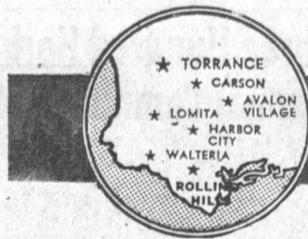


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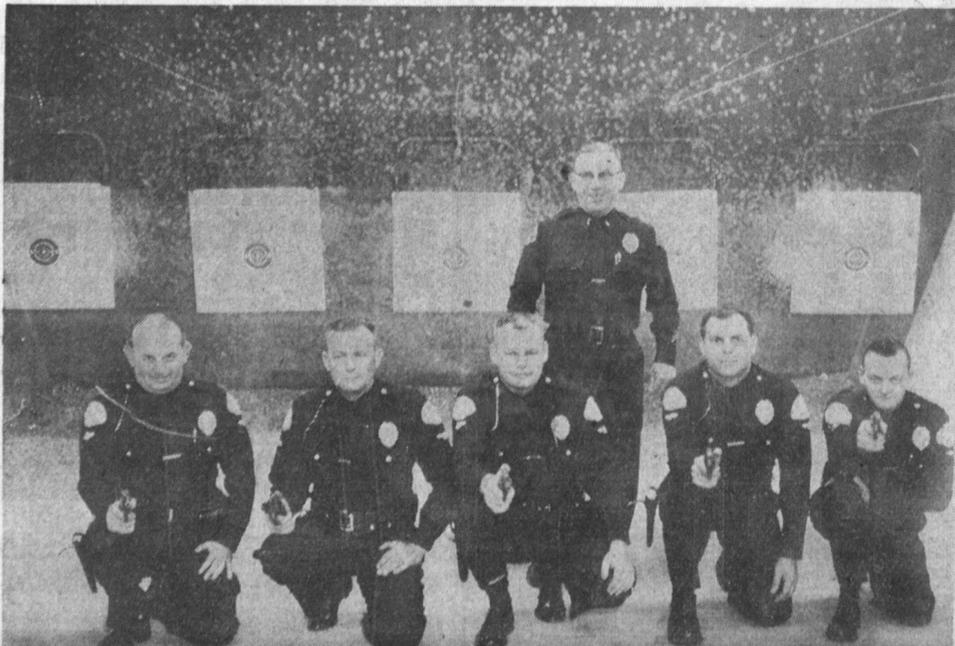
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Two 14-Year Olds Captured by Police Following 90-MPH Chase



OUTSTANDING MARKSMEN — Members of the Torrance Police Reserve pistol team are making a name for themselves among marksmen throughout the South Bay area. Team topped a second place at recent meet among all reserve units in the area. Members of the team are (left to right) Cecil Alter, Bill Lieth, Norman Koch, Lou Najera and Ed Friberg, captain of the group. Standing behind the team is pistol instructor Lt. D. K. Thompson, a regular officer of the Torrance police. Reserve unit occupies a distinct position within the police department table of organization. A volunteer group, serving without pay, they supplement the regulars on duty and relieve pressures on undermanned departments.

Fire Razes Home As Housewife Visits Neighbor

Torrance firemen Monday extinguished a fire at the home of Dr. Robert McCormick, 114 Via Soledad, which broke out while Mrs. McCormick was visiting neighbors across the street.

Damage to the home was estimated to be well in excess of \$7500, fire department officials reported.

Fire broke out first in the morning and was quickly extinguished but, later in the afternoon, it broke out again and almost completely destroyed the house.

Neither Dr. McCormick, his wife, nor six children were home when the second blaze broke out.

Officer Fires Five Shots at Stolen Car

A roaring, gunshot punctuated chase through Torrance streets involving 13 police cars and three motorcycle units, Tuesday afternoon netted two shaken 14 year olds in a stolen car older than they were.

Sheriff's deputies reported that they first spotted the stolen car traveling "very fast" on Hawthorne in Lomita. When they picked up the chase, they said, the driver of the vehicle started to pull away from them.

Radioing ahead to ask for help from Torrance police, they continued the

chase. Traveling at speeds in excess of 90 miles per hour, the stolen car made the turn at Sepulveda and headed east. By this time the chase had been joined by city squad cars and motorcycle units.

As the caravan roared up Sepulveda, motorcycle officer Tommy Woodriddle managed to edge close enough to the fleeing vehicle to fire five shots at the rear tires, with two of the shots puncturing the fender.

Other police cars, coming

in from the east, attempted to ram the car and bring it to a halt, but the driver skillfully eluded them.

Finally, near the intersection of Normandie and Sepulveda, the car came to a halt and the two shaking 14-year-olds got out.

They had taken the vehicle to go "joy riding," they said.

Investigating officers, who are holding the youngsters at Lennox station, said they are expecting to have a long talk with the boys' parents today.

