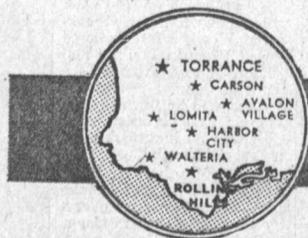


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CHECKING STATION—Torrance police and Highway Patrol officers last week erected roadblocks and weighing scales on Hawthorne Blvd. and systematically checked each of the trucks carrying fill dirt along that route for freeway construction. Drivers were checked for licenses and permits; brakes

and mechanical condition of the trucks were checked, and the loads weighed. Other route being used by trucks, which are carrying 1700 loads a day from the fill site, is along Crenshaw Blvd. Completion of freeway projects in early December should diminish number of trucks using two routes.

Arrest Pair on Morals Charges

Couple Booked On 6 Counts, Free on Bail

Torrance juvenile officers Thursday evening arrested two Torrance adults after a 17-year old girl complained that the male member of the pair had tried to molest her. Victor Southward, 40, of 20925 Avis St., and his 32-year old girlfriend, Billie June Black, same address, were booked on six counts each of contributing to the delinquency of juveniles.

Pair were arraigned Friday morning in Los Angeles Superior Court and are free on \$500 bail each.

Investigating officers said the couple were allegedly operating a "sex school" and that minors were included in the "classes."

Officers also alleged that at least 14 local juveniles, ranging in age from 10 to 18 years, were in contact with the two.

Investigation of the case had continued since the start of the week when the original complaint was filed. Officers had kept the home of the pair under surveillance and had intensively questioned neighbors before the two were arrested.

County Estimates List 107,183 City Residents

Torrance is now the fifth largest city in the county, according to information released yesterday by the Regional Planning Commission. With an estimated population of 107,183, as of July 1, it is ranked only by Los Angeles with 2,550,989; Long Beach, 349,531; Glendale, 122,144; and Pasadena, 118,199.

Torrance area cities, their rank and population, were: Gardena, 22, 36,553; Hawthorne, 24, 35,013; Hermosa Beach, 45, 16,579; Lawndale, 38, 22,704; Manhattan Beach, 27, 34,475; Palos Verdes Estates, 55, 10,310; Redondo Beach, 18, 48,294; Rolling Hills, 65, 1,754; and Rolling Hills Estates, 63, 4,498.



SIGNING IN—Members of the Walteria Businessmen's Association are still seeking contestants to compete for the "Miss Walteria" title on Sept. 7, reported Frank Burke, committee man, this week. Shown above, Burke accepted the application of lovely Carol Lowe, 17. Winner will reign over the annual "Roundup Days," which end Sept. 10.

Seek Miss Walteria

Fourteen contestants have signed up for the annual "Miss Walteria" competition, it was reported this week by members of the Walteria Businessmen's Association.

Each of the girls is sponsored by one of the members of the organization. Winner will be named during a dinner-dance, to be held on September 7. Girl selected as queen will preside over the annual "Roundup Days" celebration.

Competition is based on beauty of face and figure only, spokesmen for the group stated. Girls will be judged in identical Western

style costumes and in semi-formals. An impartial panel of judges will officiate at the competition. Names of the judges, who will be local officials and a western movie and television star, will be announced at a later date.

Final judging of the contestants will be conducted as the high point of the September 7 dinner-dance. Judging will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets will be \$6 per person.

Starting next week girls will be selling tickets on a fabulous slate of prizes, including color TV, to be given away Sept. 10 as the climax of Roundup Days.

ENDS TODAY ...

Throngs of Viewers See Start of Rodeo, Parade

Thousands of Southland residents turned out yesterday morning for the annual Mounted Police Parade which toured Torrance streets.

Parade was the forerunner of the annual Rodeo, which ends this afternoon. Rodeo is being staged at the arena behind City Hall.

Serving as grand marshal of the parade was Andy Alexander, first captain of the Torrance Mounted Police, sponsor of the event.

Rodeo is being held through the cooperation of the Rodeo Cowboy's Association.

