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HOMEMADE BOMB WRECKS GARAGE, SHATTERS WINDOWS IN AREA HOMES



INVITED AND ...—Crowds of local dignitaries and representatives of Torrance realty offices attended open house ceremonies Friday and Saturday at the new

home of Fredericks Realty, 4126 Sepulveda. Above, Fred Fredericks, owner, and Ralph Cameron, manager, welcome the first contingent of visitors. —Press Photo



UNINVITED GUESTS—Ralph Cameron, general manager of Fredericks Realty, points out some of the guests who attended yesterday's open house without invitations. Swarm of bees

suddenly descended on the rock facing of the beautiful new building, found a crevice and moved in. Bees were summarily evicted from their new home last night. —Press Photo

Assembly, Congressional Candidates Will Address Torrance Demo Meet Next Thurs.

Robert J. Felixson, Congressional candidate from the 218th District, and Jeff Hare, Assembly candidate from the 46th District, will address a meeting of Torrance Democrats, Inc., to be held Thursday, May 17, at 8 p.m. in the Walteria Park Recreation Building, located at 3855 West 242nd St.

Felixson, an attorney and prominent community leader, is president and founder of the Beverly Hills Democratic Luncheon Club. He has been endorsed by the 28th Con-

gressional District Democratic Council, Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee, and the Committee on Political Education.

Jeff Hare, a teacher of U. S. Government at Palos Verdes High School, is a past president of Palos Verdes Peninsula Democratic Club and has been endorsed by the California Democratic Council.

David K. Lyman, president of Torrance Democrats, Inc., extends an invitation to the public to attend the meetings and

meet these two active campaigners for state office. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Lyman, FAirfax 8-3089.

Council Districts

An alignment committee and a petition committee were appointed by Mrs. Eva Bisou, chairman of a drive for council districts in Torrance government, Thursday night.

Approve Plans for New Torrance Area Probation Office

Preliminary plans and specifications for construction of Los Angeles County's proposed new \$387,000 Probation Department building in the Torrance civic center complex were approved Tuesday by the County Board of Supervisors.

Site for the structure, as well as the new Superior Court building and off-street parking, were provided cost-free to the county by the Torrance city council.

According to County Supervisor Burton W. Chace, plans for the new courthouse, which will cost upwards of \$2 million, are on the drawing board and should be completed by the end of the next fiscal year, with construction to begin in the 1963-64 fiscal term.

The Probation Department building will comprise a one-story structure with a small basement and will house the probation officers and clerical staff.

Architects Harold E. Johnson, Lindsey and Lindsey were instructed by the board to proceed with preparation of final plans for the building.

Re-elected

Elections are held for officers of the Inter-City Highway Committee Thursday night. Re-elected to the president's post was Torrance city councilman Jay A. Beasley. Elected secretary of the organization was city council minutes clerk, Mrs. Edith Schaefer. An installation will take place at the Pen and Quill Restaurant on June 14.

Police Memorial

Local police and public officials beginning tomorrow commemorate Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Week with special ceremonies.

Special ceremonies are planned for tomorrow morning, 9 a.m. on Torrance city hall front steps.

SERVICES TUESDAY ...

Early School Board Member Dead At 62

Services will be held Tuesday for Joseph Gray Arnold, 62, 1324 Acacia St., former member of the Torrance school board, who died in Torrance Memorial Hospital Friday afternoon.

Arnold served for five years on the board, leaving last year.

A member of the Torrance Rotary Club, the Masons and Shriners, he was also a member of the board at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

A purchasing agent for Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. for 40 years, he is survived by his wife Eva Mae, and daughter, Eva Jo Hoffman.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. in Halverson-Leavell Chapel. Interment will follow at Green Hills Memorial Park.



JOSEPH G. ARNOLD
... Service Tuesday

Workman Ends Evening Shift Minutes Before

Second bomb explosion in the Torrance area within the past two weeks Thursday evening shattered the rear portion of commercial garage and broke windows in nearby residences, it was reported Friday.

According to members of the Torrance detective bureau and robbery details the bomb was constructed from a section of an automobile crankshaft filled with black powder.

Force of the explosion shattered all of the windows in the garage, which is located at 18300 Mansel Ave., and totally wrecked the restroom.

Officers stated that William Wingblade, who lived in a home directly behind the garage, had been working on a motorcycle in the garage during the evening. Fifteen minutes before the

blast he left and went home to dinner.

Owner of the garage is listed as Vester Wright. No address is given.

Police said that the explosion was similar to another blast which was set off two weeks ago in a Palos Verdes swimming pool.

Unknown vandals, in this case lobbed homemade bomb over a fence into the pool. Force of the explosion blew gaping hole in the floor of the pool and cracked the sides.

Name Mother of Year

Betty Erickson Selected as 1962 Outstanding 'Mom'

A dedicated mother of four yesterday was selected as this city's Mother of the Year in the annual competition sponsored by the Torrance Press.

Mrs. Mary Erickson, 1814 Calamar, was selected on the basis of an entry form and letter submitted by a neighbor, Mrs. Carole Hannan, 2624 Martha St.

In her letter Mrs. Hannan pointed out that her nominee was a dedicated mother; secretary at home for her husband's business; full-time cook, housekeeper and seamstress; participates in school, church and outside activities of benefit to her family; patient, understanding, lovable, interesting and attractive; does charity work; helps children with homework and social activities; attends church regularly with children; fulfills all obligations without neglecting family; and much, much more.

Mrs. Erickson's husband is the operator of a trucking business. Children in the family are John, 16, Tom, 14, attending Bishop Montgomery High, and Rob, 13, and Beth Ann, 8, attending Nativity.

She is an active member of the mothers' club of both schools.



MOTHER OF THE YEAR—Mrs. Mary (Betty) Erickson, right, 1814 Calamar St., yesterday was named Torrance's Mother of the Year following her selection by a panel of judges. Mrs. Erickson was selected on the basis of

a letter submitted by neighbor Mrs. Carole Hannan, center. Here the winner receives a plaque commemorating her victory from William E. Edmond, managing editor of the Press.

—Press Photo

Possibility of Governor's Intervention In Billy Romain Smith Case Discussed

The possibility of gubernatorial intervention in the case of Billy Romain Smith, local resident convicted on multiple charges of kidnapping and assault, appeared yesterday with the receipt of a letter from Gov. Edmond G. Brown's Sacramento office.

Letter, received by Sharon K. Smith, 18, wife of the defendant, stated, in part:

"In your letter, requesting that the Governor investigate your case to determine whether intervention is justified, you ne-

glected to send pertinent information.

EVIDENCE

"You should write to this office setting forth evidence indicating lack of guilt, with special emphasis on any new matter not presented to the jury.

"You should also set forth the nature of the crime, court and sentence.

"Upon receipt of this information we will advise you further."

Request for an appeal was filed with the appellate courts last week by Smith's attorney, Robert Krause of Long Beach.

Pending the outcome of the appeal it is doubtful that any further steps will be taken to secure intervention by the governor's office.

Smith, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in Long Beach Superior Court, is still being held in Los Angeles County Jail.

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