B-I-E Program Starts March 17

More than 1000 Torrance teachers will visit 67 Torrance businesses and industries on Friday, March 17, as part of the Business-Industry-Education program.

Sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the program enable Torrance teachers to see private enterprise in action and to learn how it contributes to American development. In alternate years, the businessmen visit local schools to learn of their operation.

Classes will not be held on that day. Teachers will assemble at the South High School gymnasium at 9 a.m. to hear a keynote address by Dr. Stuart Marsee, president of El Camino College.

Police Reserves Vital Part of City's Safety

A small group of dedicated men, all residents of this city Torrance, each week donate time, money and, possibly, their lives to the service and safety of the citizens of Torrance.

Each week these men don uniforms, check in with the watch commander of the Torrance Police Department, and pull a full shift as supplementary police officers.

They are the members of the Torrance Police Department Reserve.

Like any other member of the department, the police reservist is on call for emergencies 24 hours each day. In addition, each week he signs in and takes over a shift as a regular police officer.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

In Torrance's slightly under-manned police department the work of the reservist is invaluable. Working without pay he covers a beat in the company of an experienced officer thereby relieving a second officer for other professional duties.

Requirements for the reservist is the same as for the regular officer and uniforms are identical.

Each of the reservists has paid out between \$200 and \$300 for uniforms, badge and gun. He is subject to the same regulations as the regular police officer.

He is required to attend training classes in penal code, vehicle code, report writing and marksmanship. He is required to work a minimum of eight hours per month in a radio car and must qualify once a month at the pistol range.

PISTOL TEAM

The Torrance Police Reserves maintain one of the

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CIVIC, COMMUNITY AFFAIRS . . .

Torrance Chemist Announces Candidacy For Vacant Board of Education Position

A Torrance chemist this week threw his hat into the ring as he announced his candidacy for the local school board.

William J. Hanson, lab director for the Dow Chemical Company's plastic plant in Torrance filed this week as a candidate for one of the three seats that will be vacated in June.

A resident of California since 1922 he has resided with his wife and children at the family home, 327 Paseo de Gracia since 1955.

Hanson states that he is a candidate for the Torrance School Board because he believes that there are some serious weaknesses in the city's system which should and can be corrected without disrupting schools or increasing the costs of education.

FATHER OF THREE

Hanson is the father of three children who have spent a total of sixteen years in Torrance schools. He is a former school teacher with a general secondary teaching credential from UCLA. During the past several years he has displayed a continuing interest in schools as a PTA member and a TEAC representative.

Hanson has been active in community services and civic affairs. Presently chairman of the Torrance library commission, he has served two terms as president of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association. He is a director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and past chair-



WILLIAM J. HANSON

man of the Southern California section of the American Chemical Society.

PLATFORM

The candidate's platform includes: More emphasis on

reading, writing and composition; better conditions for teachers; realistic grading systems; special classes for superior students; introduction of 7th and 8th grade students to high school environment and conditions; reappraisal of the district's spending policies and future needs; reduction of building costs; reduction in ranks of administrative personnel; fair and equitable employee treatment.

Other factors in Hanson's platform include:

High school instructors teaching only in their major fields; expansion of the vocational arts program; establish policies against classroom cheating; re-establish citizen's advisory committees to study school problems; find better ways to evaluate performances of students in classroom work.

Rash of Petty Burglaries Plague Downtown Torrance Businessmen

A group of hard working burglars entered eight downtown shops over the weekend and netted exactly \$45.95, a half loaf of bread and some cheese for their troubles.

Burglars broke into the offices of Robert Panell, attorney, 1614 Cravens, nothing taken; a publishing office at 1618 Cravens, where they grabbed the bread and cheese; Ken and Bev's Cafe, 1645 Border, nothing taken; Neta's Tots and Teens, 1272 Sartori, nothing taken; and the Gay Shop, 1319 Sartori, nothing taken.

Cash was taken from Foster Freeze shop, 1624 Cravens, \$39.95; Gales Sign Shop, 1618 Cravens, \$3; and L and M Dress Shop, 1610 Cravens, \$3. Police advised merchants not to leave loose cash in the office overnight or over the weekends. Detective bureau is currently checking out suspects.

Method of entry into the shops was to break open doors with a crowbar.



READY FOR THE RUSH — Placards announcing the Hog Wild Days sales event starting today in downtown Torrance, have bloomed like roses throughout the business district of the city. Three-day sale starts this morning and will continue through Saturday evening. Here, Abe Robinson of Lawson's Jewelers, assists Jean Geren in placing one of the colorful

posters in a shop window. Exceptional values, in every case way below cost, will be offered by each of the participating merchants and businessmen. Twelve pages of these tremendous values are included in this issue of the Torrance Press. Take advantage of them . . . a chance like this may never come again!

Don't Miss This Issue's Hog Wild Values