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BASEBALL IDOL—Two young fans chat with their idol, Roy Campanella, when he appeared at a benefit for a therapy swimming pool for Harlan Shoemaker School for Crippled Children. Talking to Campy during the Civic Auditorium appearance by several prominent sports stars are Allen Schwartz and Bob Brody. —Press Photo

Detectives Mauled by Assault Suspect

Texan Held for Quiz in Cop Killing

Homicide officers will question a young Texan held for the unprovoked assault of a man and for fighting a bloody battle with Torrance detectives.

Harold Eugene Ginn, 26, unemployed, who gave his address as the Torrance Hotel, will be grilled by officers investigating the killing of Segundo policemen.

He was booked on suspicion of battery and resisting arrest Tuesday, after Det. Myles Hamilton was cut on his hand and Det. Sgt. Don Hamilton bitten on the leg while trying to handcuff him.

Park Assault

The detectives spotted the suspect at a service station at Cravens Ave. and Torrance Blvd., while they were investigating the complaint by David Hamman, 59, of 1426 W. 223rd St., who said he was twice knocked down by Ginn.

Hamman said he was sitting on a bench in El Prado Park, chatting with Gabriel Gircol, 64, of 911 Portola St., when the suspect walked over.

"Why don't you mind your business," he was quoted as saying, and then grabbed Hamman and knocked him down. When Hamman rose, he was decked again.

Start Struggle

The detectives said that when they told Ginn to accompany them then he said:

"I'm not going no place." During the ensuing struggle the suspect kicked, bit and scratched the two detectives. Myles Hamilton was later given medical treatment for his cut hand. Both officers' clothing was also ripped.

Sgt. Hamilton said the suspect generally fits the description of the man wanted for the shooting of the two El Segundo officers, and will be questioned by homicide detectives still investigating the unsolved murder.



GOLDEN TOUCH—The Dean L. Sears admire cartoon take-off on his King Midas touch when the retiring Bank of America official was honored for his civic work during his many years' service here at testimonial luncheon. Sears will step down as assistant vice president of the bank later this month. —Press Photo

\$1 Million Cost Hike Next Year

A \$9,670,000 budget for education of nearly 26,000 youngsters during the 1959-60 school year was presented to the Torrance School Board Tuesday night for study.

The first figures indicate that the operating costs will be up about \$1 million from last year, due to enrollment increases of more than 2000 children, completion of seven new schools, inflation, and rising costs generally. Of the \$1 million increase, about \$600,000 is due to growth and \$400,000 will be due to higher costs and employ salary increments.

Although there are many "ifs" in the picture, school taxes may be 10 or 11 cents higher next year, the board was told. These figures are based upon a \$19 million increase in assessed valuation and upon approval of the state aid plan recommended by Governor Brown.

Higher Costs

"Torrance is one of many school districts facing critical financial problems this year," Superintendent J. H. Hull told the board. "We also must plan for the 1960-61 school year, when we will have higher costs but the same amount of money available."

The board will study the figures presented Tuesday and in June will adopt a tentative budget. The final budget will not be adopted until August.

Salaries would take more than 84 per cent of the budget presented to the board. Teachers' salaries amount to nearly \$6 million of the total, with the remainder for other employees—clerks, custodians, and others.

Breakdown

Instructional expenses would claim 70 per cent of the total expenses. Other percentages would include operations, 11 per cent; maintenance, administration, and fixed charges, each 4 per cent; miscellaneous expenses, 3 per cent; and transportation and auxiliary expenses, each 2 per cent.

The present outlook is that about 51 per cent of the money will come from local taxes, 47 per cent from state aid, and 2 per cent from federal aid.

According to the proposed budget, current expenses would be about \$362.85 per pupil next year, an increase of about \$11 per pupil from the current year. Torrance, however, would still be about \$40 lower per pupil than the average comparable district in California.

No Pay Raise

At the meeting, the board adopted the same salary schedule for next year as it presently is operating with. However, the board noted that some surrounding districts have moved ahead of Torrance on the salary schedule. The board indicated that it may consider increases this summer when the financial picture is clearer and when the assessed valuation figures are known.

At the present time, the district is using all but 17 cents of the 75-cent override tax authorized by local voters in 1955. Various financial solutions are under study, to meet the budget this year and next.

Recommend Bids for Auditorium

Calling for bids on the Civic Auditorium was recommended to the City Council Tuesday by City Manager George Stevens.

He said he had some inquiries regarding the 20-year-old building, which recently has been termed inadequate for the city's present needs.

