

Bail Accounts Get Further Checking

(The following items are excerpts of detailed stories published in the Sunday, March 3, HERALD. To get the complete story when it is news, call the HERALD circulation department today at FA 8-4004).

Audit of the Torrance police bail accounts by a special D.A. investigator was scheduled to be continued this week after a probe of three years turned up 62 missing warrants, 51 of them traced as far as the city's former special warrant officer.

Deputy District Atty. William B. Keene told the HERALD yesterday that Tom Harris head of the D.A. auditing section, had found 51 warrants which could be traced to Jack Gee, but which could not be checked further. Total bail outstanding of the warrants is \$1741. Total bail on the missing 62 warrants is \$2071, Keene said.

Keene disputed statements by Police Chief W. H. Haslam that the investigator had found some discrepancies in the court records.

Sneak Storm Hits

The weatherman went on the rampage Thursday night in Torrance letting loose a rare production of thunder and lightning and dumping a total of .87 inch rain on the city.

Several street intersections were flooded by the downpour, which ranged from a bare drizzle to brief gusts of rain which nearly obscured vision. The electrical storm lit up the skies brightly but no damage was reported as a result.

Flooding was reported on the lower section of Paseo de Gracia, Torrance Blvd. and Victor St., Torrance Blvd. and Madrid Ave., Cathryn Ave. and Sharynne Lane, 235th and Pennsylvania, and 174th and Casimir.

Chair Catches Fire

A fire in an overstuffed chair caused considerable damage to the living room of the Jack Williams home, 3219 W. 189th St., early Friday morning, Torrance firemen reported.

New PTA Organized

The first meeting of the PTA at the newly-opened Steven M. White Junior High School, 220th and Figueroa Sts., will be held this Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the school.

February Building

New construction permits in Torrance continued at a brisk pace during February with a total valuation exceeding one million dollars. The 1957 pace is short of last year's record breaking record.

A total of 393 permits were issued during February, according to Walter Bradford of the city's building department. Of these, the permits for 79 new single family dwellings accounted for the largest share of the valuation.

February valuation was \$1,724,744, bringing the 1957 total to \$3,630,840.

Hospital Drive Open

The first contingent of local women volunteers soliciting for the general gifts program of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Campaign, undaunted by driving rain and high winds, raised a total of \$3272 in their first day of a person-to-person drive in Torrance.

Gathering for their first report meeting Friday morning, they reported a total of 46 individual gifts, for an average of \$68.

George W. Post, general gifts director, expressed gratification at the level of giving represented.

Motorist Injured

Thomas H. Baker, 42 of Hawthorne suffered a severely cut lip and possible head injuries when his car collided with a truck parked along Hawthorne Ave. near 206th St., according to police.

The mishap took place during a rainy spell Thursday afternoon.

Police Captain Sued

Charges that he shared his affection with two other women during the past two years were made against a veteran Torrance police officer in a di-

vorce suit filed in Superior Court Friday. Named in the suit was Police Capt. Ernest M. Ashton, head of the city's detective bureau. His wife of 33 years, Marjiam G. Ashton, charged him with affairs with two other women, one in Torrance and another in Gardena, during the past two years.

Violations Charged

A complaint that an operator on the Torrance Municipal Airport was dispensing aviation gasoline to aircraft on the airport from a gas truck in violation of the city's airport management contract was made this week to the Airport Commission by Ed Dietrich, president of Collins-Dietrich, Inc., airport managers.

Rotary Club Elects

Dr. Joseph P. Bay, optometrist and native of Torrance, was elected president of the Torrance Rotary Club at its regular meeting Thursday night. He will succeed Dr. Raymond C. Larsen on July 1.

Chosen to serve with Dr. Bay were Jack Schmidt, Pacific Smelting Co., vice president; Fred King, General Petroleum Corp., secretary, and Leonard Ensminger, administrator of Torrance Memorial Hospital, treasurer.

New Classes Open

Hungarians in the Torrance vicinity who wish to learn English may enroll in a special class to be held at Torrance Evening High School, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m., beginning Tuesday, March 5.

Student Groups Feted

Eighteen Torrance High School student activities were paid tribute here Thursday night by the Torrance Boosters Club as one of its first major activities.

Meeting in the social hall of the First Christian Church, the group was served a turkey and dressing dinner, and then heard reports from student representatives from the 18 campus organizations.

HUNGARIAN CLASS SET

Hungarians in the Torrance vicinity who wish to learn English may enroll in a special class to be held at Torrance Evening High School, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Classes started Tuesday.

The class, intended to assist newly-arrived persons from Hungary, is taught by Andrew Kovach, teacher at Anza School, who speaks Hungarian.

Interested students may register with Kovach in Room 104, Torrance High School, 2200 W. Carson St., Tuesday or Thursday evenings. For further information call Adult Education Office, FA 8-2272.

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professor of the University of Hawaii, will present the program. Wilson exchanged positions, houses, cars, — "Everything but Wives" with Lloyd Newcomer of Lanikai, Hawaii.

In addition to recounting some of his experiences along with the pictures, Wilson will give information on the islands covering the culture and customs of the many races that make up the territorial population.

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