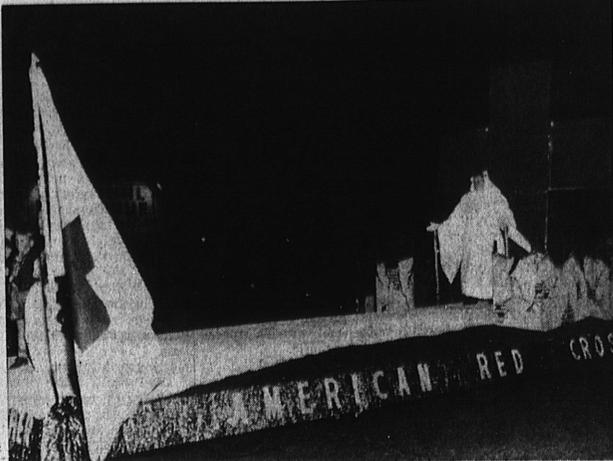




NATIVITY SCENE . . . Members of the South Bay Church of God entered a float depicting the Nativity scene in the annual Christmas parade here Friday night. It was received enthusiastically along the line of march. The church will present a Christmas Pageant at the church during the week preceding Christmas.



FIESTA FLOAT . . . Lupita Valdivia, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Inacio Ybarra, as a humble Indian, ride atop the float entered by St. Joseph's Parish. The parish is holding a "Jamaica," honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe this weekend and will hold its own parade this afternoon.



TRIBUTE TO MOTHER . . . One of the few floats in the Friday night Christmas parade here was the spectacular entry of the American Red Cross which paid tribute to the mother of Christ. Other entries in the hour-long parade included a number of the Southland's most striking mounted units, bands, a nd, of course, Santa Claus.

Parking Zones Hit Legal Snag

After lengthy debate Wednesday night, the Torrance Planning Commission voted to make no recommendation of the proposed zoning of certain downtown lots for parking, but recommended that the City Attorney be asked for an opinion in the matter.

Gunman Gets \$270, Smokes In Robbery

An armed robber who held up Lucille's Market, 28344 S. Western Ave., got \$270 in cash and \$54 in cigarettes, Lucille Payratris, the victim, told sheriff's deputies.

Mrs. Payratris told deputies that she looked up to find a man standing with a gun pointed at her. He said, "Give me the money and give me the money quick. This is a stick-up." He then ordered her to put it in a paper bag.

The stick-up man demanded that she give him the cigarettes in the store and while she was getting these, he rifled the cash register again. He then left.

A six-year-old boy in the store trailed the man to a car on Alta Vista St., near 263rd St. He got in and drove off with another man, the boy said.

The suspect was said to be 18 to 20 years old, six feet tall, 160 pounds, blue-eyed and blond. His description matched closely that of an armed bandit who held up Lawndale Liquors, getting \$110 Friday night.

Two Women Steal Radio

While one woman distracted him, another woman stole a \$39 radio from his store, Emerson C. Roll of Roll's TV and Appliances, 4405 Redondo Beach Blvd., told sheriff's deputies Wednesday.

Roll said two women — one about 60 and one about 40 — came into his store and inquired about a hi-fi set. He took the younger woman into the back of the store, he said, to show her some sets; the older woman apparently took the radio from the window display. The women suddenly exited themselves and fled, Roll said. He then noticed the missing radio.

Assemblyman At Chicago Convention

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, California representative on the Interstate Cooperation Commission, is in Chicago to attend the 13th biennial general assembly of states sponsored by the Council of State Governments, his office reported yesterday.

The three-day session opened Thursday at the Edgewater Beach Hotel and closed yesterday.

Five principal subjects discussed by representatives at the meeting included: (1) increasing financial responsibilities of the states, (2) highway safety, (3) problems of metropolitan areas, (4) mental health, and (5) water resources.

The 68th District representative is expected to return here Wednesday after a short visit at Washington, D. C., and at his former home in Mississippi.

