

# 'Construction-Minded' Burglars Invade Torrance

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## Wide Variety of Loot Stolen Over Week-end

Burglars operating in Torrance last week and over the week-end must be planning a new home, it appears from the type of loot they gathered. They stole everything from a lawn mower to enough pipe and plumbing fixtures to equip an entire house.

The lawn mower stolen at the home of Mrs. Francis Coffman, 19929 Tallman St.; while the theft of the plumbing fixtures and pipe, belonging to the Earl O. Stiege Plumbing Company of Glendale, occurred at 2920 Columbia St., where the burglars climbed over a four foot wire fence to enter the yard.

Knocking the locks off of two storage sheds on 190th St. east of Crenshaw, burglars got away with two surveyors levels and other construction equipment valued at \$890 and belonging to the Twiss-Wittenberg Company of Los Angeles.

Apparently using a pass key to enter a class room at South High School, thieves carried away a new Waste King Commercial Garbage disposal valued at \$240. It had been delivered there for installation by the John Ward Plumbing Company of Long Beach.

Two Day and Night furnaces, valued at \$196.50, were stolen from a construction project at 186th St. and Arlington.

The biggest haul, from the standpoint of weight, was made at the Afeo Fence Company, 24710 Crenshaw, where burglars stole two gas engines, one for operating a cement mixer and other for operating a post-hole digger.

## Wyoming Senator to Speak Before Executive Club

Members of the Executive Club of the Torrance Area will have an opportunity to hear a brilliant address from an authority on current national problems. United States Senator Gale W. McGee comes here on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 31.



GALE W. MCGEE  
U. S. Senator from Wyoming

Dr. McGee, a former university professor of history won election to the United States Senate from Wyoming last November by defeating the veteran Republican incumbent Senator Frank A. Barrett.

With his rich background of history and as a repeated visitor to Moscow, Dr. McGee gives a penetrating down to earth appraisal of Russia's international policy and its impact on our standard of living. His interpretations are invigorating and thought provoking.

Born in Nebraska, the senator and former educator received his degree from Nebraska State Teachers College, the University of Chicago, and the University of Wyoming and held this position when he was elected to the United States Senate.

Recognized as an outstanding speaker, Dr. McGee is especially popular with dinner club audiences because of his analytical and practical approach to his subject.

Dr. J. H. Hull, President of the local group, said that McGee is the second Senator to attend this year's schedule of Executive Club Meetings. Senator Karl E. Mundt, Republican of South Dakota spoke here in January.

## Industry Important To Taxpayers

AN EDITORIAL

Announcement by the Chamber of Commerce that it will honor officials of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad for the company's "fine work in the development of Torrance" points up to local taxpayers just how much the economy of the community has been favorably affected by the 17 "blue chip" industrial firms which have located here on Santa Fe property since 1946.

Torrance and every other alert city should encourage industrial enterprises was brought forcibly to public attention in the figures just released by the State Board of Equalization, showing that out of \$18,898,000 collected in sales and use taxes in this city during the first quarter of 1959, manufacturing and contracting firms accounted for \$5,521,000 or 29.1 per cent of the total.

This means that for the first three months of this year, transactions by local industry will add approximately \$55,210 (less the State's cost of collection) in NON-property tax revenue to the Municipal Treasury.

This money takes just that much load off of the back of local taxpayers; and it wouldn't have been forthcoming without the 381 Manufacturing and Contracting firms now located here. But, that's not all. Torrance's tremendous industrial payroll also filters in all channels of local trade and services, to the benefit of the entire local economy.

## Time Moves Back Sunday at 2 A.M.

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, Sept. 27, at 2 a.m.

To most Torrance residents this will mean that they can enjoy an extra hour's sleep over the week-end; but there'll be no extra rest for "Audichron"—that's the electronic machine which accurately provides Southland telephone users with the time of day.

According to Dick Pyle of Pacific Telephone Company, many people can never remember whether to turn the clock ahead or back; and as a result, "Audichron" (ULrich 3-1212) gets its greatest number of calls right after Daylight Savings Time starts or ends.

This Sunday the clock should be turned BACK one hour; and across the street because a spotlight was shining in a bedroom window and disturbing the rest of his sick husband.

## Police 'Baby Sit' With Open Safe While Store Man Seeks Lost Keys

A far cry from the general public's conception of what a police officer has to do to earn his money, are the wide variety of helpful services rendered by members of the Torrance police as a part of their routine duties.

