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## THE CRIME BEAT

### Thieves Get All But Sink

"All but the kitchen sink" is more than a quip to Betty Evans.

Thieves who raided her residence at 922 Sartori Ave. took furniture, tools, luggage, and other property with a value of more than \$500, she complained to police yesterday.

Included in the loss was patio furniture, complete with pads, lounges, and other patio equipment, she said.

Complaining also was Jennie Flack, of 23910 Ladeene, who said someone broke into

her home and removed an expensive AM-FM tuner, a speaker system, and an automatic clock.

**THE TORRANCE** Moose Lodge at 1744 Carson St. was also the victim of burglars, according to Bill Pruitt, who called police. Pruitt put the cash loss to the lodge at \$161. Two brothers were being questioned by juvenile officers as suspects in locker thefts at Torrance High School. The boys, residing near the school, are believed to be responsible for the theft of class rings from open lockers during athletic practices, removing the identification from the rings and then selling them.

The edifice of the Jehovah's Witnesses at 2303 Arlington Ave. was entered Thursday night, but the thieves apparently took nothing, Bill Nelson told police. The invaders broke into the building through a side window.

### Saxon Miss Gets Prize At Meeting

Tecia Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Lewis of 2214 W. 179th St., has won the Industry-Education Council Youth Medalist Award for her achievements in science.

Miss Lewis, a senior at North High, received the award at the second annual program meeting of the Southern California Industry-Education Council.

The Saxon Miss has been nominated during each of the past meetings for the Los Angeles County Museum Natural Science Workshop. She was one of 12 North High students nominated for the Youth Medalist Award.

Miss Lewis hopes to enter the university of California, Berkeley, next fall to study pharmacy.

### Slow Signal Bother You? Here's Why

Sonic vehicle detectors used by the city at several signalized intersections have been stolen City Manager Edward J. Ferraro has reported.

The devices, installed on signals at low traffic intersections, operate the traffic lights only when they record a signal from waiting cars.

Devices were taken from signals at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard, Carson Street and El Prado, Torrance Boulevard and Hickory Avenue, and Calle Mayor and Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Ferraro said thefts of the devices constitutes grand theft. The sensors are valued at \$200 each.

### Revise Due Property Tax Rates

"California taxpayers will be the beneficiaries of \$1.57 billion in exemptions from property tax assessments in 1964," emphasized Richard Nevins, Southern California Member of the Board of Equalization, at the Peninsula Kiwanis Club luncheon Thursday.

"This is the second year property tax exemptions have dropped," continued Nevins. They reached their peak in 1962, \$1.64 billion. The drop in 1963 was \$35 million and in 1964, \$32 million—a two-year drop of 4.1 per cent. This decrease was confined to the veterans exemption.

The current legislative studies on the equities of these property tax exemptions might bring about revisions in 1965 reported Nevins.

Robert B. McMillin, first vice president for the Peninsula Kiwanis, made the arrangements for Nevins' appearance. Arthur B. Skaggs, administrator of the board's Long Beach office accompanied Nevins.

In Los Angeles County, exemptions granted on property assessed to veterans amounted to \$901,000 in 1963 and \$995,000 in 1964.



**AREA PIONEER . . .** Miss Mariana Etchemendy, left, born on the old Rancho Dominguez, celebrated her 98th birthday at California Hospital. Here she receives congratulations from nurse Leona Murphy. During her school days Miss Etchemendy traveled by train to Los Angeles and then by carriage to a private French school located at the Arroyo Seco site. She recalls when Los Angeles was little more than a pueblo with a mule-drawn streetcar and residences in the present business district.

### Ex-Torrance Aide

## Mansfield to Leave Rolling Hills Post

Donald W. Mansfield, 46, city administrator of Rolling Hills Estates for the past 30 months, resigned his position Thursday evening.

"Friday marks the end of my 30th month with the city and in that time we have made some noteworthy steps," Mansfield told the city council. "I really hate to leave these fine people, but I think the time has come for me to go elsewhere," he continued.

Mansfield became city administrator in June, 1962. He served as an assistant city manager in Torrance from 1956 to 1958 under George Stevens. Stevens is now Mansfield's chief aide in Rolling Hills Estates.

Councilmen were expected to hire an assistant city ad-

ministrator Thursday evening, but Mansfield denied that early in the day, giving an indication his resignation might be in the works.

After his service in Torrance, Mansfield became city manager for the City of Bell, then served in an advisory capacity for the U. S. government in Pakistan. He became city administrator in Rolling Hills Estates in 1962.

Mansfield, who has been honored by city and county officials and state representatives, was graduated from UCLA in 1938. He is married and has two children, Lynn, 17, and Roger, 15.

"I guess all I can do is say that you've done a wonderful job for us," Mayor Paul Gilmore said on accepting the

resignation. Gilmore said he had been expecting the announcement. "We are a small city and you are a real outstanding man in this type position," he added.

### Two Storm Drains Set Under Pact

County supervisors have approved a two-way agreement paving the way for construction of 11 storm drain projects which will be financed through savings from the 1958 storm drain bond issue program, Supervisor Burton W. Chace has announced.

The County Flood Control District and the County Engineer's Office signed the agreement.

The pact will permit the county engineer to begin preparation for all the projects—all located in unincorporated areas of the county.

**AMONG THE PROJETS** are the Walnut Street drain, a project which will cost about \$117,590, and the Carson Street drain, estimated to cost about \$400,000.

The Walnut Street project will begin at Pacific Coast Highway and Bland Place and run north in Walnut Street to Ebony Lane, then northeast in Ebony Lane to Lomita Boulevard.

