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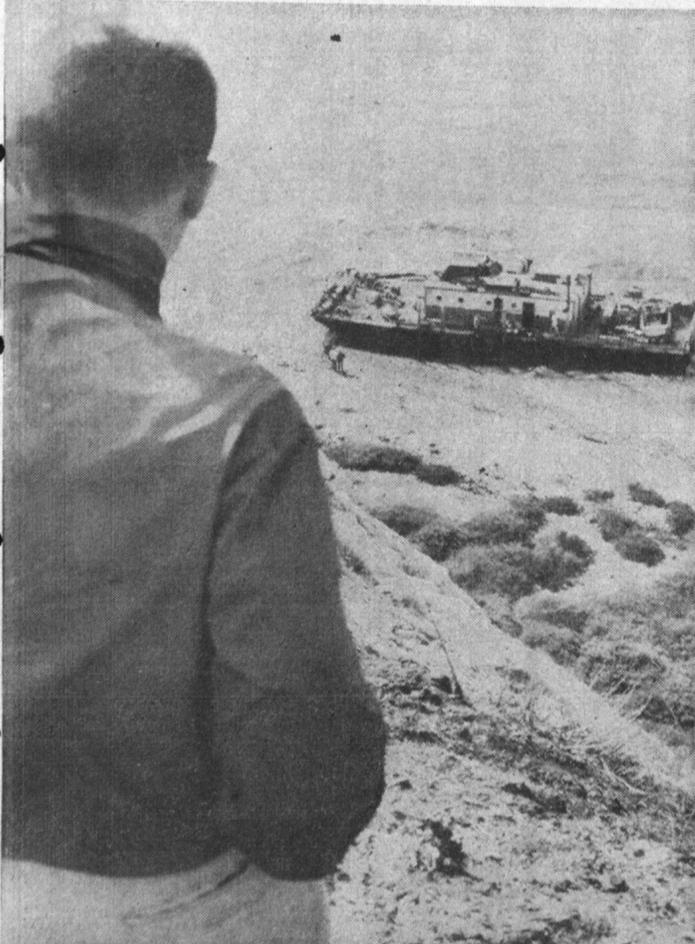
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STRANDED BARGE—High winds that ripped through the Torrance area last weekend threatened small boats caught at sea and piled huge breakers on local beaches. This 70-foot barge, which was moored to the stranded freighter Dominator off the PV peninsula, snapped its cables and was washed half a mile before it touched the shore. Here bystanders watch as two men, aboard the barge, are helped to land. —Press Photo

TEACHERS FIND DOPED STUDENTS

Instructors at Narbonne Hold Two for Police

Six local youths, ranging in age from 15 to 17 years, are facing prosecution for possession of narcotics after two of the youngsters were found by teachers at Narbonne High School under the influence of drugs.

One of the youths, a 16-year old Lomita boy, is recovering from an overdose of narcotics in Los Angeles Juvenile Hall.

Other five, all from Lomita and San Pedro, were booked and then three of the boys who had not taken any of the pills were turned over to their parents.

STOLEN PILLS

Juvenile officers said that the barbiturate pills were apparently stolen by one of the Lomita youths who worked part-time as a drug store clerk.

He in turn gave them to friends including one 17-year old and three 15-year olds from San Pedro.

Investigating officers said

that three of the boys took some of the tablets including the youth who was hospitalized. These three were kept in custody.

Hospitalized youngster, who is reported to have taken about ten of the tablets, was carried on the critical list until the drug wore off.

Narbonne teachers, who had spied two of the youths, obviously under the influence of narcotics, on campus notified juvenile officers. From information gathered from the two, officers immediately rounded up the other four.



NATIONAL WRITE-UP—Torrance Municipal Bus Lines will be the subject of a write-up in a popular magazine of national circulation, it was learned this week. Article, which will appear in Westways Magazine in the near future, will tell of the city's efforts to fill the gap in public transportation in this area. Shown inspecting ranks of city buses are Supt. Marshall Chamberlain and City Councilman J. A. Beasley. —Press Photo

\$1 Million in Torrance School Bonds Go to Bank

Security First National Bank was the successful bidder on \$1,000,000 worth of Torrance Unified School District Bonds, it was reported last week.

The bank submitted the winning bid of 3.343 per cent on the issue which will mature over a 20-year period. The bonds will be offered at prices to yield

1.60 per cent in 1962 to 3.57 per cent in 1981.

Funds derived from the sale of the bonds will be used to pay the cost of construction on the first increment of the new West High School.

School, which will be built at the corner of Spencer and Victor St., will cost approximately \$4,500,000.

NOW 4-STORY . . .

Superior Court Outmoded Before Building Starts

Outmoded before it was built, plans for the new Superior Court Building, to be located in the huge civic center complex planned by the city, have been radically changed and the facility will be almost doubled in size.

