

ACCUSED KIDNAPER OUT ON BAIL, NABBED AS BURGLAR

Only days before he was to go on trial for his life on a kidnaping charge, Coy Lee Hall, 25, of Torrance, was arrested on suspicion of burglarizing a Long Beach service station Sunday.

Hall, who, together with two other persons, faces a possible death sentence for kidnaping a Torrance service station operator December 21, was arrested inside the Wallick, Inc. service station, 1355 W. Pacific Coast hwy.

Arrested with him was Clay Trice Thomas, 44, of 2005 240th st., Lomita, an ex-convict who has served terms in San Quentin and Folsom prisons for burglary.

Hall was to go on trial for his life today on charges of kidnaping, armed robbery, grand theft and auto theft, together with Mrs. Patricia Lee Andrade, a 22-year-old waitress of 1613 W. 240th st., Torrance, and Martin Andrew (Sonny) Bonina, 22, of 2511 S. Cabrillo st., San Pedro.

Accused of Kidnaping

The trio is accused of kidnaping Andrew Russo, 17, of 17519 Patron-

ella st., Torrance, after he left a Torrance bank with \$2000. to cash checks for his customers at the service station which he manages.

Russo was met at his truck by a man and woman, both armed, who forced him to go with them in the truck, according to police.

After taking the money from him, they forced him out of the vehicle in the 20800 block of Denker st.

Police say Hall "masterminded" the plot but that Bonina and Mrs. Andrade staged it.

The kidnaping charge alleges that they subjected Russo to "great bodily harm." Penalty for that offense is death or life imprisonment without possible parole.

Hears Pounding

In the Sunday morning service station burglary, Hall and Thomas were discovered by Special Officer Robert Hawkins, who heard pounding inside the building and notified police.

Hawkins said he saw a man, believed to have been Thomas, inside

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Blast Kills Worker

One man was decapitated and two were seriously burned when a melting furnace exploded at the Harvey Machine co., 190th and Western, Tuesday afternoon.

Beheaded was Robert F. Wade, 21, of 4335 W. 163rd st., Lawndale.

Burned were Raymond L. Martin, 22, of 1024 Maine ave., Long Beach who was still in critical condition yesterday, and Vernon Adams, 41, of 1416 E. 213th st., Los Angeles, who was still critical.

They were taken to Torrance Memorial hospital with second and third degree burns.

Wade's body was removed to Halverson-Leavell Mortuary in Torrance.

The explosion, which rocked a large area of the plant, involved a titanium melting furnace in a classified area. Cause of the explosion was not immediately determined.

The flash explosion caused no fire.

Titanium is a metal used in aircraft and other defense equipment.

Wade, according to police, was killed when the top of a cylinder blew off and struck him.



LOST EASTER BUNNY

While roaming around during their Easter vacation, Richard, John Charles, and Brad Thompson of 2008 Santa Fe ran head on into a lost Easter bunny near their home. The boys took it home with them, ready to give it back to its owner, if it has one. In the meantime they're waiting to see if "Hank," as they have named it, will lay Easter eggs Sunday.—Press Photo.

EASTER EGG HUNT SLATED SATURDAY

Over 1000 youngsters are expected at El Prado park for what promises to be Torrance's largest and gayest Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m., according to an announcement by officials of the sponsoring Torrance City Recreation

department and the Downtown Retail Merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The park is located corner Cravens and El Prado. Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem and Charley Gots, president of the merchants division, stated that to give children of all ages a fair chance,

they will be separated into three divisions—under 6, 7 to 9, and 10 to 14. Children who have reached 14, will not participate, Van Bellehem added.

Paper "dummy" eggs will be hidden in historical El Prado park and will be redeemable for chocolate eggs following the "rush." Prize baskets will be awarded winners in each division, said Van Bellehem, and over 2000 eggs will be given away.

Miss Cynthia Beadle who has been selected as "Miss Torrance Easter Bunny" will be on hand in her specially made "shortie" Easter Bunny costume. Miss Beadle, 16, is a junior at Torrance High school and lives at 24122 Huber ave.

SATURDAY DELIVERIES RESTORED

Immediate resumption of normal mail service effective within 24 hours was announced by Postmaster General Summerfield Tuesday night after President Eisenhower signed a 41-million dollar appropriation bill for the Post Office Department.

