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BANDIT GETS \$2000 IN DARING MARKET HOLDUP

A Penny for your Thoughts

Following the publicity during the past few days on the action of a San Pedro judge in handing out two-day jail sentences to parents of teenagers charged with violating curfew laws, the HERALD's "Penny" man received the following answers from persons selected at random to comment on the matter:

Mrs. James Lynch, 1512 Hickory Ave., legal secretary: "It's a good idea. Police later reported that curfew violations in the area were reduced sharply the following week end. Such action might help to keep children out of trouble."

Don Wolf, 16821 Kristin, real estate salesman: "It may help to some extent, for the responsibility does belong to the parents. If there is more of it, there may be some good come of it."

Mrs. Melvin Thomas, Rolling Hills, real estate salesman: "Something has to be done. If they enforce the curfew laws more in such a manner, maybe the parents will step down more on their children."

Mrs. R. W. Strahm, 2403 W. 237th St., housewife: "It is the parents' responsibility to know where their children are, what they are doing, and to get them home at the proper time of evening. The parents must be held responsible."

Earl Holmstedt Jr., 2104 Cabrillo, grocery clerk: "The law should not be rough with the kids unless they've been in trouble before. Parents should be notified of the violation and warned, then if repeated, the children, not the parents should be disciplined."

Council Defers Dairy Hearing

Torrance's 11 dairies were put on a 90-day "probation" by the city council here Tuesday after a spokesman for the group said a self-regulating committee of the dairy industry would enforce a maximum effort in eradicating fly and odor nuisances, sources of complaints from nearby residents.

CONSIDER CULTURAL EXCHANGE

A proposal for the city to participate in a "people to people" cultural exchange program with foreign "sister" cities is under study here this week by clubs and organizations of the city.

The program was outlined during a special meeting held here Monday night at which Max Bortman, member of a presidential commission for cultural exchanges, discussed the project with leaders of the city's clubs and organizations. Bortman said government agencies would furnish the names of foreign cities interested in an exchange should Torrance choose to enter the program. Torrance would apparently make the exchange on its own efforts, using suggested methods and channels outlined by government agencies.

Another session on the matter is scheduled for early next month at which time the organizations will be asked to report back on their decisions.

Chest Workers Offer Thanks For Donations

"Thank You" is the key word for June, the month set aside every year by the Community Chest to thank the many workers and contributors who gave their support to the health and welfare services of the Community Chest. According to J. A. Robinson, chairman of the Harbor Area Welfare Federation Board Community Chests and United Funds in Southern California raised a total of \$18,660,309 in their recent campaigns.

The 10 communities of the Harbor Area, Robinson said, are part of the Los Angeles Area campaign that netted \$10,123,359 for 167 services.

In all, 1041 member agencies of 67 federated fall campaigns in Southern California combined to report the record breaking amount during this special "Thank You" month. Volunteers solicitors called upon a population of more than 7,000,000 persons residing in the 9564 square miles served in Southern California.

Here in the Harbor Area, Robinson said, more than 4000 volunteers aided in the campaign in business and residential phases. More than \$85,000 was raised, he added, and this does not include contributions from large firms and their employees.

Decision to defer a public hearing on a proposed ordinance which would outlaw the dairies in the city came after a heated session marked in a couple of places by boos and catcalls from the sharply divided audience.

One of the largest crowds ever to attend a city council meeting, estimated in excess of 300 persons, overflowed the chambers and filled an adjoining conference room and much of the second-floor hallway of the city hall during the two-hour hearing.

Committee Formed Stanley Voges, speaking for the dairymen, said operators of the city's 11 dairies had agreed to formation of a self-regulating committee, and agreed that members of the group getting out of line would be prosecuted by the other dairies.

Residents whose homes in some cases abut dairy property told of the inconvenience and cost of the fly problems at the homes—many of them brandishing flyswatters as a badge of protest. Several of the residents displayed household articles ranging from a baby carriage to a painting, charging that the fly problem was a nuisance and a health hazard.

