$530 Stolen from Animal Hospital

Approximately $530 in cash and checks was stolen from Dr. William Kimball's office at the Clarmar Animal Hospital, at 20805 Hawthorne blvd., Torrance Police reported this week.

The burglary took place in the 40 minutes between the time police officers made a periodic check of the building Sunday morning. Police reported the buliding locked and secured at 1:15 a.m. when they made their inspection.

At 1:55, they checked again to find that the door had been pried open, a desk rifled and a metal box, containing the money, broken into.

Safety Crusade officials say that 85 per cent of all accidents are caused by human failure, 13 are due to mechanical failure and two per cent are "uncontrollable."

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Three City Youths Reach Scholarship Semi-Finals

Three Torrance youths were named semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition in which 300,000 high school seniors vied for 800 college scholarships.

The three are: David L. Burdick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Burdick, of 1407 Cota ave., a Torrance High student; Walter A. Sapp, son of John N. Sapp, of 4808 Merrill st., a North High student; and Robert Sibole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Sibole, of 4732 Pacific Coast hwy., a student of Serra High.

Making the announcements were principal Carl R. Ahee of Torrance High, Principal Dale M. Harter of North High, and Brother Joseph Hoffman, of Serra High.

The students emerged among the 7,500 high scorers in the scholarship qualifying test, a nationwide college aptitude examination given in 14,000 high schools on October 22.

Merit Scholarships are sponsored by over sixty business firms, as well as by professional societies, foundations, and even individuals. The Sears-Roebuck Foundation is the largest sponsor, with 100 awards worth $500,000 being granted annually.

The sponsor's list includes such nationally known names as International Business Machines, National Distillers and Chemical Corporation, F. W. Woolworth Co., Pittsburgh Plate Glass, McGraw-Hill, B. F. Goodrich, Time Incorporated, and many others.

EXAM JAN. 11

The semifinalists now face a rigorous, three-hour college board examination, to be given in testing centers throughout the country on January 11. Students whose high scores substantiate their earlier test performance will become finalists in the competition.

At least 1,000 of the semi-finalists are expected to survive this second hurdle, according to John M. Stalnaker, President of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the annual competion..

"The Finalists' group will be made up of some of the most able youngsters that America has ever produced. We expect to have over 800 scholarships available for them—about one for every nine of these suberb young people. Our need to identify, and help, as necessary, the scientists, engineers, teachers and other leaders of the future, is more apparent right now than it has ever been. The far-sighted business and industrial companies that are making these awards possible are to be congratulated," Stalnaker declared.

In the final phase of the competition, the high school grades, extra-curricular attainments, and the leadership and character of the competitors will be evaluated. About May 1, a fortunate 800 will become the Merit Scholars of 1958.

The other finalists will receive Certificates of Merit, attesting to their high ability, and all colleges and universities will be notified, enabling these students to be considered for thousands of other awards and prizes.

CHOOSE COLLEGE

Merit scholars make their own choice of college and course of study. The value of each of the four-year merit scholarships varies with financial need of each individual student, ranging upward from $100 per year (the minimum) to $2,200 per year or more.

The colleges chosen by the merit scholars will receive grants-in-aid averaging $2,000 per merit scholar to help defray the actual costs of educating the students.

The Merit Scholarship Program is now in its third year. It was established in 1955 through grants of $20.5 million from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation.

The Merit Program is designed to search the nation for those students most able to benefit from a college education, regardless of means. Once discovered in the national talent hunt, the students are supported in college by funds provided by sponsoring companies. About 1,400 Merit Scholarships have been awarded in the two years of the program, and the winners are now enrolled in over 265 different colleges.

The competition is open to any public, private or parochial high school in the United States, Alaska, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and any high school senior may enter. The 7,500 Semifinalists named today represent one-half of one per cent of the national senior class, and each state is represented according to its high school population.

Receive Bids To Improve Prairie Ave.

Seven bids for the improvement of Prairie ave. from 174th st. to 182nd st. were opened by the City Council Tuesday night but held in abeyance for a week because they were from $2,000 to $7,000 higher than estimated costs.

The council withheld action to give City Engineer Ronald Bishop a chance to check the seven bids against specifications for the 13-street repaving job.

Bishop estimated that $22,526 should cover the cost of improvement. The lowest bid from the S. A. Cummings Co. of Compton, was $24,775.The highest bid of $29,963 was from the Eric L. Peterson Co. of Long Beach.

Other bids were: Forsythe Excavating Co., of Torrance, $26,627; Warren Southwest Co., of Torrance, $27,390; McAmis & Baker, of Gardena, $29,191; Harrison Bros. of Gardena, $29,680; and George Savala Paving Co., of Hawthorne, $29,700.

Unsafe Oil Well Draws Complaints

Quick action to erase dangerous conditions around an oil well on 236th st. was promised Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Marlow by the City Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlow, of 2468 West 236th st., appeared before the council Tuesday night to complain about the inadequacy of a fence around the well, a two year growth of weeds and the noisy and messy pumping of oil from the well into trucks.

They presented a petition, signed by 11 residents of the area, thta declared inadequate safety measures around the well made it extremely dangerous for children.

Mrs. Marlow also told the council that boys had slipped through the "chickenwire" fence, scooped up oil and flung the oil around the yards of area residents. "We had to dig up our lawns and flowers," she said.

