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PLYE NEW CHAMBER PRESIDENT

A Penny for your Thoughts



With the Democratic Convention now a thing of the past, the HERALD Pennies reporter asked several at random, "Did you follow and enjoy the Democratic Convention?"

Answering were:

Mrs. Gail Spurgeon, 1732 W. 251st St., housewife:

"Yes, I followed it with a great deal of interest but it didn't come out the way I wanted it to. I think Kennedy is a smart man and a good one but I do think his religion will become quite an issue. Johnson is an excellent choice for a running mate, and the two make a strong team."

Mrs. James Rhinehart, 4629 Darien St., housewife:

"We certainly did, both my husband and I, though I think perhaps partly because we couldn't get much else on the TV. I was not too surprised to see Kennedy get the nomination. Now I'll be interested to see what the Republicans do at their convention. I am a Republican and will be interested to see if my views remain the same."

Mrs. Bonnie Porch, 24725 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita, housewife:

"I followed it some but think too many carried it; far more than was necessary. I especially enjoyed Kennedy's and Johnson's speeches and was glad that Kennedy chose Johnson to be his running mate. I do think that some Democrats will vote Republican because of the religious issue."

Mrs. Doris Daugherty, 21840 Bonita St., housewife:

"We'll I'm a Republican so I didn't follow it any more I had to. In the evening when it was televised, I was usually busy and when it would come on, the children would turn to a channel that didn't have it. I don't think Kennedy's religion will affect the results too much, as there are good people in all religions and I do think Kennedy will win, though I'm not voting for him."

Bill Shook, 232 W. 233rd St., Wilmington, Machinist:

"I think it was a most interesting and well run convention, and I was pleased with the results. I think Kennedy and Johnson are the two best men in the Democratic party so they have a strong team there. The Republican convention is so cut and dried I don't know whether it'll be worth watching or not."

Single Charge Holds Patrol Car Escapist

Only one charge — that of escape — was issued Friday against an ex-convict who overpowered a Torrance policeman, took his gun, fled in a patrol car and endangered scores of innocent citizens during his flight from officers.

Deputy District Attorney T. B. McNary issued the one-charge complaint against Earl F. Taylor after local police requested that six charges be lodged against the ex-felon.

Taylor, who has a police record dating back to 1943, was captured in San Pedro after a bullet-punctuated chase Tuesday in which the burly bartender wrestled a gun from a policeman and fled at high speed in the officer's black-and-white patrol car. He was captured in San Pedro after fleeing officers who attempted to question him in South Torrance.

IN ADDITION to the escape charge, police asked McNary to charge Taylor with robbery, assault, resisting arrest, auto theft and carrying of a gun by an ex-felon.

Det. Myles Hamilton said that Taylor, a three-time graduate of California penal institutions, admitted that merchandise found in his car following his arrest came from shoplifting forays in this area.

MEANWHILE, Taylor has been largely cleared of implication in the Sunday murder of a San Pedro cab driver. Los Angeles authorities said Taylor passed a lie detector test given Friday in connection with the slaying.

However, San Pedro sleuths were questioning him about various burglaries in their area.

Taylor, who gave a Wilmington address, is slated to appear on the lone charge Monday before Torrance Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong.

McNary told the HERALD that he might add charges to the complaint if he feels they are warranted by the transcript of Taylor's preliminary hearing.

No Torrance Signs on New Freeway Link

Motorists on the newly opened Harbor Freeway to a point of intersection with Figueroa still won't know where Torrance is located if they rely on signs along the new route.

Drivers yesterday were able to use the freeway in both directions over its full length. The 190th St. turn-off still was closed north of 190th but cars could make connections by a sharp exit from the south on to 190th.

Appropriate ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held on Thursday with Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Mayor Isen, Councilman Nick Drale and other Harbor area officials taking part in the program. The freeway actually was not open to traffic until late Friday afternoon, however, due to delays for painting of traffic lanes.

Officials could not be reached yesterday to learn why the county's fifth city was not recognized in the familiar green and white direction signs along the new extension. The Harbor freeway is claimed to be the most heavily traveled thoroughfare in the world. Much of the traffic is bound for Torrance.

Market Robbed of \$9,300 by Gunman

Armed with a sawed-off rifle a holdup man accosted a clerk in Border's Market, 643 223rd St., Friday night, according to a Torrance Police Department report.

The bandit forced the clerk to put \$9,300 in small denominations, into a paper sack and fled in a car parked outside the market.



TORRANCE OFFICIALS . . . Joining in ribbon-cutting to open new link of Harbor freeway are (from left) Councilman J. A. Beasley, Mayor Albert Isen, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Public Works Director Wade Peebles, and Councilman Nickolas Drale.

Ranch'ro Fete Set To Begin

Plans are completed for the 4th Annual Torrance Ranchero Days Celebration July 20-31, according to Chairman Jack Phillips of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Phillips said the Carnival and Mid-Wednesday, July 20 and continue through Sunday, July 24. The Annual Torrance R.C.A. Championship Rodeo will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31 under sponsorship of the Torrance Mounted Police and the Chamber.

Sponsors said all proceeds from the affair will be used to defray expenses for Torrance's entry in the 1961 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day. Last year over half of the float expenditure was raised with the remainder collected by public subscription.

