

Phony Trade Stamp Racket Hits Lomita Business

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MAN SURVIVES LIVE BURIAL

Grandmother Traps Dog After Attack on Toddler



BADLY BITTEN—Linda Langner, 3, of Lomita, displays painful marks on her face where she was bitten by a stray dog, while she and her own pet, Cindy, left, were walking to her grandmother's house. The little girl lost one of her teeth which was ripped out of the gum.

Lomita Tot, 3, Badly Bitten by Stray Dog

A three-year-old Lomita tot was recovering from deep facial bites today after she was attacked by a vicious dog.

Linda Langner, of 24114 Eshelman Ave., was walking to the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Pratt, who lives next door, when the strange mongrel snapped her in the face after she stopped to pat him.

The bite was so deep that several sutures had to be taken on Linda's face, and one tooth was ripped out of the gum. The dog narrowly missed gouging out one eye.

Mrs. Pratt managed to capture the dog by using Linda's pet pooch, "Cindy" to entice it into her garage. The vicious dog was taken to the County Pound.

Although the dog, described as part bulldog, was captured, Linda was already started on Pasteur treatment in case the attacking animal had rabies, health department officials said.

Linda was walking along the street with "Cindy" when the other animal romped over. When the little girl started to pat it, the other dog bit her.

Health officials are now seeking to locate the owner of the stray dog.

Carson Petitions For Post Office

Petitions seeking a branch Post Office in the Carson area, will be circulated in the near future by the Carson Chamber of Commerce.

President John Calas said that 7000 signatures will be required to persuade postal officials to locate a Torrance branch in a convenient location.

George Stevens, Chamber of Commerce President, Fred Mill, Chamber Manager Dick Fitzgerald, George Terry, president of Mayfair Construction Company, the general contractor firm on the construction job.

Officials said the building will have a frontage of 65 feet and a 105-foot depth, and will have a mezzanine floor in addition to the main banking room. Total cost for land, building, paved parking area will be \$4450,000. It will supply complete metropolitan banking service, including safe deposit facilities, night depository and escrow services.

Construction work is under the direction of Continental Service Company, Frederick K. Lesan, architect. The building was designed by the architectural firm of Styles & Robert Clements.

Thieves Use Old Stamps

At least three Lomita merchants have been victims of a trade stamp theft ring, deputy sheriffs reported Saturday.

Discovery was made by Henry Phillip Osborne, president of the Lomita Shopping Center Merchants Association, who said that two women have been redeeming merchandise with stamps that were supposed to have been destroyed.

He told deputies that two women redeemed 22 books of trade stamps, representing a value of \$33 in merchandise, at Wilson's Dry Goods, 24632 Narbonne Ave.

An examination of the stamps revealed that they had been previously turned in and were supposed to have been destroyed.

Deputies theorized that the suspects recovered the stamps from a rubbish bin, and pasted them into new books they had obtained.

Stamps were also turned in for merchandise at Carl's Lomita Drugs, 24603 Narbonne Ave., and at Hall's Variety Store, 2208 Lomita Blvd., Osborne told deputies.

The 22 books turned in at the clothing store, represented original purchases of \$2200.

Osborne said he became suspicious when he saw that too many staple holes were in the stamps.

Lomita Merchants have been using their own stamps for the past four years.

HC Man Tells of 'Payoff'

Two men who impersonated police officers "shook down" a Harbor City longshoreman, while he was snoozing in his car Thursday night.

Norman Herbert Devaney, 52, of 26300 Athena St., Harbor City, told deputy sheriffs that he was taking a nap in his car at Lomita Blvd. and Woodward St., when the two men, both in their twenties, woke him up.

The victim said that they identified themselves as policemen and asked him to show his identification.

When Devaney said he didn't believe them, the pair threatened to jail him on a drunk driving charge.

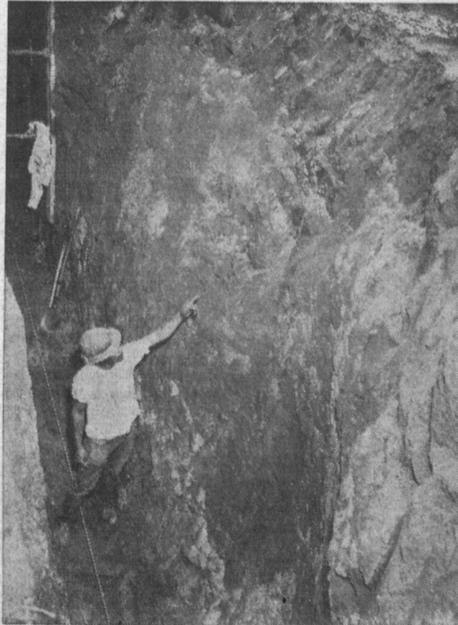
One of the phony cops then got into his car and drove him home, while the other followed in his own car.

Devaney said they let him go home, but his wallet containing \$11 was missing.

Grant Zone Requests

Two Lomita zone exception requests were approved by the County Regional Planning Commission this week.

It approved the application of Charles W. Brown to create a parcel of land less than the required area at 2334 W. 249th St., and ratified the application of William Gonzales, for four residential units at 24636-44 Eshelman Ave., in an agricultural zone.



ALMOST A GRAVE—Raul Gomez, foreman for a sewer construction company, points to spot where Rosalio Cruz, a workman, was completely buried for five minutes following a cave-in. Gomez and other workmen were able to free his head, and firemen helped pull him out alive.

Cave-in Buries Workman

A workman on a South Torrance sewer job was rescued after he was buried alive during a cave-in Thursday.

