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WEATHER

Mostly clear skies are predicted for today by the Weather Bureau with increasing high cloudiness and strong, gusty winds near the canyons. It should be warmer today, with a high of 72. No fog or rain is expected.

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SOLDIER FELLED BY POLICE BULLET TO LIVE; TWO FACE BURGLARY RAPS

Teachers' Fate In Loyalty Quiz Due By Jan. 1

Whether or not a Harbor area teacher will be fired for challenging the Los Angeles Board of Education's right to question her loyalty will be decided by the Board by Jan. 1, it was reported this week.

One of two local teachers out of eight who were questioned, Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Hughes, a substitute at 259th St. School, challenged the right of the Board to question her and stated that she had signed the Levering Oath. Under this oath teachers swear to uphold the constitution of the United States and the State and that they have not been members of any organization advocating the violent overthrow of the government within the past five years.

Mrs. Hughes and another of the teachers said that they would "readopt" the Levering Oath.

Another Harbor area teacher, Mrs. Ann R. Shugerman Conner, of 1411 W. 255th St., was questioned in a closed session.

The teachers were questioned under the newly enacted Dilworth Law, under which boards of education are given the right to quiz teachers on their loyalty. The constitutionality of the law has not yet been tested.

County Counsel Hugh C. Willett, president of the Board of Education, announced that a decision on possible firings may come by Jan. 1 after a legal study of the hearing transcript.

Lack of Yule Funds Blamed In Break-In

A Torrance laborer who was arrested in the washroom of the McCann Jewelry Store, 24509 Narbonne Ave. in Lomita, early Saturday morning on burglary charges told police that he just "wanted money for Christmas."

Arthur O. Valencia, 21, was discovered by Deputies M. W. Carey and R. J. Oliver after a nearby businessman, Bill Blaine, told the officers he had heard noises outside the building.

The proprietor of the store was called and he let the deputies inside, where they found Valencia. Valencia denied that he had done anything wrong, saying he just wanted money for Christmas.

There's Still Time for Gifts

If you haven't selected your last-minute gifts yet... turn quickly to the Classified Section of the Herald and make your selection of a gift for Him—for Her—for the Children—for the Family, or for the Home.

You'll find that your merchants in Torrance have everything you need to make your Christmas a truly gala affair.

Herald Offices To Be Closed Today, Tomorrow

So that the staff members of the Torrance Herald can be with their families on Christmas, the Herald offices will be closed today and tomorrow, Christmas Day, it was announced this week by Mrs. Pina Whyte, publisher.

The office will reopen on Saturday. The same schedule will be followed next week, when the Herald will close on Thursday and Friday for New Year's.

The Herald family wishes to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Comforts of Home Christmas Gift For Davis Family

A thankful Davis family has all the comforts of a real home today, thanks to generous Torrance residents.

Since Torrance took the unfortunate family to its bosom, Mr. and Mrs. Davis and their nine children have forgotten their sad entrance to the town, when they were forced to live in a tent in El Nido Park since nobody would rent them a house because of the nine children.

The response to the story in the Herald telling of the Davis plight was tremendous. Those who have contributed or offered things to the Davis family so far are:

Joe Green, manager of the Harbor Drive-In Theatre, free milk until Christmas.

Mrs. Estella K. Gunn, 1313 Date Ave., single bed, kitchen table, table and chairs.

Mrs. Margo Lussman, operator of Guys and Dolls nursery, 2815 Arlington, house to rent and food.

Mrs. Paul H. Slyh, 2551 Lesserman St., single Hollywood bed.

Mrs. McClane, 5320 Doris Way, high chair, living room chair, divan.

Mrs. Barton Davidson, 17500 S. Arlington, double bed, box springs and mattress.

Mrs. Walter Daniels, 5336 Sharvane Lane, bed with box springs and mattress, and a tricycle.

Torrance Furniture Co., one turkey.

Mrs. Eyma Hunt, 20522 Lawrence Ave., divan and chair.

Frank's Furniture, 1334 El Prado, one kitchen stove.

Mrs. Amelia McKnight, 1314 Greenwood Ave., rocking chair, wagon, toys.

Jack Miller, 1724 Date Ave., mattress, lamp.

William Brodeley, 2508 Lesserman St., studio couch and cover.

Mike Fenwick of Fenwick's Shoes, 1420 Marcelina Ave., shoes and money.

Seaside PTA, boxes of food collected by parents and children.

Roth's Market, 1321 Post Ave., food.

Catholic Daughters, basket of food.

Torrance Woman's Club, food, bedding.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Osborne, a check.

Las Vecinas Woman's Club, food, etc.

Jim Fennell, Harmony Home Furniture, articles of furniture.

Howard Miller of Miller's Refrigeration, 1627 Cravens, one refrigerator.

Woman Dies After School Bus-Car Crash, Man OK

A Wilmington woman expired Tuesday morning from injuries received in a car and school bus crash on Dec. 14 in Wilmington, and a Torrance man who was driving the car in which she was riding was reported in serious condition but off the critical list at Harbor General Hospital.

Mrs. Lou Dell Anderson, 31 was pronounced dead at 6:55 a.m. Tuesday morning. She was riding with Raymond Nystul, 36, of 1776 Calamar St. when the accident occurred.

Police said that Nystul's car collided with one driven by Miss Chifeko Ito, 29, of 24156 Madison St., Walkerville, at the intersection of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Alameda St. The force of the collision spun Miss Ito's car into a school bus, which was knocked into a third car. 68 school children in the bus were shaken up in the crash and Miss Ito received cuts and bruises.

