

Third Suspect in \$30,000 Stick-Up Faces Trial

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MILK SHAKE (UP) . . . The two-month old daughter of Mrs. Ada Velner, 1018 Greenhedge Ave., was thrown into the street when her mother's car collided with an Ingelwood Farms milk truck, above, at 190th St. and Hawthorne Blvd. yesterday afternoon. The baby was not seriously injured. Three other Velner children, Marsha, 7, Mark, 8, and Edward, 15, were slightly injured in the crash as was their mother and the driver of the milk truck, Paul Hankins, 27, of Manhattan Beach. All were taken to Harbor General Hospital to be treated for abrasions and bruises.

Case Due On July 2 For Frank

Paul Robert Frank, 32, has been returned from Portland, Ore., to face charges that he participated in a spectacular \$30,000 robbery on April 2, 1953.

He was the last of a trio that was charged with the robbery of Joe Alden, credit manager of the National Supply Employees Credit Union, as he was taking \$30,000 from the bank back to Credit Union. Alden was knocked out by blows from the trio.

The other two men, William McNally, 25, and Don Madlung, 24, have already been apprehended and are now serving one to ten years for robbery and grand theft.



PAUL FRANK
Returned from Oregon

Find \$500 In Trailer Of Recluse

More than \$500 in bills was found in various parts of the trailer home of Frank James Van Cise, 68, who was found dead by a neighbor Friday evening.

Mr. Van Cise, who lived alone in the trailer at 1739 S. Western Ave., apparently stuffed the bills into various corners. He had been ill for some time, neighbors said. Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church persuaded him to go to the hospital last week, but he soon returned home.

When Mr. Van Cise did not appear Friday afternoon, Joe Kendrick, a neighbor, became worried. Kendrick found him lying on the floor of the trailer. A gas stove was burning, and a pan of soup, which he apparently had been cooking, was burned dry.

Officials said he apparently died of natural causes. Funeral services are pending at Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Mr. Van Cise is survived by a son, Howard, 3832 W. 105th St.

Case Due July 2

Frank was arraigned in South Bay Municipal Court Friday on charges of robbery and grand theft. Preliminary hearings will be held Friday, July 2, at 9:30 a.m. He is now in the County Jail.

Detective Capt. Ernie Ashton, who brought Frank back from Portland, Ore., said that Frank had signed a full confession.

Frank was picked up in Portland where he and his girl friend, Nilda Rodriguez, formerly of San Juan, Puerto Rico, were waiting to go to Fairbanks, Alaska, to work in the fish canneries there.

A letter home

Miss Rodriguez had written to her mother for a birth certificate which she needed for a trip to Alaska. FBI agents were watching the mother's mail, and obtained Frank's address.

After leaving Torrance, Frank said, he went to Tijuana, Mexico, and then to New York. He took a plane to San Juan, where he stayed for a year. He brought a bar there but sold it shortly afterward at considerable loss.

He met Miss Rodriguez there, and together they went into inland Puerto Rico, leased a 200-acre farm, and raised chickens.

Frank returned to New York sent for Miss Rodriguez, and travelled throughout the United States until he was picked up in Portland.

Frank was implicated in the robbery by William McNally, who surrendered shortly after the robbery. Frank has served a term in the penitentiary of his home state, Pennsylvania, for larceny.

The victim of the robbery, Alden, later admitted that he had embezzled \$7263 from the National Supply Employees Credit Union, and served six months in the County Jail. He was not implicated in the robbery, however.

Pair Receive Kenny Awards

Birthday chairman of the Torrance Woman's Club for the recent Sister Kenny fund raising appeal, Miss Frances Dimitri, 2276 Torrance Blvd., and club president, Mrs. G. C. Van Deventer, 2203 W. Carson St., accepted the Silver Candle plaque award Tuesday for their club's participation in the polio fighting organization's drive.

This award was presented clubs whose members raised \$500 to \$1000. Gold Candles represented \$1000 or more.