Gardner McFarland, chief inspector for the County Health Department, stated that the city's fly ordinance which was recently adopted would give the health officers a tool to use in keeping the fly problem at a minimum.

Notices Given He added that a number of abatement notices had been served since the new city ordinance went into effect recently.

Joining in on the side of the dairymen were William Staiger, manager of the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau, and Sidney Bleifeld, attorney for the dairymen. Each hinted that the proposed ordinance would be a court issue if adopted. Staiger said the Farm Bureau's legal counsel had given the opinion that such a law would constitute "illegal confiscation of private property."

Importance Cited Several pro-dairy speakers emphasized the importance of the dairy industry to Torrance, stating that \$36,000,000 was invested in the industry here, and that it had a local payroll of approximately \$1,000,000 a year.

Dairymen and a grievance committee of residents were asked to get together during the 90-day period and attempt to work out the demands of the homeowners for abatement of the allowed nuisances.

The public hearing on the ordinance will be reopened at the end of the 90-day period.



ROBERT E. PROWELL ... Teacher Testifies

Former Local Teacher Denies Part in Thefts

A former Torrance High School biology teacher testified Tuesday he accepted office furniture, hi-fi set, record player and adding machines from his student lab assistant without knowing they were stolen.

Robert Edward Prowell of Long Beach, told a Superior Court jury, that his confession to Torrance Police Lt. D. C. Cook was made at the officer's insistence "so he could have a good case to present to the district attorney."

The teacher maintained that the student, John Zamrzla, 19, of Torrance "fooled me completely."

"A" For Stealing Zamrzla earlier testified the teacher had given him an "A" in biology because of his stealing efforts. Prowell admitted he paid Zamrzla \$40 for the hi-fi set in February 1957. He said he learned a few days later that it was stolen from the school cafeteria. He said he put the set in his car, hoping to return it to the school without anyone seeing him.

The set was recovered when (Continued on Page 2)

New Signal Agreement Approved

Elimination of one of the most hazardous traffic conditions in the Harbor area was assured today in action by Chairman Burton W. Chace of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Chace approved an agreement with the State of California whereby the County will share equally in the installation of traffic signals on Figueroa St. and two heavily traveled intersections.

One set of signals will be installed at Figueroa's intersection with Lomita Blvd. and the other at its intersection with 234th St.

In urging approval of the agreement by the board, Chace pointed to the heavy incident of accidents at the Lomita crossing due to fast-moving traffic on and off the Harbor Freeway just south of the intersection.

Clerks Locked In Store Office

A nattily dressed bandit, wearing dark glasses and carrying a new-looking leather briefcase, grabbed more than \$2000 from Jim Dandy Market at Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw yesterday afternoon after locking two employees in a room at the store.

Entering the office just as a meat department employee came in to cash his payroll check, the bandit forced an assistant manager to surrender the money, and then left after locking the pair in the room.

Witnesses said the bandit was 40 to 45 years of age, and was dressed in a brown suit, tan hat, and wore large, goggle-type dark glasses.

Police said the bandit may have been in a nearby phone booth waiting for an opportunity to enter the office.

He scooped up bills only, leaving checks and coin. Torrance police units were called to the scene and spread out a hunt for the suspect.

A possible identification of the suspect was being checked late yesterday by Torrance and Redondo police.

Man Injured In Accident

Theodore Franklin McOsker, 20, of Long Beach, was taken to St. Mary's Hospital for treatment of possible back injuries following an auto accident Monday.

Police said McOsker's car was traveling west on Del Amo, when the youth decided to turn onto Talisman Ave. The car left the roadway and struck an embankment. The Long Beach driver was thrown out of the car.

