

# HEARING SET FOR MOBSTER ACCUSED IN CARR SLUGGING

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SEA OF FACES . . . Ross Mayfield (left), bank teller, searches through file after file of known criminals in attempt to identify bandit who robbed Bank of America of \$2500 last Thursday. With Mayfield is Paul Creighton, cashier, (standing) and Detective Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police Department.—Herald Photo.

### Nation - Wide Search on as FBI Hunts Red-Haired Bank of America Bandit

More than a dozen red-haired suspects have been questioned by local police and FBI agents during the last week in an attempt to run down the bandit who robbed the Bank of America last Thursday morning.

The search, now nationwide, was instigated by the FBI after Ross Mayfield, teller, furnished the federal men and local officers with a description of the bandit who demanded \$2500 from the teller's cash drawer at 11:30 a.m. last Thursday.

#### One-Day Drive For Members Set by C of C

Starting at breakfast time with hats and eggs, the Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual One-day Membership Drive on Monday, April 11, according to Charles V. Jones, president.

Jones has asked all members of the chamber to a special pre-campaign meeting to be held in the Chamber's offices at 4 p.m. today.

#### Two Lovelies Tie For Queen Race Bonus Points

Contrary to most other races, the Torrance Queen race started in a dead heat for first place!

Bunky Quaggin, 17-year-old Torrance High School cheer leader, and Jerry Specht, 20-year-old telephone operator, dropped their entry blanks through the mail slot last Thursday at exactly 5:01 to tie for the 100 bonus points offered to the first girl to enter the contest.

#### Five-Way-Crash Injures Driver Of Panel Truck

A truck driver was hurt last Thursday afternoon when his panel truck went out of control, skidded broadside, overturned, and smashed into a Studebaker, which hit a Ford, which hit a Willys, which hit a Jeep in front of the construction warehouse of the Edison Company on Torrance boulevard.

The injured driver, according to California Highway Patrolman K. E. Hays, was Everett L. Wood, 35, of 3716 West 104 street.

He was taken by Sullivan's Ambulance to the Harbor General Hospital where he was treated for major injuries, the officer said.

The accident occurred at 5431 Torrance boulevard where Edison Company workers had parked their cars. There was no one in any of the four parked cars.

#### TOASTMASTERS FOUNDER TO BE GUEST OF HONOR

Ralph C. Smedley, founder of Toastmasters International will be the honored guest at the charter party of the local chapter Monday night at the Hollywood Riviera Country Club, according to Tweed Jolly, president.

Clement B. Penrose, Governor of District One, will install the club's first set of officers.

Due to speak before the other members of the club and their wives are: Bill Evans, Dr. Don Moshos, Vic Chatten, Arthur Barron, and C. B. Walls.

Jack Baldwin will act as toastmaster while Luther Mumford directs the Table Topic dishes.

Try Burkholder will be the emcee. The grammarian is expected.

Who will be installed are: Tweed Jolly, president; Penrose, vice-president; Hays, secretary-treasurer; Delbert Vaughn, deputy governor; and Ray Staver, sergeant-at-arms.

Among those who spoke at last week's meeting in addition to first place winner Lester Foster were: J. G. Caldwell, Gerald Alter, M. C. Hunt, and Bill Evans.

Vic Chatten was the Toastmaster while Delbert Vaughn served as Topic Master with Tweed Jolly as Chief Critic.

# EXPANSION OF OIL REFINERY DUE IN 1951

## Labor Attorney Will Address Area Employers

Attorney Joseph Scott, of Los Angeles, noted authority on labor-employer relations, will address a meeting of employers of the Harbor Area in Torrance Civic Auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock.

The meeting has been called by the Harbor Area Employers' Council, consisting of business men who have banded together for the purpose of handling labor negotiations.

The labor situation in the Harbor Area will be reviewed by James M. Nicolson, labor relations counselor who represents the Harbor Area Employers' Council, and an important announcement on the present status will be made, it was revealed by members of the Board of Directors of the Council.

There will be an opportunity for those attending the meeting to ask questions regarding the vital situation, and a suggested program for meeting any labor relations problem will be discussed, according to Frank S. Solover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council.

"It is of importance to every employer and business property owner in the Harbor Area to attend this meeting, or to send a representative with authority to take such steps as are felt necessary at the time to protect the interests of the employer and property owner," Solover said. Due to the confidential nature of the meeting, there will be registration at the door, he said.

The Council, recently incorporated, has opened its permanent office at 1524 Cravens avenue, (Continued on Page 3)

## Addition to Cost \$7-\$8 Million

General Petroleum Corporation will spend between seven million and eight million dollars within the next two years to expand its Torrance Refinery, R. L. Minckler, president of the corporation said last Thursday.

