sequel to Dale Carnegie's best selling novel "How To Win Friends and Influence People."



ORVILLE SOUTHWICK and his charming wife, Vera, popular owners of George's Meat N'Place at 1340 El Prado have rocketed their friendly cafe to a pinnacle spot in the area by serving delectable cuisine that would tempt the appetite of the most discriminating epicure. Patrons desiring tables or the intimacy of private booths or speedy fountain service will find George's Meat N'Place the ideal spot for breakfast, luncheon or dinner. George, a native of North Dakota, and Vera, a proud native daughter, have 2 sons, Gerald, 14, and Steven, 12, attending school. George is a member of Elks and Chamber of Commerce. Residing at 515 North Willow, Compton, they have a host of friends throughout the vicinity and are held in high repute by friends and customers alike.

City Census Starts—Here's Chance To Win Free Week-end at Las Vegas

Want to spend a week-end at Las Vegas with all expenses paid (or \$200 cash as an alternate)? Or, how about a portable TV set for second prize?



All you have to do is guess what Torrance's present population is, fill out the accompanying entry blank, and see that it gets to the Torrance Press.

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

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 that it gets to our office one way or the other. This will be the fourth special census here since (Turn to Page 13)

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)

Mail or bring this coupon to:

THE TORRANCE PRESS

1406 Cravens Ave., Torrance, Calif.

FILL OUT ENTRY BLANK AND SEND IN NOW!

4th SPECIAL CENSUS NOW UNDER WAY

Torrance's fourth special census since 1950 got under way this week with the arrival of Benjamin Kundin, special census supervisor.

Kundin, who stated that he will have about 100 enumerators working with him, said that they will start canvassing the city as of yesterday.

The work will take about three weeks. Residents will be asked to provide the following information: Full name, address, age (at last birthday), sex, race, name of head of household, and the individual's relationship to the head of the household.

Individuals who know they will not be at home when the canvassers come to call on them, are asked to leave this (Turn to Page 12)