The city did not do well recently when it offered the old city hall for sale. Its best bid was a little more than half of the \$100,000 for which it was appraised.

Press Service

Residents within the Torrance Press circulation area who have not received their copy by 2 p.m. on Thursdays will be assured of delivery if they call in their request by 4 p.m.

This is in line with the policy of delivering this newspaper to all homes in the circulation area regardless of whether the carrier boy is paid for his delivery.

However, it is pointed out that the carrier boy's income depends to a great extent on the collections he makes on his route. The nominal charge of 25 cents per month is made if the Torrance Press is delivered on Thursdays only. Boys will collect 45 cents if delivery is made both on Thursdays and Sundays.

All persons who reside in Torrance will be guaranteed twice-a-week delivery if they pay 45 cents to the carrier. These boys are independent young businessmen who are building character as well as earning money by working their routes.

Be sure to demand a receipt whenever the boy calls to collect for the preceding month. Collections for April are now under way.

Trial May Be Held in Hospital

A hospital room may be the scene of a preliminary hearing tomorrow.

Mrs. Martha Emogene Schultz, 42, has been in County Jail in lieu of \$5000 bail since she allegedly shot her husband, Duane, 46, in the couple's home, 2654 W. Carson St., April 22.

Det. Sgt. Don Hamilton said that Schultz, a National Supply Co. employe, may not be moved from his Harbor General Hospital room for another two weeks. He was wounded in the lower abdomen with a .22 caliber bullet.

Mrs. Schultz, a housewife, is charged with assault with the intent to commit murder.

According to police the couple quarreled after Schultz became angry because dinner was not ready when he came home from work.

Investigators said both had been drinking.

It will be up to Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett to decide whether to move courtroom proceedings into Schultz's hospital room, police said. The hearing has been delayed once already because of the victim's physical condition.

Completion of Freeway by '63 Seen

The San Diego Freeway through Torrance should be completed in late 1963.

That was the prediction this week from Councilman J. A. Beasley in reporting a plea to the State Highway Commission to budget funds for the freeway in the South Bay area.

"It looks to me like 1963 will be the year we can cut the ribbon," Beasley said.

He was one of the six Torrance City Council members who appeared before the State Commission Thursday in Sacramento to point out the importance of freeway construction to alleviate choking traffic conditions in this area.

The delegation also included South Bay officials and spokesmen for industry and large commercial firms.

Next year's budget will not be approved by the commission until late in August. Last year the commission snubbed the local delegates' request for San Diego funds as far as the link between Culver City and 190th and Figueroa Sts. is concerned.

"We're forced to continue the pressure because other areas do all they can to get money for their projects," Beasley said.

Rustlers on Loose, Heading for Texas

Juvenile officers saddled up their mounts this week to capture three young badmen who are suspected of rustling horses and heading for Texas.

"Marshal" Gus Rethwisch, in charge of the juvenile bureau, put two and two together Saturday, when he received word that two boys were missing from their homesteads and two horses had disappeared from a corral at 4700 Emerald St.

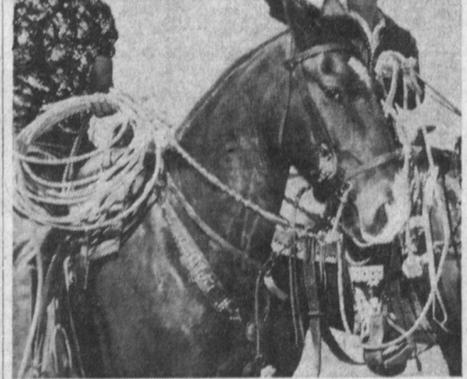
What tipped the lawman off was that the runaways had noised it around they were heading to the Lone-Star State.

One of the riders who went that way, has his own horse and saddle. He is 16 years old and has a \$20 stake.

His two companions are aged 12 and 15 and they are the ones suspected of rustling the black and sorrel horses missing from the corral. Owner Don Baxter said the mounts are valued at \$300 and that in addition two saddles, bridles and blankets were taken.

So far "Marshal" Rethwisch has found no trace of the trio.

"But we'll head 'em off at the pass," he confided optimistically.



WESTERN DRAMA—Don Baxter, owner of riding academy where two horses were rustled, presumably by youngsters who are heading for Texas, points out to his nephew, Weldon Boyles, that the varmints went that way. —Press Photo

Plane Crash Probe to End This Weekend

A federal investigator said that he will know by the end of the week whether a complaint will be lodged against a pilot whose plane crashed into a Torrance residential area Friday afternoon.