Parade was led by the Victor McLaughlin Motorcycle Corps of Hawthorne, the Torrance Mounted Police Color Guard, the Grand Marshal, and by autos bearing the City Council and families.

One Torrance favorite, the Torrance Area Youth Band, made an early appearance in the parade. Group, which performed recently in the "Miss International Beauty Pageant Parade" in Long Beach, was led and directed by James Van Dyke.

Rodeo, which started with preliminaries yesterday afternoon, will continue today through late afternoon. Gates will open early and events will start at 2 p.m.

Final Hearing On School Dist. Budget Tomorrow

Final budget of the Torrance Unified School District is expected to be approved at tomorrow night's board meeting.

Last minute estimates indicate that the budget will total \$13,376,890, of which \$897,583 will be held as a reserve.

Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school administration building, 2335 Plaza Del Amo.

Finds Problem In Shelter Permit

A Torrance resident, his wife and three children, eager to conform with presidential recommendations and to build their own Civil Defense-approved backyard fallout shelter, ran headlong into the perennial problem of permits this week.

C. M. Lambert, 22633 La-Deene Ave., told Press interviewers that, armed with a sheaf of CD blueprints, he had attempted to get a permit to begin construction. A city hall clerk, however, told him that (1) the plans were not acceptable, (2) they had not been tested, and (3) he would have to get an engineer to design plans acceptable to the city.

Lambert, in turn, felt that (1) if the plans were acceptable to the U.S. government they should be acceptable to city engineers, (2) he could not figure how to test this or any other design for a fallout shelter and should rely upon the opinion of the nation's atomic scientists, and (3) he was more interested in saving lives than property values.

Local Civil Defense officials have not yet been heard from.

Torrance Man Involved in Hijack Try

A 38-year old, former Torrance man and his 16-year old son are being held under bonds totaling \$200,000 for the attempted hijacking of a jet airliner and 71 passengers and crewmen last week.

Leon Bearden and his son, Cody, will face federal indictments on kidnapping and transportation across state line charges. In an action packed scene played out at the El Paso, Texas, air terminal, when FBI and police officers disabled the plane with gunfire when it attempted to take off, the two were subdued and captured.

One hero of the engagement was Captain Byron D. Rickards, 52, of 343 Palos Verdes Blvd., who reported that the two had boarded the plane at a Phoenix, Arizona stop. Rickards, although menaced by guns in the hands of the two, kept the passengers and his crew calm during the ordeal. Bearden, a former Torrance roofer, has a criminal record in this area. Local records show that he served time at Chino for the \$800 armed robbery of a Lennox bus terminal.

Free Local Man Accused In Death

A Torrance man, held on a murder charge following the fistfight death of an Arcadia drinking companion July 19, was completely exonerated this week.

George W. Phillips, 50 of 20315, accused of being responsible for the death of Lawrence B. Brain, 49, was released by the court after submission of the coroner's report.

Report stated that the alcoholic content of the victim's blood was .48 percent, which could be enough to cause death and that Brain had apparently died of natural causes.

Phillips was held after witnesses reported that the two had been fighting. The accused man called police himself when he discovered Brain, apparently dying, lying on the kitchen floor.

Victim died on the way to the hospital.

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CHECK PRESENTATION—Young members of a local car club, winners in an early July economy run, are shown receiving a check to be added to the treasury of the Association of Car Clubs, from Al Ortale, Torrance

Rambler dealer. Winning drivers were Gil Hebert, 18, and Darrell Snow, 18. Officer Al Jackson of the Torrance Police Dept. went along on the run as club advisor and sponsor.



LOVELY LINEUP—Fourteen girls, all from the Walteria area, have signed up for the annual "Miss Walteria" competition. Shown are Judi McTee, Carol Bailey, Karen Cowger, Julie Rogers, Jackie Lawlor, Jo Basler, Carol Lowe, Vikki King, Shirley Miller, Patti

Campisi, Linda Reyes, Carolyn Jones, and Carol Porterfield. Another contender for the title, Sharon Martin, was not present for the photo. Each girl will be sponsored by a member of the Walteria Businessmen's Association.