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National's Toledo Plant Signs Pact

The HERALD learned yesterday that the Toledo plant of the National Supply Co. has signed a new labor agreement for a three-year period with the United States Automobile Workers of America — the terms of which followed the general pattern of the recent steel industry agreement.

The average wage increase of 4.4 per cent at Toledo yielded 8 cents per hour at the lowest labor grade to 12 cents per hour at the top job class. The wage adjustment was made effective Nov. 12, which date had been set by a previous agreement with another union at the Toledo plant, the M.E.S.A.

The group insurance plan was adjusted to conform to the steel industry pattern, which included the Blue Cross-Blue Shield program with the \$300 surgical schedule.

Burglar Gets Cash in Raid

Burglars forced their way into a church and a medical-dental office to get about \$70 in loot, police reported Friday.

Thieves broke a window to gain entrance to the Ascension Lutheran Church at 18002 Prairie Ave. and remove \$15 cash from a box on the desk of the minister, the Rev. L. C. Warneke.

Dr. Robert Jackson reported that \$55 cash was taken by a burglar who pried a door open to gain access to his office at 1753 W. 218th St.

Masked Pair Hold Up Man

Two men wearing rubber Halloween masks held him up in his home and robbed him of \$70, Opal Lynn, 50, 18332 Burin Ave., told sheriff's deputies Wednesday.

Lynn said he was writing a letter at his kitchen table when he looked up to see two men wearing the grotesque masks, one of whom was holding a .38 caliber revolver. The gunman demanded Lynn's money and he handed over his billfold. He was forced to take the cash from his billfold, Lynn said.

One of the men went to cut the phone wires but, discovering that there was none, the pair-left, he reported. He said both were dark, each about 5 feet 4 inches tall.

13 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

HELP FIGHT TB

Christmas Greetings



DIRECTING DEFENSE . . . Officer Russell Culverhouse and Lt. M. H. Porter of the Torrance Police Dept. show how they directed local disaster units from the air during recent Civil Defense tests. The pair used small portable radio transmitters to talk directly to cars participating in the test.

Quiet, Please! Kiddies on Bus

By TOM RISCHÉ

Can you imagine a busload of 44 children being absolutely quiet for 15 minutes, just because they want to be and not because they have to?

I couldn't. At least, I couldn't until last Thursday when I rode the 4:50 bus from Madrona School which carried third and fourth graders to their homes in the Southwood Tract.

Bedlam Starts

Usually, when youngsters board the bus from school, the result is complete bedlam. These Madrona youngsters, however, have decided, all by themselves, that they want to be the best group of bus riders in the Torrance Unified School District.

Hides Bus

Bus Driver Wayne Branum says they're the best in the state. Never before, he said, has any group of children or adults maintained such complete silence on a bus he has driven or heard about.

Hearing about this unusual situation, I went to the school to investigate.

Driver Branum told the youngsters who I was and several youngsters ran up, tugged on my coat, and said, "Please, Mr. Newspaperman, are you going to ride the bus with us and see how quiet we are?"

Quiet Bus

As the others joined in the chorus, I finally consented. We got on the amid the usual school noises—"Johnny, don't!" . . . "That's my book!" . . . or "Stop pulling my hair!"

When Driver Branum said,

over the loud-speaker, "Ready!" the bus grew deathly quiet amid loud "Sh-h-hes."

You could have heard a lollipop drop.

As we drove through the streets, only once or twice was there a muffled whisper, which was quickly sh-h-hed by the others in the group.

Many Sh-h-hes

Once, as a boy got off, another lad said, "Goodbye, Mark." He was greeted with 43 dirty looks and a loud "sh-h-h-h."

As some of the children got off the bus, they said goodbye to the driver, but not until they got past the confines of the door.

When the last little girl had gotten off the bus, I asked Branum what the secret of the silence was.

"It's like this," he said. "It used to be that when I would come to a bump, the children all would urge me to drive faster. They liked to bounce in the seats. I told them that I couldn't possibly do it because they were so noisy."

