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**FLEEING SUSPECT
CAUGHT IN CHASE**

**Second
Suspect
Escapes**

Torrance officers, Los Angeles Police Department squad cars and Sheriff's deputies Friday afternoon joined in a chase of two suspects in a stolen car.

The caravan roared its way through Torrance and Lomita streets for more than 20 minutes before the suspects crashed the car into a fence and tried to escape on foot.

Arrested a few minutes later by Torrance officers was Ronald B. Hutchinson, 26, of Norwalk. Hutchinson's companion in the stolen car made good his escape.

Swarms of police cars descended upon the scene of the crash, near the corner of 262nd and Oak St., Lomita. Residents of nearby homes joined in the chase as the suspects scurried between buildings and up alleys.

One homeowner, on his way out to clean out the garage, was nabbed by an overzealous LAPD officer but was hurriedly released when he established his identity.

Hutchinson was turned over to LAPD officers by the Torrance officers who captured him.

**Youths Beaten,
Knifed During
Weekend Fray**

Unseen assailants jumped upon three Torrance youths last weekend, beating and knifing their victims.

Attacked as they were returning from a dance were Michael Hadley, 18, of 3321 W. Carson St.; Richard Stubbs, 17, of 2741 Arlington Ave., and Andrew Phipps, 21816 Harper Ave.



RESIDENTS ASSIST — Two Car thieves, pursued by Torrance police, LAPD squad cars and Sheriff's deputies, crashed their vehicle into a fence in Lomita Friday. Nearby residents helped officers capture one of the sus-

pects, identified as Ronald Hutchinson, 26, of Norwalk, when the pair attempted to escape on foot. Other occupant of the stolen vehicle got away. Car crashed at 262nd and Oak St. —Press Photo



NEW MISS TORRANCE — Approximately 200 people were on hand Friday night as Bobbet King, 17-year old Torrance High student was named as 1962's Miss Torrance. Above, judges view all of the 20 contestants and, left, Harold Frenz, president of the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce, presents trophy to the winner. —Press Photo

THIS STUDENT...

**Name 17-Year Old
As 'Miss Torrance'**

A 17-year old Torrance High School student was named Friday night as 1962's "Miss Torrance" at competition and judging sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Final selection of the competition, in which 20 local beauties took part, was held Friday evening in the Broadway tea room.

New Miss Torrance is Bobbet King, 343 Palos Verdes Blvd., a local import from Texas. The beautiful blonde will succeed former Miss Torrance, Betty Baker.

Runners-up in the competition were Myra L. McCartney, 18, and Judi L. McTee, 17.

Some 200 persons were present for the judging. Former Chamber president William Shawger headed up the panel of judges.

Chairman for the event was Flavio Bisignano.

The new Miss Torrance will represent the city in competitions to select "Miss Angels" and "Miss Dodger." She will also appear in the Armed Forces Day celebration on May 19.

Judges for the competition, in addition to Shawger, were John J. Siegfried, actor; Warren Mock, artist and illustrator; Lewis Corday, president of Hollywood Hair Stylist Association; Obie Moore, cosmetologist; Louis Goldbann, beauty product distributor; and Ann F. Johnson, fashion coordinator.



**Arrest Man, Wife
On Grand Theft
Charge Thursday**

Torrance police have arrested a service station attendant and his wife pending investigation of a pink safe theft which took place Thursday night.

Booked on suspicion of grand theft and embezzlement were 21-year-old Lloyd C. Rommel and his wife, Mary, of 212½ Border Ave. The couple denied the charges.

According to police officers, there were pink paint chips on the trunk floor and traces of pink paint on the rear bumper of the auto belonging to the couple.

Seeing what he thought was a theft in progress at the gas station, was Lt. Sivain Johnson of the Torrance Police Department. He reported seeing a car parked by the service station door, a woman beside it. Inside the station, he spotted a man bending down.

The officer, who was off-duty, notified both the station owner, Donald W. Ramm and the officer found the auto and its occupants had fled and the safe containing \$150 was gone.

According to Ramm, a cab company left the pink safe at the service station for safekeeping. A safe, much like the one stolen, was found empty in a vacant field by Los Angeles police officers.

**Telephone Company Schedules Moving
Operations This Weekend; New Quarters**



OPEN FOR BUSINESS — Dick Pyle, manager of the local Pacific Telephone office, here opens the doors of the facility's new \$470,000 home for the first time. Office is being transferred to the new quarters, corner of Torrance Blvd. and Arlington, this weekend. —Press Photo

A large scale moving operation was scheduled for this weekend when Pacific Telephone transfers its 10,800-account Torrance business office to new larger quarters at 2154 Torrance Blvd.

Customer business office which handles the records for telephone numbers starting with "FA-8," "FA-0," "328," and "320" closed its doors at 1307 Cravens at noon on Friday and will re-open at the new address tomorrow morning according to Dick Pyle, Pacific's local manager.

Pacific's modern new Torrance home was completed earlier this month at an approximate cost of \$470,000.

In addition to the business and payment office, the structure also will eventually house an information center, reached by dialing "113."

**Local Man Seeks
Senate Seat**

James F. (Skeets) Coleman, 205 Via Riviera, has taken out nominating papers for the U. S. Senate in the June 5 primary.

Formerly a test pilot for Convair in San Diego, Coleman, a Democrat, is an executive of North American Aviation, Inc.

SENSE OF HUMOR...

**Assemblyman Surrenders
On 'Bomb Hoax' Charges**

A state assemblyman from Palos Verdes Estates could spend one to three years in jail as the result of "a sense of humor."

Republican assemblyman Charles Edward Chapel (Rep. 46th District) surrendered Thursday in Sacramento for allegedly reporting an explosive aboard a plane bound for Los Angeles March 15.

According to stewardess Judy Churchill, Chapel told her he had a gun and nitroglycerine in his briefcase. When she ignored his statement, she was reminded that it was her duty to report him—which she did.

Chapel denies any statement he might have made to this effect and said his

**Assault Suspect
Sought by Police**

A rapist who attacked a 32-year-old Torrance woman Wednesday night is being sought by local police.

According to investigating officers, the woman said she entered her automobile at approximately 10:30 p.m. The man, appearing at the window, brandished a knife and ordered her to do as she was told.

He then entered the auto and drove to a dark alley where the alleged attack took place. After taking \$35, the rapist fled from the car.

Mrs. Chapel, who has been gravely ill, said that her husband is famous in this locale for his sense of humor and that her husband will engage a Sacramento attorney in connection with his misadventure.



MEET THE CANDIDATE — Members of the Torrance Junior Chamber will sponsor a meeting April 6 at Torrance High School and have invited all candidates for municipal office to be on hand. Candidates will express their views and will answer written question from the

audience. Shown making plans for the session are, standing, John Robinson, committee chairman, and seated, Jerry Dunn, Jaycee president, Doug Hedde and Jim Morgan. —Press Photo