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**SUPERSTITIOUS? WHO, ME?** ... Ruth Brown, 21, demonstrates that the upcoming Friday the 13th holds no fears for her as she drives home her point by breaking a mirror — while sitting under a ladder. In the background is an umbrella which she has opened indoors and at left is a clock indicating 1 o'clock — 1300 in international and military time. The pretty El Camino sophomore has been a Torrance resident for more than 13 years. (Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

# Redondo Attorney Gets Municipal Court Post

## Reagan Names Presiding Judge

Appointment of Auten F. Bush, a Redondo Beach attorney, as presiding judge of the South Bay Municipal Court was announced Tuesday by Governor Ronald Reagan.

Bush was named to the vacancy created by the death of Otto B. Willett last Aug. 18. The appointment is for the remainder of Judge Willett's term, which expires in December, 1970.

The 56-year-old attorney currently is city attorney for the cities of Palos Verdes Estates and El Segundo. He has held the Palos Verdes post since 1956 and served as city prosecutor in the Peninsula city from 1953 until 1962. He was named city attorney of El Segundo in 1955.



AUTEN F. BUSH  
Appointed to Bench

BUSH ALSO has served as city attorney for Avalon and was a deputy city attorney for Redondo Beach from 1949 until 1960. He also was city attorney for Hermosa Beach from 1953 until 1956 and prior to that served four years as city prosecutor in Hermosa Beach.

Born in Ashland, Ore., he was graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor of science degree in business administration and earned his law degree at the University of California in 1936.

A veteran of World War II, Bush served in the Navy with an intelligence unit. Prior to entering the service, he practiced law in San Francisco.

HE CAME to Redondo Beach in 1947 and opened law offices in that city.

A member of the Inglewood and South Bay Bar Associations, Bush is president of the South Bay Hospital District. He served as president of the hospital board in 1959, 1960 and 1964 and has been a mem-

ber of the board since the district was formed 12 years ago.

He is active in the Redondo Beach Rotary Club, the Redondo Elks, the American Legion Post 184, and the Al Malaikah Shrine Temple. Other activities include membership in the Hermosa Beach Masonic Lodge and the South Bay Shrine Club.

Bush and his family reside in Hermosa Beach.

## New Planning Director Named

Appointment of O. K. Christenson as director of planning for the County of Los Angeles has been announced by Mrs. L. S. Baca, chairman of the Regional Planning Commission.

Christenson, a resident of San Marino, has been with the Regional Planning Commission for 26 years. For the past two years, he has served as chief deputy director.

## Murder Plea Due Oct. 26

Jerry Lee O'Brien, who is accused of killing Torrance Police Officer David N. Seibert, 25, last Aug. 10 during a hold-up at a North Torrance market, was arraigned Tuesday in Superior Court. Judge Bernard Lawler set Oct. 26 for O'Brien to enter a plea to the murder charge. Lesser charges of armed robbery and assault with intent to commit murder were dropped, it was reported. A spokesman for the District Attorney's office said the lesser charges would "unnecessarily complicate things" if they were pressed during the trial.

## College Building to Begin

Governor Ronald Reagan will turn the first dirt at groundbreaking ceremonies for the first permanent buildings at California State College, Dominguez Hills, in late November, the Press-Herald has learned. Bids for the first phase of construction, which includes six buildings, will be opened Nov. 21 at the college's temporary quarters, the architects have reported. Groundbreaking ceremonies will be scheduled once the contract has been signed, according to Dr. Harry Nethery, dean of facilities planning. Completion of the first buildings is expected in the summer of 1968. Top state officials are expected to accompany Reagan for the ceremonies.

## Testimonial Dinner Set

A testimonial dinner honoring Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-Torrance) has been scheduled for Friday, Oct. 20, the Citizens for Townsend Committee announced today. Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch and Supervisor Kenneth Hahn will be featured speakers at the \$25-a-plate event, it was announced. The dinner is scheduled at the Plush Horse Restaurant in Redondo Beach, beginning with a social hour at 6:30 p.m.

## Library Friends To Meet

Howard Rowe, professor of library science at the University of Southern California, will be the featured speaker Monday at an open meeting of the Friends of the Torrance Library.

The session will be held in the crafts room at the Torrance Family YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

A display of old and new school books will be featured and refreshments will be served. The program will get under way at 8 p.m.

ROWE, WHO WILL discuss the "Modern Library in the Modern Community," has some 30 years of experience in the library field. Until his appointment at USC, he was director of libraries in Tacoma, Wash., and served in a similar capacity in Santa Barbara.

He is a first president of the California Librarian's Association and an executive officer in the American Librarians' Association. Rowe also has served as a county librarian.

Rowe will be introduced by Mrs. Robert Denney, program chairman, following a short business meeting. Richard Hall is president of the Friends of the Torrance Library.



**TEARFUL FAREWELL** ... Lucile Forsyth, outgoing "Good Neighbor" for the Torrance area, wipes away a tear as she and YMCA Executive Secretary Joe Wilcox take a last look at her trophy before it is awarded to the new "Good Neighbor." The surprise presentation will be made this Saturday at the Torrance Family YMCA. A "Good Neighbor" is chosen annually by the YMCA to recognize an area resident who has shown genuine concern for others. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Annual 'Y' Fete Slated Saturday

The spirit of an old-fashioned, small town social will be captured Saturday at the 20th annual Good Neighbor Breakfast. Scheduled between 6 and 11:30 a.m. at the Torrance Family YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda, the event will feature stacks of pancakes and entertainment by the Torrance Area Youth Band.

