

## G-MAN IS SPEAKER AT CHURCH CLUB

Six hundred and eighty special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are returning \$7 to every \$1 spent for upkeep of their branch of law enforcement as they tirelessly seek to reduce the 15 billion dollar annual crime toll in the U. S.

This work, under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F.B.I., was described to members and guests of the Episcopal Men's club last night by J. C. Ellsworth, special agent out of the Los Angeles bureau. He was the principal speaker at a dinner-meeting which was attended by about 60 men, the largest number ever to attend one of the monthly gatherings of the club whose president is Wallace Post. Introduced by James Willes, program chairman, Agent Ellsworth covered many phases of the F.B.I.'s work and made an earnest appeal for the public's cooperation with all law enforcement bodies to reduce the nation's crime cost. He asserted "law enforcement is a mutual problem that must be solved by competent detection and prosecution agencies plus an aroused public opinion."

**Vast Fingerprint File**  
"You may get a good idea of the extent of lawlessness in this country when you consider that there is a murder over 40 minutes, a felony committed every (Continued on Page 2-A)

## Rotary Board Picks Officers



—Torrance Herald Photo.  
**HAROLD E. APPENZELLER**  
... climaxes faithful service

At a meeting of the newly elected board of directors of the Torrance Rotary club at the home of President Harry M. Abramson on Post avenue Monday evening, Harold E. Appenzeller was chosen president of the club for the year beginning July 1, 1939.

Robert T. McCallum, proprietor of the Torrance Sheet Metal Shop, was chosen vice-president. William H. Bratton and Sherwood McIntyre were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively. Members of the board of directors for the coming year are: Abramson, Appenzeller, McIntyre, McCallum, Bernhard Bunje and T. A. Mitchell.

Elevation of Appenzeller to the presidency of the club climaxes five years of faithful and able service as a director of the local service club. Two years ago he was chosen vice president and the year previous to that he fulfilled the difficult task of program chairman with marked ability. He has also acted as chairman of the club's committee as well as being active in other club affairs.

Because of his wide popularity and his long experience, club members are looking forward with confidence and enthusiasm to a most enjoyable and constructive year. Appenzeller is an assistant in the purchasing department of the Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil company and has been a resident of this city for the past 15 years.

## Grand Master Visits Lodge

Torrance Masonic lodge was honored Monday night by an official visit of the Grand Master, Leon O. Whitwell of San Francisco. He was entertained at a dinner and later was tendered a formal reception. Whitwell was making his annual visit to the 99th Masonic district, which is composed of three lodges in San Pedro and one each in Wilmington, Long Beach, Gardena and the local lodge.

The visiting state official was presented to Jess M. Reddington, master of the Torrance lodge, by Dr. C. L. Ingold, junior past master. About 150 were present for the dinner and reception, including delegates from other lodges in the district and Keith Schaeffer, district inspector, of Gardena.

Gardena," the report stated. "Continued operation of this line for freight service appears proper in view of the fact that the general shops also have been used for passenger traffic is insufficient to justify continued rail service."

In order to provide substitute passenger service, an extension of the line to the Western avenue line of the Los Angeles Motor Coach Company as far south as Torrance, possibly routing so as to serve

## POWELL RAPS CITY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT

Voicing suspicions that "there may be a payoff to someone connected with the city law enforcement," Councilman George V. Powell made a prepared statement to the municipal board Tuesday night. He said "if any officer or employee is required to protect vice and gambling in this city and will make the facts known to me, I will do my utmost to have the guilty party or parties removed from office and indicted for same."

Powell evidently based his statement on the arrest and conviction of 26 men on gambling charges last week. He did not mention this connection. At the conclusion of his declaration, Powell said he would be glad to answer any questions or receive comment on his statement. None were forthcoming and Mayor William H. Tolson then directed the council's attention to other city business.