**BEGINNING** at 220th Street and Figueroa Stree, the Carson Street Drain will run east in 220th to Dolores, then north to Carson Street where it will turn east and run to Avalon Boulevard.

All the projects will be constructed by outside firms under the competitive bid schedules. Actual work will be scheduled as soon as plans are complete.

## WE GET NEW 'SISTER CITY'

### Second Sister Chosen

#### Guatemala City 'Adopted' Here

Guatemala City, capital city of the Republic of Guatemala, was selected as Torrance's second sister city during a meeting of the Sister City Committee Thursday evening.

Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., chairman of the selection committee, said the approval of the State Department is all that is needed to put a sister city program into operation.

"We're sure we will get that approval," Sciarrotta said.

**TORRANCE** first initiated a sister city program under former President Eisenhower's People-to-People program eight years ago. Konya, Turkey, was selected then.

Guatemala City is a commercial and industrial center for Central America and now has a population of 300,000. The city was first mentioned for the sister city program by Mayor Albert Isen when he returned from a meeting of the Inter-American Municipal Congress, held in Louisville, Ky., last month.

**AS SOON** as the State Department acts on the selection, members of the steering committee are planning a trip to Guatemala City. The new sister city is located on a direct airline route from Los Angeles—a mere five hours away by jet.

Initial plans for the program call for several exchanges between the two cities. Sciarrotta said teams of doctors, artists, and representatives of service clubs would hold seminars with their counterparts in Guatemala City.

Members of the steering committee included Sciarrotta, Isen, Mrs. Naomi McVey, Mrs. Harold Cloyd, and J. Walker Owens.

### Area Officers Attend Basic Law Academy

Three Torrance men have completed an intensive 16 week basic law enforcement training program at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy, according to an announcement by Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess.

Graduates of the cadet program include Randall A. Watwood and Peter B. Morrison, members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept., and William J. Cavanaugh, member of the Torrance Police Department.

### Approve New Drain Pact

An agreement between Rolling Hills and the County for the construction of storm drain facilities in Rolling Hills has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.



WILLIAM L. SHIRER To Speak

On Tuesday

### Shirer Speaks At EC

'Berlin Diary' Author Slated

"Russia and Germany — Keys to the Future" will be the subject of William L. Shirer when he speaks at El Camino College Tuesday in the Campus Theater at 8 p.m.

Author of "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich," "Berlin Diary" and representative to the U.S. Commission on UNESCO, Shirer has lectured extensively throughout the United States for many years.

Reporting awards earned by Shirer in his coverage of the national and international scene include the George Foster Peabody award, radio's highest prize; the Wendell Wilkie One World award for outstanding achievements in journalism, and the French Legion of Honor.

He has served as president of the Author's Guild and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Foreign Policy Assn., and the Farm Bureau.

General admission for the lecture is \$1 and tickets may be purchased at the student store on the college campus or at the box office the evening of the presentation.

### Cal-Metal Wins Tube Contract

The awarding of a \$56,706 contract to the Cal-Metal Corp., 1313 W. Sepulveda Blvd., has been announced by the Defense Construction Supply Agency, Columbus, Ohio, a field activity of the Department of Defense. Cal-Metal Corp. was one of four firms to submit bids on the steel tube contract.

### Funds for Rose Float Solicited

A letter requesting contributions toward costs of the city's Rose Parade float has been sent to Torrance business and civic leaders by Chairman Robert H. Vroman of the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association.

In announcing that Torrance again would be represented in the internationally acclaimed parade, Vroman said this year's float would be a representation of the New Year's Baby sitting on top of the world.

"We are extremely fortunate to have as our designer again, Mrs. Isabela S. Coleman," Vroman said. Mrs. Coleman has designed many of the parade's outstanding floats in past years.

The local Tournament of Roses Association, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce, will conduct a fund-raising campaign throughout the rest of November.

### Leader Named

Ronald Large, chairman of the West High music department, has been named chairman of the 1965 Torrance Schools Honor Band.

The Honor Band will include some 90 musicians from the four city high schools. They will perform at West High in the Spring.

### Always First Class ---

The burden of taxes on homeowners will always be great so long as public officials insist on going first class in every aspect of government spending, a Press-Herald editorial says today. Threats of a tax revolt should be considered seriously because the guy who pays is unhappy. Check today's Press-Herald editorial page for this opinion, and for the opinion of other feature writers on a wide range of subjects.

### Bandits Rob Laundry ---

Two masked men took \$300 from employees Irene Busaitis and Lynda James at a self-service laundry and dry cleaning shop at 629 S. Pacific Coast Hwy. in Redondo Beach Thursday night. One bandit brandished a pistol as they took the money from the till just before closing time, the victims reported.

### Auditorium Report Set ---

City Councilmen will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday for a brief session prior to their regular meeting. Subject of the pre-council meeting is a progress report on the civic auditorium study being made by Economics Research Associates. The regular council session will get under way at 5:30.

### North Hosts Trustees ---

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District will visit North High School for their regular meeting Monday evening. The board currently is travelling around town to give residents a better opportunity to attend the sessions. Monday's meeting will begin at 7:30 in the North High cafeteria.



**TRIPLETS AND FRIEND . . .** The Watson Triplets, David, Daniel, and DeWayne, all 4 years old, teamed up with Keni Shuttleton to win recognition on John Marshall's KTLA television show this week. The Watson

boys, who live here at 3126 W. 187th St., and Keni, a Long Beach lass, donned authentic replicas of armed forces uniforms to catch the eye of "Big John" Marshall.