Last week-end was a good example of the patient, courteous treatment which local residents receive in response to their calls to the police.

Two officers stood guard over an unlocked safe in a local food market for 45 minutes until the manager could locate his keys.

Police were asked to locate a destitute family, with a 3-week old baby, stranded in the Greyhound Bus depot.

One woman called to ask the police to contact a neighbor

across the street because a spotlight was shining in a bedroom window and disturbing the rest of his sick husband.

A Torrance mother appealed for aid in locating her small daughter's pet pony.

A frustrated father asked police assistance in curbing the activities of a wayward daughter.

A mother sought aid in locating her 3-year-old daughter and 2 1/2-year-old son who had strayed from home.

A local barber reported a possible burglary, but on investigation police discovered no crime attempt. Juveniles had stuck tooth picks in the door lock to the shop.

And that's the way it goes around the clock. Just routine.

## City Must Have Fifth High School, Hull States

"It appears that we can get by without a sixth high school, but we know we must have a fifth." That was what Superintendent J. H. Hull told the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday noon at its meeting at the YWCA.

Hull presented estimates of future enrollment that he termed "conservative." These showed that there will be more than 32,700 children in Torrance schools by 1964—nearly 25,000 in elementary grades and 7700 in high school. He noted that some 14,000 children in Torrance are now under five years of age, but will be entering high school in a little more than 10 years.

"I hope some day I can just settle down and run a school program, without a school construction program at the same time," he said. "It looks as if it will be a long time before that happens."

Babies and Builders Babies and builders have combined to give school officials many headaches, Hull said. At least part of the fourth high school, West High, must be ready by 1964 to accommodate the children in high school, he noted.

Hull cited figures showing that there now are 5281 children in the 15-19 (high school) age group;

10,119 in the 10-14 group; 13,773 in the 5-9 group, and 14,417 under five years old. They will create a huge high school problem as they grow older, he said.

Torrance's costs per pupil last year were \$345, some \$57 lower than the county average, he reported. This means that if Torrance's costs had been "average" local taxpayers would have had to pay an additional 75 cents per \$100 assessed valuation last year, he said. Average cost per hour of educating the children was 32 cents per youngster per hour.

Biggest Building Program Torrance now is in the midst of its biggest building program in history. Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip noted. Facilities to house an additional 3700 children at a cost of more than \$5,200,000 now are under way, he reported.

The program consists of additions to WALTERIA, MADRONA, EDISON, TORRANCE ELEMENTARY, STEELE, ANZA, ARLINGTON, NEWTON, LINCOLN and SEPULVEDA Schools and North and South High Schools. New schools under construction include Towers and Adams, with bids for Madison slated to be let next month. Victor School is on the planning boards, and so is West High School.

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WALTERIA BEAUTIES line up to vie for the envied position of queen of "Roundup Days." (from left) Rita Zimmerman, 15; Judy Levinson, 16; Sherry Ritten, 15; Sharon Breniman, 15, and carnival at Walteria Park. Contestants will include a parade, dancing and Pat Parsley, 15.

## Chamber Will Give Plaque to Santa Fe

Officials of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company will be present as guests of honor at the monthly Torrance Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at the Masonic Lodge of Torrance, 2326 Cabrillo Avenue.

Co-Chairmen Scotty Albright and Archie Grove said an appreciation plaque will be presented to Santa Fe by Chamber President J. H. Paget for the railroad firm's fine work in the development of Torrance.

Since 1946, seventeen "blue-chip" industrial firms have located on Santa Fe property here, Albright and Grove said. These firms are Chicago Bridge and Iron (1946), Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company (1948), U.S. Naval Shipyard, Torrance Annex (1948), Dow Chemical Company (1950), Southwest Heater Corporation (1951), General Aluminer Corporation (1955), Walter G. Mitchell Company (1955), Warren Southwest, Inc. (1956), Belond Manufacturing Corporation (1957), Independent Building Materials Company (1951), Reynolds Metals Company, Decorative Foil Division (1957), Columbia Van Lines (1958), Edison Securities Company (1958), Magnavox Company (1958), Kentile, Inc. (1959), and R. C. McMahon Company (1959).

