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SNEAK THIEF TAKES \$1,360

City Homes, Businesses Victimized

Thieves took more than \$1,300 from a Torrance service station Friday, tapped the cash register of another business firm, stripped a television repair truck of more than \$700 worth of supplies, and ransacked a number of Torrance homes.

Hardest hit was the Camino Oil Co. at 16300 Crenshaw Blvd. where operator Dan McLayne told police someone took \$1,360.65 from the cash register and a cash drawer in the firm's office sometime Friday afternoon.

McLayne told investigating officers that he had counted cash at the large service station just before noon on Friday and that after a busy period on the gas pump islands, he noted that the cash register inside the office and a cash drawer in the office desk had been pried open.

TAKEN FROM the register was \$314.85. Another \$1,045.80 was taken from the cash drawer, McLayne reported.

Later Friday, police were told that two women entered Campisi Liquors at 3614 Pacific Coast Hwy. and while one of the women engaged Patty Campisi in conversation, the other took \$10 from the open cash register. The victim said one of the women asked to see a certain brand of gin and then left the store without buying. A witness outside the store furnished police with descriptions of the two women and the vehicle they used.

LARGEST OF the home burglaries reported early yesterday occurred at the apartment of salesman Wilmer H. Parker at 3688 Redondo Beach Blvd. Parker told police someone stripped his wardrobe of four suits, three sports coats, and several shirts and then picked up a film projector, a jewelry box containing costume jewelry and rings.

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Enrollment Level Near Prediction

Nearly 32,000 Torrance students answered the call to return to classes last week. First-day enrollments totaled 31,805 and the figures are climbing daily, according to Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent, special services.

Several hundred additional students are expected by Oct. 1. Traditionally some students are late in registering. Earlier estimates indicate that attendance rolls will probably go as high as 32,658. This year's student body is nearly 2,000 stronger than last year's. On the elementary level, there were 23,248 students enrolled on the second day of school this year as compared with 22,129 a year ago. This year's high school total is 8,558, representing an increase of 823 from 1963 figures.

MORE THAN 2800 kindergartners got their first taste of school, while 1,772 seniors prepared for their last year in high school. Columbia School had 136 students and two students were in home classes.

Largest enrollment on the elementary level was at Victor School, which started the school year with 1,090 students, already almost 70 more than predicted. Also well ahead of anticipated enrollment was the new Joseph Arnold School, which began business with 531 students, 35 over the expectations of school officials; and Calle (Continued on Page 2)

Courts Must Decide Case, Council Told

Two former Torrance police officers now seeking reinstatement to their jobs after submitting resignations should "submit their cases to a court of law for a judicial review," City Manager Edward J. Ferraro has charged.

UC Workers Will Attend Dinner Show

United Crusade volunteers from Torrance will join workers throughout the country in dinner and opening show for the first combined campaign of the United Way and American Red Cross Thursday at the Hollywood Palladium.

As a salute to the October campaign volunteers, the event will feature Lawrence Welk and his Champagne Music Makers including the Lennon Sisters, Bobby Burgess, Jo Ann Castle, Myron Floren, Barbara Boyland and Norma Zimmers.

James P. Becker, Torrance city chairman for the drive, urges those who have not made reservations to do so immediately. Only 1,000 accommodations can be accepted.

Ferraro made the statement in a commentary on City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier's ruling that the city's Civil Service Commission has jurisdiction in the case. Ferraro also charged the opinion, if followed through to its logical end, would set a precedent.

THE TWO former officers, Stanley Ray Martin and John Paul Brady, resigned from the force after admitting they falsified a narcotics case report. Both men, through Attorney William J. McCabe, say their resignations were "submitted under duress and threat of criminal prosecution."

After McCabe appeared before the City Council and asked for the reinstatement of the two men, Remelmeier ruled the Civil Service Commission has primary jurisdiction.

FERRARO, IN comments which will be given council. (Continued on Page 2)



ORCHIDS FOR MILADY... Mayor Albert Isen pins a white orchid on Mrs. Mable Foster, who marked her 70th birthday with a party given by fellow employees at Rubber Teck last Wednesday. Shown looking on are Mrs. Otto R. Grass, Paul Karres, president of the firm, and Otto R. Grass, vice president of Rubber Teck. Mrs. Foster first started to work in 1955, when she was only 61. (Press-Herald Photo)

She Marks 70th Birthday By Working Eight Hours

"She's one of our best!" Paul Karres, president of Rubber Teck, describes Mrs. Mable Foster, a trimmer in the assembly department, with those words. There's nothing unusual about that—except that Mrs. Foster celebrated her 70th birthday by spending a full eight hours at her job.

Mrs. Foster was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party given by fellow employees Wednesday during lunch. Also present to wish her many more were Karres, his partner, Otto R. Grass, and Mayor Albert Isen, who pinned a white orchid on Mrs. Foster.

WIDOWED, Mrs. Foster lives with her sister at 1028 W. 168th St. She began working at Rubber Teck in 1955, after her husband died. The job, in fact, is the only one she has ever held.

During her nearly 10 years with the firm, Mrs. Foster has never lost a day because of sickness. Her only absence was an extra week of vacation which she requested for a trip.

