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Theater Man Beaten Patron Knifed In Back

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SHE'S PACKIN' HER BAGS . . . Queenly Shirley Jeanne White tucks a few things into a suitcase as she gets ready for her big jaunt to Las Vegas tomorrow evening. Named Miss Torrance two weeks ago, Miss White and her court will be crowned at a Coronation Ball August 16.

Bags All Packed

It's Off to Vegas For Shirley White

Blonde Shirley Jeanne White has her bags all packed and now is counting the minutes until she boards a sleek Western Airlines sky-coach and starts winging her way to Las Vegas for a two-day stay at colorful Last Frontier hotel.

Shirley, adjudged Miss Torrance two weeks ago, will take off from Los Angeles International Airport tomorrow evening at 5:50 and the wheels of the plane will touch ground in Nevada two short hours later. Enjoying the all-expense trip with Shirley will be one of her closest friends, Mrs. Francis Seno, also of Torrance.

Attracts 14 Girls
Sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc., the Miss Torrance pageant, attracted 14 curvaceous girls, three of whom were adjudged finalists. Shirley was selected queen from among these three.

The 16-year-old Torrance High School queen, appearing with her court, will be crowned at a Coronation Ball on Aug. 16 at the Palos Verdes Country Club. The ball will begin at 9 p.m. and continue until 1:30 a.m. Tickets for the affair, all proceeds of which will go to the Youth Band, may be purchased from any of the 14 girls.

Tickets for the gala affair, the only source of income for the sponsoring Youth Band, sell for \$2.50 per person. Each girl volunteered to sell tickets.

Young People
Torrance Area Youth Band, Inc. is comprised of young persons residing throughout the greater Torrance area and affords them an opportunity to learn organizational music and at the same time participate in many civic events. It was started.

Funds derived from the Coronation Ball will be used to purchase uniforms and other supplies needed by the young musicians.

Bridge Repairing Action Earns Man Bronze Star
First Lieutenant Carleton W. Lockwood, 1542 W. 213th St., Corps of Engineers, United States Army has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period from February 15 to November 1, 1951 in Korea.

According to the citation: "Lieutenant Lockwood, as Platoon Leader of a Bridge Platoon, demonstrated outstanding leadership and devotion to duty in the performance of his assignment. He supervised the building and maintenance of floating bridges in direct support of operations. Lt. Lockwood was instrumental in the swift recovery and prompt reconstruction of a 1000-foot floating bridge swept away by rising flood waters, saving irreplaceable bridge equipment and enabling quick resumption of traffic. The outstanding devotion to duty, initiative and ability displayed by Lt. Lockwood reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Usher's Eye Gashed In Theater Fracas

Teen-age gangs and dark movie theaters proved a dangerous combination which resulted in a serious eye injury to a show manager and the stabbing of a theater patron in two separate attacks last week.

Held by police for questioning are five boys, three of whom have previous criminal records. Felony charges have been filed against three.

Gashed Eye

At Harbor General Hospital recovering from a gashed cornea, cut iris and lacerations of the eyelid is John Wren, 28, of 17220 Crenshaw Blvd., manager of a downtown movie house.

Wren told police Friday night he attempted to halt a fracas among several loud teenagers and was leading the boys up the aisle when he was jumped.

One of the hoodlums clouted him in the face, pushing parts of his eye-glasses into his eye.

A 15-year-old was nabbed by theater manager Jack Dabbs and held for police, who charged him with suspicion of battery, a felony. He was slated to appear before Torrance Juvenile Officer Sgt. D. C. Cook, yesterday for questioning.

Patron Slashed

Three of four youths who allegedly slashed a 24-year-old viewer at a North Torrance drive-in theater were nabbed through the efforts of Torrance and Hawthorne police officers Thursday night. Held on \$500 bail pending preliminary hearing on an assault with a deadly weapon rap are Lawndale boys Gary Cooper Locke, Norval Leftoy Wood and William Edward Newman. Police listed their ages as 18.

Another 16-year-old boy is being questioned and it is possible that felony charges will be filed against him, police said.

The four, according to authorities, jumped James R. Marsh, of Hawthorne, slashing his back with a razor after he had asked them to quiet down. They then jumped in their 1940 sedan and sped away. Furnished with a license number, police broadcast an all-points bulletin and staked out at the home of the car's owner.

Stop Car

Meanwhile, Hawthorne officers halted the car and nabbed three of the boys at Compton Blvd. and Larch Ave. in their city. The fourth was picked up Friday.

Marsh was taken to Park Emergency Hospital where doctors took seven stitches in his back to close the wound.

One of the four youths had kids.

Drama Workshop to Stage 'Land of Oz' for Kids

A musical version of the famous "Oz" stories, "The Land of Oz," will be presented Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10 o'clock in the Torrance High School auditorium. Produced by the high school's summer drama workshop, and directed by Nancy Ruth Miller, "Oz" will be presented admission-free to all interested children and their parents in the Torrance area.

The presentation marks a climax in the successful Torrance summer school and will be attended by great numbers of the elementary school students from Seaside, North Torrance, Fern Ave., Perry, Walteria, Crenshaw and Torrance Elementary.

Heading a cast of 25 are Steve Peters, as Tip; Louise Lafferty, as the scarecrow; and Hilma Jalo, as Jack Pumpkinhead. Featured are Colleen Mooney as Mombi the witch, Sheila DeClastel as General Jinjur, Mickey Van Deventer as the Woggle Bug, and Julie Rhone as Dorothy from Kansas. In other important roles are Susan Babcock, Judie Nash, Ann Steinbaugh, Carole Armstrong, Janice Crabtree,



(Herald Photo)

LUCKY GIRLS, LUCKY SANTA . . . All they want for Christmas (in July) are their two bonus checks sing Lois Hale, 1547 W. 204th St., and Ginger DuPont, 1533 W. 224th St. to Longren Aircraft's own Santa Claus. The employees of the local plant regard any day that bonus checks arrive as Christmas. Handling out profit-sharing checks to the 240 employees Friday afternoon was ole St. Nick himself—Bill Singleton.

