

Youths Burned When Flames Engulf Auto

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FEATHERED FRIEND . . . Three Torrance boys get acquainted with "Napoleon," the camp macaw, during a nature museum session at the Good Neighbor Camp near Barton Flats in the San Bernardino Mountains. Campers are, from left, David Elam, 3807 W. Artesia; Kenneth Testerman, naturalist, and Wayne and Mark Klasson, 23525 Anza Ave. The camp is sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist churches of Southern California and includes instruction in out-door living, swimming, crafts, and sports in the program.

Sleepy Bandit Holds Up Shopping Center Store

Flames Destroy Vehicle

Two youths suffered burns late Friday evening when their car was engulfed in flames at a Hawthorne Avenue service station.

Jerry V. Cantu, 18336 Regina St., was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital after he sustained severe burns about the face, arms, and hands. Michael Gene Balleras, suffered minor burns on his hands in an attempt to open the car door.

The youths had stopped at a service station at 18200 Hawthorne Ave. for gas. Balleras, driver of the car, then attempted to clear a clogged fuel line by forcing air into the gas tank. Cantu got back into the car and attempted to start the motor.

Flames jetted from under the car, according to officers, and quickly engulfed the vehicle. Cantu, trapped inside, managed to escape through the passenger's side. Balleras was burned about the hands while trying to open the car door from the outside.

The car was declared a total loss. Cantu was later transferred to Kaiser Hospital. Balleras was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital by a friend.

Disneyland on Trip Schedule

A trip to Disneyland on July 28 has been scheduled by the Lomita Recreation Department.

Group rates will enable participants to purchase ticket books at reduced prices. Transportation will be by chartered bus. Further information is available at the Lomita Recreation Department, DA 6-0140.



GRADUATED . . . Two Torrance youths were among the members of the 1965 graduating class of 34 at the Brown Military Academy recently. Shown at left is Stephen D. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gray, 18820 Yukon Ave. At right is Telo F. Koletos Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Telo Koletos, 23609 Ward St. Cadet Gray was a member of the Letterman's Club, Christian Club, and Athletic Awards. Cadet Koletos was a member of the Letterman's Club, Language Club, Student Council, and National Honor Society.

City Earns \$144,000 In Investment Program

Investment earnings of \$144,387 during fiscal 1964-65 for the city were reported this week by Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., chairman of the City Council's finance committee.

Sciarrotta made the announcement as City Treasurer Thomas C. Rupert completed his first year in office. Rupert was appointed to office July 13, 1964, succeeding Harriet V. Leech, who retired after 20 years as city treasurer.

Total city earnings from investments amounted to

slightly more than \$1 per resident and is a considerable increase over the 1963-64 fiscal year, Sciarrotta said. Earnings from investments had been estimated at \$80,000 in the 1964-65 preliminary budget.

Rupert expects earnings to reach about \$160,000 during the current fiscal year. The estimate represents some six cents on the tax rate, he said.

Interest investments are derived from short and long term bank securities in which short term surpluses are invested, Rupert said. The monies are received by the city treasurer's office and are not immediately needed for operation of the city.

Sciarrotta said one major indication of the success of the investments is the fact that many cities are forced to borrow monies for operational expenses because revenues are not collected fast enough.

"The extreme fortunate financial position of the city under the guidance of Treasurer Rupert, has precluded this expensive practice for Torrance," he concluded.

Marine Team Slated to Appear Here
Information on the several Marine Corps commissioning program open to college men will be presented by the Southern California Officer Selection Team when it visits the Torrance Marine Corps Recruiting office Tuesday, according to Gunnery Sergeant Chet Pavey. The Officer Selection Team regularly visits college campuses from Santa Barbara to Mexico.

Burglars Loot Second Shop of \$3,000 in Togs

A well-dressed—but sleepy—bandit escaped from a North Torrance store with \$385 in cash and checks Friday afternoon some 12 hours after thieves took nearly \$3,000 worth of women's clothing from a South Torrance shop.

Donald Scott, manager of Gilbert's 5 and 10 Store, 4900 W. 190th St., called police at 4:35 p.m. Friday to report an armed robbery. Scott said he was in his office, located at the rear of the store, preparing the bank deposits when a man displaying a blue steel pistol entered the office.

"Push the money across the desk," the man told Scott. "This is an automatic. You know what they can do."

The suspect was described as about 6 feet tall, 160 pounds in weight, and about 28 years of age. Scott said he wore a green ivy-league suit which had no lapels and a green shirt. He had a red mark under his right eye and appeared to be sleepy or tired, Scott added.

The man left through the store's front entrance, unnoticed by customers. Scott waited about two minutes, then called police.

A PRE-DAWN burglary at Dobby's, 4945 Pacific Coast Hwy., netted thieves \$2,850 in women's clothing, police reported.

