

Extradition Sought for Holdup Suspect

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Three Car Collision Caused by Drag Racer, Caught by Police



HURT IN CRASH — Gerald G. Thorpe, 19, of Lawndale, driver of the pickup truck in the background, lies stretched out in the street following a three-car pileup at the corner of Sepulveda and Madrona. Thorpe had earlier been caught by police drag-racing on North Hawthorne Blvd. and had been told to park the vehicle and await their return while they pursued the other racer. Leaving the scene of the arrest, Thorpe and two other vehicles were involved in the accident. Sailor Edward Stencil, 20, on leave and a passenger in one of the other vehicles, suffered severe lacerations. Thorpe was booked on four counts of vehicle violations.

Book Drivers Of Vehicles on Eleven Charges

Two area youths were booked by Torrance police early this week following a chase through a shopping center parking lot and a three-car collision at the corner of Sepulveda and Madrona.

Caught drag racing on Hawthorne Blvd. the two vehicles driven by the youths attempted to speed away, the officers reported, and crossed Torrance Blvd. at speeds estimated in excess of 75 miles per hour.

When officers caught up with Gerald G. Thorpe, 19, of Lawndale, who was driving a pickup truck, they ordered him to go into the parking lot of a nearby shopping center and wait for them to return. They then continued in pursuit of the other car, driven by Herbert L. Phillips, 18, of Redondo Beach.

The chase continued through the parking lot of the Del Amo Center where the suspect temporarily eluded the officers.

ANSWER CALL

After the police gave up the pursuit they answered a call to a three-car collision nearby and found the wrecked pickup truck they had previously ordered to wait for them.

Injured in the accident was Thorpe, who was shaken up but did not need medical treatment, a passenger in the pickup, Roy R. Frazier, 20, also of Lawndale, who received minor lacerations, and Ray Stencil, 20, a sailor on leave who was a passenger in one of the other vehicles, who received severe facial lacerations.

Other vehicles involved in the accident were driven by Warren R. Eldredge, Sr., 52, of 1740 Greenwood Ave., Torrance, and Edward J. Houston, 28, of Hawthorne.

While at the scene of the accident, officers were notified that Phillips was being held in custody by the security officer of the shopping center. He had apparently parked his car in the lot and entered out of the stores.

Education Board Okays Bid for New Grade School

A low bid of \$417,500 for construction of the new Hickory Ave. Elementary School, 227th and Hickory Ave. was approved Tuesday by the Torrance Board of Education.

Lowest of eight bidders, J. E. Burrell and Sons, will build the new school, which will include two classroom wings of decagonal (10-sided) buildings. The buildings will have five classrooms each, with movable partitions to make rooms either smaller or larger, and a central storage facility in the center of each building.

Low bid was about \$20,000 less than the estimates. Facilities at the school will include 10 classrooms, two kindergarten rooms, and multipurpose, cafeteria-auditorium, facilities. It was designed after study of plants throughout the country.

New school will serve a new tract southwest of Crenshaw and Sepulveda, relieving double sessions at Wood Elementary School.

ELKS-A-POPPIN . . .

Terry Taylor to Appear At Local Benefit Show

Torrance BPOE 1948 are once again staging their spectacular Elks-A-Poppin musical revue to be held at the Torrance High School auditorium February 23, 24 and 25. Curtain will go up promptly at 8 p.m.

As in the past, proceeds from this show go towards the Elks major project, the Cerebral Palsy foundation, and will be used for the care and treatment of children afflicted with this disease.

More than 150 men and women of the Torrance Elks will participate in this show, plus some professional talent.

Heading the roster of professional talent will be 18-year-old Terry Taylor, former Miss Fire Prevention in Torrance and 1960's Miss Walteria.

Presently a vocalist with Accent records, she was first place winner for vocalists in



TERRY TAYLOR
... Local Vocalist

the 1960 "Battle of the Bands."

Show is under the direction of Randy LaFerr. Tickets for this show may be purchased from any Elks or at the door on the three nights of the show. Children under 12 years of age will be admitted free.

New Location Planned for Chamber Meet

Torrance Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast meeting will be held at a new location this month, according to an announcement by co-chairmen C. A. Newborn and Cliff Nickle.

"Change of pace" meeting will be held at the new International House of Pancakes located in the Del Amo Shopping Center on Tuesday, February 28. Serving starts at 7:20 a.m. with free coffee for early arrivers.

