

Salvation Army Completes Busiest Year in History

The Salvation Army Social Service Center which serves this area has just completed the busiest year of its long history, Brig. Ranson D. Gifford, manager, reports.

He said that thousands of hand-picked men, including war veterans and their families, received assistance in 1952 through the Salvation Army's work the rapy program.

During the past year the center provided 258,000 hours of occupational therapy, 59,622 meals, 21,110 lodgings and a vast amount of direct relief, Brigadier Gifford reported.

"The Salvation Army is strictly a non-profit organization," he pointed out. "All receipts from the sale of refurbished material above operating costs are returned in the form of cash grants to the unfortunate handicapped men who daily through the center seeking help."

The social rehabilitation program, by providing for men who otherwise would be required to seek county or state aid, helps lessen the tax load on local residents, Gifford said.

The center at present can handle a much greater quantity of newspapers and magazines than

Girl Kidnaped Description Re-Published

Again the Herald publishes the description of the sex criminal who kidnaped and raped a 10-year-old choir girl last Sunday morning. Any person having knowledge of such a man is urged to contact either the Torrance Police Department or the Torrance Herald immediately.

He is a white man, approximately 30 years of age, neatly dressed and with neat-appearing hands, light brown hair with a single wave across his crown; he is approximately 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs from 150 to 165 pounds; he is smooth shaven and has a pleasant face. The girl furnished this description to police based on what she saw of her attacker before he blindfolded her and threatened her with a wrench.

The kidnaped was driving a late model car, probably a Ford or Chevrolet. It was a two-door sedan, light in color.

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Letters To The Editor

Writer Suggests Method Which Might Prevent Another 'Sunday Kidnaping'

Editor:
I notice the article in Thursday's Torrance Herald of the terrible sex crime and, of course, we read nearly every day of the like in the daily papers. May I suggest that parents do not send their children to Sunday School—TAKE THEM!

EARL SHOCKLEY

Sunday Rapist Eludes All-Out Police Search

Police looked at a score of curved steps this week as more calls from citizens reported possible locations where a sex fiend last Sunday attacked and raped a 10-year-old girl enroute to Sunday School.

Sgt. D. C. Cook of the Torrance Police Department who is doing the investigation in the kidnap-rape case, said he had received at least 12 calls from citizens giving him the location of curved steps leading into homes and apartments. The three to five curved steps is the only clue Cook has in the crime.

The girl told Cook that she was able to peek beneath her blindfold as she was being led to the scene of the crime and noticed she stepped out of the kidnaped's car onto cement and then walked a short distance before being led up three to five curved concrete steps.

Cook had appealed to the residents of Torrance, where the crime is believed to have been committed, to report any such steps which might be the kidnaped's hideout.

Police on their own investigation located at least 15 sets of curved steps and one by one have eliminated them as being those described by the girl victim.

"We don't want to overlook the possibility that these steps might be a rear or side entrance," said Sgt. Cook. "The kidnaped must certainly have realized that to lead a blindfolded girl into a front entrance would be pretty risky, therefore, we believe he may have used a rear entrance or possibly a side entrance where he would not be detected so easily."

Cook had another suggestion for the many persons helping spot the all-important clue. "Don't overlook the possibility also that the criminal may have used a commercial building such as a small factory or store."

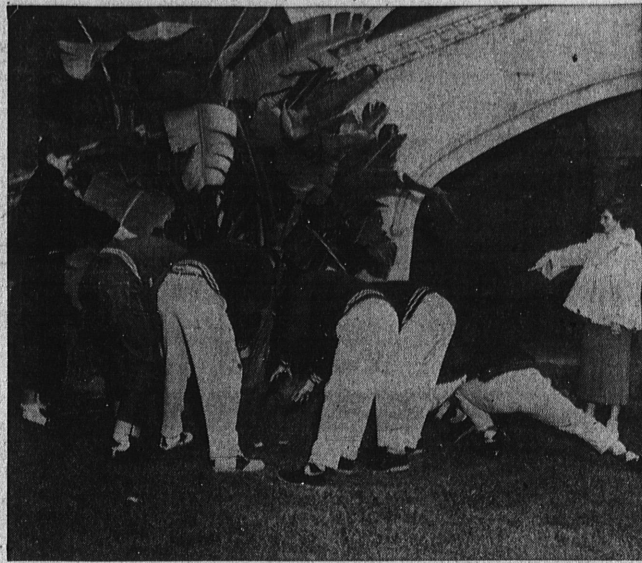
Cook is of the opinion that the scene of the crime is within a five-mile radius of the center of the city. The victim of the vicious attack was "dragged to the kidnaped's car last Sunday and there blindfolded and forced to lie on the floor of the car while he drove to the scene of the crime. Once inside the apartment he stripped the girl of her clothes and raped her. He told her as she screamed in pain: 'I'm going to do this if I have to kill you,' and then slapped her to stifle her outcries.



MANHUNT . . . Still sought this week for kidnaping and rape is a man possibly resembling the drawing above. The likeness was created by Artist Dean Fisher from a description furnished by the 10-year-old victim who was abducted last Sunday morning, taken to an apartment or house near here, and then brutally raped. Anyone knowing of a man resembling the above sketch is urged to contact the Torrance Herald or the Torrance Police Department immediately. See accompanying story for fuller description of the criminal.

BIG KILL

In 25 years more than 7,000,000 kangaroos were killed in a single Australian state.



CAMPUS CLEANER . . . Joan Stephens and Marca Wright put a crew of Tartars to work cleaning up the senior patio at Torrance High School during a campaign to keep the campus clean. Doing the sniping are Bill Oehlert, Lee Mortensen, Bob Kulp, Jerry Farrar, Bob Hopkins, and Lody Popovich.

Bill Proposed To Consolidate City and County

A proposed constitutional amendment to permit a city-county consolidation in Los Angeles was introduced this week by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D.), San Pedro.

Thomas called his measure a major step toward bringing the borough form of government to Los Angeles. His bill will go on the next state election ballot if it passes the Legislature.

He said the huge metropolitan area, with nearly 4,000,000 population, is forced to pay for many duplicating and overlapping agencies involved in separate operations by the county, 45 cities and 800 special districts.



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