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PAIR NABBED IN ROBBERY TRY

Police Arrest Pair in Store In Wee Hours

Two 19-year-old Gardena men were arrested by Torrance officers here early yesterday as they allegedly tried to hold up a Hawthorne Blvd. liquor store at the point of a gun.

Jailed by officers who surprised them in the store at 20317 Hawthorne Ave., just before 2 a.m. yesterday were Joseph Orozco Rangel, of 1828 W. 156th St., and Glenn William Harder, of 2612 W. 157th Street.

The two men were arrested by officers Don Cook and Sam Piazza who rushed into the store when notified that a robbery was in process. Assisting Cook and Piazza in the arrests were Officers A. L. Jackson and Leo Gonzales.

Police said Rangel and Harder had forced clerk Bud Hemeon to place \$120 out where they could pick it up, and then ordered him to lie down on the floor.

The armed pair threatened to kill the clerk, he told police after they entered the store.

Police are preparing to seek armed robbery complaints against the two, detectives said. An additional charge of violating the state narcotics laws may be sought, it was indicated.

Youth Band To Present Yule Concert

The Torrance Area Youth Band, directed by James Van Dyck, will present their annual Christmas Concert at the El Camino College Campus theater Saturday night.

A varied program will be given, consisting of such numbers as Wagner's "Die Meistersinger" overture; "Slavonic Rhapsody," by Friedemann; "Second Suite for Military Band," by Holst; "A Childhood Fantasy," by Lilly; "Colorama," by Peter de Rose; and "Begins for Band," by Glen Oser. The program will close with the traditional playing of Leroy Anderson's "A Christmas Festival" and "Sleigh Ride."

The concert begins at 8 p. m. Admission free.

State, National Leaders Congratulate Local Man

John B. Feltes, 1820 Arlington Ave., this week was congratulated by leading state and national government officials on becoming perhaps the youngest president emeritus of a labor union. He is 37.

Feltes last week was named president emeritus of Torrance Local 218 of the AFL-CIO International Brotherhood of Operative Potters. He is employed by American-Standard.

Feltes last week completed his fifth consecutive term as president of the local. Prior to that he served two terms as recording secretary and four terms on the board of Trustees.

When he declined to run for a sixth time as president, the local unanimously named him its first president emeritus, a title which is permanent. He will continue to serve the local

in an advisory capacity.

"I suspect he will be one of the youngest presidents emeritus in our history," wired Governor Edmund G. Brown in a congratulatory message. Other telegrams were sent to Feltes by Clayton A. Dills, 67 District Assemblyman; Stuart Symington, senator from Missouri; Paul H. Douglas, senator from Illinois; and E. L. Whetly, international president of the Potters union.

Locally, Harry Green, long-time friend of Feltes and YMCA Good Neighbor award winner in 1954, was present to add his congratulations.



JOHN B. FELTES Admires Plaque

Plunge Kills Carpenter on New Building

A 57-year-old Lomita carpenter was injured fatally Monday when he fell from a scaffold into the basement of a new building being erected in Long Beach.

Jimmie H. Taylor, who resided at 2414 Pacific Coast Hwy., was rushed to Long Beach Memorial Hospital after the fall, but died about two hours after he plunged from the first floor level into the return air tunnel in the basement.

Trial in Shotgun Death Set

A 19-year-old Torrance youth charged with the shotgun murder of his uncle and kidnapping of a Manhattan Beach youth has been ordered to appear in Inglewood Superior Court Dec. 30 for preliminary hearing on the charges.

Phillip Andrew Fox, of 1830 Torrance Blvd., was ordered held without bail Monday by Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett at preliminary hearings in the South Bay Municipal Court.

Fox is charged with the Dec. 5 slaying of his uncle, Dewey Fox, 37, of 21739 S. Western Ave. after an argument. The body of the slain man was found in an auto in Manhattan Beach where it had been abandoned.

The shotgun believed to have been the death weapon was found under the Torrance Blvd. home occupied by Phillip Fox after he was taken into custody by Det. Lt. Don Hamilton and Det. Myles Hamilton of the Torrance Police Department.

Decoration Contest in Full Swing

Entries are pouring into the Chamber of Commerce office for the second annual Outdoor Christmas display contest sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, according to Chairman Dick Hatch.

Monday is the deadline for submitting entries, and judging between Monday and Thursday will be conducted in two classes, religious and novelty.

Entry blanks may be obtained at the Chamber office, 1511 Cravens Ave.



