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Police Nab Engineer for Passing Rubber Checks

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INSPECTS LOOT . . . Sgt. D. C. Cook of the Torrance Police Department inspects six of the revolvers found cached in a downtown Torrance alley. Two suspects admitted stealing the guns here.

Fast Acting Police Nip Crime Syndicate

Smashing of a budding crime syndicate in Torrance was being credited yesterday to the single-handed efforts of a fast-acting Torrance police sergeant.

Acting on an anonymous tip, Sgt. D. C. Cook raced to an alley between Gramercy Ave. and Andreo Ave. in downtown Torrance where he uncovered a cache of six revolvers which had been reportedly stolen from a Torrance merchant.

Disaster Film Shown In Area

A film depicting what could face Civil Defense and Red Cross workers if a disaster hit the area is being show this week by George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense for the city.

Obtained from television station KTTV, the film was shot in Los Angeles during the razing of buildings to make way for sections of the freeway because.

Red Cross disaster units and first aid units were rushed into the scene after some buildings were demolished and movie cameras recorded a hypothetical scene of panic and confusion which exists during a major catastrophe.

Powell showed the film to city officials Thursday afternoon and has made arrangements to use parts of the film during the next week in training programs.

Ford Dealer Hails Arrival Of New Model

Bob and Florence Peckham (Schultz and Peckham Ford Dealers) announced the arrival May 2 of a new model—a model "G," for girl.

The new model, complete with two-lung power, changeable seat covers, and baby pink sidewalls may soon be seen on display at the Peckham showroom, 1507 Acacia Ave.

Mrs. Florence Peckham, the mother, was taken to the Torrance Memorial Hospital so she could be close to the new model when it arrived.

Proposed pamphlet telling of the new model will list it as "Candace." Overall weight was five pounds, 15 1/2 ounces, according to Dr. John Beeman, head of the weights and measures department.

Check Passer Given 15 Days On One Count

Edward H. Pope, 40, who went on a check-writing spree last week, was sentenced to spend 15 days in the county jail yesterday on one count of petty theft—check-writing with insufficient funds.

Pope, 40, an unemployed engineer, told City Judge Otto B. Willett that he "just didn't know why he did it, but he did." Detectives charge that he passed five or six bum checks, possibly totaling some $600, within a several-hour period Thursday and Friday.

Officers arrested the suspect Friday evening in a downtown cafe after several local merchants learned that the checks they were holding were phony, police say.

Judge Willett sentenced Pope to jail and advised him to make a friend attempt to make restitution on all of the checks before the 15-day sentence is up. Otherwise, it was indicated, other complaints may be filed.

Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton said yesterday that he was holding checks from Strum's Department Store, Greater Torrance Market, J. J. Newberry's Store, Vurp's Cafe, Thrift-De-Luxe Cleaners and several others, all worthless.

The suspect, Ashton said, told merchants he was a member of the Torrance Police Department each time he cashed a check. Pope was arrested only minutes after one merchant received a check from him, police said.

Pope was sentenced to jail on complaint of Jack Maher, Thrift-De-Luxe Cleaners operator, the first to formally file a charge.

The suspect lived at the Brighton Hotel.

Second Arrest Brings 30 Days

Harold W. Wolfe, 31, went to jail for 30 days after he pleaded guilty to a drunk driving charge yesterday in City Judge Otto B. Willett's court.

Judge Willett sentenced Wolfe to jail and suspended his driver's license for the period prescribed by law—one year. It was his second conviction.

Wolfe, of San Pedro, who is presently on probation from his earlier drunk arrest, faces another jail stay for violating that probation, it was stated.

He was picked up at 242nd St. and Hawthorne Ave. Friday night by Officers J. Thompson and Jim O'Toole.

Community Plans For Flower Show

Plans to hold the First Annual Community Flower Show at the Walteria Recreation hall May 17 were revealed yesterday by Mrs. Robert Cramer, who heads the committee arranging the show under the auspices of the WSCS of the Community Methodist Church.

