

Plans Disclosed for Teen 'Key Club'

POLICE CASH IN ON NOVEL BUNCO PLOT



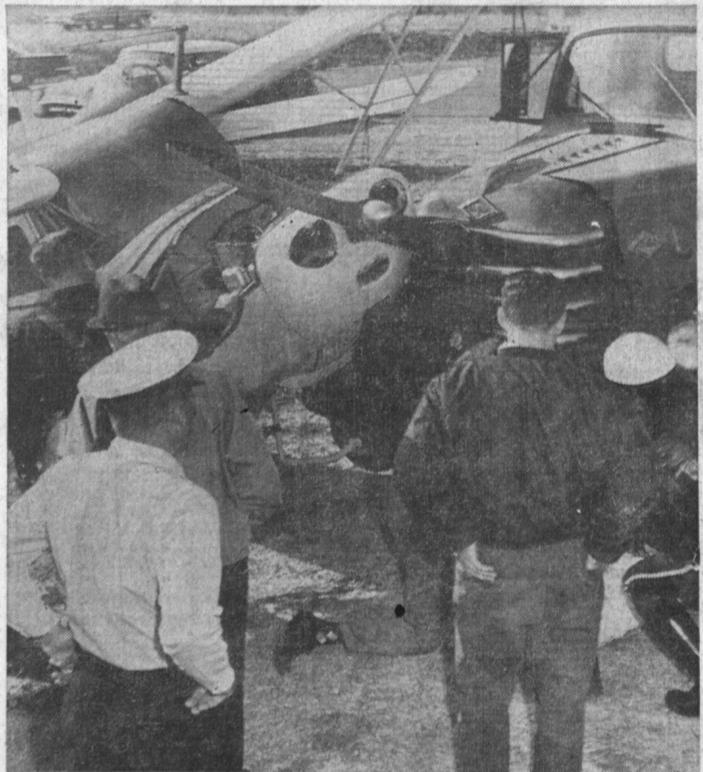
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Robbers Hit Area Firms



ROLLING, ROLLING . . . And away we go! Ronald Green, driver of semi truck in background, set brakes in parking lot of Leonards department store Friday, then went inside to check time. When he came out, truck had rolled 100 feet into airplane owned by N. F. Starbuck, 20733 Tomlee Ave., Torrance. Plane was a total loss, owner said. —PRESS Photo

'Find Your Name Contest' Starts Today

There's new fun — and value — waiting for Torrance Press readers today. It's the "Find Your Name — And Win" contest which becomes a regular feature with today's issue.

Readers may find their names and addresses in ANY section of the Press. Twenty-five names will appear each issue, all picked within our circulation area.

Winners will get a free Torrance Press classified ad, worth \$2.50, good any time within 30 days after the name appears. Simply find your name, clip it and bring it with your ad to the Torrance Press, 3268 W. Sepulveda Blvd., between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Good hunting!

Armed Bandits Strike

Two masked and gun-toting bandits took approximately \$100 from a Torrance market Friday night and escaped unseen.

Owner of the market, Maurice Hahn, was working in front of the store at 645 Sartori Ave., when two men, one with a stocking over his head and the other with a handkerchief over his face, entered. They were carrying what appeared to be a sawed-off shotgun.

Hahn was told to open the cash register, which he refused to do. One of the bandits then went to the cash register and removed the money.

While the masked man was removing the money, Mrs. Hahn came out from around the meat counter, not realizing what was happening. As soon as she saw what was going on, Mrs. Hahn headed for the back room and a telephone.

One of the robbers spotted her and told her not to do anything foolish. Mrs. Hahn stopped and waited until the bandits left before calling police.

A service station at 18910 Crenshaw also was the victim of armed bandits Friday who got away with \$17.



DISPLAYING CHECK used in latest racket to hit the South Bay is Detective Lieutenant Don Hamilton of Torrance police department. Police recently exposed the bogus check scheme and have warned residents of Torrance to be on the alert for such checks.

NEWS BRIEFS

Layoffs Told . . .

TORRANCE — An estimated 50 persons will be laid off at the Torrance Chemical Plant of Union Carbide Corp., officials announced this week.

Condition of the area's business climate was blamed. Spokesmen said major efforts are being undertaken to place laid off employes in other firms.

Steel Mill . . .

TORRANCE — Officials of Harvey Aluminum Corp. here announced proposed construction of a \$45 million rolling mill in Lewisport, Ky.

Some engineers assigned to the local facility will be involved in on-site planning, spokesmen said, but there will be no mass transfer of personnel.

No Leads . . .