She complained bitterly about the practice of pumping oil into trucks "at all hours." Once, she said, "they began pumping at three o'clock in the morning. What a racket."

City Planning Director George Powell was ordered to give the counucil "an action report" by next week's meeting.

Local Marine Reserve Unit Gets Acclaim

Marine Reserve Major Henry Fink Jr., of 3916 Newton st., Torrance, said this week that activities of the squadrons attached to the Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment at the Los Almitos Naval Air Station near Long Beach will be featured in the January issue of Leatherneck Magazine.

The local Marine spokeman, who is attached to Marine Reserve Fighter Squadron 241 at the air station,explained that the professional magazine is distributed throughout the world to Marines, their familes and through news stand sales and covers the global activities of Leathernecks in peace and war. The publication will be starting its 42nd year of publication with the issue in which the story of Marine Air Reserves from throughout Southern California and Arizona is told. It will be on magazine stands January 1.

The article was written especially for the Leatherneck by Capt. Jack Lewis, a Marine Reserve Officer, who is a professional writer in civilian life, and who has been associated with the Los Alamitos units in the past, making him fully familiar with the training program.

Four units, Marine Air Reserve Group 2, Marine Fighter Squadrons 241 and 123, and Marine Air Control Squadron 18, train one weekend monthly at the station and conduct two weeks of maneuvers at a major Marine installation each summer, thus maintaining a ready combat force in the advent of a threat to the nation.

Torrance men attached to the squadron are M-Sgt. Jack Berry, 2012 Kathy way, and PFC James D. Roberts, 21206 S. Vermont.

Sergeants Wallace B. Howard, 5414 Arvada St. and Vernon L. Dell, 25618 S. Crenshaw Blvd., are serving with Marine Air Control Squadron 18. Attached to Marine Fighter Squadron 123 are: 1st Lt. Robert D. Gillis, 18418 Doty ave.; T-Sgt. Gordon T. Russell, 4427 Greenmeadows ave.; Cpl. Donald G. Heath, A. Larsen, 1072 Greenhedge St., 21140 Brighton ave.; Pvt. Robert and Pvt. Wesley A. Hanson, 1314 W. 219 st.

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RECOGNITION of the "outstanding job of academic and administrative leadership" of Superintendent J. H. Hull was made in the presentation of a plaque to the head of the Torrance Unified School District by Mayor Albert Isen. The plaque, with the resolution adopted recently by the City Council, was awarded to Dr. Hull in a surprise ceremony at a luncheon meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday.

Pay Homage To Bill of Rights

The City Council paid homage to one of the nation's most basic documents this week.

The council approved a proclamation, presented by Mayor Albert Isen, declaring December 9 to 15 "Bill of Rights" week. "This great document is indispensable to maintain the freedoms guaranteed every American," the proclamation noted.

It "represents a weapon for freedom more powerful in its spiritual endurance than the physical force of modern technology," the proclamation continued.

Every citizen was urged "to refresh his knowledge of the Bill of Rights and reaffirm his personal responsibility to maintain the freedoms guaranteed in this famous document."

Councilman Victor Benstead presented the city with a parchment reproduction of the 166 year old document.

The action was part of the nation wide observance of the 166th anniversary of adoption of the first ten amendments to the constitution.

The National Safety Council urges you during the first 16 years of your child's life to drive as though you were teaching him to drive—because you are.

'Girlie' Mag . . .

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ed H. E. Petro, manager of McCown's Drug store, on El Prado st., and Joseph Schulman, manager of Clark's Market, at 3731 Pacific Coast hwy., to represent them.

Two magazine distributors, George Epstein, of the Independent Magazine Co., of San Pedro, and Charles Ridgely, Magazine Distributing Co., of Wilmington, had been asked to serve on the committee earlier. A third distributor has still to be named.

The committee had been agreed to by the two magazine distributors three weeks ago during a conference with city council members. The magazine distributors agreed to join the city in "self-censorship" action to decrease the number of lewd, obscene and suggestive publications found on the city's news stands.

They asked for help from a representative committee of citizens to determine what magazines and other publications they refrain from placing on stands.

All Quiet on Airport Front

A moratorium on flights in and out of the Torrance Municipal airport on Christmas and New Year's Day will be sought by the city council.

City Manager George Stevens was directed by the council to request all local pilots to keep their planes on the ground during the two days. The unusual council demand came after Vincent Lechner, of Lomita, appeared before the council Tuesday night to request the no-flying appeal.

Lechner told the council that planes at the airport "are a nuisance at all times, but more of a nuisance during the holidays." He said four churches, and thousands of residents in the area would benefit by two days of "peace and quiet."

Garden Clubs . . .

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idents should not expect a prize winner in this initial attempt.

"The scarcity of time plus the lack of sufficient capital made it necessary for us to concentrate on a representative float for this year and to plan for a major prize-winner next year," Bradford said.

Bradford added that some doubts had been expressed that the Chamber was unable to finance a float at this time. This report was true, Bradford said, due to the fact that Tournament of Roses Officials did not approve the Torrance entry until late November.

Chamber officials decided to sponsor the float because of the great community interest expressed in the project, it was pointed out.

Charter Membership in the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association are open for donations of $1, $5, $10 or $25. Cards will be mailed to those sending in donations to Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1345 El Prado.

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