

# Thugs Rob Store Twice In Month

For the second time in a month, armed handits held up a liquor store proprietor at 182nd St. and Hawthorne Ave. and made off with the night's receipts, Monday night.

Paul J. Welch, co-owner of the store, told police he was bound hand and foot with his own apron strings while the gunmen looted the cash register. They even waited on a customer while he was tied up in a back room, he reported. Welch said two men entered the place and one pulled a gun from beneath a brown jacket. "I thought the kid was some neighbor boy and he had a toy

# County Okays Beach Stands

Three concession stands at the Torrance Redondo County Beach will be built and operated by a Wilmington concession agreement, it was revealed yesterday.

The Board of Supervisors approved a contract to begin construction on the stands, although a 10-year-lease does not go into effect until Jan. 1, 1955. Under terms of the lease, the concessioners will pay a minimum of \$2550 yearly or 10 percent of the gross receipts, whichever is highest.

# King Reports On Federal School Aid

The Torrance Unified School District received allotments of \$457,664 for maintenance and operation of schools and \$1,582,035 for new school construction, Congressman Cecil R. King said yesterday in a report on Federal aid to 17th Congressional District schools.

A total of nearly five million dollars in aid has been secured since 1951 in this district alone, the Congressman reported.

"Federal funds to assist in the maintenance and expansion of our district's school facilities has helped ease the overcrowded classroom problem as well as the tax burden on the local level," Congressman King said. He has pledged his full support in pressing for a continuation of the Federal School Aid program.

# PFC Wiltse Leaves For Far East Duty

Marine PFC Ronald D. Wiltse, of 1326 Engracia Ave., will sail soon for duty in the Far East, after spending four weeks in the staging Regiment at Camp Pendleton.

Last minute details in getting men ready for foreign duty are handled in the staging regiment.

# Tax Customs Force City to Borrow to Meet Expenses

Every year about this time, the city of Torrance has to borrow from Peter to pay Paul.

Due to the peculiarities of the customs of tax collection and the fiscal year, Torrance, along with nearly all other cities, has to borrow money from an outside source (Peter) to pay operating expenses and salaries (Paul).

Tax money, collected by the county for the city, become available in December, while the fiscal year begins in July. Money collected in December is used to pay operating expenses as well as to pay the money borrowed to meet old operating expenses.

Cities are unable to get enough money to avoid borrowing because they have to pay off the previous year's loan. Long usage would make the present system almost impossible to change.

This year, the city borrowed \$200,000 from the California Bank

in order to pay employees. The interest rate, 9.74 per cent, is one of the lowest the city has obtained in years, and will cost the city \$389, according to Senior Accountant I. J. Hallanger.

# Seamen Return After Eight-month Cruise

Two men from the Torrance area returned to San Francisco Monday aboard the attack aircraft carrier Boxer, which completed an eight-month cruise to Far Eastern waters, including training exercises in the Sea of Japan and South China Sea.

They are Seaman Nelson P. Rogers, son of Nelson F. Rogers, of 17089 Pysmith Ave., and Seaman Federico Cisneros, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon P. Cisneros, of 1115 W. 255th St., Harbor City.

# Brodie Serving with Infantry in Korea

PFC Jerome C. Brodie, son of Mrs. Ruby M. Brodie, of 1513 Cota Ave., is now serving in Korea with the 7th Infantry division.

A member of the 1st Battalion Headquarters Company in the division's 31st regiment, he entered the Army in April, 1953, and arrived in Korea in October of the same year.

# Builders Get Okay for Palos Verdes Homes

Mira Costa Constructors of Torrance have been granted approval by the Regional Planning Commission to subdivide a tract in the Palos Verdes Hills.

The property, 59 acres and consisting of 237 single family lots, is located south of Palos Verdes Dr. North, and west of Western Ave.

# Couple Will Tell of Work in Liberia

Slides and curios from Africa will accompany Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Crabaugh, Liberian missionaries, when they speak at the Harbor Tabernacle Church, 1408 W. Anaheim St., Harbor City, at 7:30 Sunday evening.

Before going to Liberia in 1946, Mr. Crabaugh served as a pastor in Walteria. According to Rev. D. S. Cahill, the Crabaughs will tell of a plane crash in the jungle from which they miraculously escaped.

They are now visiting various churches, raising funds for their work in Liberia, to which they will return shortly.

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