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Local Youth Shot

Thirteen-year-old William Curley of Torrance died this week in Los Angeles County General Hospital following an accidental shooting last Sunday in which he was wounded in the head.

His mother, Mrs. Gail Curley, 1438 W. 227th St. said that her son and his brother, Victor, 10, and two companions were target shooting with 22 rifles near Lake Matthews when William apparently got in the line of fire.

With the brothers at the time according to Sheriff's Deputies were Raymond Murray, 35, and Jack Lee Crowell, 12.

GOP Ladies to Meet Tonight

Republican women of the Peninsula club will meet at 8 tonight in the Sunday school room of the Presbyterian Church, Redondo Beach.

H. R. Bennett, Jr., precinct chairman of Palos Verdes Estates, will speak on the work of the organization and the work to be done, and there will be an election of officers. Plans for the coming campaign will be discussed according to Mrs. Lloyd T. Prothers, president.

The group includes members from Torrance and Manhattan Beach.

TODAY IS FINAL DAY TO REGISTER FOR ELECTION

Today is the final day to register to vote in the April 10 municipal elections, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett warned here yesterday.

Registrars will be on duty at the City Hall tonight until 9 p.m. to accommodate those who want to assure their eligibility to vote on city issues in April, he said.

Those who should register include residents of Torrance who have moved recently, changed party affiliation, or who have allowed their registration to lapse by failing to vote.

Supervisors Deny Dump Site Protest

The County Board of Supervisors voted this week to veto a protest registered by Palos Verdes citizens against the erection of a dump in Rolling Hills.

Said Supervisor Chace, representative of the district, "I, for one, feel the residents had a very fair hearing before the Regional Planning Commission and that the conditions were placed on the permit for protection of surrounding residents."

Chace added that some of the residents of the area were "not too happy" with the proposed dump site but that the project had the blessings of all South Bay cities.

Toastmasters to Meet

"George Washington" will be the theme of the Toastmasters International Extemporaneous Speech Contest to be held Saturday at the Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call Terminal 3-2925.

GOP Committee To Meet Tonight

Designed for the purpose of making pre-primary endorsements of Republican hopefuls, members of the party's candidate committee for the 17th Congressional District will hold their first meeting this evening at 6 at San Pedro's Hacienda Hotel.

According to Robert H. Finch, arrangements committee chairman, purpose of the initial meeting will be to adopt rules set forth by the Los Angeles County Republican Central Committee. Later sessions will be held within two weeks before which potential candidates may appear.

The group is composed of members of the County Central Committee, their alternates, State Central Committee, and representatives of recognized volunteer Republican organizations.

Persons interested in the Assembly office or Congressional post should contact the local representative of the County Central Committee, Frank Selover, at FA 8-8331, or Robert Finch, at OR 8-3731.



BEV SMITH HONORED... Retiring chairman of the Planning Commission, Beverly B. Smith (right) received a plaque mounted gavel last night from Bert M. Lynn, new chairman of the Commission, on behalf of the group for Smith's nearly six years service as head of this important city body. Smith has been a member of the Commission since 1949.

Burglar Takes Car

Lloyd Reinhardt, of 21814 Palos Verdes Blvd., told police Sunday that a bold burglar broke into his garage and drove off in his car Saturday night.

Council Delays Airport Action

A move on the part of the Airport Commission to force Airport Manager Ed Dietrich to refund \$13,000 to the city on the grounds that it was an improper expenditure was held up by the City Council this week when City Manager George Stevens said the matter was merely one of arithmetic.

Under the terms of the city's arrangement with the firm of Collins-Dietrich, 25 per cent of the total net income on the airport must be used for maintenance, repairs, and improvements.

During the six years under question, audit reports show that Dietrich has spent \$42,377.54.

During this same time, based on the total net income, he was obligated to spend only \$24,471.43.

Disputed in the expenditures is an item for \$13,641.24 listed as "supervision." This money, the Airport Commission report indicated, was for direct payment to the airport manager, and the Commission contends that it should remain in the improvement fund—even though the manager has spent \$17,377.54 more than required by the terms of the agreement.

An audit of the accounts to determine what monies actually have been spent from the improvement fund was asked by Schwab after Mayor Isen and Councilman Benstead were defeated in their attempt to force repayment of the money.

The Council delayed a decision on the matter until a written report can be made by the City Manager.

Gardena KC Hosts Rites

Knights of Columbus will host a large group of candidates for the Second Degree, Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in St. Anthony's Church auditorium in Gardena.

The meeting will feature exemplification of the Second Degree for the 23rd district, comprised of the Gardena Valley, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lynwood, Jack Kennedy and Manchester Councils.

District Deputy Clyde Long will conduct the initiation and Grand Knight James Piersall will preside.

