

Bad Check Artists Bu\$ier Than Bee\$ in Pa\$t Week

During the last week Torrance merchants have been hit by a virtual flood of bad checks. Police Chief John Stroh disclosed yesterday.

"We have had more bad checks cashed in the city during the past week than we had passed during the past 12 months," he said.

The best protection against bad check artists, recommends Stroh, is for merchants to post notice that unknown check passers will be asked to endorse the check by putting their index fingerprint upon the check.

"No had check passer," claims Stroh, "will attempt to pass a fictitious check if he knows he is going to be required to put his fingerprint on the check. Too no legitimate check passer will object to endorsing a check with a fingerprint. A person known to the merchant cashing the check would not be required to fingerprint a check."

Among the bad checks passed in the area recently are a number bearing the name Chaney's Department Store. A number of other personal checks have been passed here during the past week, Stroh said.

Fall Proves Fatal for Woman, 80

Complications following a fall in which she broke her hip last April proved fatal Monday to Mrs. Mabel J. Davenport, 80, of 1508 1/2 Acacia avenue.

The three year resident of Torrance, mother of Mrs. Maude Hocott, 1308 Acacia avenue, died in the Harbor General Hospital from what doctors described as a collapse of the circulatory system.

The deceased had suffered a fall in her home on April 25 and was confined to the hospital for a fractured hip.

Stone and Myers Mortuary were in charge of the last rites which were performed yesterday in the local chapel. Rev. Miles C. Northrup, pastor of the First Baptist Church, performed the services. Interment in Inglewood Park Cemetery followed the last rites. A solo was rendered during the rites by Mrs. Stella Flewellyn.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Hocott, other survivors include a brother L. E. Lake with whom she lived at the Acacia avenue home; a son, Harry L. of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; a granddaughter, Mrs. Nell Carrow of Torrance; two other brothers, Homer E. Lake of New York City and Everett G. Lake of Belton, New Mexico; and two sisters, Mrs. Vivian Barker and Mrs. Elizabeth Sargeant, both of Long Beach.

Peeping Tom May Get A Different View of Things.

A Peeping Tom took one peep too much Friday night and wound up paying a \$100 bail to get another peep at the outside world before he stands trial on a charge of looking through windows without the occupants permission.

Arrested and booked on a Peeping Tom charge is Paul Ray Smith, a Los Angeles City Fireman, of San Pedro.

His arrest followed a description furnished Torrance police by a resident of Pacific Hills who got a peep of Paul peeping through a window of Mrs. Harold Stephens, 3209 Newton street. Officers Larry Benton and Mervyn Porter took a description of the suspect's car furnished by Alfred Morgan, 3519 Creiclewood street, who followed in his car and caught Smith in the headlights of his auto. The officers found the car and picked up Smith in the 3100 block on Dahaha street.

His hearing is set for Thursday in City Judge Otto B. Willett's court.

LOCAL TOT DIES AFTER LONG SIEGE

An unusual malady claimed the life of a 16-month old infant last Thursday in the Los Angeles General Hospital where the child had been confined since December of last year.

Victim of the illness was Kirk Lee Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Baxter, 813B Amapola avenue.

Rev. Paul Wenske, pastor of the Lutheran Church conducted the last rites which were held in the Stone and Myers Chapel on Saturday morning. The cremated remains were interred at Roosevelt Cemetery.

Surviving are the infant's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dunbar, 1221 Acacia avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raik, 1450 West 220th street; an aunt, Mrs. Jerry Copeland of Torrance; a great uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reed, also of Torrance; and an uncle, Burlin Raik, now stationed with the U. S. Army in Japan.

Eastern Rites Planned For Elderly Resident

Interment in Chamberlain, South Dakota is being arranged for this week by relatives of Mrs. Lena Caroline Rutan, 80, of 261 East Carson street who passed away at her home on Friday, June 8.

The native of Sioux City, Iowa had lived in the Torrance area approximately 18 months.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Jessie M. Becker of the Carson street address; and a son, William, also of the above address; another daughter, Mrs. Morris Easterton of Chamberlain, South Dakota; and a sister, Mrs. Walter Wade of Los Angeles.

Amstan Products To Be Shown at L.A. Home Show

Products made in the 46-acre Torrance plant of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation will be among those featured at the Los Angeles Home Show being held from June 14 through June 24.

American-Standard is exhibiting its products at Booth 48 in the Pan-Pacific Auditorium at 76th Beverly boulevard, headquarters of the exhibition. Included in these are two of the major items being produced in Torrance, according to Harry W. Creeger, manager of the local pottery-making plant.

First is the Dresslyn lavatory. The Dresslyn is a vitreous china lavatory designed for counter-top installation. It will be shown in Los Angeles installed in the Dresslyn Lavatory-Dressing Table unit which has become a nationwide favorite since its introduction two years ago. The Dresslyn lavatory is made in Torrance in two sizes in white and six colors.

The second Torrance product to be displayed is the Master one-piece vitreous china water closet, the leader in the American-Standard line of water closets.

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Doctor to Study For Specialist Certification

A Long Beach specialist, Dr. Leonard Stearns, will take over the practice of Dr. Gerald Eastham, local eye, ear, nose and throat doctor, who is leaving for the east shortly to take a three-month post graduate course in ophthalmology at Westbrook College in Portland, Maine.

The special course will entitle the local doctor to a certification designating him as a specialist.

Planning to motor eastward with him are Mrs. Eastham, the couple's four sons, and Miss Louise Clouse of Walteria, who will help with the care of the children.

The Easthams will visit the doctor's sister, a recent returnee from a seven-year missionary assignment in India, in Montana. They also plan stopovers in Cleveland and Chicago to visit friends.

ing products from the other American-Standard West Coast plants in Richmond and San Pablo will also be included in the exhibit. The show will be open from noon until 11 p.m. every day from June 14 to June 24. It will include displays of all the newest products and designs in the construction field.

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