In addition, Chamber officials added the following major firms are serviced by the railway: Bethlehem Pacific Coast Company, Douglas Aircraft Company, General Petroleum Corporation, Harvey Aluminum Company, Standard Brands Paints Company, and Union Carbide Chemicals Corporation.

Also some 140 acres of land originally intended for industrial development was sold to residential developers by request of the local community. The city of Torrance plus an additional 10 acres plus an additional 10 acres to the School District.

Serving will start promptly at 7:20 a.m. it was added, with the closing promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Reverend William Roleder of the First Lutheran Church will lead invocation and Benediction. Reservations may be secured by calling the Chamber office at FA 8-2814.

## Women Lose Purse Containing \$180 While Driving Cars

While driving along Carson St. near Cabrillo on Monday afternoon, her car door flew open and her purse containing her driver's license and \$50 in cash fell out on the highway. Marie J. Sullivan, 903 136th St., Compton, reported to Torrance police; and before she could stop and turn around to retrieve it, a young man in a white shirt picked it up and disappeared.

Mrs. Elmer Teebken, 27209 Anza, lost her brown Mexican purse, containing \$130 in cash, from her car in the vicinity of North High School. Her husband laid it out on the top of the rear compartment of the car while he lifted the couple's young daughter into the back seat. He forgot to pick it up and the couple drove away and didn't miss it until they had driven a couple of blocks away. They retraced their route, but the purse wasn't to be found.

If the finder will return the purse contents, Mr. Teebken will pay a substantial reward and no questions asked.

## Toy Gun Brings Police on False Alarm Hold Up

"Better be safe than sorry" was the way police characterized a call from the manager of the Torrance Drive in Theatre Sunday night after the cashier noticed that one of the occupants of a car entering the theatre was concealing a gun. Investigating officers located the suspicious car and found the gun all right; but it was only a toy and the occupants were just teenagers, not hold up men.

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## Achievement Book Prepared for Convention

A large group of the Torrance, Lomita board of realtors will attend the C. R. E. A. convention held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles Oct. 4-8. The board will have an "Achievement Book" on display. Members of the achievement committee, Geneva Meara, Rose Craig and Edna Mullin have devoted many hours of their time in order to get this book ready for the convention.

## U.S. Treasurer Speaks

The Treasurer of the United States, Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, will be a speaker at one of the general sessions. Mrs. Priest was appointed treasurer in Jan. 1953 by President Eisenhower. She has been active in political affairs since 1934 and has held many responsible positions leading to her appointment as treasurer. Mrs. Priest is an outstanding platform speaker and her appearance will be a high point of the convention program. The list of principal speakers already include Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown and Allan Cranston controller, State of California.

## Social Highlights

The social highlight of the convention will be a president's dinner dance held at the Beverly Hilton Wednesday Oct. 7th. The members of the Torrance, Lomita board who will be in attendance to date are: Kenneth Miller, Del Vaughn, Del Wright, Rose Craig, Pearl H. Jacobs, Bob L. Haggard.

## Award Given at Realtor's Breakfast

Torrance Real Estate woman Rose Craig was presented with the national Star award at Friday's Realtor's Breakfast held at the YWCA.

Ken Miller, president of the local board, made the presentation in recognition of the work Miss Craig has done to increase membership of the local group.

"Membership has nearly doubled since last January," announced Miller. "There are now 350 members, compared to the total of 200 recorded then."

Following the award presentation 40 new realtors and salesmen were installed in ceremonies conducted by Don Houston, membership chairman.

## Wife Disappears

Mrs. Wanda M. Brooker, age 34, left her home at 18337 Regina Ave., with her five children in the family car, a 1956 Pontiac, License MUC 976, on the afternoon on Sept. 15 and he hasn't heard from her since that time. Lawrence Brooker, the woman's husband, declared in a missing persons report filed with the Torrance police. The children, three girls and two boys, range in age from 8 to 15.

## Public Support of Four Important Events Urged by Mayor and Council

Tuesday night's meeting of the Torrance City Council was "Proclamation Night" when three timely and worthwhile observances were officially proclaimed by Mayor Albert Isen and the Council adopted a resolution recognizing a fourth event and commending its sponsors.

The Mayor's Proclamation called attention to and urged public support and observance of: "Fire Prevention Week," beginning Oct. 4.

"Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," Oct. 4-10. "Torrance Council Parent-Teacher Association Membership Week," Oct. 5-9.