There were among 300 guests at a breakfast held in the Statter Hotel's Pacific Ballroom to honor Southern California Woman's clubs for their part in the recent polio campaign.

Pepperdine Graduate

Calvin E. Foster, of 1630 W. 214th St., was one of 172 students to receive a degree from Pepperdine College at the graduation exercises held there recently.

\$1.5 Million Budget Foreseen for City

It's going to cost an added quarter of a million dollars to get Torrance through the coming year, according to budget estimates presented to the City Council this week by City Manager George Stevens.

And, according to the City Manager's report to the Council, that won't supply a lot of extra frills—it will just give the residents of Torrance the same service they've been getting.

The budget estimate drawn up during the past weeks by the City Manager and his department heads represents an anticipated income of \$1,650,000 during the year which will begin next Thursday, July 1, Stevens said.

Valuation Increase

He arrived at this figure by adding 13 1/2 per cent to the assessed valuation of Torrance last year—the percentage he believes close to the actual increase in valuation, and in any event not much more than the increase. This would give Torrance an assessed valuation of \$76,853,000 according to his figures.

Included in the budget are provisions for 25 new city employees, some for nearly all departments of the city. Also included in the budget is more than \$100,000 to be used for pay raises for city employees, Stevens reported.

Among the items yet to be thrashed out by the Council, which is slated to complete its preliminary work on the budget Tuesday night, is the manner of granting raises, and whether to seek additional funds to supply more than the minimum services in some departments.

Minimum Budget

City Manager Stevens explained that his budget for the coming year represented the minimum for most departments if they expected to continue giving adequate service. If the Council wants to improve the services, more revenue will be needed, he told them.

Thrown into the hopper for discussion by the Councilmen were four methods of adding to the city's present income:

1. Parks and Playground Tax. This would provide approxi-

13,000 Students Expected in Fall

More students will be enrolled in Torrance elementary schools this fall than were enrolled in all 12 grades last year, if an estimate of this fall's attendance by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, is correct.

Dr. Hull's estimate, based on various indexes, indicates that 9744 students will be enrolled in Torrance elementary schools this fall, as compared with 8925 students in all grades on opening day last September.

Hull's figures indicate that total enrollment for elementary and high schools this fall will be about 11,794. With an estimated adult enrollment of 1200, the total would be swelled to 12,994 for the entire system.

Walteria Janner

Largest elementary enrollment should be at Walteria School, with an estimated 1069 students.

Carr	590
Crenshaw	911
El Nido	317
Fern-Greenwood	948
Madrona	655
Meadow Park	405
North Torrance	999
Perry	763
Riviera	849
Seaside	928
Torrance Elementary 731	
Walteria	1069
Wood	669
Torrance High	2050
Adult School	1200
Total	12,994

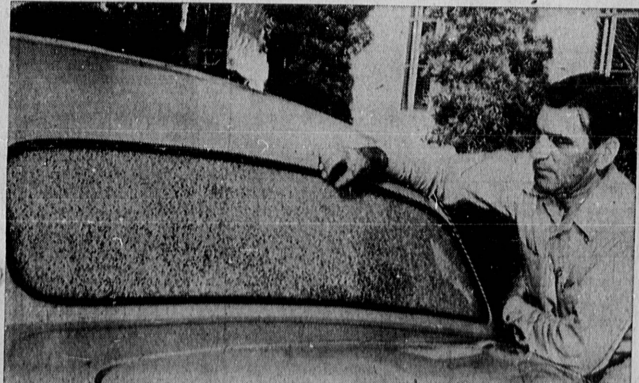
Two More Participating Blood Groups Qualified

Two new groups participated in the Blood Bank here June 21 to establish themselves as participating groups, it was announced this week by Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood recruitment chairman for the Torrance Branch of American National Red Cross.

Twelve donors from the Latent Day Saints church qualified that group for participation in the program.

Other regular donors lined up as usual to give their pint of blood to the Red Cross bank.