Powell's complete statement follows: "To the Torrance council: I find it necessary to speak on the subject of law enforcement. I said some time back when the council was being flooded with applications for legal permits for gambling that the city did not need the revenue from the gambling interests. From the (Continued on Page 2-A)

## Tax Validation Bill Vote Due

Los Angeles county officials today were anxiously awaiting the assembly of the 1939 Legislature to call up the bill for validation of previous county tax levies now in dispute, which is scheduled for sometime late this week.

The bill, bitterly fought by so-called tax experts who have caused claims for many millions of dollars to be filed against the county, will reach the floor of the assembly with a "do pass" recommendation, as the result of a vote late last week in committee.

Taxpayers would face a back-breaking burden of some \$102,000,000 to repay all of the refunds made either by J. M. Lowery recently computed. Eleven of the 15 members were present when the committee vote was taken. Two wanted to send it out without recommendation, but this move was beaten 9 to 2.

## Oil Worker Flung High In Accident

Thrown 30 feet in the air when a pulling unit broke loose from its auxiliary truck and catapulted the machine and its operator, Arthur Webster, 31-year-old gang pusher, skyward, Webster landed on his head and shoulders, suffering critical injuries early Monday morning.

The accident occurred on the Louisiana well being drilled by the Lomita Operating company at 23rd and Pennsylvania avenue under direction of E. L. Jones, superintendent. Webster was rushed to Torrance Memorial hospital by fellow workers.

It was feared that Webster was suffering from bad cuts, bruises and a possible brain concussion. Yesterday he was declared rational enough to permit his removal from the local institution to a Los Angeles hospital where he will be under care of specialists for several months.

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## Woman-Assaulter Gets 90 Days In Jail for Vicious Attack

Dragged by the hair down three flights of stairs by her "boy friend," Miss Veda Harrison, 27, Lynwood, today was recovering from her harrowing experience as David F. Randolph appeared in court to plead guilty to assault and battery at 1210 El Prado.

She signed the complaint against Randolph, a husky 31-year-old Lynwood oil worker, late yesterday afternoon after he was arrested by Police Chief John Stroth on an open charge of investigation. Miss Harriman said that Randolph "charged into" the room at the El Prado address where she was visiting a girl cousin and proceeded to beat her up.

"He wanted me to come back to him," Miss Harriman, who was employed in a local cafe, told Stroth. "I left him once before but he beat me up then and I returned to him. But I'm thru with him now."

**Placed on Probation**  
After dragging the woman to the street level and striking her a few times with his fists, according to witnesses, Randolph fled. He was located in a garage trying to get a worker there to go to El Prado and get his car for him.

Both he and Miss Harriman had been drinking. Stroth testified that they were not drunk at the time of the El Prado disturbance. A large crowd gathered at the scene there as the woman's screams pierced the neighborhood.

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## Firemen Obey Orders; Refuse to "Roll" to County Blaze

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City Judge Robert Lessing declared there apparently "were no mitigating circumstances" in the case and told Randolph that "any man who strikes a woman as you did deserves the full penalty of the law."

However, if you will promise to leave Torrance and refrain from annoying the plaintiff—who obviously wants nothing to do with you now—I'll suspend nine months of your jail sentence. You will serve 90 days in the county jail for your act," Lessing ordered.

**Both Were Drinking**  
Miss Harriman, who said the surname was hers by a previous marriage, was not in court when Randolph was arraigned. Altho she told Chief Stroth that he was arrested in Long Beach some time ago for a similar assault on the former wife of his roommate, Randolph denied this in court today. He admitted previous arrests in Oklahoma and Long Beach for intoxication.

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## JR. COLLEGE DATA GIVEN SCHOOL HEAD

With 86 former high school students definitely interested in attending the institution and at least 50 others thinking of enrolling, Principal Thomas Elson of Torrance high school, presented the advanced plans for establishing a Torrance Junior College before Howard Campion, assistant superintendent in charge of special Los Angeles city schools, at a conference yesterday.