NOVEL TREE . . . Mrs. Ben Smith, 2504 Lincoln Ave., puts finishing touches on a Christmas tree she made from deer and elk antlers shot by local hunters. Horns were painted white and decorated with conventional ornaments. Nimrods were guests of the Smiths at pre-Christmas party Monday night. (Herald Photo)

Nimrods Furnish Boughs Of Different Yule Tree

There is something new under the sun and Mrs. Ben Smith has proved it by building a Christmas tree out of deer and elk horns shot by local hunters. It took 22 sets

of deer horns and one from an elk to complete the novel and impressive masterpiece.

Testimonial For King in Redondo Set

Congressman Cecil R. King of the 17th district will be honored for his services to the area at a special testimonial dinner to be held at 7 p.m. today in the Redondo Beach Elks club.

More than 100 South Bay area leaders are expected to attend the event sponsored by Ronald Moran, Hermosa Beach automobile dealer and J. H. Hawkins. Moran will act as master of ceremonies with Hawkins introducing prominent guests.

The unusual Christmas tree, centered in an arch, was the attraction of the evening when the hunters who bagged the trophies gathered in the Smiths' living room at 2504 Lincoln Ave. Monday night for a pre-Christmas celebration.

Guest hunters were S/Sgt. Rick Rickman, Red Brown, Chick Hill, Paul Smith, Ray Beadle, Bob Moffitt, Wiley Pinson, Lloyd Fullerton, Mott Houdashelt, Clyde Botherell, Jack Lund, Pickett Sims, Walt Gillard and the hosts Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith. Helen Smith also contributed antlers to the collection.

Mrs. Smith mounted the horns on a standard after they had been painted white. Angel hair and conventional Christmas ornaments completed the decorations.

By Helicopter

Santa Claus to Visit 11 Areas on Saturday

Santa Claus will arrive by helicopter in Torrance on Saturday, Dec. 17 and will visit 11 different shopping areas in the city it was announced today by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Old St. Nick will drop from the clouds in Downtown Torrance at 9 a.m. and will continue within the city limits until 2:20 p.m. Free goodies for the kiddies at most stops.

Santa's schedule is as follows: 9 a.m.-9:20 a.m.—Downtown

Torrance, Home Savings & Loan parking lot, 1511 Cravens Ave.

9:30 a.m.-9:50 a.m.—Fox Market, 182nd and Arlington Ave.

10 a.m.-10:20 a.m.—Yor-Way Market, 16635 Crenshaw Blvd.

10:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m.—Food Giant Market, 190th Street and Anza.

11 a.m.-11:20 a.m.—Fox Market, 20900 Hawthorne Blvd.

11:30 a.m.-11:50 a.m.—Borders Market, 5305 Torrance Blvd.

12 noon-12:20 a.m.—Thriftmart Market, 22217 Palos Verdes Blvd.

12:30 p.m.-12:50 p.m.—Von's Market, 5030 Pacific Coast Hwy.

1 p.m.-1:20 p.m.—Food Giant, Hawthorne Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy.

1:30 p.m.-1:50 p.m.—Foods Co. Market, Crenshaw Blvd. at Pacific Coast Hwy.

2 p.m.-2:20 p.m.—Magic Chef Hawthorne Blvd. and Carson Street.

A Penny for your Thoughts

With only a limited time left for Christmas shopping, the following question was asked five people:

"Have you finished your Christmas shopping?"

Herbert Burgess, 21606 Evelyn Ave., radio-TV technician: "No, but I have started on it. I've just one present to buy for my wife. She buys all of the others. I like to go along and watch her shop for things though."

Christine Hoffman, 8, 1317 S. Irena Ave., Redondo Beach: "I don't have much to do but I have started on it. My folks give me an allowance to spend especially for Christmas shopping. I have to stay within the limit of my allowance."

Ronald A. Summers, 21405 Grant Avenue, chemical engineer: "Yes, I have finished my shopping. But my wife does it. She starts shopping for Christmas in February or March and picks up little things throughout the year. Of course, there is a last minute problem. Toy makers always come out with new ideas that the kids want."

Jeanne Wirick, 23170 Doris Way, drug store clerk: "No, I haven't even started. I am going out and see if I can do it all in one day. I still have to mail a couple of packages to Panama. I guess I'd better get on the ball."

Stanley Garner, 12, 22628 Ellinwood: "No, I have one present so far. I have about five more to buy. I have to work for my money to buy presents with, because my allowance doesn't cover it."

Only Two Flunk Diabetes Tests

Only two persons of the 315 tested received positive reactions to tests conducted here recently by the Diabetes Assn. of Southern California, that group reported yesterday. The free clinic was held recently at the Torrance Woman's Club.



DOUBLE BARREL . . . William Shawger, Chamber of Commerce vice president, receives two checks for the Torrance entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade. Police officer Gene Erbetta (left) presented \$250 from the Torrance Police Officers Assn. and Pop Haslam, former police chief gave \$50 from the Police Revolver Assn. (Herald Photo)