CD Officials Witness Mock Air Attack

Civil Defense leaders had an opportunity of "seeing how its done" during a visit to Mt. Lee, Civil Defense headquarters for Los Angeles and Orange counties, yesterday morning and afternoon.

Five local officials witnessed a dry run during a mock attack at the civil defense headquarters. George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense for Torrance made the arrangements. Attending the demonstration were John Patrick, assistant city engineer; Dick Folker, chairman of the Torrance Chapter of the Red Cross; William King, captain of the Torrance Police Reserve; and Battalion Chief Gene Walker of the Torrance Fire Department.

Manning the switchboard during the demonstration was Mrs. Beulah Calhoun, a PBX operator in the Torrance city hall, who volunteered to make the trip.

Woman, Daughter Hurt In Wreck

Mrs. Ethelme Perkins, 33, of 5331 Linda Dr., received possible head injuries in a traffic collision while riding in a car driven by her husband at a Redondo Beach intersection Wednesday afternoon.

She was taken to Harbor General Hospital. Her daughter, Penelope, 8, also was treated for abrasions on her arm. The car was driven by Eldon M. Perkins.

Damaged Stacks Could Delay Return to Mills

BULLETIN

George Steele, president of the United Steelworkers of America, Local 1414, late yesterday afternoon summoned his executive board together for a meeting at CIO headquarters here.

Although no official confirmation was available, it was anticipated a "return-to-work" order would soon follow the meeting.

The recent Tehachapi earthquake may delay the return to work of some 1200 local steelworkers, a Columbia Steel Co. spokesman said yesterday.

The workers, awaiting back-to-work orders from Union President Phil Murray, may find it is several days before they can return to the furnaces and mills at the local Columbia Steel Co. plant.

Possible Stack Damage
"Although there appears to be no outward damage there is the possibility that the four open hearth furnace stacks may have been damaged in the recent earthquake," the company official stated.

"Then too, there is the possibility that the furnaces themselves may have been knocked out of commission by the series of quakes. Anytime the furnaces are shut down there is the possibility that too rapid cooling may cause damage to the brick lining of the furnaces. This coupled with the earthquake may make it necessary to repair one or all four of the furnaces before we can fire them up to make steel," he said.

"None of the furnaces was scheduled for a routine repair and none was "down" at the time of the start of the strike 55 days ago.

Pickets Torn Up
Although local pickets had torn up picket signs when it was announced that the nation's longest steel strike had been settled they and other members of the United Steelworkers of America could not return to work until the okay came from President Phil Murray in Washington. Murray was apparently holding off on the order until details were completed concerning a companion strike of 35,000 eastern ore workers.

When the back-to-work order does come through it will be several days before the entire 1200 local Columbia workers are back to work. First workers to be called will be the transportation and maintenance crews. There is no steel to feed the sheet mill and workers in that department will not start back to work until ingots begin arriving from the open hearths.

New Contract Terms
When the workers do go back to work they will be working under a new contract which is retroactive to March 1. These

Santa Claus Shows Up For Longren Opening

Several thousand persons Friday afternoon toured the new \$85,000 addition to Longren Aircraft Co. and participated in a Christmas party for employees.

After Frank M. Jordan, secretary of state for California cut the wide ribbon across the doorway to the new plant, scores of visitors were taken on a tour of the aircraft parts manufacturing concern. Christmas decorations hung everywhere. Yuletide carols were piped through the loudspeaker system.

Warm Christmas
It was "Christmas in July" for the 240 employees of Longren. The employees, referred to as associates, work under a profit-sharing plan. Friday Hampton Wentworth, managing director, handed out bonus checks representing approximately 17 per cent of the employees' salaries. During the last two years the company, now in its 13th year in Torrance, leaped from a gross production of \$40,000 per month to \$240,000.

Accounting for what he terms an "amazing production record," Wentworth stated that "productivity is an attitude."

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Local Lads Out Of Derby Finals

Young Tom Holmes was nudged out of a win in the semi-finals of the Annual Soap Box Derby contest staged yesterday at the Arroyo Seco derby track.

Holmes, sponsored by Paul's Chevrolet, ran second in a fast heat and was nipped at the wire.

Three other local entrants were eliminated in the quarter-finals after first winning heat races.

\$100 Cash Stolen
More than \$100 in bills and change was taken from a drawer at the home of Mrs. Mary Andre, 2254 W. 227th St., according to Torrance police. Detectives said Mrs. Andre did not know the exact date that the money was stolen. Entry apparently was made through the back door.

Bloody Sack in Street Brings Police On Trot
Police rushed to investigate a report that a big sack full covered with blood was lying on the street at 220th St. and Western Ave. early Friday morning.

The excited caller evidently had visions of murder and mayhem.

Officers found a big sack, all covered with blood, full of the remains of a chicken or two which someone evidently had cleaned for dinner.



(Herald Photo)

NEW SYSTEM . . . Uptown parking space for 40 cars was provided this week after city crews marked off a section of Cabrillo Ave. for center-of-the-street parking. The usual confusion followed the institution of the plan. Motorists pulled in behind parked cars, blasted their horns impatiently, and then sheepishly moved on when they discovered their error. One motorist plowed into a "No Left Turn" sign the first day it was put up. An accident occurred at the north end of the parking strip. Double white lines and warning reflectors would tend to help guide the cars around the parking zone.