The Torrance Post Office was awaiting notification yesterday to resume normal services, which would mean that Saturday deliveries will be restored and that the post office would again be open regular hours.

1ST TIME AND IT WORKED

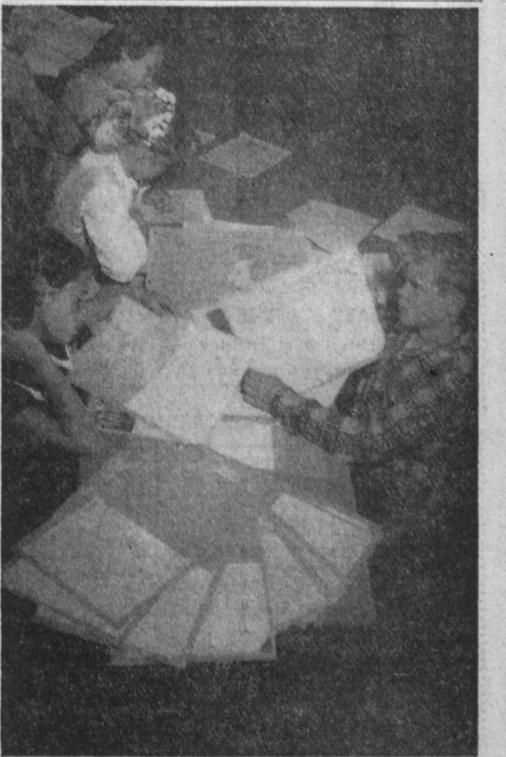
Mrs. H. L. Herring of 23850 Park st. is happy with the Torrance Press. She placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

2-BEDROOM unfurnished house, \$70 per month. Walk-to-walk carpeting. FR. 5-2768

"This is the first time I have advertised in the Press. I had about 33 calls before 1 p.m. the day the paper came out. People started calling at 6:30 in the morning. I had the place rented by 10 a.m.," she declared. For effective, inexpensive results, call FA 8-2345 and place your classified ad. Fifteen words cost only \$1.30. If you pay at the time you place the ad, there's a 30-cent saving.

BULLETIN—Dr. Hull will return home from the hospital probably Friday, school officials indicated. His visiting time is strictly scheduled. He has been allowed to see members of the Board of Education individually as well as Dr. A. N. Posner and Sam Waldrip, of his staff.

Physicians in charge said that unless there are unexpected complications, he will be able to resume his normal duties as the chief administrator of the school district. During Dr. Hull's illness, school operations and business affairs are being conducted in the usual manner by the administrative staff, according to Dr. A. N. Posner, Assistant Superintendent - Educational Services.



THEY GOT AN ANSWER

Wayne Jackson and Kathy Fuller, who wrote to Mayor Isen and Superintendent Hull, respectively, to find out their opinion regarding what makes a man great, look over the replies which they received.—Press Photo.

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Decision on Longren Variance Due May 7

Longren Aircraft corp. was granted until the May 7 meeting of the City Council to show what will be done regarding parking, noise, and beautification.

According to the variance, Longren was to provide for off street parking for 40-50 cars; beautify Date and Elm sts. similar to that proposed for Carson st., and control excessive noises by housing all machinery within buildings and installing additional sound proofing.

Home Owners Speaks
Walter Whitelan, 1225 Crenshaw asked for the following:

1. A 5000 pound load limit placed on the surrounding streets so that there would be no trucking allowed.

2. A two-hour parking limit on Carson st.

3. Reduce the employees to 100 men as originally intended.

4. Heavy manufacturing should be removed.

Whitelan, who has been fighting the situation for five years, stated that Elm st. definitely needs sound proofing and that he "would like to see some action."

A number of improvements have already been made in each category, and according to Hampden Wentworth, president of Longren Aircraft corp., "we are taking the necessary steps to reduce noise factors and comply with the conditions of the variance as quickly as possible."

Off street parking for 52 cars has already been provided and congestion has been cut down by reducing the total employ-

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South Torrance Groups Schedule Town Meeting

City officials of Torrance, including the entire City Council, mayor, chief of police and city manager have been invited to face the voters of the South and Southwest Torrance area at a dinner to be held Tuesday April 20, at 8 p.m. at the Fish Shanty, 4020 Pacific Coast hwy. Walteria.

City officials have promised to attend this dinner and approximately 250 residents of the community are expected.