Community organizations which will participate include: American Legion #170; Babe Ruth League; Beta Sigma Phi; Omicron pi; Xi Zeta Lambda; Boy Scouts, Troop 201; Cub Scouts, Troop 221C; Car Clubs Assoc.; Civinettes; Drifters Car Club; Civitan Club; Democrats, Inc.; Epison Sigma Alpha, Delta Gamma; Empreses Car Club.

Also Fireladies of Torrance; Footlight Theatre; Kiwanis of El Camino; Kiwanis of Torrance; Knights of Columbus;

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Local Pair Take \$200 In Prizes

A local team jubilantly claimed \$200 fifth prize money Friday in the Powder Puff Derby dash from Torrance to Wilmington, Delaware.

Pilot Iris Critchell and Copilot Mary Pinkney copped the sum for amassing 11.25 points in the field of 79 planes in the trans-continental race.

First place was won by Mrs. Aileen Saunders of El Cajon and June Douglas of Fall River, Mass. They had 15.15 points.

The local pair, flying a Cessna 175, flew under the banner of "Gravel Mary," the unofficial name of a building supply yard operated by Mrs. Pinkney in the Walteria area.

ONE PILOT made a wheels-up landing during the classic, formally titled the All-Women's Transcontinental Air Race, but there were no injuries and no other untoward incidents were reported.

The women fliers left here July 9. Winners were determined on a handicap basis.

Other front-flying pilots in the event were Frances Miller of Columbia, S.C., second; Lucille Quimby of Detroit, third; Betty Miller of Los Angeles, fourth; Frances Bera of Long Beach, sixth.

Cash awards and trophies were presented during a ceremony in Wilmington.

Nine Bids Made for Rubbish

Nine bids received for rubbish collection service here will be reviewed Monday by the City Council's refuse committee.

The group is due to study the proposals and analyses made by them by municipal administrators before submitting the data and an expected recommendation to the entire Council.

This is expected within two weeks.

The analysis will include the results of character and financial checks of the bidders.

Both City Mgr. George Stevens and Public Works Director Wade Peebles last week denied a charge by Councilman George Bradford that the public works department was being "by-passed" in making the analyses.

Hawaii Solon To Participate In Installation

Richard S. "Dick" Pyle, popular local manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, is the new president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, it was announced yesterday. Pyle will be installed formally tomorrow evening at a combined "Luau" meeting of the Chamber officials and members of the Executives Dinner Club of Torrance with U. S. Rep. Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii scheduled as the principal speaker.

The new leader succeeds J. H. Paget, formerly manager of Newberries who has been transferred from Torrance to a store in San Diego. Paget



R. S. PYLE . . . New President



Rep. INOUE . . . Luau Speaker

was the recipient of the Outstanding Citizen of the Year award for 1959.

Other officers elected were William E. Shawger, owner of California Rubber Products and Jack Phillips, owner of Paramount Builder Supply as 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents respectively. Harold Frenz, Manager of the Bank of America was elected Treasurer with Manager Dick Fitzgerald being re-elected as Corporate Secretary.

KENNETH UYEDA, owner of Kenny's Nursery was appointed to the 3-year director post with John Wallace, Director of Industrial Relations for Ryan Electronics filling a 1-year Post on the Board.

Pyle, a native son, was born in Pasadena. He attended Pasadena City Schools and the University of California at Los Angeles.

He has been employed for 35 years with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph; the past 8 years in Torrance as Commercial Manager.

Pyle is President of the Executives' Dinner Club of the Torrance Area, and a member of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, Masons, and Elks.

The newly elected President and his wife, Lorraine, have two children, Nancy 24, and Richard 19.

Bandits Get \$350 In Raid on Store

Two young bandits got \$350 when they robbed Moore's Liquor Store at 20317 Hawthorne Ave. yesterday, police reported.

Clerk Vern Grasmier said one of the duo ordered a package of cigarettes and then the other brandished a .38-calibre automatic pistol.

The robbers, described as about 19 years of age, fled in a car after forcing Gramier to surrender the cash from a cigar box and the cash register.



IN THE MONEY . . . Mary Pinkney and Iris Critchell, area pilots in the recent All-Women Transcontinental Air Race, took fifth place and \$200 in the 14th running of the famous derby. (Herald Photo)

Hiker Struck by Car As He Flees Attack

A 17-year-old hitchhiker was seriously injured here Friday when he ran into the path of a car while fleeing three attackers, according to police.

The victim, Roy W. Franklin of Gardena, said he was attempting to thumb a ride along Torrance Blvd., west of Maple Ave., when three youths jumped from a green pick-up truck and began pummeling him with their fists.

Franklin said he fled into the street between two cars and was struck by an auto driven by Edward Perry, 27, of 19337 Flavian Ave. The three assailants roared away in their truck.

Franklin was taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment of cuts, bruises and possible internal hurts.

Perry said he was unable to avoid hitting Franklin as the youth dashed into the street directly in front of him.



CAR-TRUCK CRASH HURTS FOUR . . . Ambulance attendants carry away one of four persons injured seriously when a flat-bed truck and a sedan crashed at the fog-shrouded intersection of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd. on Thursday. Treated were Truck Driver Rance Aylsworth, 27, of 20610 Western Ave.; Mrs. Anna Doll, 24, of Long Beach; her parents, Henry Schwaberau, 59, and Charlotte Schwaberau, 52, Chicago. Mrs. Doll's husband, Willard, 35, was taking the elder couple to a Chicago-bound plane when the mishap occurred. (Herald Photo)