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Tidwell Ousted; Planning Appeal, \$100,000 Law Suit

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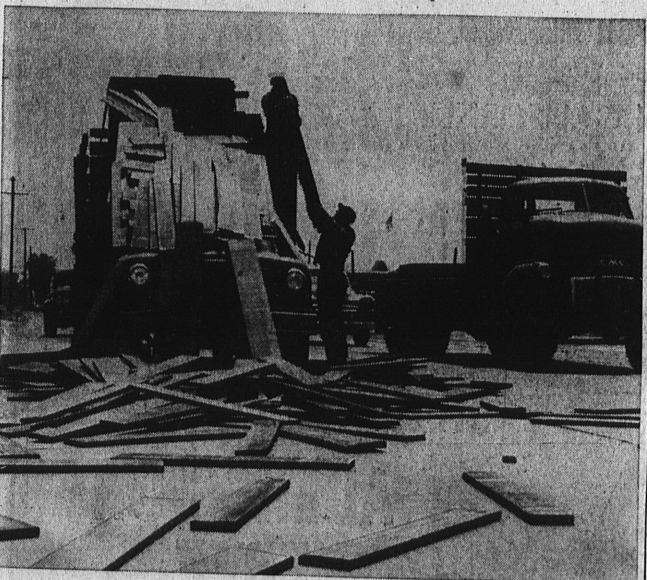
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Area Police Round Up Four Youths as Burglary Ring

He Stopped! His Load Didn't!



WHEN TRUCK DRIVER... "Red" Peterson of Hawthorne stopped for a signal at 220th Street and Western Ave. Friday his load of lumber didn't. He gets a hand reloading from Robert Coble of the USS Mansfield who had hitched a ride with Peterson.

Police Bullets Halt Fleeing Youth in PV

A police bullet which crashed into the leg of a fleeing prisoner in Palos Verdes Thursday uncovered what area police say was a burglary ring responsible for at least 50 recent burglaries in the area.

Shot in the leg by Palos Verdes Police Chief Justus A. "Jack" Smith was 15-year-old Bruce Fred English, a parolee from a state detention camp. Also arrested by officers for investigation of the burglaries were Tommy Anderson, 19, of Lennox; Jack E. Bishop, 20, of 22929 So. Berendo Ave.; and Gary Locke, 19, of Lawndale.

Young Anderson told English and his asserted two companions began their burglaries after they became "hooked" on heroin by John Campbell Calder, 24, who is in custody here on grand theft charges.

Anderson allegedly told officers that Calder made a practice of stealing cars here, driving them to Mexico where he sold them, and then returning with dope.

ARRESTED EARLIER
Calder was arrested in Newport Beach last week and returned here to answer charges of stealing a late model car.

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Tidwell Charges Union Leaders Railroaded Him

"Hack" Tidwell, ousted secretary-treasurer of the San Pedro Retail Clerks Union, charged he had been "railroaded" after a meeting of the membership Thursday night and promptly informed officials he would sue for a rehearing and for \$100,000 for defamation of character.

The firing of Haskell Tidwell, for 18 years chief administrative head of Local 905 whose membership includes several hundred clerks in the Torrance leading area, was upheld by a vote of 261 to 181 in a poll of members climaxed a stormy meeting of the clerks Thursday evening in San Pedro.

'UNFAIR TRIAL'
"I wasn't given a fair trial down here," said Tidwell after the membership heard and accepted a report of a five-man investigating committee that the union official had been found guilty of misuse of union funds and improper conduct of office. Reports varied from guilty on 11 of 13 counts to guilty on 12 of 14 counts.

Alexander Shullman, Tidwell's attorney said he would take his client's ouster either to a federal or state court to seek an injunction and damages against the international officers. The attorney said he would base his appeal on the grounds that the international officers halted the presentation of all testimony before the trial concluded. He claims the officers influenced the trial committee consisting of five clerks chosen by the members to hear the charges against Tidwell.

BLASTS CHAIRMAN
"The chairman rode roughshod over the meeting and did not permit me to give a fair answer."