The Torrance station was notified of the burglary by an alarm firm at 3:10 a.m. Officers said the thieves apparently tried to pry the front door open and when they failed, broke the glass.

Owner Jack Dobb of Palos Verdes Estates told officers 40 dresses, 40 suits, and 40 sweaters were taken.

Torrance officers also investigated a number of smaller thefts Friday.

Nancy L. Kaye, 2517 Via Pinale, Palos Verdes, reported the theft of groceries and clothing valued at \$320. She told officers her car was parked in the Del Amo Center lot about 3 p.m. The right side window had been forced open.

Medical offices on Torrance Boulevard were entered during the early morning hours, although nothing apparently was taken. Dr. Ernest Tarr, 2418 Torrance Blvd., and William A. Davies, 2410 Torrance Blvd., told officers someone had entered their offices. In both instances, entry was gained through a window.

Fishing tackle valued at \$220 was taken from the carport storage area at 22603 Nadine Circle, Robert R. King told police. King said the theft occurred sometime between July 2 and 15.

Theft of a radio and tuner was reported at 22413 Ocean Ave. The items were taken from a storeroom in the apartment building, a tenant told police.

Mrs. Viola Metz, 17031 Fay-smith, called police to report a burglary at 17039 Fay-smith Ave. Mrs. Metz said the front door was left locked and someone had gone through drawers in the home.

Officers arrested one suspect on suspicion of burglary early yesterday. Taken into custody was John Edward Vanleuvan, 19501 Beckworth Ave.

Vanleuvan was observed in the carport area of an apartment building at 21022 Amie Ave. by a tenant. A second suspect fled from the area, police said.

Dabbs Leaving El Camino Board, to Move From City

Two major changes in organization of the El Camino College Board of Trustees were effected this week as Seymour Rayer of Inglewood was elected president to succeed Jack N. Dabbs of Torrance.

Dabbs, senior member of the board with a background of eleven years of service, submitted his resignation as a trustee at Monday night's annual organizational meeting of the board. In a letter addressed to his colleagues, Dabbs wrote, "It is with sincere regret that I find it necessary to resign from the Board of Trustees of El Camino College. My employment makes it necessary that I change my residence to San Diego."

"I have enjoyed my association with the college, and with the people connected with it. I shall miss both, very much," the three-term president concluded.

Re-elected this spring to

continue in his post as college trustee, Dabbs was scheduled to serve until 1969. The college board is authorized to appoint a successor within 60 days. Should the board fail to

and the YMCA. During World War II he served as an advisor to Secretary of the Navy Forrestal.

A PAST treasurer of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, the veteran college trustee has also served as chairman of the Board of Appeals of the Building Commission of the City of Inglewood.

The Colorado native is affiliated with the Inglewood Masonic order for more than 25 years; he is a Scottish Rite Mason, Al Maliakah Temple.

Among the first official duties of the community builder was to review plans for a new college auditorium submitted to the board by Howard Morgridge, architect. Accepted by the board, plans will now go to Sacramento for final approval.

SEYMOUR RAYER
New Board President

name the successor, the County Board of Education will make the appointment of a trustee to serve for the unexpired term.

SERVING WITH Rayer in the new board organization will be John E. Leadbetter, Centinella Valley, vice president; Harry P. McCandless, South Bay, secretary, and A. J. Neil, El Segundo, trustee.

Dabbs' resignation is the third to occur in the past year. Forest A. Day, representing the South Bay area, and Hilar C. Ashley, El Segundo, also resigned when both moved outside the college district.

Rayer, now the senior member in terms of office, is now in his ninth year of service to the district. A general contractor, broker and realtor, the new president is the father of two children, both of whom are among El Camino College alumni.

Active in many community organizations and activities, Rayer has held key executive positions with such organizations as the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and



SPARK OF INTEREST . . . Andrew Casey has plenty of attention as he strikes the match which will light the first campfire which these youngsters have ever built during a Chaippewa Pow Wow Day Camp. A day camp was held at Victor School Wednesday through Friday under the direction of the Torrance Recreation Department. Around Casey are, from left, Robert Brennan, Chris Murphy, Paul Smith, Mark Mitchell, Lisa Moore, Bill McDonald, Counselor Michael Gulliver, Ann Craig, and Corrine Chandler.

Torrance Woman Wins Top Trophy

Vi Farnham of the Torrance Adult Club has been declared the winner of the Los Angeles County Women's Shuffleboard Championship. J. Cone of Auditorium Park, Long Beach, won the men's championship.

Winners were named at the end of a three-day tournament at South West Sportsman's Park in Gardena.

Mary Griffin of Lincoln Park was the second place winner in the women's division. Third and fourth places were won by Mary Bagley of Bixby Park and Sophie Sklut of Palisades Park.

Second place in the men's division was won by F. Brinkman of Highland Park, and Lloyd Robinson of Sherman Oaks was third. Arthur Boos, representing Houghton Park, was fourth.