Nystul, who suffered a punctured lung, a possible ruptured kidney and other injuries, was off the critical list at Harbor General Hospital Tuesday, and reported slightly improved.

'Messiah' To Be Sung at Church on Christmas Eve

"The Messiah" by Handel, will be presented at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve by the Youth Choir of the First Lutheran Church, under the direction of Mrs. Paul Wenske, wife of the pastor.

Worship service will be held at 9:30 on Christmas morning at the church, 1610 Acacia, The Rev. Paul Wenske will deliver the Christmas message. His topic will be "The Significance of the Christmas Story for Our Day."

Doctors Say Wounded Soldier Should Live

A 24-year-old Fort MacArthur soldier is in Harbor General Hospital with four bullet wounds in him and his companion is in county jail in lieu of \$1000 bail after the pair allegedly tried to burglarize Allen's Jewelers on Sartori Ave. early Monday morning.

Given a chance to live by hospital doctors is Rudy Quintana, who stopped four bullets fired at him by Officer Dave Cook of the Torrance Police Department.

His companion of the evening, William David Walters, 21, was arraigned Tuesday morning and bound over to county jail to await preliminary hearing in South Bay Justice Court on Dec. 29.

The pair, along with a third soldier who was released Tuesday, were apprehended by Torrance police after they were caught allegedly attempting to burglarize the jewelry store in the dense fog about 2:15 a.m. Monday.

Trial Date Reset For Gravel Firm

One Released

The third member of the trio, who had been asleep in the back end of the car being driven by the soldiers, was released when it was determined that he knew nothing of the escapade.

Quintana and Walters were surprised by Sgt. M. H. Porter and Officer Cook right after they had heaved an object through the window of the jewelry store.

Sergeant Porter held Walters at gun point while Cook took after Quintana who was fleeing the scene. Cook fired several shots at the fleeing figure, but thought all had missed because "the man didn't even stumble. He just kept running at full gallop."

Eluded Officers

Quintana eluded the officers but was given up at the station-later by William Robinson who told police that the wounded man thought he was dying.

Three misdemeanor counts were filed against the owners of the company by George Powell, city land use investigator at the local school, was employed by the Los Angeles Times before he began teaching and was working for the newspaper when a bomb was exploded in the building in 1921 as a result of a union squabble, killing many and wrecking the building. Andrews had left the office for home about an hour before the explosion.

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Church To Hear Former Trumpeter With Cooley

Art Atwell, former trumpet player with Spade Cooley's band, will be the guest speaker at the Western style church services of the First Baptist Church of El Nido, 4558 W. 182nd St. Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Atwell appeared with Cooley on his TV show. He will bring his trumpet playing puppets, "Sandy" and "Eight Ball" to the services.



SANTAS HELPERS... Postal Clerks Ed Seidel and Fred Burger stack up Christmas packages in the temporary Post Office at 1609 Border Ave. to await distribution to Torrance homes in time for Christmas. This has been the biggest year in the history of the local Post Office, according to Postmaster Clara A. Conner. (Herald photo)

Former Torrance Teacher Dies, Services Slated

Herbert Andrews, 69, who taught at Torrance High School for 11 years prior to his retirement in 1938, died Monday at Clearview Sanitarium in Gardena, and funeral services will be held Saturday at Breece Bros. Mortuary in Los Angeles.

Andrews, a print shop instructor at the local school, was employed by the Los Angeles Times before he began teaching and was working for the newspaper when a bomb was exploded in the building in 1921 as a result of a union squabble, killing many and wrecking the building. Andrews had left the office for home about an hour before the explosion.

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Bello Returns For Christmas Eve Services

The Rev. Arthur E. Bello, who has been in the hospital for a month, will return to St. Andrew's Church to conduct special 9 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve services, at which Holy Communion will be served.

At the 9 p.m. service the Boys and Junior Girls choirs will sing "Sussex Carol," and "In a manger Jesus Lay" and the congregation will sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night," and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

At the 11 p.m. service, the senior choir will sing the same carols, with special organ music by Katherine Mills.

The Rev. Bello has chosen "The Joy of Peace on Earth," as the topic of his sermons at the two Christmas Eve services and at the 10 a.m. Christmas Day service, where Holy Communion will also be served.

Rittmiller Rites Held Monday

Fred Rittmiller, 85, a resident of Torrance for 16 years, died Friday in Upland, Calif., and funeral services were held Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Stone and Myers Chapel.

Rittmiller, a native of Russia, lived at 1821 Madrid Ave. with his wife Elizabeth. Services were conducted by the Rev. Walter M. Stanton, of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, and interment followed at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Beswick Co. Gets School Contract

The Beswick Construction Co. of Long Beach was awarded the contract to build a four-classroom addition to the Walteria Elementary School with a low bid of \$68,117, Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull announced after a special Board of Education meeting Monday.

The Board received 12 bids for the addition ranging from a high of \$86,000 to the low of \$68,117. Three of the bids were in the \$68,000 range, Hull said, but \$68,430 was the next lowest to the Beswick Company figure.

Conway Trial Date Feb. 8

Trial date has been set at Feb. 8 for Virginia Conway, shapely blonde TV actress, who pleaded not guilty to charges of assault with intent to commit murder when she appeared in Municipal Court Monday.

The charges were brought by her husband Tom, who accused her of attempting to run over him with the family auto on Main St. near 209th St. on Oct. 29.

Conway said that his wife knocked him down the embankment with the car and witnesses said that she then drove down after him. Mrs. Conway denied the charges, saying she was just trying to hold her spouse for police because he had broken the windows in her convertible by hitting large rocks through them.