

Torrance Speaks

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Were you happy to see Day-Light Savings Time go for another year?



Willys Blount, Councilman No. 1 liked the extra time for work around home.



Frank Store Owner: No. The additional hour gave me a chance to putter around the yard.



Mrs. Merl Black, Hairdresser: Yes, I prefer regular, standard time.



Armand Marchand, Service Station Operator: No. Not enough time for recreation.



Miss Louise Cline, Secretary: No. I like the extra daylight hours.

GUNMAN SHOT IN HOLDUP, ELUDES POLICE IN DARK FIELD

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Pair Ends 25,000-Mile Flight

Hundred Friends At Field

"The nicest thing about a long trip and all the adventure is coming home—believe me."

That was the comment Saturday afternoon of Hampden Wentworth as he and his wife, Christina, climbed down from their light plane as they ended a 25,000-mile flight which took them to most of the European countries.

A crowd of more than 100 relatives and associates in the Longren Aircraft Co. were on hand at Torrance Municipal Airport to greet the couple when they set down their staggered-wing Beechcraft "Tatu."

Wentworth is president and general manager of Longren while Mrs. Wentworth is vice-president in charge of industrial relations.

Began July 25

The Wentworths began their European tour from New York on July 25 when they flew to Goose Bay, Canada, and Greenland. They went on to Keflavik, Iceland, and Prestwick, Scotland, which was their first touchdown in Europe.

Roughly part of the entire trip was the flight in here from Albuquerque, N.M., Wentworth said.

"Crossing the Atlantic is safer than crossing certain parts of the United States, Mexico, and South America," he reported. The flying pair made elaborate plans for the crossing. Their safety equipment included one-man rafts with fishing equipment, reflection mirrors, desalting kits, canned water and radar reflectors, hand-cranked emergency radio, ample warm clothing, and waterproof flying suits.

High Adventure

Outstanding incident of the trip, according to Mrs. Wentworth, was their landing at Jerusalem.

"We cleared Luxor, Egypt, about 6:30 in the evening, although we were told the airport at Jerusalem was closed after nightfall," she said.

"When we arrived in the vicinity of Jerusalem, no lights were in evidence to indicate the location of the airport. Mr. Wentworth consulted his map and saw that the main highway into Jerusalem crossed the airstrip and, noting the direction of automobile headlights, located the field."

She reported that they set the "Tatu" down in the middle of "swarms of soldiers bristling with guns." Only by her quick response in calling out "Americans" did they avoid possible bloodshed on the spot. They were told later that they were fortunate that they had landed too quietly to allow anti-aircraft guns to get into action.

The business trip of the pair took them to England, Germany, Italy, Spain, Holland, and France. They visited nearly every major aircraft plant. Wentworth reported that he succeeded in buying license rights for some foreign aircraft patents and managed to sell some of the Longren "Multiple Stretch Process" abroad.

Adventure is getting to be "old hat" for the Wentworths. In 1951 the local couple flew the "Tatu" to South America and were forced down in the jungles of Bolivia. They were reported lost for several days but walked out of civilization. The plane, now 12 years old, was later salvaged.



WELCOMING COMMITTEE . . . Three of the Wentworth children rushed to greet the pair when they landed at Torrance Municipal Airport Saturday evening. The fourth, Peter, stood back and photographed the homecoming. Shown here are Stafford 2, Christopher 5, and Francisca 6.

Enrollment In Schools Is 11,568

School enrollment at the end of the first week totaled 11,568, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Schools, has announced. This reflects a 25 per cent increase over last year at the same time.

Kindergartners totaled 1594; first grade, 1322; second grade, 1142; third grade, 1222; fourth grade, 972; fifth grade, 908; sixth grade, 897; seventh grade, 818; ninth grade, 638; tenth grade, 557; eleventh grade, 445; twelfth grade, 302; home classes, 24.

Enrollment at schools is as follows:

School	1954	1953
Carr	896	None
Crenshaw	495	393
El Nido	489	208
Fern-Greenwood	837	871
Madrona	572	470
Meadow Park	459	None
North Torrance	956	1258
Perry	852	787
Riviera	768	590
Seaside	908	828
Torrance Elem.	702	1103
Walteria	1030	806
Wood	645	None
Torrance H. S.	1908	1490

Tot Scalded By Hot Water

Fourteen-month-old Terence Alan Teebken suffered painful burns Thursday morning, when a cup of boiling water on a table was pulled over, scalding the baby on his left arm and side.

Officer Bob Lewis reported the tot was treated at Harbor General Hospital. The incident occurred at the Teebken home, 22709 Anza Ave.

Highway Subdivision Okayed by Commission

Subdivision of 14 single family lots located south of Pacific Coast Hwy., west of Eshelman Ave., Lomita, has been approved by the Regional Planning Commission.

Owner and subdivider is E. N. Frame, of Compton.

Fire Caused By Broiler

A broiler in the oven left on caused a small fire this morning in the C. S. Drury residence at 631 Sartori Ave.

Fayenell Drury told firemen that she had come into the kitchen and found that the broiler had been left on. When she turned it off, and opened the door, flames burst out, she said. There was some smoke damage.