In addition to going over the tabulation of subjects desired by former students replying to the postcard questionnaire sent out recently, Elson and Campion went into the matter of facilities.

## H. S. Grads: Attention!

If you have not received one of the postcard questionnaires or have misplaced the one sent you several weeks ago . . . And if you desire to continue your education in the proposed Torrance Junior College . . .

On Page 2-A of this edition The Herald is reprinting the list of potential courses for Junior College study and you may clip it out, indicate the subjects you are interested in, sign your name and address and mail or bring it to Principal Tom Elson at Torrance high school.

Your cooperation will greatly enhance the likelihood of establishing a Junior College here for your advanced training. If satisfactory courses are not provided here, applicants are under no obligation to attend.

ties for the proposed Junior College here. The high school principal had prepared a statement listing the courses they would like to have available for holding Junior College classes at the existing high school plant.

"We have received assurance from 86 former Torrance high school students, 26 graduates of Gardena high school and four others from other high schools that they would enroll in the Torrance Junior College if it was established this fall," Elson said before the conference with the Los Angeles school official.

## Leading Subjects Listed

"We received the list of Narbonne graduates this morning from Principal John Abbott but we have yet to hear from Redondo Union high school."

"We will ask Lomita graduates whose courses they would like to attend if a Junior College is created here in the fall," he said.

The tabulated replies to date show that 40 want commercial training, 30 have asked for basic English courses, 28 want subjects pertaining to the field of psychology, 25 would like to study higher mathematics, 22 have expressed a desire for science studies, 20 ask for foreign languages and 11 want to take up journalism.

In addition to those subjects, many other courses have been mentioned on the replies to the questionnaire. "We are well advanced on our plans for the Junior College set-up and Mr. Campion showed great interest in the statements we had prepared for his inspection. However, we will not know definitely whether or not we get a Junior College here until early summer," Elson said.

## School Marauders Cause Damage

By breaking a lock on the outside kindergarten door and then cutting a panel in the door to the supply room off the office suite, marauders broke into the Torrance school Monday night and caused considerable damage. Nothing of value was taken, according to Mrs. Oda Vans, principal, but the office was thoroughly ransacked, evidently for money.

Police believe the would-be burglars were young boys. They used scraps of paper to light their way about the room and attempted to "jimmy" the steel file in Mrs. Vans' office and break into another supply cabinet. Unable to pry open the principal's desk, the marauders cut the bottom out of the drawer and tore out papers from within.



—Torrance Herald Photo.  
**NO SPIK DA ENGLESH!** . . . Loreto—that's the parrot perched on the back of the seat holding W. K. (Billy) Adolph, well known Walterian, and Panchita, a coiti mundi—is a glib talker but only in Spanish. Panchita, who is called a mapach tejon in the Southern Republic where her breed are common household pets, likewise only understands Spanish commands. Both were brought home by Adolph from a recent trip in Mexico.

## Adolphs Enlarge Mexican Collection During Trip

Poking her long snout into every corner of the W. K. Adolph patio in consuming curiosity, Panchita, an 11-months-old female coiti mundi from Mexico, is probably the most inquisitive resident today in Walteria. Her raucous-voiced compatriot, Loreto, a Mexican parrot, enjoys the freedom of the Adolph patio but pays little attention to the other expatriot.

Both were brought home by the Adolphs and son Alfredo from their native land—the animals—not the Adolphs. Their entry in the U. S. was not without difficulty because of quarantine and import restrictions which held the Walterians at the border for three days while the "red tape" was being unraveled.

In addition to Panchita and Loreto, the Adolphs returned recently with a large collection of native Mexican pottery, glassware, objects d'art and handloomed linens and blankets. One of their prizes which now hangs above the fireplace in the attractive Adolph hacienda on Hawthorne boulevard is a large oil painting of the famed matador Ortega posed in the position of the "natural pass," said to be the most difficult and dangerous stance taken by a bullfighter before it leaves him wide open to the onrushing bull.