Hospital on Schedule, Advisory Group Told

Construction of the Little Company of Mary Hospital is running on schedule, members of the hospital advisory committee were informed at a luncheon meeting yesterday. The committee discussed further plans to raise money needed to pay for an additional story on the west wing which was included in the original contract.

Citizens Urged To Display Flag This Saturday

Roger W. Holmes, exalted ruler of Torrance Elks Lodge, today requested all citizens to join in the observance of Flag Day, June 14, in a display of unity against the growing of Communist aggression.

He urged all patriotic citizens to display the flag at their homes and at business establishments on Flag Day in cooperation with the Elks "Show Your Colors" program celebrating the 181st anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777.

Ginger Dubberly 'Miss Universe' Entry for City

Pert Ginger Dubberly won the "Miss Universe" Elimination Contest at the Stadium Theater Saturday night. The 5'3" beauty will represent Torrance at the "Miss California" contest on Saturday, June 14, at Disneyland.

The second-place honors went to 24 year-old Marge Thompson of Torrance who is an instructor at the Cal-Gym. Third place was captured by auburn-haired Marilyn Sue Davis of Downey who is 18. Ten girls, representing seven cities were finalists.

Miss Dubberly, 18, will be a strong contender for Miss California honors according to veteran beauty experts. The transplanted "Georgia Peach" is now a student at Pasadena City College and was a Tournament of Roses Princess last year, and reached the finalist of the "Miss Reingold" Contest. Ginger received publicity among baseball fans recently when her engagement to youthful Los Angeles pitcher, Don Drysdale, was announced.

Judges included Thad Omohundro of the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department; Commercial Photographer, Robert Steiner; Miss Florence Blake of the Florence Blake Charm Studio; and Jack Phillips, chairman of the Torrance Ranchero Days celebration and owner of Paramount Builders Supply.

Police Chief in Warning About 'Red Light' Bandit

A "Red Light" bandit is operating in the South Bay area. A man was badly beaten last week end when he was pulled to the side of the road by a car flashing a red light on 190th St. between Western and Normandie Aves.

Occupants of the car were not police, but gun brandishing bandits.

Motorists were warned yesterday by Torrance Police Chief Percy Bennett to use extreme caution while driving at night.

"Be sure, before you stop your car on a dark street, that the red light belongs to a police car," Chief Bennett declared.

He gave a few simple rules for motorists to follow for their own safety: Drive on dark streets at night only when you have to. Always keep the doors locked and the windows rolled up.



TORRANCE ENTRY ... Wearing the "Miss Torrance" banner in the judging to select California's entry in the "Miss Universe" contest will be Ginger Dubberly, a Pasadena College student and fiancée of Dodger Don Drysdale. Miss Dubberly won the right to represent this area in the Anaheim judging Saturday at a preliminary contest here last Saturday night.

Letter Carrier's Bravery Cited

The Torrance postman who snatched four children from the path of a driverless car last May 14, has been honored by the Regional Headquarters of the Post Office Department in San Francisco.

Thomas Nicholls, 1811 Schilling Dr., has been awarded \$100 for "an act of heroism while on duty, at the risk of personal safety, in which he averted a tragedy by saving four young children in the path of a wildly careening, driverless automobile rolling at high speed."

Eight Honored The local man was one of eight employees in California honored with a superior accomplishment award by the San Francisco office. Nicholls also will be honored

again Tuesday morning at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast meeting. (Continued on Page 2)

"Do not attempt to elude the car. If the motorist speeds away, the officers will think he is trying to avoid arrest or apprehension. Drive at the legal rate of speed and stop in the nearest safe area."

"Our officers will follow a car for quite a distance and they will use every means to identify themselves before stopping a car."

"If a motorist finally stops at a service station or similarly lighted area and the red-light flashing car proceeds on past, the driver should immediately phone the police with a description of the vehicle."

"Try to get the license number if possible and remember any other identifying marks on the car. Such action by the motorist may save another driver from being beaten or robbed by these "Red Light" bandits," Bennett declared.