Quiet Bus

"One day when they got in the bus, there wasn't a peep

Officers Show Disaster Plans

Wide interest was being displayed by Southern California Civil Defense authorities this week in a disaster control plan evolved by the Torrance Police Department.

The method, conceived by Police Lt. H. M. (Hank) Porter, involves direction of patrol cars by direct radio communication from a low-flying airplane.

In a recent C.D. test, during which Torrance theoretically was devastated by an earthquake, Porter flew over the area to spot the points where help was needed most.

Direct Contacts

This information was relayed directly to the ground units and the police headquarters by a small "handie talkie" radio carried in the plane.

Porter was aided by Officer Russell Culverhouse, who flew as observer. Both Porter and Culverhouse are licensed as private pilots.

A Standing Offer

The Aeronca plane they used was furnished by the Acme Aircraft Co. at Torrance Municipal Airport, which has a standing offer to provide aircraft in the event of catastrophe or drill.

Messages relayed to the Torrance units were heard by police cars and stations throughout the South Bay area, giving observers some idea of the potential scope of the system in the event of serious trouble.

No Relays Used

The plan differs from other air-to-ground systems in that others have relied on planes with built-in radio equipment. Some of these have required relaying of messages from the aircraft to the cars through a central station.

The inexpensive "handie talkie" radios can be adjusted to either the police or Civil Defense frequencies, Porter pointed out.

El Nido Will Vote Tuesday

The 154 registered voters in the El Nido district will go to the polls Tuesday to decide whether they want to become part of Torrance.

The triangular area, bounded by Hawthorne Ave., 182nd St., and the Santa Fe Railroad tracks, now is an unincorporated county island surrounded by Torrance and Redondo Beach. The beach city two years ago annexed the other half of the El Nido district.

The annexation move began some time ago because of the reluctance of the Torrance Unified School District to improve the school there because of uncertainty as to its status. Although it is county territory, children attend Torrance schools.

Temperatures

	High	Low
Sunday	83	39
Monday	62	43
Tuesday	72	48
Wednesday	65	46
Thursday	61	49
Friday	63	45



NOISELESS KIDDIES . . . Noise is forbidden on the 4:50 bus which takes youngsters from Madrona School to their homes in the Southwood tract, but the youngsters themselves made this rule. Bus Driver Wayne Branum and the children, who want to be the best bus riders in the city, give the sign of the day.

Less Than Week Remains to Send Letter to Santa

Less than one week remains to qualify for one of the four \$15 merchandise awards to be presented by the HERALD in its "Letters to Santa" contest. Torrance area youngsters were reminded yesterday.

As the letters continue to pour in from all sections of the city, the competition among the letter writers increases, but there is still time to win one of the four prizes.

To qualify, just sit down, write a letter to Santa, and send it off to him at the Torrance HERALD, 1619 Gramercy Ave., Torrance. All letters must be in the HERALD office by 5 p.m. Saturday, December 15.

Do It Now

Today is a good day to get that done. Then you know it will arrive in time.

Four winners, two girls and two boys, will be selected by an impartial panel of jurors. Competition is divided into two classes: the boy and girl who are not above the fourth grade in school, and the boy and girl in the fifth through the eighth grades in school.

The merchandise certificates to be awarded may be used in any downtown Torrance store. Winners will be announced in the HERALD on Thursday, Dec. 20, which leaves plenty of time for the winner to do a little Christmas shopping with the certificates.

So, if you want a chance at one of those prizes, write that letter today.

BOY TREATED AFTER RECEIVING KICKS

Ten-year-old Bruce Dussing, member of the Westchester Youth Band marching in Friday night's Christmas parade, was treated yesterday by a doctor after he was kicked several times in the ribs by an unidentified woman, his mother told the HERALD.

A drummer in the band, young Dussing reportedly was marching near the end of the parade route with the group, when a woman on a horse came up behind him. Witnesses said that the woman seemed to go "berserk," started swearing at him, and kicked him in the ribs, and rode off.