

ARSONIST SOUGHT FOR \$25,000 FIRE AT NARBONNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Matches Found At School Fire

Fire bugs are blamed by arson officials at Lennox Sheriff's station for a fire that caused an estimated \$25,000 damage early Saturday at Narbonne High School, in Lomita.

Matches found at the scene of the blaze gave the arson

detail positive evidence of the origin of the fires, four of which were set in different areas of the main administration building.

The school has been the target of a series of minor blazes in the past few months. Student lockers, trash barrels and other receptacles have been set on fire from time to time by arsonists, deputies have reported.

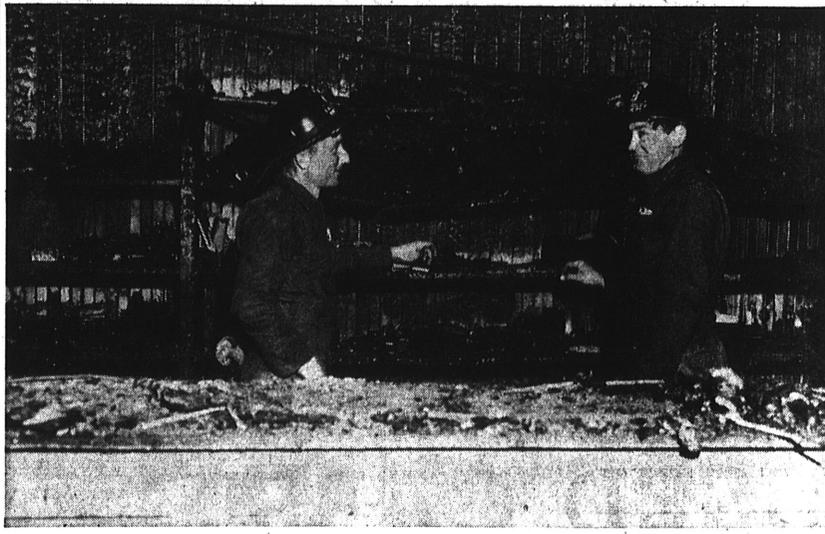
Authorities received their first call to the scene at about 8:12 a.m. County Fire Department Engine companies 6, 36, 54 and 99 responded to the calls.

Separate fires were started in the fine arts room, the student store, and two other areas of the main building. One of the fires was set on the second floor, but the main damage was suffered by the blaze that began in the student store.

The store, which was well-stocked with books, pencils and other goods, was completely gutted. The adjoining business office was burned badly, too, with a lone American flag on the wall burned to a black crisp by the blaze.

Other damage was held to smoke and broken windows as the firemen converged on the school to limit the course of the blaze.

It was not known Saturday whether the school was to be open for classes today. School officials, deputies and firemen were busy mopping up Saturday and taking inventory of the articles destroyed in the fire.



INSPECTING DAMAGE... County Firemen William Wittcar, left, and Ray Boyce survey fire damage in student store at Narbonne High School during mopping up operations Saturday. School was hit by four separate blazes, which

authorities say were set early Saturday morning. Four County Engine companies, plus sheriff's deputies, responded to the call. Damage was set at about \$25,000 by inspectors. Wittcar and Boyce are both 54th Engine Company 6.

Garrabrant to Ask For Vote Recount

Talk of a recount in last Tuesday's election received added force Saturday when Walter A. Garrabrant, who was edged out in the unofficial tally by Robert B. Jahn by 20 votes, stated that he firmly favored calling for the check.

The probability of a recount was indicated election night when backers of Garrabrant said errors in tabulation could have cost him more than the 20 votes he was short in the tally.

Racing Problem Will Face Beach Council

What started out as a neighborhood drive to protest the recent upsurge in races at Micro Park, 190th St. and Hawthorne Blvd., now has mushroomed into a battle of city-wide proportions in Redondo Beach.

Residents of the area surrounding the tiny track turned out en masse to protest the beginning of motorcycle racing last Wednesday night.

William Shirer To Speak Here Next Wednesday

William L. Shirer, foreign correspondent and author, will visit the El Camino College campus here, Wednesday, April 18, to present a lecture on the problems now before the American people from the international and national point of view.

It is from his past European travels that Mr. Shirer will base his lecture. Student body card holders will be admitted free, the general public and those not having cards will be charged 70 cents a ticket.

Recipient of the George Foster Peabody Award, radio's greatest prize, the Wendell Wilkie One-World Award, and the Legion of Honor from France, Shirer began his career in 1925 upon graduation from the College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Shirer is also the author of several other novels such as "The Traitor," "Midcentury Journey," and "The Challenge of Scandinavia."

