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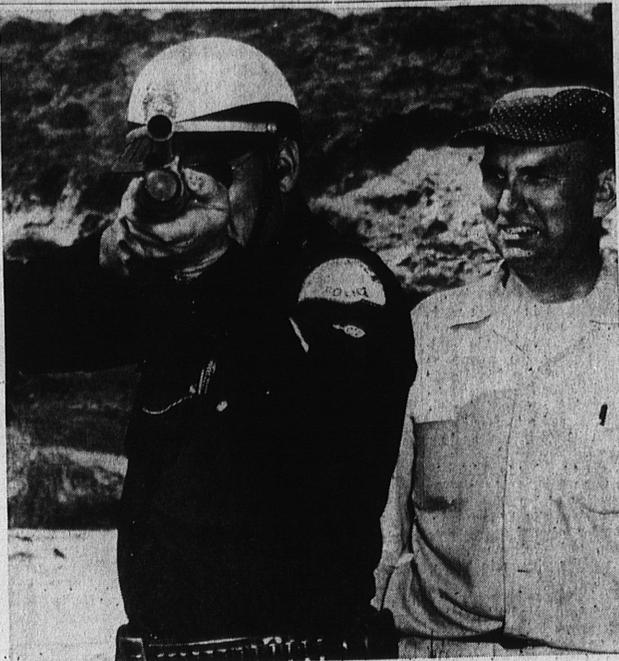
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DEADEYE JACKSON . . . Officer A. L. Jackson takes careful aim with the riot gun as FBI instructor Gene Minoux looks on. All Torrance police officers currently are receiving FBI training in firearms. The two-week school, part lecture and film and part actual firing on the range, was concluded here Friday.



FBI SCHOOL . . . Police Chief Percy Bennett, left, Officer A. L. Jackson, FBI instructor Gene Minoux and Officer Bill Winther are shown examining some of the guns used in the training school. Local officers received instructions in firing .38 revolvers, .45 automatic machine guns, automatic rifles and shotguns in addition to learning to use tear gas bombs.

Cops Join Gym Class To Identify Suspect

Appoint Paget Chairman for Good Will Tour

J. H. Paget has been appointed chairman of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce "Friendship Tour" of Mexico, according to President A. E. Thompson of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Assisting Paget will be Dean Sears and R. S. Pyle, Thompson added.

Even though the announcement of the tour was made only last week, the response has been terrific. Chamber officials said. The nine-day, all-expense tour will start on April 18th and will include passage via Western Airlines from Los Angeles International Airport, four days in Mexico City, three days in Acapulco, and one day in Taxco. All but three meals are included and accommodations are at deluxe hotels in each city. Tours to many interesting and historical sights will be aboard limousines with English-speaking guides.

Chairman Paget stated that due to the fact that Torrance will be the first city sponsoring a "Good Will" tour of Mexico aboard an American Air-carrier, special events are being arranged by Mexican government and Chamber officials. Western Airlines just recently received a franchise to fly to the Latin country after a strenuous battle led by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and supported by the local Chamber.

Businessmen Plan Meeting

Members of the educational committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will meet with Harry Lintz of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to formulate plans for a Business-Industry Education Day early next year, it was disclosed today by Fred E. Brunner, chairman.

Brunner said the group would meet at a luncheon on Sept. 4th at the Villa Capri to insure the success of the project designed to give school teachers an "inside" view of Torrance business and industry in particular; and the American free enterprise system in general.

The young executive of the Torrance Works of the Columbia-Geneva Steel Division of United States Steel Corp. added that over 800 teachers are expected to participate in the day-long event.

Members of the Education Committee include Fred Fodd, Jr., Dr. Warren Hamilton, Darwin Parrish, Glenn Koger and Brunner.

Man Arrested For Robberies

A reportedly armed and dangerous gunman accused of committing seven armed robberies in Sacramento, was taken into custody by a sextet of local police officers Friday night.

James Martin Edwards, 24, found wearing only a pair of gym shorts, was arrested by quick-thinking policemen who used the guise of enrolling in a gym for weight reducing.

Led by Lt. Ted Morris and Sgt. Gus Rethwisch, four officers surrounded a local gym Friday night after a tip received from Sacramento police.

One of three other suspects being held in Sacramento in connection with the robberies told officers she had sent a money order to Edwards in care of a gym in Torrance.

Surrounding gym. Officers Russ Culverhouse, Barney Oates, Bruce Bishop, and Harry Owens surrounded the gym. Local police had been warned that Edwards was armed and dangerous.

Lt. Morris who expected to identify the suspect by tattoo marks, and Sgt. Rethwisch entered the gym and found three men in the office.

Unable to identify the suspect—as he could see no tattoo marks—Morris quickly decided to play it safe.

He told the men he wanted to enroll in order to reduce. While he was enrolling, two of the men changed into gym clothes, with Edwards' tattoo clearly showing.

Morris and Rethwisch identified themselves and took the suspect into custody.

Later searching Edwards' room at a local hotel, officers found a fully loaded .38 caliber automatic and a shoulder holster.