Highlight of the breakfast will be the presentation of the Al (Pop) Turner Trophy to a Torrance citizen who has been quietly at work helping others during the past year. The surprise presentation will be made at 10 a.m. by Joe Wilcox, YMCA executive secretary.

"Best of it all," Wilcox said, "no big shot has ever won the Good Neighbor trophy." This year, he added, letters have come from as far away as Norway and Sweden nominating Torrance people who have shown a neighborhood concern for others.

HONORED guests at the breakfast will include such "Good Neighbors" of the past as Mrs. Lucile Forsyth, Mrs. John Stoneberg, Mrs. Leonard Kane, Rev. Edward Goodell and Clifton Graybehl.

William Cave, chairman of this year's Good Neighbor Breakfast, reports that he has ordered 600 pounds of sausage, 300 pounds of pancake flour, 100 gallons of syrup and 70 pounds of coffee for the hundreds of local residents expected to attend the festivities.

Nearly 1,000 persons have volunteered to serve, cook, wash dishes, greet visitors, direct traffic, and draw door prizes. Guided tours of the "Y" also are planned.

"THOUSANDS of local citizens have driven by the world's finest YMCA," Cave said, "but have never taken time to stop in and visit this remarkable youth facility. Why not take the time this Saturday?"

Tickets cost \$4 per family or \$1 for adults and 75 cents for children. Proceeds will benefit local youth work. Most of the food has been donated by area merchants.

## Jewel Box Stolen From Motel Room

While a family slept soundly in their motel rooms early Tuesday morning, burglars slipped through a sliding glass door and picked up a jewelry box at the foot of a bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicolaas H. Klos, guests at the Ramada Inn, 4111 Pacific Coast Hwy., discovered the theft at 3:30 a.m.

Items in the jewelry box included a diamond ring, two gold wrist watches, and several bracelets and necklaces.

## FOR COMPLETE STUDY

# Charter Review Group Granted Year's Delay

Torrance's Charter Review Committee has been granted permission to postpone presentation of its final report until Nov. 1, 1968.

The City Council granted the committee's request at its Tuesday meeting. Councilman David K. Lyman cast the only dissenting vote.

Chairman Larry Bowman, speaking for his Charter Review Committee, stated that committee members wished to make a complete study of proposed changes, hearing opinions from the many groups and individuals who have expressed interest in charter revision.

Bowman said his committee hopes to present a preliminary report by June, 1968.

THE COUNCIL's final decision on whether or not to sell the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines to the Southern California Rapid Transit System has been postponed at least until Oct. 24. Assistant City Manager Jerome I. Scharman promised the council Tuesday night that he would have his report on bus drivers' wishes completed by that date.

Scharman said he had interviewed the bus drivers to

discover whether they wanted to drive buses for the Rapid Transit District or stay with the city of Torrance in some other capacity.

IN FURTHER action, the council voted to prohibit the erection or display of any billboard in the city of Torrance for an additional 90 days. The current moratorium on billboard construction expires on Oct. 18.

The additional 90-day period is needed by the Planning Department to redraft a billboard control ordinance, it was reported.

# Protest on Salary Issue Set at South

By HENRY BURKE

Teachers employed by the Torrance Unified School District "Want To Be Above Average!"

This is one of the slogans the teachers intend to parade around with at the South High School "Back to School Night" this evening.

Through the support of the Torrance Education Association (TEA), a protest has been motivated to bring to the attention of the public grievances that exist between the teachers and the board of trustees.

SIGNS WILL illustrate the teachers' points of view. "Negotiation Is Two-Way" and "Parents Should Be Concerned" are typical phrases. "No longer is 'picketing' below the dignity of a school

teacher, a number of faculty members have testified. Representatives from almost 40 schools in the district gathered at the Torrance High School auditorium yesterday to hear TEA Executive Director Noel Marble outline the background behind the current involvement.

LACK OF AN accepted form of meaningful negotiations by the board of trustees was dwelled upon by Marble.

Failure of board members to negotiate salary increases when \$1,700,000 in state funds recently became available to the district prompted the current dispute.

More than 400 of the 1,200 teachers in the district supported yesterday's rally and many voiced approval of a "bold" approach.

MANY EDUCATORS at the elementary school level were not informed of the plan to retaliate until yesterday's council meeting convened.

The council, which comprises TEA, was asked to endorse the "Action Program" submitted by an Ad-hoc sanctions committee appointed Oct. 1.

Following a series of parliamentary entanglements, the body voted 23-22 to support the proposed endorsements. Among them are:

"Protest the action and attitude of the Board of Education on appropriate occasions through recourse to public opinion. Specifically, it is proposed that they participate in an informal parade at each of the Back to School Nights at each of the high schools."

"Form a Speakers Bureau to provide resource speakers to civic, fraternal, and community groups to carry the

teachers' message to the public."

"Increase our organizational postage budget so that each month we can add to the list of those to whom we mail this teachers' concern."

"Form a letter-writing committee to communicate with the community."

"Organize a Teachers-Citizen Committee for Better Schools to solicit funds and resources for teacher-citizen participation in the next Board of Education campaign."

THE FIRST "informal parade" will be at South High tonight and subsequently at West and North High next Wednesday and Thursday.

Torrance High completed its Board of Education campaign. (See TEACHERS, Page A-2)

## Clock Tells Crime Time In Burglary

A clock which stopped at exactly 9:40 gave Torrance police a clue as to the time burglars broke into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Kastner, 5601 Sara Drive, Monday.

While the Kastners were visiting their sons Monday night, the burglar or burglars entered through a bathroom window and took two television sets, a grey mink stole, three pieces of luggage, and \$600 in cash. The total loss was placed at \$3,010.

When the thieves unplugged one of the televisions, they also disconnected the tell-tale clock, police said.