There will be a very short program followed by a coed choral group from El Camino College to furnish the "atmosphere" for an early morning social get-together.

Reservations can be made by calling the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, FA 8-2814.

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Request City of Torrance

City of Torrance this week requested Supervisors that the Regional Planning Commission be directed to conduct a survey of the Southwest Superior Court District boundaries.

Suspects Wanted for Robberies Held in Custody, Police State

Torrance police yesterday reported that two suspects, wanted for three armed robberies in Torrance, were in custody and would be brought to trial in this city.

Grady Arthur Webb, 43, of San Francisco, an ex-convict with a record of bank robbery, is being held in Las Vegas, Nevada, awaiting Torrance investigators sent to question him. Webb is a prime suspect in the \$16,000 holdup of Lucky Market, corner of Hawthorne and Sepulveda last weekend.

Suspect was identified by store manager as the man who posed as a District Attorney's investigator from Long Beach and then held him up. Suspect then made his escape in a stolen car found abandoned later in Redondo Beach.

Webb has refused to waive extradition from Nevada and Torrance police report that extradition papers will be sought.

Clark County, Nevada, sheriff's officers reported that Webb attracted attention while trying to change small bills and change into bills of larger denomination at the gaming tables and when a maid in his hotel reported finding a loaded pistol under his pillow while making up the room.

Suspect still had \$14,800 in his possession when arrested.

In second report, local officers stated that Bell police are holding James Peterson, 23, a transient, for the Christmas-time holdup of Food King Market, which netted the suspect \$250, and for last week's holdup of the Medical Arts Pharmacy, in which the suspect made off with \$90 in cash and about \$50 in checks.

Board Rejects

Bids for a new administration building and addition of six classrooms at Torrance High School were rejected as "too high" by board of Education action Tuesday.

At the same time, the board began studies of the possibilities of expanding the Torrance High campus.

Deadline Near For Lomita League Tryouts

Saturday will be the last day for Lomita Little League tryouts, officials of the group stated yesterday.

Any youngster who has not registered is still eligible if he brings his birth certificate and a parent to Chandler Field on Narbonne Ave. before the deadline. Scheduled hours are: eight year olds, 9 to 10 a.m.; nine year olds, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; 10-year olds, 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.; 11-year olds, 2 to 3 p.m.; and 12-year olds, 3 to 4 p.m.



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HONORED RECIPIENTS—(left to right) Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent of education, Torrance Unified School District; and the Reverend Milton Sippel, pastor of the First Christian Church, are presented honorary life memberships in the Torrance Council PTA by Mrs. C. R. Peterson, honorary life chairman.

FEATURED SPEAKER . . .

El Camino College Prexy Heads Roster Of Business-Industry-Education Day

Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, president and superintendent of El Camino College, will be the featured speaker at the morning session of Business - Industry - Education Day, March 17, to be held at Torrance High Auditorium, 9 a.m. The event is sponsored by the education committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

A native son of Gardiner, Oregon, Dr. Marsee is 42 years of age.

As a teacher of business and social science at Waldport High School in Waldport, Oregon, Dr. Marsee launched his career in education in a school of four teachers. In Astoria, he taught the same subjects in a school of five teachers.

DOCTORATE

Receiving his bachelor of science degree at the University of Oregon in 1939, he then completed work for his master of science degree at the same university in 1942, majoring in educational administration and minoring in business administration. He was awarded



DR. STUART MARSEE
... B-I-E Speaker

ed his doctorate in education at the University of Southern California in 1947.

Dr. Marsee joined the teacher faculty of Pasadena City College as a counselor in 1946. He then advanced to the position of assistant superintendent of the Pasadena city schools where he

remained until his appointment in 1958 as president of El Camino College.

In addition to his experience in Oregon and with Pasadena city schools, he has been teaching assistant and a visiting lecturer in educational administration at USC.

A member of the Phi Delta Kappa and Delta Epsilon honor societies, Dr. Marsee is also active in community, civic, and educational organizations. He is a member of the Corona Masonic Lodge, the Rotary Club, Red Cross, Salvation Army, YMCA, Pasadena Breakfast Forum, University Club, Chamber of Commerce, and the American Legion.

Among his educational affiliations are membership in the Pasadena Education Association, California Teachers Associations, National Education Association, California Association of School Administrators, National Association of School Business Officials, and California Association of School Business Officials.