The landslide occurred while Rosalio Cruz, of Stanton, was on the bottom of the 12-foot excavation on 237th St. just west of Eshelman Ave.

As tons of earth started to slide into the trench, Cruz was buried completely for five minutes.

Fortunately, Foreman Raul Gomez and two other workmen were only a few feet away and rushed to Cruz' assistance. They managed to dig up the earth which was covering his face, and started to dig away in efforts to rescue him.

The Fire Department's rescue unit arrived and slipped a harness under Cruz' armpits with which they pulled him out of the trench.

He was treated by a doctor for shock.

The sewer work is being done by the Dorfman Construction Co., which is deepening the trunk lines on 237th St. between Arlington and Eshelman Ave.

Bishop Quits as Engineer

Torrance will be without a city engineer or public works director at the end of this month, unless two incumbents are replaced by Jan. 1.

City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop has requested to step down from his job, and instead accept a lesser position as senior engineer to design flood control projects.

City Manager George Stevens recommended that Bishop be permitted to take a civil service examination for the newly created position.

At the same time, Stevens announced that candidates for the position of public works director, to be vacated by John V. Russell on Dec. 31, "do not meet the standards necessary for such an important post."

He asked that the present eligibility list be tossed out and that a more informal test be scheduled in which Stevens can be present.

LEAVES FOR GERMANY
Army Pvt. Arthur D. Aldrete, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan M. Aldrete, 2362 E. 238th St., is scheduled to depart from the U.S., for Germany in mid-December with the 1st Division's 28th Infantry. A 1954 graduate of Torrance High School, Aldrete is employed by the Torrance Park Department before entering the Army.

Future Victor Zoning Told at Commission Hearing

A second hearing will be held by the Planning Commission Dec. 17, after hearing proposals for rezoning approximately 240 acres in the Victor Precinct Wednesday.

The first hearing was conducted on a proposal to change the present light manufacturing designation to commercial, agricultural and residential for an area bounded by Valeria St., the city limits, Torrance and Del Amo Blvds.

The Torrance Blvd. frontage would be zoned commercial to a depth of 300 feet, followed by multiple residential and commercial zoning. Del Amo frontage would be mostly apartments except for a commercial zoning at Valeria St.

A 50-acre parcel east of Henrietta St., between proposed West High School and Torrance Blvd. would be zoned for single family purposes.

The 60 acres in the center would be rezoned for agricultural purposes until future development can take shape.

Need for additional residential development in Torrance was pointed out by Don Wilson, a subdivider who intends to develop a 400-acre tract west of Henrietta St.

PRaise INSTRUCTORS
F. James Clines, Chairman of the Division of Applied Technology at Harbor College, and John R. Quier, Machine Shop instructor, were praised today for their work in developing the curriculum in tool engineering now in operation at the college.

SET MURDER TRIAL
Trial of Kenneth Crane, Torrance longshoreman accused of killing his wife, Joan, Halloween night, was set for Jan. 20 in Inglewood Superior Court.



REALTY LEADERS—Ken Miller, who was installed as president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors Thursday night, receives the warm congratulations of Tom Wilkes, right, of the Title Insurance Co., who served as master of ceremonies. Looking on are Mrs. Rosa Craig, new secretary, and Paul H. Hill, treasurer.

Pay Hike For Hull Studied

Indication that the Torrance Board of Education is considering a raise for Dr. J. H. Hull, its \$18,500 a year superintendent, came this week when it asked if the pay hike is legal.

Every school employe except Dr. Hull and his two assistants was given a salary boost last August, but at that time the board reserved the right to hike the pay at a later date, if funds are available.

Dr. Albert N. Posner and S. E. Waldrip, the two assistant superintendents were given a \$700 a year hike to \$14,000 last month.

The board asked the county counsel's office if it could also grant a raise to Dr. Hull, who is retained under a contract basis.

A survey made by school officials some time ago, indicated that the superintendent's salary is lower by from \$1500 to \$2000 a year compared to districts of similar size in California.

In addition to his salary, Dr. Hull receives a monthly car allowance of \$75.

'Money Tree' Planted for Groundbreaking of Bank

A new kind of groundbreaking ceremony was held in Torrance Thursday when a "money tree" was planted on the site of the new Sepulveda-Hawthorne branch of Bank of America.

The new banking structure will go up on the southwest corner of Sepulveda and Hawthorne Boulevards, directly across the street from the new Del Amo Shopping Center. It will be the second branch of the bank in Torrance, and will be in operation by August.

City officials and leaders gathered with Bank of America officers in planting the tree, its branches abloom with symbolic coins and currency. Heading the bank group was Harry M. Bardt, executive vice president from



MONEY TREE—A different type of groundbreaking ceremony was performed for the new Bank of America branch at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds., this week when bank officials planted a "money tree." They are from left, Dean L. Sears, assistant vice president of the downtown Torrance branch, Harold Frenz, manager of the downtown branch, Ira E. Ogden, vice president, and Harry M. Bardt, executive vice president.

Holiday Post Office Schedule

Postmaster Clara A. Conner announced the following window service hours during the Christmas season:

Weekdays, Dec. 8 through 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 17, 18 and 19, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 13 and 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 14, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 21, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The hours will be observed at the main Post Office, 1433 Marcella Ave. and the Post Office Annex, 2611 Torrance Blvd., the North Torrance Station, 17415 Crenshaw Blvd., and the Walteria Station, 4110 Pacific Coast Hwy., will be closed on Sunday, Dec. 21, but otherwise will observe the above hours.

Normal hours of service will be resumed, Dec. 22.