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A REAL SHOWOFF... Betty Hutchinson, 17-year old Narbonne High School senior makes a pretty hood ornament for Monte Darling's cut down custom car which will be shown along with many other hot rods in a unique auto show to be held at the high school next month. Betty has been dubbed as "Miss Showoff" to help publicize the school-sponsored show. She'll present the trophies to the winners, Darling, who lives at 2607 Sonoma Ave., is only one of several Torrance custom job owners entering the competition.

Formation Told Of New Savings, Loan Assn. Here

Formation of a new corporation, the Torrance Savings and Loan Association, was announced Friday by Dr. Alden Smith, president.

Dr. Smith, a local optometrist, will head a board of directors which includes Dr. J. H. Hull, Von M. Bergen, works manager of Felker Manufacturing Co., Don Armstrong, local attorney, and B. T. Whitney Jr., owner of the Whitney Finance Co.

Following the arrival of the new corporation's charter, \$200,000 of guaranteed stock will be available to the public, according to Whitney. The group expects its California charter within 30 to 60 days.

The principal purpose of the association is to offer new home financing and to refinance mortgages of homes in the Torrance area. The company will be the only Savings and Loan association of its nature in the city.

"One only needs to look to the constant and steady growth of Torrance to see the need for an organization such as the Torrance Savings and Loan Association," Whitney stated.

WEATHER

Low clouds early this morning, otherwise mostly clear with no change in temperature. High today—70 degrees.

Torrance Hot Rod Fans Enter Show

The Ambassadors Car Club, a group of Torrance hot rod and custom car fans, will be among the clubs entering a school-sponsored showing of rebuilt autos to be held at Narbonne High School on May 10.

The show, first of its kind in this area, is expected to attract hundreds of specially built cars from throughout the Southland, according to Jack Carden, student chairman of the event.

Entered will be hot rods, coupes, roadsters, and custom jobs. More than \$178 has been spent for trophies to be presented to the club having the best entries and to individual owners. The cars will be judged solely on appearance and craftsmanship. There will be no racing competition nor speed trials.

Among the hot rod and car clubs entering cars will be the Highwaymen of Torrance, the Road Kings and Hoods of Wilmington, Deacons from San Pedro and seven clubs of the A.C.C. of Long Beach.

The display will be arranged on the school athletic field from noon until sundown. Working with Carden on the committee are Dick Barret and Larry Henon.

Democrats Club Holds Breakfast

State Committeeman Glen Anderson will be the guest speaker at a Torrance Democrats, Inc., breakfast meeting to be held next Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Moose Lodge Hall, according to Lewis Fraser, secretary of the group.

Charge for the breakfast is \$1 per person and reservation cards must be turned in by Tuesday. Reservations can be made by calling Mrs. Fraser, Torrance 2297-W, or Gordon Lewis, MEmo 4-6230.

The nominating committee will give its report at the breakfast, and election of officers will be held. Members can pick up their ballots at the door.

Wife of School Superintendent Has Baby Girl

A second child, this time a daughter, was born to Mrs. J. H. Hull, wife of the superintendent of schools, at 8:10 a.m. Saturday morning at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Dr. Howard A. Wood, former president of the Board of Education, delivered the 8-pound 10-ounce infant.

At press time yesterday the parents had not fully decided upon a name but were considering Doris Ann. Dr. and Mrs. Hull live at 1748 Manuel Ave., and have one other child, John, who is 17 months old.

In Court

'Where's My 40 Gs' Groom, 72, Demands

Walter Shumaker, for 70 years a bachelor and an advocate of the sun who liked to go shoeless in the spring, contended in court this week that he was also penniless after his Mexican wife, also 72, admitted losing considerable sums from his \$40,000 estate on the gaming tables in Las Vegas and Signal Hill. The retired watchmaker who had lived here at 1605 Elm Ave. for the past 24 years, claims through his attorney Robert Heggen of Los Angeles that his wife, the former Edith Mae Foster, "conceived the idea of obtaining for her own use all of the property by causing the plaintiff (Shumaker) to become intoxicated and inducing him to marry a Tlajuana, Mexico, about September 17, 1951."