Born in Utah, Mrs. Foster came to California 54 years ago. She first lived in San Pedro, then moved to Torrance. One daughter now lives in San Francisco and

her two grandsons were born in Torrance. WHY DID she choose to go to work when she could have filed for a social security pension? "I like to be busy," she says.

And busy she stays—reporting for work every day. Mrs. Foster was admittedly "flabbergasted" at the surprise

party Wednesday, but she set her smile and enjoyed the festivities. Her family will gather Thanksgiving Day to mark her birthday again, and she is looking forward to seeing her family.

In the meantime, she'll keep right on working—convinced that you're only as old—or as young—as you feel.

Symphony to Feature 'River' Music Sunday

The Civic Symphony of Torrance and the South Bay will open its 1964-65 season at Torrance High School Auditorium next Sunday at 2:30 p.m. with a pop concert. Under the direction of Elyse Aehle, "Music of the Mississippi River" will be featured.

"Symphony from the New World" by Dvorak will open the program. Inspired by the gay Negro songs popular on the river, it includes the "Largo" known to many as the song "Goin' Home," which was based on American Indian music.

Tunes from "Showboat" will be featured climaxing with "Old Man River," as well as Grofe's "Mardi Gras" from his "Mississippi Suite."

SOLOISTS WILL include Florence Lahmeyer, cellist; "Granadina," by Nin, and Yolanda Hansen, flutist; "Syrinx" by Debussy. To complete the program a chorus of high school students, coached by Carol McDougal, will sing folk songs. Due to grants from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, through the approval of the Los Angeles County Music Commission, and a grant from the Performance Funds of the Recording Industries, Samuel Rosenbaum, trustee, and Local 47 AF of M and the Torrance Symphony Board and the Torrance Schools, the Torrance Recreation Department will present this program without charge to the public.

Guide to November Ballot Measures Made Available

"Pros and Cons," a California League of Women Voters booklet by League member researchers and lawyers and are read for accuracy and objectivity before publication by a committee of newspaper writers, political scientists, lawyers, and legislators, according to Mrs. Irwin Boxer, voters service chairman for the Torrance League.

Pro and con arguments appearing in the publication are not those of the League, Mrs. Boxer pointed out, but are the principal arguments advanced by proponents and opponents in written statements to the League, in the press, and in the official State Ballot Pamphlet.

Background information and pros and cons on the ballot measures will also be presented at a public meeting scheduled by the Torrance League for Oct. 28 at the Torrance Recreation Center.

Chamber Breakfast Slated

Harry M. Bardt, member of the Board of Directors and General Trust Committee of the Bank of America, will speak at the September breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning at the Torrance Recreation Center Building. Bardt, presiding chairman of the United Crusade this year, will speak on a banker's view of fund raising. Breakfast hour is 7:20 a.m.

Pay TV Debate Next

The fifth of the "Politics '64" debates, this one on the Pay TV controversy, will be held Thursday evening at 8 in the Torrance Recreation Center under the sponsorship of South Bay Forum, Inc. Mayor Robert Beverly of Manhattan Beach will moderate as Robert Macleod and Burt Leiper speak on the topic. Macleod is vice president of Subscription Television, Inc., and Leiper is a member of the Citizens Committee for Free TV.

Hinz Joins New Firm

Albert W. Hinz has been appointed executive vice-president of Bay Shore Consultants, specialists in management representation for labor relations. He was formerly corporate director of industrial relations for Harvey Aluminum, the Torrance based primary aluminum producer.

A Penny for your Thoughts

With the election less than seven weeks away, the Pennies photographer asked several teenagers, "Do you think teenagers are interested in politics?"

Suzan Curtis, 17: "I think politics influence every teenager. We have it in school and it does have an effect on our lives. I think every teenager should take an active interest in politics, especially this year."

Sheri Benton, 17: "In this day and age, I think it has never been more important for everyone, teenagers and adults, to take an active interest in politics. This is a critical time in world and domestic affairs and this election will decide the direction of a nation—whether it is conservative or liberal."

Midge Proffitt, 17: "Our whole future depends so much on politics that I think it important for everyone to take a real interest in politics. That really is all I can think of—that our future is so dependent on what happens in politics."

Mary Lu Lawhon, 16: "I think teenagers should be interested because in four or five years, they'll be voting. Taking an interest now and becoming aware of what is happening in politics will prepare teenagers for their role in the future."

Adele Palmer, 17: "I think teenagers are more interested in politics than a lot of people because their parents have seen that there is a continuity to government but we are still forming our opinions. Each election means much more to teenagers."

Torrance Stamp Club to Meet

Members of the Torrance Stamp Club will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Scott Park Community Building, 23410 Catskill Ave., Wilmington. A general swap session and a bid board will highlight the meeting.



VOTERS' AIDS... Mrs. Warren Shallies, voter service committeewoman for the Torrance League of Women Voters, shows Librarian Harold Umbarger the rack containing the League's booklet "Pros and Cons," which reviews each of the 17 ballot measures and proposals which will be put to the voters on the November ballot. The booklets are available at all Torrance libraries. (Press-Herald Photo)