The dinner is being spearheaded by the Walteria Kiwanis club and the Walteria Business Men's club as a part of promoting better civic and community government.

The Hollywood Riviera homeowners, Pacific Hills homeowners, Southwest homeowners and South Torrance Democratic club have picked up the theme and are implementing it by very active support.

Keynote speaker will be Sam Stewart, area newspaper editor and member of the Hollywood Riviera homeowners. He will speak on "The Growing Potential of South Torrance."

The dinner will be in the tradition of the old town meetings. City officials will be required to listen to the problems of this area and will be asked to comment on what the city can do to help solve the problems peculiar to this region.

Topics

One or more speakers from the various sponsoring groups will be allowed three minutes to

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Banks Closed Good Friday From Noon to 3

Banks will be closed from 12 noon until 3 p.m. April 19, Good Friday. They will be on regular schedule during the rest of the day.

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EDITORIAL NOW IS THE TIME TO SPEAK

The Torrance City Council will have to make a serious decision shortly: Whether to increase taxes or decrease services.

If the city is to continue giving proper services to its residents, taxes will have to go up 30 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

So stated City Manager George Stevens last week.

The present tax rate of \$1.184 would go up to \$1.484.

This would amount to about \$3.40 per year more which the average GI homeowner would have to pay. Costs of an election in April 1958 (\$50,000), purchase of rubbish collection equipment, hiring of 60 employees to keep up with the city's growth, and development of three parks and playgrounds acquired during the past two years are among the projects for which the additional money is needed, Stevens said.

He further indicated that the city would not be able to hire one additional employe or meet the requests of Torrance residents for branch libraries, street signals, park improvements, or special services if the city had to hold the line at the present tax rate.

The City Council will have to decide soon whether or not taxes will be increased.

The councilmen are not certain at the moment as to how Torrance residents feel about this matter.

The Torrance Press urges individuals to write a letter to the Editor, Torrance Press, Torrance, Calif., expressing their views and making their feelings known.

GRADES—WHAT SHOULD THEY BE BASED ON?

Should pupils be graded on the basis of what they do or on the basis of what they can do?

That is the question which arose at the second meeting of the 19-member committee formed by the Torrance Unified School District to study the local reporting system.

The problem involves this: If a bright student does little work but is still best in the class because of his brightness, should he be graded on what he does or on what more he should and could be doing?

By the same token, if a slow learner is working to his full capacity, although the work itself is not particularly outstanding, should he be given a good or poor report?

Dr. Warren Hamilton, director of special services, told the committee that a series of tests have been developed which determine a child's actual and potential standing.

While no type of test is completely fool-proof, this battery

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CHANNEL FENCING ORDERED

Fencing of the hazardous Dominguez Channel was unanimously approved by the County Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

The plan calls for 2000 feet of protective chain link fencing if the city of Torrance will put up fencing where streets meet the channel.

Supervisors acted upon a recommendation of the County Flood Control District, following the strong stand taken on the issue by the Torrance Press and the Torrance City Council.

The fencing was recommended for these locations: Both sides, 200 feet down

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What Makes a Man Great? Youngsters Seek Answer

BY RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

What makes a man great? That is the question which Mrs. Mary S. Long, Seaside elementary school teacher, asked her students recently.

The question marked the beginning of an exciting study which brought youngsters in contact with science, literature, art, music and government, and which resulted in some significant conclusions.

Youngsters who started with Elvis Presley ended with Thomas Edison, rejecting their former hero as not measuring up to the standards of greatness they had formulated.

Standard Used
Youngsters agreed to ask the following question for judging greatness: has this man contributed something that will enable most of mankind or a

large part of mankind to live a richer, happier life?

"This was not a study of great men, Mrs. Long explained, "but of the qualities that make a man great."

Mrs. Long's enthusiasm and imaginative approach struck a responsive cord among her pupils, who plunged wholeheartedly into the project.

Project's Purpose
"We bewail our youngsters'

choice in popular heroes," Mrs. Long said, "but do we give them any proper standards by which to judge? The purpose of this project was to teach the youngsters how to think critically, how to face a problem, and how to get the facts and solve the problem."

Youngsters divided their project into three major parts: 1) What Makes a Man Great; (Turn to Page 22)



KEY CONCERN: DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGE

Simon Eisner, planning expert, gave pointers Tuesday morning on the balanced development of a city.—Press Photo.