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A Penny for your Thoughts

Who grows old more gracefully — men or women?

That was the question the HERALD asked five persons this week in a sample poll in downtown Torrance. Four of five individuals said without hesitation, "Why the men, of course."

Mrs. Thomas Lowes, 21826 1/2 S. Main, said: "Married men . . . because they have someone to take care of."

Mrs. James E. Vickery, 22726 S. Menlo, stated:

"Men grow old more gracefully. A woman's work is never done. A man can relax after doing his eight hours of work a day."

Earl Miller, Torrance Hotel, said: "I believe the women do. They take care better than the men do. They look good even at an older age."

"Wayne Bartholmew, 2278 W. 236th St. said: "Men do. They accept the fact they are going to old. Women never do this. Women hate to grow old and does everything possible to keep looking her youthful best."

Mrs. W. C. Goodwin, 2315 Delano Blvd., said: "The men do — because a woman hates to admit her age. She hates to grow old and does everything possible to keep looking her youthful best."

Lomita Legion Sets Monthly Card Party

Lomita Unit 645, American Legion Auxiliary, will conduct its first monthly card party Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Hall, 24702 Narbonne Ave.

Pinochle, canasta and other card games will be played. There will be prizes and refreshments. The party is open to the public. Co-chairmen are Mrs. C. P. Olson and Mrs. Elmer Armstrong.

The Old Timer.
"The average man's idea of a good sermon is one that goes over his head and hits a neighbor."

RETAIL FIGURE RISING

Torrance retail sales jumped over \$4 million over 1958 figures during the first quarter of 1959, according to an announcement by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

President J. H. Paget said figures just released by the State Board of Equalization indicate that the city retail sales on taxable transactions only rose to \$18,989,000 compared to \$14,956,000 for the same three months in 1958.

Three categories were responsible for almost all of the \$4 million gain. Leading the list were the motor vehicle dealers with a gain of more than \$1.3 million, followed by general merchandise stores and manufacturing, both of which gained over \$1.2 million over 1958 figure.

Showing losses for the quarter were Building Materials dealers, down \$248,000, and service station and auto supply dealers, who showed a decline of \$941,000 over the same quarter last year.

Tax exempt retail sales, such as gasoline, were not included in the report.



YOUNG WORKER HURT . . . Larry G. McIntyre, 16, of 23826 Ward St., is shown here shortly after his hands were crushed in an industrial press at 24701 Crenshaw Blvd. Friday afternoon. He was rushed to Harbor General

Hospital and then transferred to Torrance Memorial Hospital where physicians began a battle to save the use of his hands.



HOSPITAL VISITORS . . . Members of the Avalon Municipal Hospital on Catalina Island, which will be opened soon, visited Torrance Memorial Hospital this week for a briefing on procedures. Seated from left are Mabel Fennie, Herbert A. Wegmann, and Mrs. Harold Downer; Standing are M. J. Renton, Eugene Twarowski, David O. Fletcher, Administrator Richard Alvarado, and Leonard Ensminger, administrator of Torrance Memorial Hospital and host to the visitors. (Herald Photo)

Catalina Hospital Board Here to Pick Up Pointers

Members of the board of directors of the soon-to-be-opened Avalon Municipal Hospital on Catalina Island visited Torrance Memorial Hospital this week where Administrator Leonard Ensminger assisted them in completing equipment lists and other aspects of hospital management.

Scheduled for opening early in November, the new hospital is now nearing completion and will be fully equipped by opening date, the members of the board told Ensminger.

Catalina Air Transport Co., which serves the island with air transportation, brought

the hospital's entire board to Torrance after they had requested Ensminger's assistance.

"The group, was impressed with the activities and procedures which are carried on in Torrance Memorial Hospital," the administrator said.

Two Hurt In Crash

Two women were injured slightly when a car driven by one of them went out of control and struck three parked automobiles at 5:50 p.m. Thursday at Redondo Beach Blvd. and Prairie Ave., Torrance police reported.

Miss Virginia Miller, 22, of 20506 1/2 Normandie Ave., listed as driver of an old model car, refused treatment but suffered minor cuts and bruises.

Also hurt was Mrs. Mary Sowell, 36, 5830 1/2 Hayter St., Lakewood, occupant of the

first of three cars hit in the impact. She sustained cuts and multiple bruises and was treated at Harbor General Hospital.

There weren't any occupants in the third vehicle, police said, owned by Lawrence Liston, 17702 Prairie Ave. The fourth car was owned by Russell Dayel, 3709 W. 173rd St. No injuries were reported to the occupants.

Police said the cars were parked in a private parking lot and were hit when the first vehicle jumped the curb.

'Sebastian' Play Slated for Redondo

"The Great Sebastian" is a play which the Hampton Players are currently presenting at their theater in Redondo Beach.