The resolution passed by the City Council gave official recognition to and urged public support of "White Cane Days" which will be sponsored by Lions International and the three Lions Clubs of Torrance on Oct. 9 and 10.

On those two days, members of Lions Clubs throughout the country will conduct their annual drive to raise funds to help the blind by selling miniature white canes with red tips, replicas of the full size canes which blind folks carry so that motorists and pedestrians will recognize them as sightless.

Last year, one Lions Club in Torrance sold more than 5000 of these canes and raised some \$600 for its sight conservation and blind work program.

The "Fire Prevention" Proclamation, among other things, requested "that every citizen of the community take part in relieving hazardous conditions and making our city a safer community in which to live and work."

The "Physically Handicapped" proclamation called attention to the fact that "Congress has decreed that one week be set aside



CHEST GIFT—Lynette Goddard, 7-year-old patient at Children's Hospital, accepts a whopping \$133,700 corporate gift from Dutch Kindelberger (right), chairman of the board of North American Aviation, Inc. Ed Mills (center), chairman of the Los Angeles Area appeal, reports that 13 Chests will share in this increased firm gift.

## Woman Injured in 2-Car Crash

In a two car crash at the intersection of Hawthorne Blvd. and Carson St. about 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Willie Mae Mabry of 3262 Beland, Redondo, driving a '52 Plymouth, suffered abrasions of the left arm and leg and was taken to the Harbor General Hospital for emergency treatment. Billie Dolores Mazzeo of 1026 West 12th St., San Pedro, driver of the other car, a '58 Ford Thunderbird, was uninjured. Both cars were badly damaged.

## Sears Torrance Will Open Wednesday

Torrance's giant new Sears, Roebuck and Co. store, built to serve the entire South Bay area, will open its doors to the public at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, Sept. 30, it was officially announced today by Kenneth R. Barton, Sears Los Angeles District Manager, and John G. Lowe, manager of the new store.

Located in the Del Amo Shopping Center near the intersection of Hawthorne Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd.

On a 23-acre site, Hilp and Rhodes, contractors, have constructed for Sears one of the company's largest stores in the nation. The ultra-modern main building contains 248,463 square feet of floor space. With the garden shop, boat sales area and service station, the complete retail plant will encompass a total area of 283,893 square feet. There will be parking for nearly 2000 cars on the Sears property and room for nearly 4000 additional cars in the adjoining shopping center.

Constructed of reinforced concrete, decorative stone and aluminum and glass trim, the Torrance-Sears has been surrounded with palm trees and attractive landscaping. Its long, low, sleek lines are visible from every angle from which the store is viewed.

The interior is a massive combination of three huge groupings of 32 merchandise departments all on one single floor. The west portion of the store is devoted to goods known in the retailing vernacular as "hard lines." The central section is completely taken up with the "soft lines," and the eastern one-third of the mammoth merchandising layout is dedicated to the home furnishings division.

Offices and all service departments of the store are located in the basement which also houses one lone merchandise division carrying a full assortment of toys.

Air-conditioned for year-around comfortable temperatures, the store is equipped with an automatically-controlled system of heating, ventilating and refrigeration. The conditioning plant has a capacity of 4,868,225 B.T.U.'s per hour and 572 tons of refrigeration. Moved through the store per minute will be 328,000 cubic feet of conditioned, filtered air. All the air in it, the store is replaced every seven minutes.

Completely self-contained, the new Sears-Torrance requires no warehouse facilities. Stockroom space is located directly under the departments and merchandise is brought to the floor at appropriate joints by elevator. The marking room is mechanized by a roller conveyor system. Where goods are unpacked, the wrappings and empty containers are carried automatically to the immense paper bales capable of handling five one-thousand pound bales of trash each day. The installation has won the plaudits of the Air Pollution Control District, Fire Chief Benner, and City Manager George Stevens of Torrance.

Maximum customer convenience has been achieved through display and grouping of all types of merchandise by size, purpose and by color, and through a coordinated system of informative signs, packaging and labeling. The store is equipped with a TelAutograph device that electronically forwards instructions from department areas to storage areas for swift customer pick-up service. Background music, classified in five different categories, brisk, gay, sweet, melodic, and quiet, is programmed continuously through the store's speaker system.

Opening of the new retailing enterprise will add 1200 persons to the South Bay payroll. Architects for the development are Stiles and Robert Clements.