READY FOR KICK-OFF . . . Mrs. Doyle French, band division chairman; W. E. Gowen, president of the Torrance Area Youth Bands; and Mrs. Earl Miller, associate community chairman, discuss plans for the band-sponsored concert series to be presented this fall. A campaign to sell season tickets to the affair opens today.

Costello Gets Probation for Striking Boy

Louis John Costello, 49, who submitted on the sheriff's report which charged him with striking a 15-year-old boy, was given three months on probation by South Bay Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett.

The incident occurred on Aug. 17, when Costello was charged with striking Ray Chavez, of 1653 W. 209th St., near Costello's home at 20602 S. Normandie Ave.

Costello claimed that Chavez shouted obscenities at his daughter, while Chavez claimed the words were directed at Costello's dog, which was nipping at his heels as he rode his bicycle.



Report of the hold-up was made by 13-year-old Billy Muniz, of 18420 Roslin Ave., who was at 182nd St. and Hawthorne when the robbery took place.

One Slug Rips Into Gunman

Policemen from three towns combed a vacant lot for a wounded bandit who minutes before had fled a hail of bullets fired by the victim of a hold-up, late Friday night.

The search started soon after a short, 25-year-old thug wearing a lady's silk stocking pulled tightly over his face, jammed a gun at the owner of a liquor store at 18178 Hawthorne Ave., and forced him to hand over \$200 from the cash till.

William Carpenter, 53, victim of the heist, opened fire on the thief as soon as he was able to draw a .44 caliber revolver from under the counter.

Bandit Enters Store

Carpenter told investigators that the stick-up man entered the store, armed with a blue-steel revolver.

"He ordered me into the back room and told me to empty my pockets," Carpenter said. "I had no money."

"Then he told me to go to the cash register and lay all the money on the counter."

The victim told police he complied, and then waited for his chance to shoot it out with the gunman.

"He backed out of the front door onto Hawthorne Ave., then turned to run north," the liquor store man related. "As soon as he crossed in front of the plate glass windows, I let him have it twice."

Crash Through Window
The bullets crashed through the pane window, and Carpenter said the second shot apparently hit the bandit. He stumbled, fell to his knees, got up and ran towards a car parked nearby, police reports indicate.

Driver of the get-away car presumably was scared off, and he roared away while the grazed bandit staggered off into the dark. Carpenter pumped three slugs into the rear of the auto.

Twenty policemen from Torrance, Redondo and Gardena converged on the area and searched the field. Nightgown clad residents from homes on 179th and Casimir streets, turned on porch lights and scoured their yards for any trace of the wounded man.

Police Alerted
An emergency all-points bulletin was put out to neighboring cities to be on the lookout for a bullet-riddled 1946 gray or green sedan, which left the scene heading north on Hawthorne Ave.

Owners of the store were listed as Carpenter, and Paul J. Welch.

Torrance Owl

It isn't your position that makes you happy or unhappy; it's your disposition.



BLASTS AT BANDIT . . . William Carpenter, holding the .44 caliber revolver he fired at an armed hold-up man, shows one of the two bullet holes in the plate glass window made when he opened fire on the bandit. One shot presumably hit the thief. The robbery occurred at a liquor store, 18178 Hawthorne Ave., late Friday night.

WITH THE SERVICE CLUBS

Engineer to Tell Optimists of Los Angeles Freeway Building

Freeway construction in the Los Angeles area will be the topic of R. W. Anderson, associate highway engineer on the district staff, as he addresses the Torrance Optimist Club tonight at 7 at the Ding How Cafe.

Anderson will tell of the work of the State Division of Highways, with slides to illustrate his talk. James LaBrie will operate the projector.

Slides will also be introduced in the talk of Jack Francisco, Beverly Hills, who will speak to the Kiwanis Club this evening at 6:30 in the American Legion Hall.

Fish Story Stated
"Fishing for the Big Ones" at La Paz" will be his topic. The slides were made on a recent fishing trip to the Gulf of Lower California.

Election of officers and directors will be held at the same meeting.

Stevens to Speak

City Manager George Stevens will be guest speaker before the Lions Club at their meeting tomorrow at 12:15 p.m. in Allan-Richards Hall.

Kiwanians will hold an inter-club meeting with the Palos Verdes club at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

Joe Elsemann, Los Angeles advertising man, will discuss TV advertising before the Rotary Club at their meeting in the Woman's Club Thursday evening. He will illustrate his talk.

The Elks will hold their regular meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Allan-Richards Hall, with no special program planned.

Business will be the main item on the agenda of the Civitan Club when it meets next Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Ding How Cafe.

RED TAPE

Mine Engineer Discards Plan for Beach Probing

Plans to prospect along the Torrance Beach for quantities of magnetite and ilmenite have been given up, Stuart Ingram, Pasadena mining engineer, told the HERALD today.

Ingram said he discarded the venture after red-tape bogged down his efforts. "The State couldn't issue me a permit to prospect because the property is owned by many different individuals and political subdivisions," Ingram reported. "He said that large quantities of the two metals often are found in black beach sand. They are used in electro-magnetic work. "A concern with a lot of capital probably could clear the title to the land and mine enough to make it profitable," the engineer said.