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GEE INDICTMENT EXPECTED

GORDON ARNOLD

Local Official Dies After Brief Illness

Friends were saddened by the sudden death of Gordon F. Arnold, 44, former commander of the American Legion here, last Wednesday night.

Arnold, who lived at 1424 Crenshaw, had been a resident of Torrance for 35 years. He was a foreman for the Municipal Water Department. His death came after about a week's illness and was attributed to a heart attack.

WHATEVER GOES UP MUST....

Firemen answered the pleas of A. Mercer yesterday, who called to say a little boy was stuck on the roof of the garage.

Firemen raised a ladder and rescued the tot who somehow climbed the roof. When he found that he couldn't get down he called for help. Firemen said the little boy ran home without even giving his name.

Court Here Within Two Months Seen

It's now official. Torrance will finally have its own Municipal Court within two months, according to county officials. And, it WILL be the old City Hall at Cravens ave. and El Prado st.

County Accepts Offer

Robert Leone of the County Management Division said the County has decided to accept the offer of the Torrance City Council for the temporary use of the old city hall. The council had said that the city would help pay costs of refurbishing part of the structure for use by the local court of the South Bay District.

It will cost an estimated $12,000, of which Torrance will pay about one-third. And the conversion work can be completed in about 60 days.

Facilities would include a courtroom, judge's chambers, clerk's quarters, marshal's office and a detention room.

New Court in Civic Center

Judge Donald Armstrong who took his oath of office last week, will serve here until the county builds a permanent court building on land donated by the city at the civic center. The project is due to go to bid early next year and be completed about nine months later.

Firemen Put Coupe De Gras To Fire

A 6 a.m. supposedly extinguished fire in an overstuffed divan, rekindled at 10:20 a.m. yesterday, causing the fire department to answer the call to put out the blaze.

Harold Johnson, of 1119 Cornblum ave., evidently thought he had put out the fire when it started apparently from a cigarette at 6 a.m. He moved the couch from the patio out on to the porch, when it later blazed up again. No one was injured.

High Court May Judge Water Pact

The Supreme Court may make the final judgment on an agreement between the City and the Dominguez Water Co. according to a prediction by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer.

Remelmeyer recommended that the City retain the Los Angeles law firm of Newlin, Tackabury, and Johnston to handle the case.

The water company is attempting to break a 1953 agreement to supply water to a 457-acre tract of homes at 109th St. and Hawthorne. The original agreement stated that water would be supplied for ten years, but the firm filed an application with the State Utilities Commission last year for disapproval of the agreement. The commission still has the application under submission.

George W. Tackabury, member of the firm retained by the City expressed optimism. He declared the water company's position "appears to us to be highly inequitable and the product of manifest afterthought."

Misplaced Comma Is Embarrassing

There were some red faces at the police department yesterday over the disappearance or the misplacement of a comma.

Seems as though a local paper published an account of a robbery at the home of one Ollie Wierenga of Torrance. The story said that a robber had stolen $20 from the victim and left $1,500. But, in reality, the $1,500 was only $15.00.

It wasn't the paper's fault either. Someone had misplaced the comma on the crime report at the police station.

Meanwhile, the irate victim wants it known to potential thieves that he doesn't keep that much money lying around in his house.

Hits Power Pole — $200 Fine

A 61-year-old crane operator for the Guy Atkinson Construction Company, along with his supervisor and the company worked for were fined $200 yesterday, after they pleaded guilty to knocking three high tension power lines over, owned by the Bureau of Water and Power.

Display of Sparks

F. P. Drewry, 61-year-old crane operator was operating the heavy machinery in back of the old Gardena Stadium on a construction project by the Guy Atkinson Company, when, according to District Attorney Fred McNary, the huge crane crashed into the power lines, knocking them down. No one was injured, but spectators said a display of sparks and arcing electricity could have caused death and injury.

Code Limitations

A section in the penal code under a health and safety section provides that no form of machinery can go beyond a six-foot limit of any power pole. However, Drewry, who was operating the crane at the time without his supervisor, W. N. Rushing, standing near, ran into the poles.

The Guy Atkinson firm is putting in a new drain construction in the area. The District Attorney's office said that for the violation of the law, Drewry could have been fined $500 plus sentence to at least six months in the county jail.

Boy Cyclist Rams Car, Breaks Leg

An 11-year-old boy, riding a bicycle, suffered a possible broken leg when he crashed into an auto at Torrance blvd. and Beach st. late last night.

The youth, Raymond Dougles of 2815 Adreo st., said he thought he could get across the street but misjudged his speed when he smashed into the car.

He was treated at Harbor General hospital for cuts and bruises and a possible fractured tibia. Police issued no citations.

No Alarm Seen Over Asian Flu

Amid reports that widespread breakouts of Asian flu are being reported in the Los Angeles County, Torrance District Health Officer B. A. Kogan said that at the present time there is no indication that there is an undue amount of influenza in the Torrance district.

Concern Unfounded

He added that in some instances there has been excessive concern regarding an influenza epidemic in this district, but this concern seems unfounded at this time.

"However," he said, "it is my impression that we may have, within the next month, more influenza than we have at present."

When asked about the use of the vaccine as a measure against an outbreak, Kogan said, "It is my impression that the vaccine that has been used by various drug companies has resulted in more reactions than was originally expected." He added, "This does not contradict the use of the vaccine, but the family doctor will decide when it should be used."