Exemplification of the Third Degree will be conducted Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Inglewood K. of C. Hall.

TEAC to Study Reading Habit

Helping children with reading problems will be discussed at the regular February meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, 7:30 p.m. Monday noon at the YWCA building, 2320 W. Carson St. It was announced yesterday by Mrs. W. C. Roswell, moderator.

Also to be discussed at the meeting is the building progress report and the proposal to combine city and school elections.

Signals Promised

County traffic crews will begin installing badly needed traffic signals at Inglewood Ave. and Manhattan Beach Blvd. within the next 10 days.

Two Surprise Regular Field

Two surprise filings added life to the municipal election scene this week as the deadline for filing nomination petitions entered the final 24-hour period.

Added to the growing list of candidates for the April 10 municipal election—at which time three Council seats will be at stake—were Beverly Smith, 1108 Craven Ave., until recently the president of the Torrance Planning Commission; and Walter A. Garrabrant, 305 Camino De Las Colinas. The two petitions raised the total filings to 14 as of yesterday.

Others filing this week included Jack E. White, 5930 W. 176th St.; George W. Downing, 1511 Gresham Blvd.; William M. King, Jr., 1781 Greenwood; Gordon Lewis, 333 Avenida Atenida; and Victor E. Benstead, Jr., who holds one of the three seats to be voted on April 10.

Previously filed were Councilman Nicholas Drale, Frank W. Burk, Frank Frohnhoefer, Robert Jahn, G. S. Evans, James Thompson, and Walter G. Ryan Schwab Quila.

The third Councilman whose seat is at stake—Mervin M. Schwab—has indicated that he will not be a candidate. The two holdover Councilmen whose terms do not expire until 1958 are Willys G. Blount and Albert Isen.

Geographically, the candidates represent nearly every geographical segment of the city.

Drale and White live in north Torrance; Evans, Thompson, Ryan, Smith, Benstead, Frohnhoefer, Downing, and King live in downtown Torrance; Jahn and Garrabrant live in Hollywood Riviera; and Burk lives in Seaside Heights.

A True Oldtimer Smith served as president of the Torrance Planning Commission from June, 1950, until last month when he was succeeded by Bert M. Lynn. He was first named to the Commission in 1949.

"Bev" as Smith is known to his many friends in the assembly one of the city's "oldtimers" having first moved here in 1918 with the Union Tool Co. He has been employed by Union Tool and its successor, the National Supply Co., for 28 years. He now is superintendent of sales and supply for the large industry.

Smith missed being a native of California when his mother returned to Iowa prior to his birth to visit her ailing father. "Bev" was born in Iowa during his mother's visit there. He re-

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Theater to Audition for Next Show

A search for talent to be used in two coming A-CENT Theatre productions will get underway tonight at 8 o'clock at the YMCA, 2080 Washington, and will continue next Tuesday.

Readings for the eight zany roles in "The Tender Trap" to be presented in May and June, will be conducted tonight, with four men and four women needed. The men's roles call for actors from 25 to 35 years of age, while the women may be considerably younger—or older, depending on their appearance and ability—according to the director, Jack Hudson. The movie starring Frank Sinatra, Debbie Reynolds, and David Wayne, has eclipsed even the Broadway fame of this bright comedy, he said, which is in the tradition of "The Moon Is Blue."

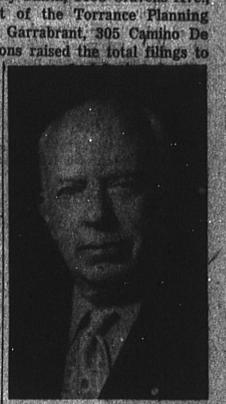
Auditions for the olio entertainment, which will accompany the benefit for the YMCA fund-raising drive, are on the schedule next Tuesday. A barber shop quartet, song-and-dance specialties, and top-notch instrumentalists are being sought for the March 3 engagement. Also needed is a pianist who can improvise and accompany.

Some of the acts selected for the benefit will also be used for the South Bay Osteopathic Auxiliary Frontier Party on March 3.

Three Enter Queen Contest

Three South Bay girls, Carolyn Vashon, Jeanie Keeley, and Pettie Layton, have entered the race for the queen title of the first annual Friendship Festival.

Coronation ceremonies will take place Sunday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m., at Alondra Park. Single girls 15 to 19 years old living in the South Bay district are eligible in the contest.



WALTER A. GARRABRANT... A Surprise Entry

Three Nabbed For Pair of Local Hold-Ups

Three armed robbers, specialists in holding up liquor stores in this area, were apprehended late Saturday, minutes after robbing a Wilmington liquor concern. They are in San Pedro City Jail on suspicion of robbery charges.