Endorsed in Vegas
In a Superior Court trial last Friday, the third day of a trial expected to last at least another three days, Shumaker's attorney presented a number of checks for \$25 and \$50 showing endorsements by the Golden Nugget Corp., operator of gambling tables in Las Vegas.

The wife, evasive on most questions, admitted quite freely that she had gone to Las Vegas to do what most everyone else does in Las Vegas. Presented also were a number of checks for similar amounts endorsed by "Tod 'Kid Mexico'" Faulkner's Bingo palace in Signal Hill.

Records in Court
Summoning records of the Redondo Beach Branch Bank of America the attorney showed where Mrs. Shumaker had transferred nearly \$25,000 in cash into six bank accounts in her name and that at present only one account is open showing a deposit of \$1.

Shumaker who claims he can remember nothing of a Mexican wedding seeks to recover two

Teenagers Nabbed In Copper Thefts

Two Torrance teenagers, who have admitted they slipped under the fence at the Pacific Electric shops here and carted out nearly a ton of valuable copper wire, will face preliminary hearings on grand theft charges in South Bay Municipal Court Wednesday.

Arrested after an investigation by Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett and two PE agents were John Theodore Hovis, 18, of 804 Cota Ave., and Everett Wilford Smith, 19, of 1422 W. 214th St.

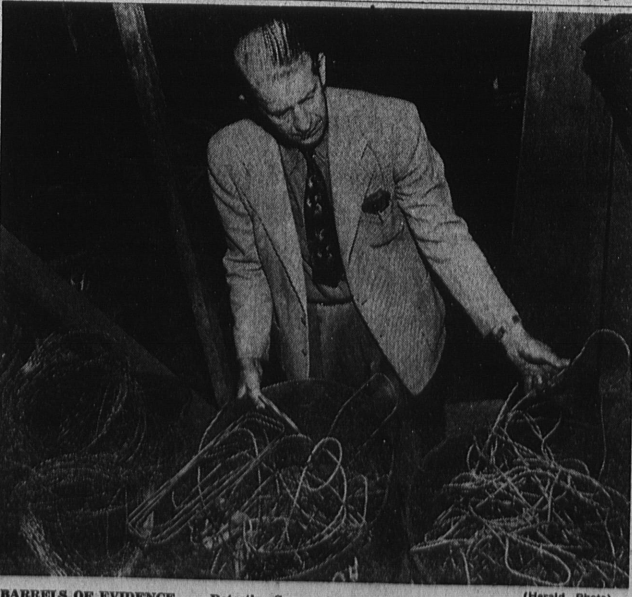
Sergeant Bennett said the boys admitted slipping into the PE yards and wheeling the copper wire out to the fence in a large wooden wheeled cart from flats where it had been placed to cool. Hovis told investigators that he and Smith carried out the wire on Saturday and Sunday nights, April 11 and 12. The theft was reported Monday morning.

Purchasers Found
The youths were apprehended by police after a check of metal dealers in the area turned up two firms which had purchased sizeable quantities of copper wire from the pair.

The Torrance Iron and Metals Co., 22809 So. Normandie Ave., purchased 230 pounds of copper wire from Hovis for \$35.50 on April 13, their records indicated. At about the same time, the Vermont Salvage, at 22022 So. Vermont Ave., purchased two batches of copper wire from the pair, their records indicated.

The firm first bought 921 pounds of the wire and paid \$184.20 in cash, which the boys told investigators they split. The second purchase was 610 pounds of wire for which the firm issued a check for \$122.

Hovis told police that he needed the money for bills, saying his wife had been ill and in the hospital.



BARRELS OF EVIDENCE... Detective Sergeant Percy Bennett inspects three barrels of copper wire located at a metal dealer's yard near here this week. Two Torrance teenagers have been arrested and charged with stealing nearly a ton of the valuable material from the Pacific Electric Shops here.

(Herald Photo)