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THE FLOAT FAMILY . . . Mother Jan Bradshaw, the reigning Miss Torrance, is surrounded by her restless Tournament of Roses family. All will be on Torrance's "Her Small World" float on New Year's Day in Pasadena. The Torrance float depicts the nursery rhyme, "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe." On the bottom are Jeffrey Smith, 6, and Timmy Hogue, 6. On Miss Bradshaw's lap are Douglas Hedde, 5, and Wendy Vroman, 7. Behind them are Laurie Gansemere, 10, and Denise Zappitelli, 8.

Man Dragged by Auto; Murder Suspects Held

Driver Wanted To Die

A 19-year-old Lawndale youth who told police he wanted to die was arrested about midnight Thursday and charged with drunk and reckless driving.

Barney Wayne White of 4328 W. 153rd St., was taken into custody by Torrance police following a high-speed chase through a section of North Torrance. The chase ended when White's vehicle hit a utility pole and a parked car at the intersection of 190th Street and Rindge Lane in Redondo Beach.

Torrance police said a girl jumped from White's car at 190th Street and Anza Avenue and told them White was trying to kill himself. Officers said they proceeded south on Anza Avenue "at a high rate of speed."

OFFICERS PURSUED the speeding car, but lost it at Halison Street and Anza. White apparently turned his car around, then sped past the police car, which had begun a "U" turn on Anza Avenue.

White was trailed to 190th Street, where he ran a red traffic signal, turned left, and headed west on 190th Street. He struck the utility pole near the Rindge Lane intersection, then hit a parked car.

TORRANCE officers then called Redondo Beach police and summoned an ambulance for White. He was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital. While at the hospital, officers said White hit his head against the wall (Continued on A-3)



PACKING FOR PARTY . . . Members of Girl Scout Troop 767, sponsored by the Jefferson School PTA, hosted a Christmas party for persons at the San Pedro Settlement House. Packing used clothing and toys, along with goodies for the party, are (kneeling, from left) Roxanne Brown, 11, and Terri Twedell, 10, and (standing, from left) Sandy Blisman, 11, and Mrs. Rod Twedell, leader of the troop. The girls gathered canned food at Thanksgiving and visited the Settlement House. (Press-Herald Photo)

Victim In Bar Brawl

Two Lomita men are being held on suspicion of murder following the death of a 24-year-old Wilmington man in an early Thursday morning.

The victim, Richard R. Ortiz of 1056 Neptune Ave., was dragged more than two blocks after he was struck outside a Lomita bar. Sheriff's deputies later arrested two men who were identified as the driver and a passenger of the hit-and-run vehicle. They are Edward L. Carpenter, 26, of 2165 W. 255th St., and John Teel, 21, of 1940 W. 257th St.

ORTIZ WAS struck down outside a beer bar at 1856 Pacific Coast Hwy., following a fight inside the bar. His body became lodged in the underframe of the car and was carried more than two blocks before it fell to the pavement.

Deputies said the barroom fight broke out about 1:30 a.m. between two groups of patrons. Employees broke up the fight and the six men involved left the bar in two cars.

A short time later, the officers said, a rock was thrown into the bar through a window. Within a few minutes, a car believed to have been driven by one of the ousted bar patrons, appeared outside.

WITNESSES told officers Ortiz, standing on a curb, ran into the street when the car appeared. They said the car swerved across a double line and ran down Ortiz.

Sheriff's deputies reported receiving a call from Carpenter several hours later. He told them he might have struck something on Pacific Coast Highway earlier in the evening.

The officers arrested Carpenter at his home, then picked up Teel. Carpenter told officers he had been arrested (Continued on Page D-2)

Torrance Industrialist Cited by National Group

A Torrance industrialist, whose chosen profession of archaeology became a casualty of the Great Depression has been honored by the Philadelphia Metals Association during its 37th annual dinner.

Maurice D. Schwartz, president and chairman of the board of Pacific Smelting Co. of Torrance, was named winner of the association's "Phoenix Award." He is the seventh recipient of the award.

In keeping with tradition, the identity of the award winner was not announced until the presentation ceremonies had begun.

SCHWARTZ completed work at the University of Washington in 1935 and received a scholarship to the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute to pursue a doctorate in Assyriology. His studies encompassed such languages as Hebrew, Arabic, Syriac, Aramaic, Assyrian, Babylonian cuneiform, Sanskrit, and Icelandic.

Plans to pursue his archaeological studies in the Near East were cancelled in 1936 when all excavation work was halted for lack of funds, so Schwartz returned to the West Coast and took a job as foreman in the scrap receiving department of a large smelting firm.

He became general manager of the firm's Seattle Plant three years later, then became assistant general manager of the Los Angeles facility following Pearl Harbor.