The suspected armed robber is being detained here for Sacramento police and is being questioned by local officers concerning recent robberies committed in the South Bay area.



ROBERT I. PLOMERT JR. . . . Heads Committee

Plomert to Head Economic Study Committee Here

Robert I. Plomert Jr. has been appointed chairman of the economic study committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, it was disclosed today by President A. E. Thompson.

Plomert, manager of General Petroleum Corp. property tax department, has long been active in Torrance civic affairs. He is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce and is currently president of the advisory council of the Little Company of Mary Hospital. He is also a member of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee and the Torrance Rotary Club.

The Civic Leader joined General Petroleum in 1924 as a draftsman and subsequently advanced to scout right of way man, assistant tax agent, assistant manager of the tax department, and to his present position in 1947.

In addition to his activities in Torrance, Plomert is a member of many civic and professional organizations in the South Bay area.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Localites, representing a cross-section of Torrance, were asked by the HERALD reporter:

"Labor day always falls on Monday just as Thanksgiving always falls on Thursday. What do you think about having ALL national holidays changed so that would fall on the same day each year?"

Glen Gilliam, 448 E. 214th St., aircraft assemblyman: "I am very satisfied with the way they are now. I can't see any reason for changing them."

Magda Tapia, 3511 W. 226th St., housewife: "If holidays were changed so that they would all be on the same day, it would make them too dull. I like them just the way they are."

Donald Epley, 1443 1/2 W. 219th St., aircraft worker: "I believe they should fall on the original days."

Anna Lonclotti, Scenic Trailer Court, Baldwin Park, housewife visiting in Torrance: "The holidays are a right the way they are and should not be changed."

C. E. King, 21131 Dalton Ave., aircraft worker: "I think it would be a good idea and it would be wonderful for the working people if they should fall on either Friday or Monday to make a longer week end."

Kathleen McGinley, 2415 Gramercy Ave., typist-clerk: "I don't want them changed. There is a certain significance to the present days on which they fall."

Church Holds Revival Meet

Torrance Church of God will hold a revival today through next Sunday with the Rev. Paul Laverne Walker, state youth director of California and Nevada Church of God.

Rev. Walker is noted for his messages at camp meetings and youth camps.

There will be special music and singing each night, with services beginning at 7:30 p.m. The church is at 2230, Ca-brillo Ave.



IT'S STILL SECRET . . . Waleria Business Men's Club president Don Matthews finds it tough going, but manages to parry questions about who is ahead in the current Waleria queen contest. Winners will be revealed next Sunday at the annual picnic. Entrants, left to right, include Stephanie Shank, Mary Yoshioka, Gaye Wilson, Irene Solas, Carol Ann Woods, and Georgia Powell. Sharon Labitt, another entrant, is not pictured.

Lomita Leads In Community Chest Aides

In the race to recruit volunteers to help with the 1957-'58 Community Chest campaign, Lomita, piloted by Chairman James Munson, leads all other Harbor communities with 29.03 per cent signed up of the total number of workers this community needs.

Communities, their city chairmen, and the per cent recruited of the total number of Chest workers needed in the community include:

San Pedro, Denver Bullock, 22.68; Wilmington, Ernest Brower, 22.65; Gardena, Oren G. O'Neill, 18.96; Torrance, Glenn Koger, 15.38; Palos Verdes, Mrs. William R. LaPerle, 4; and Rolling Hills, Mrs. Harold Kavalaris, 2.61.

Two Courses In Torrance

The University of Southern California's Community Service Division will offer two courses in Torrance this fall, it has been announced.

"Workshop in Elementary Education" will be taught in the Cafeterium of the Fern Avenue School, from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 25. Open to teachers, the

course is of senior-level and carries two units of credit in the SC School of Education curriculum.

The planning, selecting, and preparing of instructional materials and methods for an elementary school subject will be covered in a series of group conferences and individual projects.

Traffic Accidents Account For Three Area Fatalities

Three fatalities were recorded in area traffic accidents during the past few days.

Two men were killed and three members of a family seriously injured in a head-on collision Tuesday night at Main St. and 213th St.

Dead were Wilbert E. Davis, 34, of 8774 Wadsworth Ave., driver of one vehicle, and his passenger, Hugh Powrill, 31, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital in serious condition were Christopher H. Hinkle, 50, his wife, Margaret and daughter, Patricia, all of Van Nuys.

According to California Highway Patrolmen, the car in which the two men were killed was southbound on Main St. when the driver swerved over the double line and smashed into the Hinkle car.

George R. Snider, 4727 Hal-

son St., Torrance, was killed when his sports car went out of control Wednesday on the Montgomery Freeway south of San Diego.

Snider is survived by his wife, Betty, and their six-month-old son.

Two Injured In Collision

Two persons were injured in an early morning collision yesterday on Pacific Coast Hwy., east of Neece Ave.

Driver of the car, Loren Russell Davies, 28, of Wilmington and his passenger, Barbara

Norwood, 20, also of Wilmington were taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment and then released.

The Davies' car hit the rear end of a parked auto, belonging to Eldred Adrian Reynolds, 4931 Sharynne Ln.

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