Entries will be received up until 10 p.m. May 16, Mrs. Cramer said. Judging will be done between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17. The displays will be open from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. on the 17th.

Selected to serve as judges for the community show were John Bauman, of the Walteria Begonia Farms; Mrs. Minot F. Rudd, president of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club; and Mrs. R. T. Maben of Redondo.

The group will serve coffee, tea and refreshments from 2 until 4 and from 7 until 9 p.m. on the day of the show, according to Mrs. William Burgener, president of the WSCS.

YMCA Boys Camp Applications Now Available Here

More than 120 youngsters this summer will take to the San Bernardino mountains to spend a week at the YMCA's Camp Round Meadow, Mrs. Betty Burnam, secretary, announced yesterday.

She said that the local "Y" office has received schedules and information folders from the Los Angeles camp office and applications will be taken immediately. There will be space for 126 boys, 9 to 17 years of age.

The outing will be held July 22-29.

Local adult leaders will go on the trip to supervise and help the boys enjoy their vacation, Mrs. Burnam advised. There will be a leader for every seven boys.

"The broad purpose of YMCA camping is to give boys a constructive, entertaining vacation, and at the same time give them the benefits of more than 100 years of "Y" experience in working with youth and helping them grow into Christian adults who will accept their responsibilities as citizens," the secretary said.

Youth Rescued From Rip Tide Currents

Anthony Becker, 18, was rescued by county lifeguards while he was swimming off 13th St. in Redondo Beach Friday afternoon after he fell into an inshore hole and was carried out to sea by riptides, lifeguards report.

Becker was brought to shore in an exhausted state, they reported.

Creeger on Trip

Henry W. Creeger, plant manager of the American Radiator and Standard-Sanitary Corp., is on a business trip to Pittsburgh, Pa., home of the huge manufacturing firm.

Darby Backers Pledged Help on Walteria Lake

Darby Vows Fight On High Taxes

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby at a luncheon in the Ding How cafe Friday noon told a group of Darby-backers that he was going to try to alleviate the Walteria Lake flood condition if the proposed flood control bond issue passes.

The luncheon, a last-minute affair, was presided over by William H. Tolson, local realtor and member of the Torrance Board of Education. The group met to organize the local Darby campaign.

"I'm sorry," said Tolson, "that we did not have time to summon all those who undoubtedly would have liked to attend." Present were 21 persons.

Darby told the group that he was extremely tax-conscious and cited these examples to prove his point:

"On property I own in Inglewood, five months out of each year's rent goes for taxes. And in the City of Manhattan Beach property owners every 12 years pay in taxes an amount equal to the value of the property."

Darby is seeking reelection as supervisor of the fourth district of Los Angeles County, a district which has more people than 39 of the smallest states in the nation.

Retail Merchants Meet At Chamber Tuesday

A meeting of the retail merchants of Torrance has been scheduled for 9:45 Tuesday morning at the Chamber of Commerce offices in an effort to reorganize the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber.

Slated for discussion, according to Chamber Secretary Dale Isenberg, are plans for reorganization of the group; Christmas decorations; and uniform closing hours and the nights which the merchants will stay open.

"There is some discussion that stores may stay open on Monday nights as well as Friday," Isenberg said.

Special notices have been sent to all merchants.

—HERALD PHOTO
LOVELY JEANENE KNOX
. . . Senior Division Winner

Twirlers, 61 of Them, Compete In Third Annual Baton Competition

Baton-twirling lassies and lads from all over Southern California twirled their way into one of three divisions at the Third Annual Southern California Baton Contest staged yesterday on the El Prado Parkway.

Sixty-one contestants, ranging in age from 4 to 18 years, each strutted his stuff for three minutes while a panel of judges carefully recorded each movement; special attention was given to variety and difficulty of exercise, speed, smoothness and presentation.

Winners in the divisions were Janie Barger, young novice; Karen Stienman, novice; Karen Uker, juvenile; Sharlene Bielke, junior; Jeanene Knox, senior; and Clark Ung, men's open.

In addition, little Christine Marshall and Phyllis Flemming were awarded Ted Otis's batons as having given the "best performance."

