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CHRISTMAS IN FEBRUARY . . . Airman Apprentice Paul Dumont, USN, returned home Friday after 10 weeks of training at the U.S. Naval Training Center in San Diego and found his family ready to celebrate Christmas—yes, Christmas, Paul, who will report for duty aboard the Attack Carrier USS F. D. Roosevelt next month, receives Christmas presents from his brother, Mickey, and his father, Joseph. Watching the scene is Mrs. Dumont. (Press-Herald Photo)

Family Helps Sailor Celebrate Christmas

An 18-year-old sailor was taken back some six weeks in time Thursday evening when he returned home after 10 weeks of boot training at the U. S. Naval Training Center in San Diego.

Paul Dumont, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dumont of 5103 Lenore St., observed Christmas Thursday evening amid all the trimmings of a traditional holiday celebration.

Dumont, an airman apprentice, left for San Diego early in December and was away from home during the holiday season for the first time in his life. His parents decided to leave the Christmas tree and other decorations in the

home — alone until Paul returned.

Since the Navy permits no telephone calls or visits during boot training, Paul had no idea what was waiting for him when he stepped off a plane Thursday evening. His parents, who had attended the Recruit Brigade Review in San Diego Feb. 11, had told him nothing of their plans.

"It was worth waiting for," Paul said when he saw the tree, Christmas candy, fruit cake, and other Christmas items were ready.

The sailor, a 1965 graduate of West High School, will leave early next month to go to Mayport, Fla., where he will be assigned for duty aboard the Attack Carrier USS F. D. Roosevelt, a unit of the U.S. Navy's Sixth Fleet.

Five Teenagers Nabbed On Marijuana Charges

Thieves Get New TV Set

Burglars struck the South Torrance home of Dr. O Donald Wills Thursday evening, getting more than \$1,800 in goods — including a color television set which had been installed earlier Thursday.

Torrance police said the burglars apparently entered the home at 144 Via Sego by cutting through a screen door.

Dr. Wills told officers the television set, a movie projector, a pair of binoculars, and eight suits were taken. Also reported missing were several other items of clothing and a jewel box containing a Demolay Legion of Honor medalion and several sets of cufflinks.

Total loss was placed at \$1,825. Dr. Wills said he still is checking his home to determine if other things were taken.

He told police officers two television servicemen had installed the color television set only hours before the burglary occurred.

EARLIER Friday morning, William W. Deale of 209 Via Colusa reported a \$1,000 diamond ring missing from his home. Deale said the ring contains two one-carat diamonds.

He last saw the ring on Jan. 17, Deale told officers, when he returned it to a ring box.

Burglars also entered a church school office early Friday and took \$43 in cash after ransacking the office.

Police said the thief smashed a window at the Resurrection Lutheran Church School, 330 Palos Verdes Blvd., to gain entry to the building.

A SECOND smashed window led to the arrest of a 21-year-old Wilmington man on charges of attempted burglary early yesterday.

Police booked George F. Wright.



HEART KING . . . General Dwight D. Eisenhower, honorary board chairman of the American Heart Association, crowns David Watson, 6, Heart Sunday King during a visit with the Watson Triplets of Torrance. Watching are David's brothers, Daniel (left) and DeWayne. David was born with a heart defect which was corrected by surgery about four years ago. The triplets, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson of Torrance, met the former President Thursday during a visit to his Indio, Calif., office. Heart Sunday is Feb. 27.

24 Bags Seized In Haul

Two teenagers, believed to be major suppliers of marijuana to North High School students, were arrested here Wednesday in a raid on an apartment about two blocks from North High.

Edmund R. Shimizu, 19, of 2818 W. 182nd St., and Lynda Kay White, also 19, were arrested at Shimizu's apartment about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday by vice officers from the Torrance Police Department.

Officers acted after finding what appeared to be fragments of marijuana in a vacuum cleaner used by Shimizu to clean his apartment.

THREE MORE Torrance teenagers were taken into custody Friday evening at a hamburger stand at 5019 Torrance Blvd. All three were charged with possession of marijuana after police discovered two partially smoked marijuana cigarettes.

Arrested Friday evening were Phillip Anderson, 18, of 4530 W. 191st St.; James B. Finley, 18, of 24260 Los Codona, and John E. Van Leuvan, 18, of 19501 Beckworth Ave. All three were being questioned about a possible race. During the fiscal year narcotics ring in the West High area.

Det. Sgt. Lee Ashman, head of the city's vice and narcotics detail, said the Shimizu apartment had been under surveillance for some time. He said as many as 20 teenagers had entered the apartment in a single day.

"There was a constant stream of them," said one officer assigned to the case.

OFFICERS seized 24 plastic bags of marijuana in Shimizu's apartment, along with (Continued on A-2)

Flu: It's Bad, May Get Worse

More than 2,200 high school students missed classes here Friday as a result of an influenza outbreak which has hit epidemic proportions in Los Angeles County.