IN 1943, Schwartz and his father purchased a small zinc smelting plant in Torrance and watched the firm grow.

despite a shortage of manpower, raw material, and equipment caused by the war, as well as lack of capital and experience.

Today, the firm, Pacific Smelting Co., ranks as the largest secondary zinc smelting plant in the United States.

Schwartz was selected to receive the Phoenix Award for his pioneering efforts in profit sharing for all employees, air pollution control, and community betterment activities. His firm has long sponsored a five-year scholarship for a Torrance high school graduate pursuing engineering studies.

Currently, he is president of the Secondary Metal Institute of NASMI.



MAYOR HONORED . . . Mayor Albert Isen receives a plaque from Pauline Greer, a member of the city's finance department staff and secretary of Council 20, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. The plaque was presented on behalf of city employees and Local 1117 of AFSCME during the city employees Christmas party.

Trio Makes \$3,000 Haul With Bogus Credit Scheme

Three persons accused of bilking a department store chain out of nearly \$3,000 worth of merchandise with a bogus credit racket will be arraigned here tomorrow.

The trio, due to appear in South Bay Municipal Court, will answer to charges of burglary, grand theft, and receiving stolen property.

Arrested early Thursday by Torrance police were Charles Ray Merritt, 31, of 20705

Osage Ave.; Linda Ann Lumsden, 22, of 4227 W. 147th St., Lawndale, and Delia Sanchez, 19, also of 4227 W. 147th St.

Police arrested the trio at the Lawndale home and seized as evidence a washer, refrigerator, and color television set with a total value of nearly \$1,300. Numerous credit papers also were seized.

All three were arrested after an employe of the W. T. Grant Store at 4980 W. 190th

St., became suspicious and trailed the trio to the Lawndale home. Subsequent investigation revealed the bogus credit scheme had been used at W. T. Grant Stores in Culver City, Inglewood, Long Beach, and Bellflower.

Police said one of the (Continued on A-3)

Special Session Slated Tuesday by Councilmen

Torrance Councilmen will hold a special adjourned meeting Tuesday at 4 p.m. to consider questions arising from recent applications of the city's civil service ordinance.

The meeting was requested by Sam Hunegs, representing Local 1117 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO. Hunegs has indicated he will require about 90 minutes to make his presentation.

At issue are provisions of the city's civil service ordinance which permit appointments to be made from among the top three candidates, based on results from a civil service test.

Hunegs contends the City Council policy requires the

appointment of the top candidate, rather than any one of the top three candidates. He requested the special meeting after City Manager Edward J. Ferraro appointed the third-ranking applicant to a position as garage foreman.

The rule of one, Ferraro said, "would assume that testing is infallible."

Councilmen said they would consider the policy involved in the "rule of one" versus the "rule of three," but warned they do not have jurisdiction over the actual appointments.

A brief meeting of the city's Urban Redevelopment Agency is slated at 4:30 p.m. No other business is on the agenda.

Man Hurt in Tumble . . .

A collapsing scaffold sent a 24-year-old Los Angeles man to the hospital for treatment here this week. Jacobs Durieux, 11406 National Blvd., was working on scaffolding at a house at 2318 W. 229th St. when the staging collapsed, it was reported. He was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital where attendants reported his condition as good.

Engineer Found Dead . . .

A 50-year-old Torrance engineer was found dead in his apartment Thursday evening by the building manager, Torrance police said. Kenneth L. Penn of 2455 Pacific Coast Hwy., apparently died of a heart attack. Wayne H. Hampton, manager of the apartment building, found Penn shortly after 7 p.m. Thursday. He said the lights and television were on at the time. Penn's body was on a living room couch. The body was taken to Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Rare Coin Shop Looted . . .

Five rare coins, valued at more than \$1,700, were taken from a downtown Torrance coin shop Wednesday, Torrance Police have reported. The theft was reported by Carl Grall of the Money Bag, 1315 Cravens Ave. The coins were taken from an unlocked case, Grall said. Listed as missing were a 1921P half dollar valued at \$600, a 1916D dime valued at \$385, a 1795 silver dollar valued at \$225, an 1873 half-dollar valued at \$150, and a 1795 half-dime valued at \$425.

Record 11 Million Bills for '66 License Plates on Way Today

A record total of more than 11 million renewal statements for 1966 vehicle registrations will be mailed today, according to Tom Bright, director of Motor Vehicles.

Vehicle owners will retain their present license plates and will be issued a chrome yellow sticker as evidence of 1966 registration when fees are paid. The yellow sticker is to be placed in the upper right-hand corner of the rear license plate.

The stub of the registration statement will be validated and will become the 1966

registration card on payment of fees.

BRIGHT ALSO announced that more than 150 banks in metropolitan areas of the state will cooperate by providing temporary renewal stations during normal banking hours as a public service. Members of licensed auto clubs and associations may register through their organizations' services.

The first day for obtaining 1966 registration is Monday, Jan. 3.