Loyal Chapman, 30, and Raymond Hammond, 27, both of 18016 Figueroa St., and Glenn E. Loudemilk, 23, of 1804 W. 250th St., Lomita, were arrested after they took \$50 in whiskey and \$14 in cash from a liquor store at 621 Wilmington Blvd.

They admitted to Torrance authorities two holdups at Fred's Liquor Store, at 1954 W. Carson St., in recent months.

Police Make Finch The trio reportedly left the Wilmington store Saturday shortly after midnight. They had traveled just a short distance in their getaway car when the lights went out. Police stopping them for routine questioning about the car light's failure, then made the arrests.

On Dec. 3, Chapman and another suspect, who still is being sought, held up Olga Schwartzman, 38, at Fred's Liquor Store and got away with about \$60 in cash, authorities said. Then, on Feb. 4, Hammond, Chapman and Loudemilk took \$400 from Ephraim "Fred" Schwartzman, 33, from the same store.

"Easy Money Motive" The trio reportedly told Torrance Detective Capt. Ernie Ashton the robberies provided such an easy way to get money, they just couldn't resist the temptation.

Ashton said Hammond, a native of Kentucky, and Chapman, from Michigan, had just lived in Torrance for a short time. They were planning to return to the east after the Wilmington store holdup, Ashton said they told him.

Loudemilk was reportedly on probation for an earlier conviction for burglary.

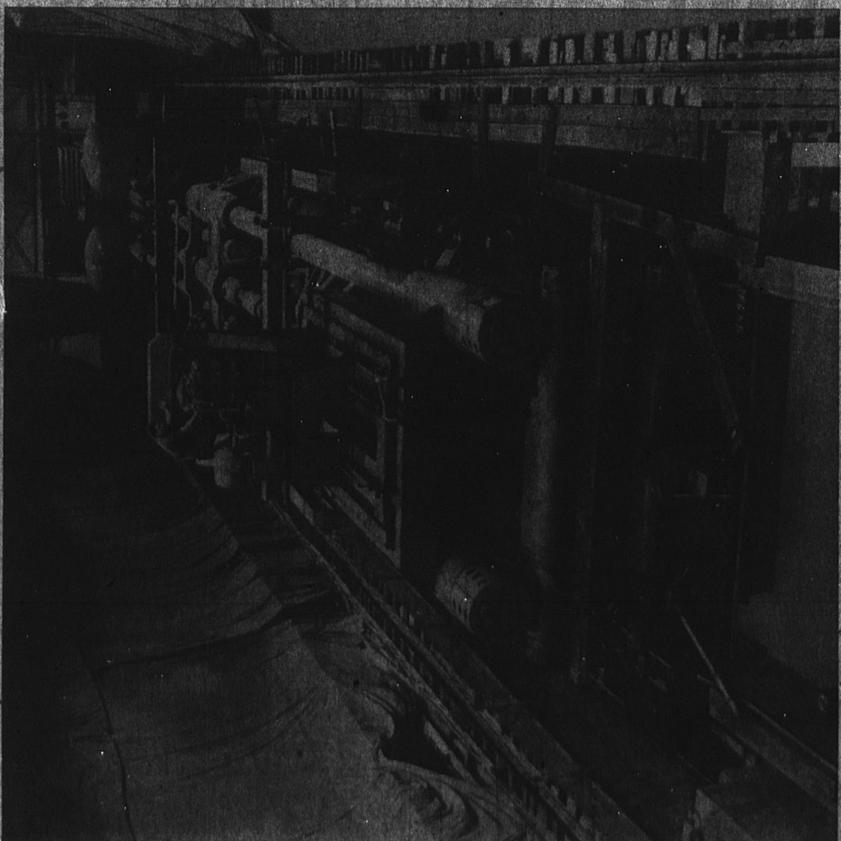
San Pedro authorities will handle disposition of the alleged stolen items, Ashton said, with the two Torrance holdups being included in their investigation.

SDA Church To Rebuild After Fire

Plans are being made this week to rebuild the recreation room of the Torrance Seventh-day Adventist Church which was damaged Monday evening when fire started in a defective floor furnace.

Reconstruction will begin when insurance investigators have appraised the amount of damage. They were at the church yesterday.

Unofficial estimates of the damage went as high as \$1,000.



NEW PRESS INSTALLATION... The west's first installation under the U. S. Air Force heavy press program reaches final assembly stage at the Harvey Aluminum plant here. From this 8000-ton capacity hydraulic extrusion press, Harvey will produce large, one-piece aluminum shapes to supplant conventional fabricating methods of riveting,

welding, and bolting many small components. Dimensions of the 8000-ton unit—a companion to the 12,000-ton extrusion press also being installed at Harvey Aluminum—are: length, 288 ft.; height, 30 ft.; width, 31 ft.; and weight, four million pounds.