Mostly girls, the twirlers were entered in one of six classes, depending upon age. Finalists were put into one of three divisions.

The contest is sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands and was under the direction of Rod White, Ted Otis, Marilyn Watson and Jean Skrivan, all nationally known baton twisters.

Contest committee was comprised of Mrs. Earl Wells, chairman; W. R. Bowen, band president; James Van Dyck, director; and White and Otis.

Cups and medals were awarded the finalists late yesterday afternoon.

The contest was a preliminary to the Fun Frolic to be presented by the local youth band starting Wednesday. A full-sized carnival will be in operation at Engracia and Cravens Ave. All proceeds go to the Torrance Band.

Full Production Seen Here as Workers Return

The Supreme Court yesterday afternoon handed down a decision that the government could not grant a pay hike to steelworkers in the seized mills unless the increase was approved by the industry.

Meeting in a secret session to decide whether it will rule on the constitutionality of Truman's seizure of the industry, the court announced late yesterday that the government could not grant a pay hike unless the terms were accepted by the industry.

The court also set May 12 as the date it would hear arguments on the legality of the seizure. Government, union and industry officials will present their cases to the court at that time.

Columbia Steel Company was expected to be in full operation by tomorrow morning, with nearly all of the 1250 steelworkers back to work.

The order to fire up the open hearths at the local steel mill came yesterday from U. S. Steel headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa. and Columbia Steel immediately started calling in full crews.

On Friday CIO President Phil Murray OK'd the return of the steelworkers, but only maintenance men and furnace repair crews were called back. Two of the four open hearths at Columbia were reported "down" for repairs.

A company spokesman said he hoped that at least three of the furnaces, enough to feed stock to the sheet mill and rolling mill, would be in operation by Monday morning. Sheet mill and rolling mill workers were ordered to report for duty on Monday.

The return to work order and the call-back of the men by the company was believed to mean that U. S. Steel had been given some assurance by Murray that no new steel strike would be called.

The company was hesitant about sending the men back to work with no assurance that another work stoppage would not be called.

In a statement issued by the company on Friday, Lawrence
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Formation of Ballot Battalion Started

Formation of Torrance's Ballot Battalion got off to a flying start Wednesday evening at a meeting attended by nearly 40 persons representing nearly every civic and fraternal organization of the city.

Named to serve on the nominating committee to draw up a slate of officers for the group and obtaining a pledge from car dealers in Torrance to furnish transportation to the polls June 3 for the primaries, highlighted the evening accomplishments.

Paul Loranger, president of the Kiwanis Club and temporary chairman of the Ballot Battalion here, said the response to the call for clubs and organizations to join together in the unit was very gratifying.

"I'd like to compliment those who attended the meeting for their interest, enthusiasm and indisputable devotion shown when they volunteered to work in the battalion," Loranger said after the meeting.

Selection of a nominating committee to draw up a slate of officers for the group and obtaining a pledge from car dealers in Torrance to furnish transportation to the primaries, highlighted the evening accomplishments.

Other organizations represented at the meeting included the Torrance Moose Toastmasters, Women's Auxiliary of the St. Andrew's Church; Women's Society of the Methodist Church; Catholic Daughters of America; the YWCA, Torrance Council PTA and the Hollywood Riviera PTA.

Burt Johnson, representing the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., was named transportation chairman of the Ballot Battalion. A. Robinson was named publicity chairman, and George Powell will head a committee to secure non-partisan candidate information.

Bill Evans, representing the polls.

Torrance Civic Improvement Association.

Toastmasters, volunteered to provide speakers from the Toastmaster membership to assist with the group.

The nominating committee will meet at Loranger's office, 1640 Cabrillo, Thursday evening to draw up a slate of officers. Loranger said. Another general meeting will be called in the near future.

"In the meantime, we have several items on our working agenda," Loranger said. "We need drivers for some of the cars June 3, we need baby sitters to work during the day so the mothers can go to vote, and we need workers to see that those who are registered get to the polls.