Day to Day Care

Dr. Kogan said that the important thing is that we adhere to day to day attention to health as this can never be substituted by reactions similar to panic. The common-sense thing to do in the event of illness of this or any other type, is to call your family physican, who is best able to evaluate and treat not only individual cases of illness, but also to evaluate best those people who may receive the influenza vaccine when it is available.

A spot check of local hospitals reveals there have been no cases of Asiatic flu admitted.

2 Missing Witnesses Cause Delay In Grand Jury Probe

Two important key witnesses have held up Grand Jury proceedings against a former local police warrant officer. And, if the mysterious figures cannot be located, the Grand Jury will continue their probe on Wednesday.

Misappropriation

The onetime officer, Jack Gee, has been under investigation since February of this year for alleged misappropriation of bail money funds collected from traffic violation defendants.

Deputy District Attorney Fred Henderson, who presented the case before the Grand Jury, said that an indictment of Gee was likely even though the mystery witnesses are not present. The case against Gee, according to Henderson, is that court records show 85 warrants given to Gee to collect were missing and that about $3500 in bail was involved. Thus far, Henderson said, he was only able to present two hours of testimony before the jury before the hearing was postponed until the witnesses could be found. Henderson declined to name the witnesses.

Gee worked for the Torrance Police Department under a verbal agreement after a written

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Officials Back From SF Meet

According to returning councilmen and other city officials, the City That Knows How certainly hosted the officials of the All American City.

Back from San Francisco from a conference of the League of California Cities, Torrance officals will apply much of the information gained from lectures and seminars on good government, in the administration of the city's affairs.

Assistant City Manager Don Mansfield said that the conference was valuable in that it afforded Torrance officials to see what other cities are doing toward good government. "We gained many interesting insights into the affairs and problems of other cities which certainly might benefit us here in Torrance," he said.

Many new proposals, issues on the agenda will be revealed when the official minutes of the League are published, he said.

However, it is business as usual when the city council convenes tomorrow night. Because of the conference, the city council did not meet last week.

It is expected many important issues will be on the agenda for tomorrow night's session. Council observers say many unsettled issues and problems will be thrashed out now that Mayor Albert Isen has returned from New York.

Free, Another $100 to Down-Town Shopper

Another $100 is to be given away tonight by the downton merchants of Torrance. Celebratnig Gold Rush Days, tonight's winner can easily get the $100 just by being present at the drawing to be held in front of Strum's on Sartori near Post. Other prizes are to be given away also to lucky ticket holders.

Last Monday night, Mrs. Lorraine Brorby of Torrance was the happy winner of the money. All stores remain open until 9 p.m. and all have Gold Rush Days tickets for the drawing.

REPORT ON PROGRESS OF CAMPAIGN

Jay A. Robinson, left, Harbor Area Chairman for the Community Chest 1957-'58 fund-raising campaign, informs representatives of Community Chest supported services who live in Torrance about the progress of campaign and what they can do to help. From left to right, Mrs. Joel S. Canby, Director of the Torrance YWCA; Mrs. Jackson R. Nichols, representing the Harbor District Girl Scouts Los Angeles Council; Mrs. Don Wolf, on the Board of Directors of the Harbr Area YWCA; Mrs. Loring Bigelow, representing the District Council of the YWCA; Mrs. Florence Peters, Director of the Visiting Nurse Association.

Lakewood Investigation, No Smoke Sreen Says C of C

Torrance Chamber of Commerce officials firmly denied charges of a hired incorporation expert that a Chamber of Commerce sponsored meeting to investigate possible inequities of the so-called "Lakewood Plan" was a "smokescreen" against the incorporation of Lomita.

Charges By Horner

The countercharges were issued by Chamber President A. E. Thompson in reply to those hurled, at a recent Lomita meeting, by Jack Horner, retained by proponents of incorporation of that area.

"The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has been publicly on record for many months against any attempt by Torrance to annex Lomita, and we are just as strongly resolved not to interfere in Lomita politics! !", Thompson said. The Chamber leader added "Whether to incorporate or not, is squarely up to the residents of Lomita and we have positively no desire to become involved in the issue."

Thompson said his group, in cooperation with the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce called the luncheon meeting, set for Tuesday, October 1 at the Redondo Beach Elks Club, only after much expression of unrest among City and Chamber officials of South Bay cities for the past year and one-half.

South Bay officials believe that the Lakewood Plan, which provides county-furnished services to cities on a contract basis, is not "paying its way" and that cities such as Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, El Segundo, Gardena and Torrance are shouldering the tax burden. They add also, that the League of California Cities has long opposed the furnishing of urban services by counties with General funds.

NEW RUBBISH TRUCKS FOR CITY

Torrance has recently purchased five 1957 cab-over-engine trucks from Oscar Maples Ford, for use in the city rubbish collection program. Since residents will not be permitted to burn combustibles after October 1, the new trucks will take care of the increase in rubbish which will be collected. The packer bodies, built and installed by the Leach Corporation, will hold twenty cubic yards of rubbish. Lewis Cumiford and Harold Clayton, city sanitation employes, are shown loading rubbish into one of the trucks which is already in service.—Press Photo.

ANOTHER $100.00 DRAWING MONDAY NITE