The next visit of the Blood Bank here will be on Oct. 6, Mrs. Jones said.



THE CRAZY GLASS CAPER . . . When C. L. Herman, of 1917 W. 332nd St., left home Thursday afternoon to report to work in the Torrance City Hall, his rear window was apparently in excellent shape. Not so, however, by the time he had reached 330th and Arlington. With a "pop!" described as sounding like an exploding light bulb, the window was shattered. There was no indication that anything had hit the window, Herman said.



HI THERE! . . . Charles Montgomery is getting a chance to visit with his two grandchildren, Katherine, 5, at left, and Sandra, during his stay at his daughter's, Mrs. Earl Brooks house here in Torrance.

For First Time Grandchildren Greet Seaman

By CLAY MILLER

"That's my grandpa."

The happy voice of little Katherine Brooks greeted her grandfather, Charles Montgomery, as he walked down the gang plank from the freighter SS Maiden Creek in Wilmington last Tuesday.

A few moments earlier, Mrs. Brooks had told her children, Kathy and her younger sister Sandra, that the man coming off the ship was their granddad. Besides being the children's first glimpse of their grandfather, it was the reunion between father and daughter.

The last time that Mrs. Brooks had seen her dad was eight and one-half years ago when he shipped out of Mobile, Ala., on a freighter. At the time she was living in East Liverpool, Ohio. Five years ago the Brooks family moved to 3127 W. 187th St. here in Torrance.

This was also the first time

Street Contract Won By South Gate Firm

Contracts for rebuilding Hawthorne Ave. between Pacific Coast Hwy. and 174th St. were awarded this week to the firm of M. S. Meahan and Sons of South Gate on their bid of \$846,263. It was announced by Frank B. Durkee, State Director of Public Works.

WEATHER

Yesterday's shrouds of clouds should dissipate today, the Weather Bureau says, and it should be mostly sunny this afternoon and slightly warmer, with a high temperature of near 77 degrees, keep away from it."

Dresser Verdict Delayed

Judge Takes Case Under Submission, Verdict Due July 20

Charges that a former Torrance building inspection official was guilty of practicing architecture without proper State certificates have been taken under submission by South Bay Municipal Court Judge Otto B. Willett.

Hearings on a complaint filed by the State against James S. Dresser, of 23625 Arlington Ave., were completed this week before Judge Willett and the case taken under submission until July 20.

In a complaint filed by Leo G. Whitaker, investigator for the Board of Architectural Examiners, Dresser was charged on two counts of practicing architecture without a license and a third count of practicing civil engineering without a license.

On two of the counts, involving property at 2420 Sepulveda Blvd., Dresser was found not guilty. The charges were dismissed by Judge Willett at the request of the district attorney.

Case Submitted

The third count charges Dresser with illegally practicing architecture in the design of an apartment building at 2515 Arlington Ave. The case has been submitted until July 20 on this charge.

Dresser, former head of the city's building department, was suspended from office following charges of irregularity by state building officials. His assistant, Cecil Smith, was suspended at the same time.

A Civil Service Board suspended Dresser for 75 days and Smith for 60 days following a hearing into charges brought against the pair. The City Council overrode this action and fired both Dresser and Smith, who have indicated they will appeal the decision.

The suit filed in South Bay Municipal Court followed this action. John McCall represented Dresser and James Ford, deputy district attorney, acted as prosecutor. Jury trial was waived.

Witnesses in the case included Whitaker and G. H. Pulliam of the state Board of Architectural Examiners; Andrew Peterson of the Princeton Construction Company, which built the home in question; and H. M. West of the Torrance building department.

REDONDO SALES TAX INCREASED

Redondo Beach is going to increase its city sales tax by one-half cent on every dollar beginning July 1.

This will mean that the city is increasing its sales tax to one cent per dollar. With the state sales tax of three cents per dollar, the shopper will then pay four cents tax on every dollar purchase.

The Torrance sales tax remains at one-half cent, making the total three and one-half cents on the dollar.