The president revealed the company's plans in an exclusive interview with a representative of this paper, but stated he was unable to estimate the increased employment that the expansion would bring about.

Completion of the Texas pipe line to Southern California and the increased demand for diesel fuel makes it imperative for the corporation to increase its heavy oil-refining equipment, he said.

The expansion move would increase the material size of the \$35,000,000 plant about one-fourth its present size. It is not anticipated, however, that any additional land other than that already fenced would be required to provide space for the new addition.

The plant handles approximately 100,000 barrels of crude oil daily.

Minckler said that no details are available on the contemplated expansion because nothing definite had been decided upon by the company other than they would spend seven or eight million to increase the output of the local refinery by 1951.

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## Stores to Observe Good Friday with Three-Hour Closing

Most all local retail stores will remain closed from 12:30 p.m. on Good Friday, April 15, according to Paul Diamond, president of the Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

## Eli Lubin Bail Set At \$5000



IDENTIFIED . . . Eli Lubin, gambling czar's henchman, awaits trial on charge of beating Harry Carr during Harbor area Retail Clerk's Union Strike last May.

HASKELL TIDWELL . . . whose clerk's union was involved in labor dispute at time Harry M. Carr was beaten by two thugs.

Eli Lubin, identified as the thug who best-up Harry M. Carr, Harbor Area civic leader last May, was arraigned in a San Pedro Municipal Court yesterday on a felony charge of "Assault by means of force, likely to do great bodily injury."

He appeared before Judge Vernon W. Hunt, who set the preliminary hearing for 10 a.m. April 14. Bail was fixed at \$5000. By late yesterday afternoon he had not posted that amount.

Samuel Rummel, attorney, represented Lubin. The lawyer also represented Mickey Cohen, gambling czar, during the recent County Grand Jury investigation.

The complaint, signed by Carr, charges that the reported henchman of gambler Mickey Cohen, was one of two men who punched and slugged him in an attack prompted by his interest in the Harbor Area labor fight.

At the time, Carr was chairman of the San Pedro Civic Betterment Committee, and as such took an active part in opposing the leadership of Haskell Tidwell in the Retail Clerk's Union No. 905, A.F.L.

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"I am sorry but I cannot be complimented by Mr. Tidwell's gesture. I can't seem to place any confidence in the halo Mr. Tidwell has suddenly placed upon his head. It seems to me that if the Retail Clerk's union wants to offer a reward from their treasury it should be done by a vote of the membership and not by one man whose autocratic attitude I feel is responsible for the whole deplorable situation in the harbor area."

If a conviction is obtained against Lubin it will make Carr eligible for the reward which is reported to be still in effect.

Lubin, said to be a henchman of gambling czar Mickey Cohen, was arrested March 24 in Phoenix at the point of a machine gun and is currently in jail in Los Angeles.

Carr made the identification of the mobster after seeing a

"I am offering the reward in

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 1, 1946.—Hullman Lee, manager of the Torrance store of the J. C. Penney Company, civic leader, social worker, and local church leader . . . was attacked by three men wielding blackjacks and beaten to insensibility as he left the rear of the store in broad daylight. Mr. Lee owes his life to prompt medical attention. These thugs are still at large.

AT THE SAME TIME—Haskell Tidwell's strong-arm-boy Morgan was walking a picket line in front of Penney's store. The store had been struck. The store is now closed forever. The company no longer wished to endanger the lives of their employees.

MARCH 6, 1948.—Bill Grace, San Pedro candy maker, youth leader, owner, and operator of Grace's Candy Shop . . . was called from his basketball coaching job by a fake message that his wife was gravely ill. Rushing to his car just outside of the San Pedro YMCA, two big bruisers jerked him from the car and administered Grace a severe beating. Only cries for help and the approach of a lighted car saved him from possible permanent injuries. These thugs are still at large.

AT THE SAME TIME—Bill Grace was a member of the Labor Relations Committee of San Pedro Business Men, Associated, which was attempting to negotiate a contract with Haskell Tidwell that would save the present stores in the area and bring about the re-opening of those which had been forced to close.

APRIL 30, 1948.—W. K. Verbecknose, manager of a market in San Pedro, member of long standing in Tidwell's clerks

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STEERING GEAR FAILS . . . Everett L. Wood, driver of overturned panel truck, received major injuries when the steering gear snapped, sending the truck crashing into four parked cars on Torrance boulevard last Thursday.—Herald Photo.