

Market Employees Corner Bad Check Artist

Cashed Checks to Buy Dope

Frederick Arsenault, a 20-year old Harbor City resident who allegedly cashed hundreds of dollars in bad checks in the Torrance area to obtain money to buy narcotics, was in jail today awaiting trial.

Arsenault, of 1681 W. 251st st., was arraigned in South Bay Municipal Court Monday on charges that he had passed about \$700 worth of bad checks in the area in the past few months.

He is scheduled to appear for trial in Long Beach court February 3.

Arsenault was arrested by police last week after he was cornered in the Fox Market parking lot by Ray Boggs, manager of the market on Post ave., and Michael Lasky, 17, of 631 Calle de Arboles, a box boy in the market.

Boggs recognized Arsenault as the man who had passed a bad check at the market several weeks earlier. He tried to stall Arsenault off in approving a check the 20-year old youth sought to cash, but Arsenault became suspicious and bolted from the store.

Boggs and Lasky chased the youth into a corner of the parking lot and held him until Detective Myles Hamilton came to make the arrest.

Sgt. Mickey Fischer, of the police department's forgery detail, reported that Arsenault was also wanted by Stockton police on similar bad check charges.

Fischer said Arsenault cashed close to \$700 worth of bad checks in the Torrance area to obtain enough money to buy narcotics. Fischer reported that the youth admitted being a narcotic addict since he was 16 years old.

AIRPORT ROADS

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn this week urged that grade separations be constructed on Aviation Blvd. at its intersections with Century Blvd. and Imperial highway as a means of providing maximum traffic safety and reducing congestion in the vicinity of the International Airport.

Youth Band Thanks City for Chicago Trip

"For an unforgettable, inspirational experience—thank you," members of Torrance's Youth Band said this week to the people of the city.

The band's thanks were extended by Conductor James Van Dyke, parents of the band members and members of the citizens' committee that raised funds for the band's trip to the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago.

"We wish to extend our warm thanks to all the wonderful people who helped make the band trip to Chicago a reality," members of the band declared in a letter to the Press. Close to \$20,000 was contributed by Torrance and area residents to send the band to Chicago.

The letter continued: "The highlight of the trip was the performance of the Band at the Mid-West National Band Clinic, on the night of Thursday, December 19, before a packed house of band directors and music educators. The band received a standing ovation at the end of the third number and another at the conclusion of the concert—an unprecedented audience gesture.

"Since the band's return from Chicago, many letters of praise have been received from those who heard the Chicago concert. Lee W. Petersen, Executive Secretary of the Mid-West Clinic,

BLOODMOBILE OPENS SHOP FEBRUARY 13

The first bloodmobile for 1958 will be stationed at the Civic Auditorium on February 13, announced Mrs. Gordon S. Jones, Blood Recruitment Chairman for the Torrance - Lomita Branch of American National Red Cross.

The unit will accept donors from 3 to 7:30 p.m. she stated, and a goal of 250 pints has been set. Donors must weigh over 110 pounds and be between 18 to 60 years. Donors who received Polio shots may donate 24 hours after receiving the shot. There is still a limit of 12 weeks interval between donations.

District Republicans Meet Monday

Officers will be nominated and delegates to the California Republican Assembly will be nominated at a business meeting of the 68th District Republican Assembly, Monday, January 27, at 6 p.m. in Hotel Hacienda, San Pedro, President Jean W. Haley announced.

The meeting will conclude promptly at 7:30 p.m. so that members may participate in the discussion at the district's fact-finding committee to be held at the hotel. Reservations for the earlier meeting may be secured by calling Mrs. Haley.

KINDERGARTEN APPLICANTS

A five-day pre-registration period for children entering kindergarten for the first time next month will be held in all elementary schools of the Los Angeles City School System starting Monday, January 27, Associate Superintendent Dr. Paul F. Shafer, elementary schools' chief announced. The pre-registration period will run to Friday, January 31. Schools begin the spring semester on Monday, February 3.

Fleetwood Lines Up for Council Race

Thirvin D. Fleetwood, a member of Torrance's Planning Commission since 1954, announced his candidacy for the city council this week.

A resident of North Torrance, Fleetwood is a former president of the Torrance Democrats, Inc. and is presently serving on the County Democratic Central Committee.

Employed by the Southern California Gas Co., Fleetwood is now a member of the negotiat-



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ing committee of Local 132, Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, and is chief shop steward for the local.

He has been officer and executive board member of Local 132 since 1951, and was chairman of the union's legislative and political action committee for several years. In the 1955 and 1957 sessions of the state legislature, Fleetwood was a delegate to the special legislative conference held in Sacramento.

He is the union's delegate to the Greater Los Angeles CIO Council, and was a delegate to four state CIO conventions.

Fleetwood, born in Oklahoma, attended public schools in Oklahoma and Missouri. He graduated from high school in 1941 and enlisted in the Navy in 1942. For three years, he served aboard LST's in the Southwest Pacific and took part in the invasion of Okinawa and I. E. Shima as a coxswain of a landing barge that took Marines and soldiers to the beaches. He took part in the occupation of Japan and was honorably discharged from the Navy in December, 1945.