## Easy for Yellow Canaries

Panchita is a strict vegetarian and both she and Loreto understand only Spanish commands. She looks like a cross between a bear and a dog. In the above picture of the pair with their master, Adolph is wearing a bullfighter's evening cape while a beautifully decorated sombrero rests in his lap where Panchita had brushed it from his head while Loreto scolded in a rush of Spanish.

"It might be well for those who are planning trips into Mexico to know that the only living thing you can bring out of that country without going thru quarantine and fixing up numerous papers is a yellow canary," Adolph said as he sat in the family's attractive patio. "And I mean yellow—the smallest white or black spot on the bird and they'll tell you to leave it at the border. We had to give Panchita a room and bed for two nights in a hotel while we wrangled with the customs of fliers about her entry."

Adolph, whose garage is patronized by a number of Hollywood motion picture and stage stars, and his wife have furnished their attractive home with many valuable pieces of Mexican furniture and they were especially proud of the hand-wrought glassware in American currency at Guadalajara, Mexico City and other towns.

## 250 Wells Average 78 Barrels Daily

Production for the Torrance, Lomita-Harbor City field shows a total drain of 18,123 barrels of high gravity oil per day from 250 wells, according to a late report this week by the state bureau in charge of oil and gas activities. This is an average of 78 barrels per day per well.

## Schools Week Plans Drafted for April 24-28

Plans for local observance of Public Schools Week, April 24 to 28, were made by School leaders and Jess Reddington, master of the Torrance Masonic lodge, at a luncheon meeting at the high school today. Sponsored by the Masonic lodge through the year, the week is set aside annually to acquaint the public with the work being done in all secondary educational institutions in the state.

The local observance will consist of "open house" days at all schools and a combined program in the high school assembly hall. The date for the major entertainment has not been set. Guy L. Mowry is serving as "contact man" between the schools and the local lodge.

## PLAYERS ON STAGE TONITE

You'll have an opportunity to "Meet the Duchess" tonight if you attend the premier performance by the Torrance Community Players at the Civic Auditorium. The curtain time is 8:15 o'clock on the hilarious three-act comedy drama of that name which will be the Players' first offering since their organization two months ago.

There has been no advance sale of tickets, the admissions will be sold at the Auditorium box office tonight for 25 and 10 cents. Directed by William Fariss, the stage production is reputed to have a talented cast that is well versed in its lines and "business" and thus ready to present a splendid performance.

Those enacting roles in the comedy are Jeannette Michelson, Dale Howe, Sally Armstrong, Don Mitchell, Luella Stroth, Winita Davidson, Louis Murray, Karmee Odell, Virginia McNally, little Bonnie Edson and Director Fariss. President of the association is James Willes.

## R.R. Commission Suggests Removal of P.E. Shops Here

Removal of the Pacific Electric railway company's general shops from Torrance "to a point located more nearly in the proximity of the center of rail operations" was recommended in a comprehensive survey of the P. E. system just completed by the California Railroad Commission's experts.

## Discontinuance of rail passenger service over the San Pedro via Torrance line also should be effected, the report stated.

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## CHICKENS STOLEN

Twenty-five chickens, owned by Ed Howell who kept them at the high school in connection with his agricultural studies, were reported stolen Sunday night, according to police reports.

## Continue Bus Study

No comment is being made by the P. E. management on the commission's report and news will be made when the hearing was held Monday, until a thorough study is made of the 10 volumes comprising the data. The hearing before the commission has been adjourned until May 17 when the P. E. will cross-examine the state's engineers and reply to their findings.

## Meantime, the effort being made by representative citizens and officials of this city and Gardena to obtain an inter-

## city bus system that would link Wateria, Lomita, Torrance and Gardena with the Los Angeles Railway or bus terminal on Vermont or Figueroa will continue.

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