Teacher absences also were reported "unusually high" by Torrance school officials. A total of 127 teachers were reported absent. Normally, not more than 40 or 50 teachers are absent from classes.

Figures for Torrance elementary schools were not available although a spokesman for the Torrance Unified School District said figures might be as high as 25 percent in the elementary schools.

North High School was hardest hit of the four city schools. Officials said 745 students were absent, compared to a normal figure of 200. South High, the district's largest high school, reported 441 students absent from classes.

Torrance High officials said 480 students did not report for classes, while 374 were absent from West High.

Bishop Montgomery High School, where normally only 30 or 40 students miss classes, reported 163 out of school Friday.

A spokesman for the Los Angeles County Tuberculosis

and Health Association described the flu as a virus disease, of short duration, which affects the respiratory system. A highly contagious disease, the flu spreads rapidly.

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HERE'S HOW . . . Army Pvt. William W. Anderson explains the protective mask and its many uses to his step-parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wing-Scoble of 2336 W. 238th St. Anderson has completed basic combat training with Ft. Ord's 3d Brigade and will receive further training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

22 Candidates File For City Elections

A total of 22 candidates beat the Thursday noon deadline by filing for one of the six city elective offices at stake in the April 12 municipal election, according to City Clerk Vernon W. Coil.

Leading the ballot — and possibly the campaign interest — will be the race for mayor between Albert Isen, the incumbent, and former councilman and mayor Nickolas O. Drale.

Sixteen candidates are on the list for the city council, including the three incumbents. Seeking re-election are J. A. Beasley, Ken Miller, and Ross A. Sciarrotta. Challenging are John R. Absbarer, Frederick Joseph Bandell, Harmon N. Belcher, Dr. Frank J. Briganti, Alfred G. Cagle, Le Vane M. Forsythe, Orin P. (Bud) Johnson, Ronald E. Morris, Clifford J. Peterson, Leo F. X. Sallsbury, Ed Talbert, Ronald Powell Wright.

City Clerk Coil will be opposed by Marie Casey, a housewife; and City Treasurer Thomas C. Rupert will be challenged by Thirvin D. Fleetwood.

Filing for the three Lomita Council seats at stake were Clyde S. Bernhardt and William M. Brown, the incumbents, and Ray H. Ferrin, the Rev. Joel Rivers, Lee Staff.

Attendant Bill Bazer told Torrance police the man tapped on a window at the station about 9:15 p.m. at 3707 W. 190th St. The gunman, described only as a Mexican-American, forced Bazer to open the window and hand the money to him.

He fled on foot after ordering the 18-year-old attendant to "face the front of the station."

Gunman Robs Area Station
A lone gunman held up a Torrance service station just after closing time Friday evening and escaped with about \$60.

Airport Tower to Hold Open House on Tuesday

The Torrance Airport Traffic Control Tower will hold an "Open House," from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Tuesday at the Torrance Airport, 3201 Pacific Coast Hwy.

John H. Hilton, Federal Aviation Agency Los Angeles office manager, invites the public to tour the facility and see exhibits. On display, open for the public to walk through, will be an FAA turbo-prop, semi-automatic flight inspection aircraft. The aircraft is used to safeguard flight safety and examine air navigational facilities.

The Control Tower, valued at \$140,000, is leased by the FAA from the City of Torrance. During the Fiscal Year 1965, the Tower handled a total of 287,961 landings and takeoffs, which qualified it as the thirteenth most used tower, of the 284 operated by the FAA in the U.S.

Airport Parley Called . . .

A sound abatement conference sponsored by the Federal Aviation Agency will be held at 7:30 Wednesday evening in the airport office of Manager Jack Egan, Tower Chief Eugene M. Holderman reported this week. Among those scheduled to attend are John H. Hilton, area manager of the FAA Los Angeles area office; Elmer M. Parks, chief of the air traffic branch of FAA Los Angeles; and Paul R. McAfee, noise abatement officer, FAA Western region. Aircraft noise and related subjects are to be discussed, Holderman said.

Supervisor to Speak . . .

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn will be featured speaker at Arbor Day festivities next Saturday, it has been announced. The annual Arbor Day program will be held at the South Coast Botanic Gardens, 26701 Rolling Hills Road, beginning at 10 a.m.

All Agree: We're No. 3 . . .

County officials Friday admitted what state officials said was true last October: Torrance is officially the third largest city in Los Angeles County. The Regional Planning Commission, in its population estimates released Friday, said Torrance had a population of 137,573 on Jan. 1, surpassing Glendale as the county's third largest city. A state estimate put the city's population at 130,000 last October, the commission said. Total population for the county reached 6,954,350 on Jan. 1, the commission reported, and probably will pass the 7 million mark during the present quarter.