Frank Allen, Federal Aviation Authority prober, announced that a minute examination of the Ercoupe's control system will guide him and police in making a final recommendation in the case.

He said that he will know by the end of this week whether Aubrey Devenish, 41, will be cited for low flying as result of the crash less than 100 yards from the home of the pilot's estranged wife, at 2098 Middlebrook Road.

Called Aboard

Allen said that Devenish, a veteran airman called "absurd" any speculation that he may have attempted to deliberately smash into his wife's house. The wife, Josephine, also ruled out the theory. Devenish did crash into a backyard of the home of T. W. Williamson, 2071 Middlebrook Road, directly in line with his own home.

"There is always the possibility of control failure, or that something struck the plane," Allen conceded.

The investigator said that Devenish (Continued on Page Three)

Portobello Slippage Aid Legal

A court has ordered Jerome I. Scharfman, city finance director, to loosen up municipal purse strings in order to aid Portobello homeowners faced with land slippage.

Scharfman had balked at the payment of engineering and construction costs for a drain in the Victoria Knolls area authorized by the City Council.

But the finance official was not obstructing the council's orders, but merely complying with their wishes in refusing to pay out the cash until he was instructed by a court, in order to test the legality of the expenditure.

Public works officials estimated that it will cost approximately \$10,000 to stop the erosion which has threatened to tumble houses down a cliff.

Scharfman said he was directed by a writ of mandate issued by Superior Judge Eugene P. Fay to pay for the project.

Firemen Trim Hair to Free Girl from Mixer

Linda Sue Hardy, 10, got an unexpected haircut Saturday afternoon when a fireman rather than a barber cut her tresses.

The firemen were summoned to her home at 3518 Newton St., by the girl's mother, Mrs. Don Hardy, after the daughter caught her hair in a food mixing machine. The mother had turned off the power, but the girl's hair was still entangled in the mixer.

Firemen gave her a trim and freed her from the apparatus.

Torrance Still 5th Populous

Torrance continues in fifth place in population among Los Angeles County cities despite recent disappointment that it has not cracked the magic 100,000 mark.

The County Regional Planning Commission gave the city an extra 300 persons over the preliminary count made during the April special census.

The county board gave Torrance's population at 97,247, while the census nose counters found only 96,955 people during their house to house survey.

Even with this minor discrepancy, Torrance is approximately 4000 persons larger than Burbank, the sixth ranking city, which has a population of 92,650.

Torrance is a city of wide open spaces compared to its geographical size, with only 4880 persons for each of its 19,891 square miles. The comparative sparsity of population per land ranks it 34th among the county's 63 cities.

This city comes fifth in total population following Los Angeles, 2,436,695; Long Beach, 317,068; Pasadena, 122,382; Glendale, 118,382.

Carson Widening

Because of existing improvements, a section of Carson St. should be widened only to 80 feet, instead of 100 feet, it was recommended to the City Council.

Planning Director George Powell suggested that no future improvements should be made on Carson between Western Ave. and Torrance High School within 40 feet of the center line in order to preserve an 80-foot roadway.

Sears Honored for Service to City at Testimonial

Some 200 friends paid tribute to Dean L. Sears, retiring Bank of America vice president and veteran civic leader at a testimonial luncheon in the Civic Auditorium Tuesday.

Sears, who will retire from his post May 25, has headed the Torrance branch of the bank since 1925. Tuesday was his 65th birthday.

During his career here, he twice served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, was acclaimed Citizen of the Year in 1955, is past president of the Kiwanis Club and the Dental Health Association.

Many Activities

He is a director of Torrance Memorial Hospital and has served on numerous charitable drives and committees.

Born on a farm near Hamilton, Mo., Sears came to California in 1911, and to Torrance nearly a quarter century ago to head the five man bank staff. The bank now has a staff of 85.

The banker was presented with a plaque by Fred Mill, president of the Chamber, for 25 years of community service, a camera, and other gifts.

Speakers who paid tribute to Sears service to the community included Dr. Howard Wood, master of ceremonies, City Treasurer Harriet Leach, Harold Frantz, Sears successor at the bank, Harry Bardi, executive vice president of the Bank of America, City Manager George Stevens, Dr. Alden Smith, representing the Kiwanis Club.

Others were Mervyn Schwab, former mayor, Bert Lynn, president of the Planning Commission, Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent, Mrs. Mildred Mitchell, representing bank employes, Mayor Albert Isen, Mill, and J. H. Paget, chairman of the banquet.