He worked for General Motors and the Veteran's Administration in the Mid-West before coming to California in 1948.

The 35-year old union official was recently reappointed to serve a four-year term on the City Planning Commission. He lives at 3637 W. 182nd st. with his family, and is active as a member of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association.

He pledged a vigorous campaign and said "if elected, I will serve all the people of Torrance with honesty and integrity."

Play Bond Petition Drive Seeks 2,500 Signatures

Volunteers Ask Voter Support

A drive to place the park and recreation bond issue on the April 8 ballot was set in motion this week by a hastily formed band of volunteers.

Seeking a minimum of 2054 signatures on petitions to require another vote on the \$3,000,000 bond proposition, the volunteers opened a three-week campaign Monday.

They began by placing petitions in the hands of other volunteers in a major portion of the city's 132 election precincts. Central headquarters for the petition campaign were established in the office of Darwin Parrish, at 1423 Marcelina, and temporary co-chairmen, Parrish and Mrs. Herma Tillim, were elected.

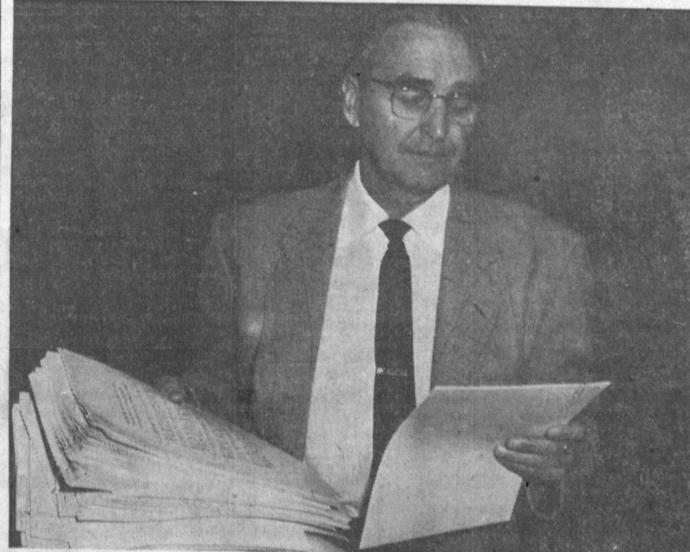
Ten representatives of groups throughout the city formed the nucleus of the committee organizing the whirlwind petition drive. The committee called a special meeting of precinct workers for Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers.

Signatures of registered Torrance voters are required on the petitions, and registered voters are needed to circulate the petition, the committee members were told.

While 2054 valid signatures are needed to authorize city officials to place the proposition on the April 8 ballot, committee members were told that at least 2500 signatures should be collected before February 13. The additional signatures would provide a margin of safety in the event some signatures are ruled off the petition. All petitions are examined by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Forming the committee leading the petition drive were: Parrish and Mrs. Tillim, Dr. Warren W. Hamilton, 1727 Fern ave.; Tom Potts, 3304 W. 182nd st.; Mrs. Mary K. Christian, 4572 Cadison st.; Mrs. Frances L. Fischer, 4721 Darien st.; Mrs. Eve Bisou, 4814 Hallson st.; Mrs. Mildred Jurco, 4718 Darien st.; Mrs. Mary Ackerman, 5215 Ruby st. and Mrs. June Clark, 5210 Lillian st.

Committee members asked that residents wishing to volunteer for circulating petitions contact Parrish or any other committee members for instructions.



HOLDING PETITIONS that are now being circulated among Torrance voters is Darwin Parrish, co-chairman of the group of civic leaders seeking to place the \$3,000,000 park and recreation bond issue before the voters in the April 8 elections.

Hunters Meet Through Press Classified Ad

A good hunter knows where to go to find good hunting, and L. Roy Woodruff, followed that old adage.

Woodruff, a realtor, of 2367 W. Lomita Blvd., Lomita, went directly to the Torrance Press classified advertising department when he went hunting for buyers for his 10-week old Weimerner hunting dog, and for a knotty pine gun cabinet.

He placed a classified ad in the Press, and was kept busy on the phone from the time the Press reached the homes of the city's residents. Woodruff reported that more than 30 people called him about the gun rack and he had to tell them that he sold the rack, sight unseen, to the first caller.

He had eight calls about his dog, and sold that, too, to a fellow sportsman.

The story proves that readers of the Press also hunt for things they need. Why not make the hunting good for you by taking out a Press classified if you have anything to sell, rent, trade, or buy. Call Fairfax 8-2345 today.

Meeting to Fight Rise of Narcotics Set for Tonight

The menace of narcotics, and its spreading influence among youth, will be discussed at a meeting of the Anti-Narcotics committee of the Torrance Elks Lodge tonight at 8 p.m. in the Lodge building at 1851 W. Carson st., J. E. Yates, chairman of the committee said.

Yates reported that representatives of civic and fraternal organizations have been invited to attend the meeting which will be addressed by experts who have been combatting narcotics. A film will also be shown.

Parents of school children were especially invited to the meeting, Yates announced.