TORRANCE — No new leads were reported by police today in their search for two gunmen who robbed a discount store of \$4000 last Sunday.

The armed pair got currency plus \$20,000 in canceled checks from a credit office employe at CertiBond, 501 S. Arlington Ave.

Unique Bunco Scheme Foiled by Detectives

TORRANCE — If you got a \$100 check in the mail this week from National Brands Advertising of San Francisco — don't cash it.

And if you already have, return the money.

That's the warning issued by Det. Lt. Don Hamilton of Torrance Police Department, who said the checks are being widely circulated here as part of a clever — and apparently original — bunco scheme.

The fraudulent checks are being dumped in many areas of Los Angeles County, Hamilton said, with a potential loss of nearly \$1 million.

Approximately 100,000 of the \$100 checks were mailed to assorted householders. Enclosed in the envelope was a letter instructing the recipient to buy \$20 worth of goods at a market, cash the check and go to an appointed spot with the items bought and the \$20 change.

At the so-called "check out" center, check holders were to have their purchased items checked by an agent of National Brands Advertising.

If a recipient had purchased a certain number of products handled by the phony firm, he would be eligible for prizes, which ranged from an expense-paid trip to the vacation spot of the winner's choice plus \$1000 cash and a year's supply of 12 selected products, to a trip for two to Las Vegas.

Hamilton said the scheme exploded when markets began checking the validity of checks with the Los Angeles clearing house.

A further check showed \$16 in National Brands' account in San Francisco.

A girl stationed at the "checkpoint" had been retaining \$80 in change from each customer for a messenger, who picked up the money.

Plan Teen 'Key Club' For South Bay Youths

Teen-agers from five Torrance high schools will get their own teen "key club" under a proposal announced this week by a county official.

The facility, tagged "Club Bel Air," opens next month in a one-time automobile showroom, now converted with a Polynesian theme.

Paul Moore, field deputy to County Supervisor Burton Chace, will direct the facility along with a staff of trained personnel.

Teen-agers from all five Torrance high schools, as well as those from other South Bay schools, will be eligible for membership.

Friday and Saturday night dances with name bands will highlight Club Bel Air's programing, but an annual picnic, fishing trips, barbecues, parade participation, formal dances and community celebrations will be included.

Moore says a student identification card, obtainable at nominal cost, will be required for admission. Teen-agers participating must observe rules of good taste and behavior, Moore says.

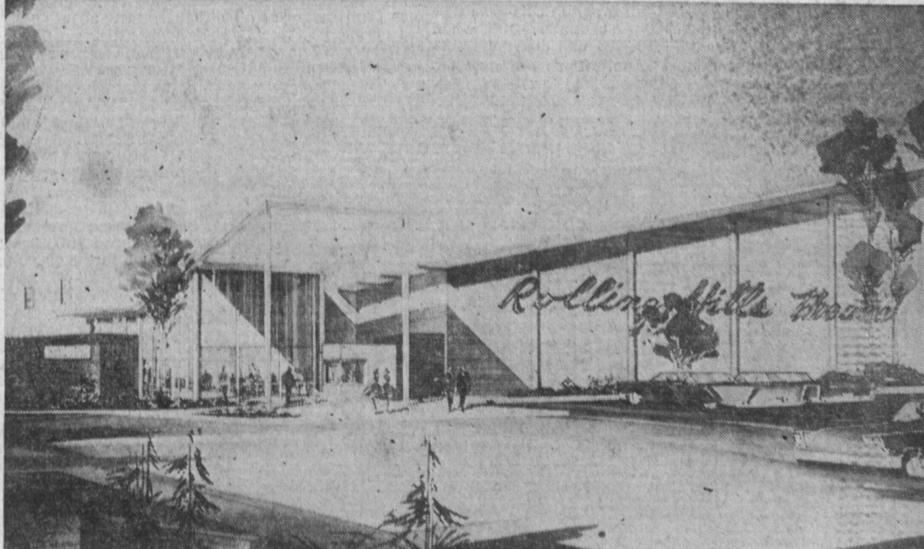
"We submit," he says "that while other agencies are doing an excellent job to meet the needs of young people, their efforts are but a start in the right direction."

Club Bel Air is at 312 S. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach.

Additional information may be obtained by calling FR 2-2122.

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FIRST THEATER built in South Bay area since before start of World War II will be constructed at Rolling Hills Plaza, Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy. New, 1000-seat luxury theater opens early next year, will be capable of handling latest, modern motion picture processes, including 70 mm Cinerama and high fidelity stereophonic sound. See story on Pg. 3.

November: City Beautiful Month