Instead of the previously scheduled two-storey building, engineers and draftsmen are already working on the preliminary plans for a four-storey structure.

Civic center will be located directly behind the site of the present Torrance City Hall.

To be designed by the architectural firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright of Long Beach, the huge structure will house the complete facilities of the superior court in the first three floors, while the interior of the fourth floor will be left unfinished to make room for further expansion.

NO ESTIMATES

Announcement as to the additions to the building came as a surprise to the audience. Information regarding increased cost or additional facilities for the

building have not been released.

In a second announcement, building superintendent Lee Schlens reported that he and several members of the city's planning commission had conducted informal discussions on the possibility of increasing the present height restriction ordinance.

Under present restrictions the limiting factor for building is a 50-foot "high rise," which would allow the construction of a five-storey building.

Discussions also included the possibility of conducting long-delayed "Master Plan" studies on a segmented basis, determining the best possible usages in the community in relation to its immediate neighborhood.

Felony Drunk Charge Jails Torrance Man

Charles A. Lindemann, 27, of 2711 W. 176th St., was booked early Monday morning on felony drunk charges by Torrance police.

Investigating officers said that Lindemann's car struck a parked vehicle on Crenshaw Blvd., injuring a 17-year old girl inside. Officers stated that he was driving in the wrong lane when the accident took place.

Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment was Betty Harmel of Los Angeles. Hospital physicians listed her condition as "good."

Tax Bills

County tax bills will go into the mails today and property owners will be faced for the first time with the demand for payment of the 50 cent tax override voted early this year.

On a home assessed at \$4,000, taxes will jump about \$19 over last year's total tax of \$332.87, officials said.



HIGHEST AWARD—Three members of the Torrance Air Explorer Squadron will gain Eagle awards Saturday in ceremonies at the Waverly Scout House. Awards will be presented by Major General Thomas P. Gerrity, commander of the Air Force Ballistics Systems Division. Shown above trying on their new badges are Steven C. Adington, 16; Richard Coulter, 15; and David Ledford, 15. All are members of the district Explorer cabinet. —Press Photo

Harvey Aluminum Employees Vote On Union Friday

Some 2,000 employees of Harvey Aluminum, 19200 So. Western Ave., Friday will vote for the third time on whether or not they wish to join a union.

Employees at the plant had twice previously rejected unionization, once in 1959 and again in 1960.

Election ballot will be conducted by a delegate from the National Labor Relations Board when workers decide whether or not they wish to join the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO.

As the only major aluminum company in the United States to be without union bargaining agreements, employees of the company have repeatedly rejected overtures from the labor organizations.

This week's elections were ordered by the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C. when the union complained that the company tried to discourage employee union support before last year's vote.

Elks Dedicate

Official opening of the new \$150,000 Elks Hall in Torrance, located at 1820 Abalone Ave. will start today and extend through Sunday when the dedication ceremony is scheduled.

Ceremony will be conducted by L. A. Lewis, past grand exalted ruler, of Anaheim.

Torrance Area Women to Join Appeal for Peace

Women from the Torrance area will join together today in an appeal to local and State governments for an end to the arms race. They will be participating, as individuals, in a grass-roots movement started by a group of concerned housewives.

On this day women across the country will suspend their regular routines in order to talk with their elected officials. Many of the participants from the South Bay will join with Los Angeles women for a 10:30 a.m. meeting at First and Spring Sts., in front of the State Building, where they will present proposals to Governor Edmund Brown, Mayor Sam Yorty, and Senators Thomas

Kuchel and Clair Engle.

Originator of this idea, to speak for peace from the women's viewpoint, is Mrs. Dagmar Wilson, well-known illustrator of children's books. Without formal organization, the original group contacted friends across the nation, resulting in a movement which has now involved thousands of housewives, working women, and, for the most part, mothers.

Local Opinion

These women support President Kennedy's statement before the United Nations when he said, "Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind." They support his "Race for Peace" and his belief that in the development of the United Nations rests the only alternative to war. According to Mrs. John Popovich, Torrance area organizer of the appeal, South Bay women participating in this action feel that all human conflicts can be solved as long as there are human beings to solve them, and that freedom will not survive unless people survive.

Further, they feel that it is the special responsibility of women, who bear the children and nurture the race, to demand for their families a better future than sudden death.

Armed Bandits Ransack Home, Tie Up Couple

A Hollywood Riviera man and wife were terrorized by two masked and armed bandits who left them trussed up in their own home before they departed.

John Lindoe, 62, and his wife, Helen, told investigating officers that they were asleep in the bedroom of their home at 230 Camino de Las Colinas, when the gunman crashed through a window.

One of the bandits, each of whom had a paper bag over his head as a mask, pointed a gun at the couple while the other scooped up an estimated \$800 in cash, jewelry and furs.



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