New Speed Limit Set on Normandie

Speed limits on Normandie avenue have now been reduced to 35 miles-an-hour between El Segundo boulevard and 139th Street, effective with the posting of the speed limit signs in about 15 days.

The reduced speed limits were authorized to provide better traffic control and maximum safety, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said. He pointed out that it will provide a smoother flow of traffic and will make the signals recently installed on Normandie at 132nd and 135th streets more effective.

Riviera Democrats To Hear Report On Convention

The Hollywood Riviera Democratic club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Harold Thomasian, 2835 La Costa Place, Lunada Bay, on Monday evening, January 27 at 8 p.m.

Torrance Councilman Robert Jahn will give a report of the recent California Democratic Council Endorsing Convention held in Fresno. Jahn attended the convention as one of the delegates of the Hollywood Riviera Democratic club.

A discussion of the 46th Assembly district Democratic Convention to be held February 7 at 5250 W. Imperial will be led by Dick Reamer, chairman of the coming convention. The purpose of this convention is to select the Democratic nominee, endorsed by the Democratic Clubs of the 46th Assembly district, for the State Assembly. All local Democrats are invited to attend.

ROSECRANS IMPROVEMENT

Excellent progress is being made on the widening and improvement of Rosecrans ave. between Hawthorne Blvd. and Inglewood ave. and the new roadway will be opened to through traffic on all lanes within 90 days, barring any unforeseen complications, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reported this week.

J. A. Beasley Files for City Council Post

J. A. "Jay" Beasley, prominent Torrance civic leader and member of the City Planning Commission, today announced his candidacy for election to the Torrance City Council on April 8.

The well known Walteria resident said he feels South Torrance needs more direct representation since citizens last fall voted to increase council membership from five to six plus a full-time mayor.

Beasley whose efforts helped to give Walteria one of the finest parks in the South Bay area, will run on a platform of more adequate park-recreation facilities for all sections of Torrance.

Long active in city affairs, he was one of the original members of the City Recreation Commission, remaining four years. He served three years on the Planning Commission before appointment recently to a four-year term, and was on the committee to help greater Torrance celebrate its selection as an All-American City.

Beasley aided Jim Whitmer in organizing the Walteria Business Men's Club nine years ago and was its first and fourth president; is a charter member



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and former executive board member of the Walteria Kiwanis Club; and belongs to the Walteria Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

A life-long Christian, he helped to found the Walteria Community Methodist Church and was its first lay leader, serving four years, and currently is in his second year as president of the Methodist Men's Club. He also started and was chairman for eight years of the Walteria Community Easter Services.

To further qualify him for a councilman post, Beasley cites studies at the Universities of Denver, Texas, Southern California, and California at Los Angeles and El Camino College. He has completed courses in economics, municipal planning, personal management, and American history.

Beasley, at 56, is an avid rock hound in his spare time, and has just started his second term as president of the Los Angeles Mineralogical Society, a group of 385 professional men, scientists, and lay persons from throughout Southern California.

Born in Little Rock, Ark., he moved to California in 1945 after 25 years' residence in Denver, Colo., where he also was prominent in local and state civic activities. Owner of a feed and garden supply business in Walteria until 1950, Beasley since has been employed by Felker Manufacturing Company of Torrance as foreman of the electroplating department. The firm makes diamond saws and drills.

Beasley's wife, Fannie, has been a kindergarten teacher in the Torrance Unified School District since 1946. They have three children, James, 19, a sophomore geology major at El Camino; Priscilla Ann, 16, a junior at North Torrance High; and Carol Jean, 11, a fifth grader at Walteria Elementary School. The family resides at 24240 Ocean ave., Walteria.

YMCA Launches Drive For Funds To Expand Teen-Age Activities

The Torrance YMCA launched a drive to expand the city's teen-age activities as part of its current campaign to raise \$30,000 needed to operate the Y during 1958.

The two-pronged drive was set off at the Y's kick-off banquet Monday attended by more than 275 civic leaders, parents and members of the Y.

YMCA leader Bruce Harle announced the Y's attempt to provide planned teen-age activity and said part of the \$30,000 raised in the current fund campaign would go to select a full time secretary to organize teen-age recreation and social events.

Praising the work of the YMCA in developing the minds and muscle of youth was Col. Dean Hess, whose exploits as an Air Force pilot in the Korea War were documented in the film, "Battle Hymn." Hess spoke of the danger inherent in the present missile and space race and said the danger of war

existed "until men lay down their arms."

YMCA GROWTH
Mayor Albert Isen reported that more than 5500 boys were

involved in YMCA programs in Torrance during 1957. He pointed out that 68 YMCA clubs are meeting regularly to help boys to grow strong in body, mind, and spirit.

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FIRST DONATION

Joe Wilcox, Executive Secretary of the local YMCA, announced the first gift made to "get us started" was a generous \$1500 donation from North American Aircraft Corporation and employees.

Rev. Milton Sippel, of the First Christian Church of Torrance offered the invocation. Rev. John Taylor, of the First Methodist Church, closed the meeting with prayer.

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