But El Nido Gardens residents flocked to the track Wednesday, trudged around in the rain and shouted their objections to the stepped-up racing fare over a loud speaker. All the time, television cameras of Channel 1, KCOP, were trained on the races.

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Still to be considered are the 26 absentee ballots which have been issued by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. Twenty-three of these ballots have been returned and others have until today to get their marked ballots back to the clerk's office. These ballots will be canvassed at tomorrow night's meeting of the City Council.

Absentee Votes

It is possible, although not likely, that Garrabrant could pick up enough votes in the absentee ballots to edge ahead of Jahn, who now holds the lead for the third Council seat.

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Deadline April 18 For School Election

A Wednesday deadline looms for potential candidates for the three Torrance Board of Education seats which will be decided Friday, May 18, in the biennial balloting for board posts. Incumbents Darwin D. Parrish, 405 Via Linda Vista; Grace Wright, 1532 El Prado; and J. G. Arnold, 1551

terred voter. The official said if they are informed that he has registered, the papers will go through.

Wednesday is the last day for candidates to file their intention to run for one of the three seats. Persons wishing to file may pick up the proper forms at either the Torrance Unified School District office, 2335 Plaza Del Amo, or the Los Angeles County Schools, 808 N. Spring St.

Voters will visit 20 precincts May 18 in the board balloting. A complete list of the polling places follows: Perry Elementary School, 17851 Prairie Ave.; Carr Elementary School, 3404 W. 168th St.; North Torrance Elementary School, 17220 Casmir Ave.; El Nido Elementary School, 4402 W. 188th St.; North High School, 3620 W. 182nd St.; Crenshaw Elementary School, 18620 Crenshaw Blvd.; Steele Elementary School, 19300 Inglewood Ave.; 5036 Jacques St. (residence); Madrona Elementary School, 21394 Madrona Ave.; Fern-Greenwood Elementary School, 1520 Greenwood Ave.; Torrance High School, 2200 Carson St.; Torrance Elementary School, 2005 Martina Ave.; Seaside Elementary School, 4661 Sharynne Ln.; 5305 Carol Dr. (residence); Meadow Park Elementary School, 3860 W. 230th St.; Wood Elementary School, 2250 W. 226th St.; El Retiro Park Recreation Center, 126 Vista del Parque; Riviera Elementary School, 365 Via Colusa; Newton Elementary School, 23751 Nancy Ln.; Walteria Elementary School, 24465 Madison St.; and Hillside Elementary School, 25600 Crenshaw Blvd.

A possible eighth candidate, Dr. Warren Low, sent his filing forms into the County Schools Office Friday, but they were returned because election officials had no evidence that Dr. Low is a regis-

tered voter. The official said if they are informed that he has registered, the papers will go through.

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CHURCH BURGULARS CONTINUE IN LOMITA

Church burglars continued their raids on Lomita churches last week, getting cash and a tape recorder at the Narbonne Baptist Church, 24730 Narbonne Ave., and entering the Calvary Church, at 25501 Oak St.

Nothing was taken when the raiders failed to pry a door open to the pastor's room at Calvary Church on Tuesday night.

In addition to the recorder, which was valued at \$200, \$10 in coins was taken at the Baptist Church when thugs broke in Thursday.

Public Schools In Spotlight Here Tomorrow

Public schools will be in the spotlight tomorrow morning as the Chamber of Commerce stages its April breakfast meeting at the YWCA building beginning at 7:30.

Billed as "The Greatest Show on Earth," tomorrow's spotlight will fall on the schools' high top-level administrators on hand to outline Torrance's school program.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, will head the panel consisting of Sam E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of business; Al Posner, assistant superintendent, education services; Walter Rehwoldt, director of instruction; Bob Cosby, business manager; and James Crockett, director of new construction.

Reservations for tomorrow's breakfast may still be made by telephoning the Chamber of Commerce, according to Manager Tom Watson.

Deputies Nab Dope Suspects

Two men, one from Torrance, were booked at Lennox Sheriff's station Wednesday night on possession and transportation of narcotics charges after deputies searched their car and found marijuana seeds in the auto at Narbonne Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy.

Robert J. Heskett, 19, of Long Beach, and Alfred M. Hurst, 26, of 20341 New Hampshire Ave., were detained on the counts.