On Sept. 24, Thursday evening at 8:30, the play will be sponsored by the South Bay Club of Federated Republican Women, and the public, as well as the club members, are invited to enjoy the comedy made famous by the Lunts.

Refreshments will be served between acts. Tickets may be reserved by calling FR 3-1329. The price is \$1.50. The theater is at 101 Wall St., near the pier.

Torrance Man, Pals Get Life in Slaying

Two men, including a resident of Torrance, accused of the murder of a San Diego tavern operator, have been spared death in the gas chamber by the same jury that convicted them.

Henry Thwaites, 46, Torrance, and Wilfred "Sonny" Roebearge, 40, were convicted Tuesday by a jury of seven women and five men in Los Angeles.

On Thursday, the same jury — after deliberating a little more than two hours — doled out life imprisonment for the pair, along with Victor F. Buono, 50, and Ernest N. Murray, 45.

Lawyers for the accused said they would ask for a new trial. Superior Judge William Fox has set Sept. 25 as date to hear argument on motions for a new trial, and for formal sentencing.

The men were accused of first-degree murder of Tony Mirabile, 65-year-old tavern operator, in his San Diego apartment last Dec. 27 during a robbery attempt.

The burglary was made by someone entering an unlocked front door, police said, probably on Monday.

James Johnson, 45, of 3345 Dameron, Long Beach, told police that someone broke into the Steak Bar, 2700 Redondo Beach Blvd., the early part of the week and smashed a cigaret machine and emptied the coin box. Entry to the place of business was made through a broken restroom window, police said. The cigaret machine was pried open.

No attempt was made to open a safe nearby, although Johnson said the dial had been turned from the setting he leaves it on when he closes up for the night.

Gerald F. Colanton, 21, of 20360 Hawthorne Blvd., said that on Thursday someone entered his residence and made off with two sweaters, a hunting knife, one white gold wedding ring and five diamonds and other articles.

Entry was made by ripping off a hasp and a padlock on a door, police said.

Ideas Vary On Land Use

Hints that a clash between school and city officials over use of property which is scheduled to be vacated by the U. S. Navy in the near future came this week with the request of the planning commission that the land be sought for creation of a research center.

Application for the property, 25 acres adjacent to the Naval Supply Depot Annex on Crenshaw Blvd. north of Sepulveda, has been made by the board of education.

"The board application for acquisition of the surplus land is being processed as a nucleus for planning on the high school level," Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent, said yesterday.

HE SAID THE site could be used now for some high school purposes, other Torrance High School activities might be transferred to the site, and it may eventually be the site of a fifth high school.

The land is an ideal location for a research center, Planning Commission President Bert Lynn said. He asked city administrators and Chamber of Commerce officials to solicit bidders for the property.

FIRST PRIORITY for land declared surplus is for educational purposes, and Dr. Hull said the school board would continue processing of its application for the land. In this respect the district has received assurances of help from Congressman Cecil King, Senator Clair Engle, and others.

Members of the planning commission indicated they did not favor use of the land as a possible high school site because of its irregular shape and the proximity to Torrance High.

If used as a high school site, additional land would probably be needed in the area. The area necessary for high schools here has been figured at 40 acres for campus and five acres for parking. Price Mirabile, 65-year-old tavern operator, in his San Diego apartment last Dec. 27 during a robbery attempt.

IN A SECOND hearing before the planners Wednesday, rezoning of more than 300 lots of property in the downtown area was considered.

The area, bounded generally by Arlington, Plaza Del Amo, Cabrillo, and Carson St., would be changed to a restricted multiple dwelling zone under terms of the proposal.

Now a single-family residential area, the parcels could qualify for multiple dwelling use only after present structures had been cleared from the property.

Phone Bandit Hits Station At Redondo

The "phone booth" bandit who struck in Torrance last Tuesday night has extended his activities to Redondo Beach.

Latest victim was Kenneth R. Carson, 19, attendant at a service station at 1630 S. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach, who became another victim Wednesday night.

As in the Torrance district, the victim being the assistant manager at a station at 18201 Hawthorne Blvd., the bandit asked if the manager were in at the Redondo station and when told he "wasn't on duty," proceeded to instruct the attendant — or person on duty — "Listen, I'm a dope addict. I need money bad." Then the bandit would instruct the man on the other end of the line where to place the money — on the floor of a phone booth at some nearby establishment.

Carson said he put some \$30 in a paper bag and left it on the floor of a phone booth in a restaurant.

The phone bandit first struck early Sunday and got \$50 from a Lennox filling station.



NATURE IN THE CLASSROOM . . . These students in Mrs. Carol Fox's first grade class have all the advantages of seeing a skunk close up, but without any of the disadvantages. The class is studying animals and Mrs. Fox got the skunk from the Educational Materials Building.