Deputies R. A. Smith and E. L. Lomholdt, on prowl at the time, reported they saw the suspects' car turning left from the highway onto Narbonne without lights. They pulled the car over and after routine questioning decided to search the car.

The deputies said they found 17 seeds of what appeared to be marijuana in a white envelope. The evidence was impounded for further investigation of the case.

FRIBERGS HERALD ARRIVAL OF GIRL

Torrance Police Lieutenant Karl Friberg was busy passing out cigars Wednesday, April 4, to herald the arrival of his third child, 9-lb. daughter, Jo Ellen.

Mrs. Friberg gave birth to the child at Torrance Memorial Hospital. They reside at 2764 Onrado.

They have two other children, Joel, 20, who is in the Air Force, and Patay, 18.

Slick Pavements Cause Rash Of Local Traffic Crashes

Rain-slick streets brought on their usual heavy number of traffic accidents here Thursday and Friday with five accidents alone logged on Thursday by local police.

Clifton W. Lackey, of 1058 Beech Ave., was injured when his car and one driven by Norman L. Parrish, 44, of 264 Calle de Madrid, crashed early Thursday at 203rd St. and Western Ave. Lackey was taken to a private doctor for treatment.

A Torrance school bus, driven by Herman C. Beck, of 328 de Andalucia, was involved in a collision with an auto at about 9:30 a.m. Thursday. The bus reportedly was turning left at 240th St. and Hawthorne Blvd., when it was hit in the rear by an auto driven by John F. Devaney, 31, of 3436 Via La Selva.

Devaney reportedly was injured in the crash and was treated by a physician. An auto with William J. Gas-

per, 40, of Redondo, at the wheel, turned over when Gasper lost control of the vehicle Thursday night on Hawthorne Blvd.

Hit-Run Car
Gasper told officers he was going south on Hawthorne Blvd. near Lomita Blvd., when a car pulled in front of him. He said he swerved to miss the other vehicle and turned over. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

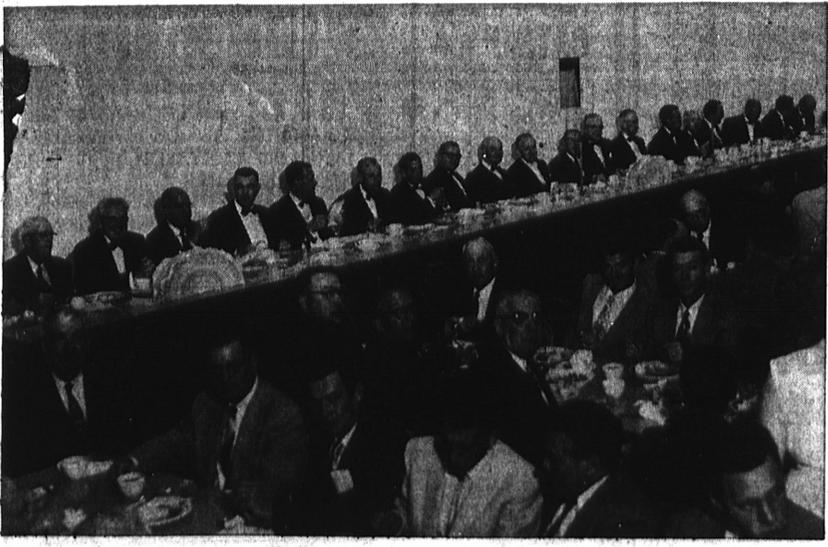
Police are looking for a U. S. Government car as a party in a hit and run three-car accident Friday at 207th St. and Western Ave. According to reports, the vehicle left the scene of the collision and is being traced.

Cars driven by Irene M. Gibson, 32, of Manhattan Beach, and Robert R. Ritchie, 50, of 1645 W. 219th St., also were involved in the wreck.

The Gibson woman reportedly suffered an injured neck, but refused medical attention, officers said.



SEEKS CONGRESSIONAL POST... Republican Charles A. Franklin is shown here filing nomination papers as a candidate for Congress from the 17th District with Registrar Benjamin S. Hite before the recent deadline for petitions. Franklin has taken on the assignment to oust Democrat Incumbent Cecil King, and filed with the endorsement of the Republican Party's fact finding committee in the district.



DEDICATE NEW LODGE... These Masons are some of about 250 who attended official dedication of new \$100,000 Masonic Lodge, at 2336 Cabrillo Ave., here Monday night. A banquet was staged in conjunction with the dedication ceremony. Masonic officials from lodges throughout the state turned up for the affair. Temple was recently completed.