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GUNMEN HIT TWO MORE FIRMS

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think children in school watch television more than they should?" The Pennies photographer asked this of five school-age children this week.

Steve Florence, 809 Font-hill:

"No, I watch it three or four hours a day — from about 7 to 10 nearly every evening. This is just about enough as it gives me time to do homework and studying. My favorite programs are My Three Sons, Twilight Zone, and The Donna Reed Show."

Billy Bynum, 20913 Madrona Ave.:

"I don't think so. Usually we play basketball and other sports. I don't have time to watch too much television. I probably watch about two hours a day. I like Beverly Hills. I usually mix my homework in with my television watching."

Mike Kintz, 1017 Felbar:

"I usually watch three or four hours a day. I have plenty of time to do my homework with this amount of watching. I think this is enough for me. I don't think others in my age group watch too much."

Tim Fraser, 20567 Amie:

"No, because we have too much other work to do as homework, mowing the lawns, cleaning up rooms, and sports activities. I watch about three hours a day which I think is enough. I don't think other kids watch too much, either."

Roger Blakley, 2516 Sierra:

"No, because they have too many other things to do. They have homework and chores around the house, and sports activities. I like sports better than television. I play football, baseball, and basketball. I probably watch about three hours a day."

Herald Gets Excellence Merit Award

New statewide honors for the award winning Torrance HERALD were announced in San Francisco at the conclusion of the 75th annual convention of the California Newspaper Publishers Assn. The HERALD won Merit Awards in "general excellency" and in spot news photo competition with other community newspapers throughout California.



KURT T. SHERY, M.D.
Seeks New Board Term

Shery to Run Again For Board

Dr. Kurt T. Shery, member of the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District, filed Monday for re-election to his office.

Two years ago Dr. Shery ran for election on a platform, 75 per cent of which has now been adopted by the Board. In line with his platform of April 1961, the following recommendations are now policy in the Torrance Unified School District, he said.

Reading, writing and spelling and basic arithmetic are being emphasized in the elementary schools and remedial reading classes have been instituted.

THE PUBLIC demand for report cards and grades finally replaced the indefinite "Progress Reports."

Basic academic education is being emphasized and "Social Adjustment" is not the important program anymore.

Teachers teach their majors and have received recognition and higher salaries and a schedule of "incentive salary raises."

Economy in all operations of the district is practised with due safeguards to a full program for the students, academic as well as vocational, so that none are deprived of the opportunity to learn.

The School Board meetings have been opened to the public of the community and representatives of all types of organizations including teacher's groups, PTA or student representatives are given time to have their say. The closed meetings of the past have been completely eliminated.

"EDUCATION is a continuing process and the goal to be obtained remains the same, a well rounded preparation for life for all students," he said. Torrance schools are over-

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THE ADVANCE-STAR of Burlingame was awarded the top general excellence award.

A photograph of a fatal accident scene made by staff photographer Darrell Maddox last March was given the Merit Award by judges in spot news photocompetition. Maddox had taken the picture in the huge Waleria Lake sump while firemen and workmen on the excavation project were attempting to recover the body of a man who had been crushed in a huge earth-loading machine in the pit.

JUDGES commented that Maddox had made a "well composed photo depicting accident scene."

The Los Angeles Times won the top general excellence award in the state among daily newspapers. Merit Award honors were shared by the San Francisco Examiner and the Riverside Press.

The HERALD's general excellence award was based on issues of Sept. 13, 16, 20 — dates selected by the contest committee for all competing newspapers.

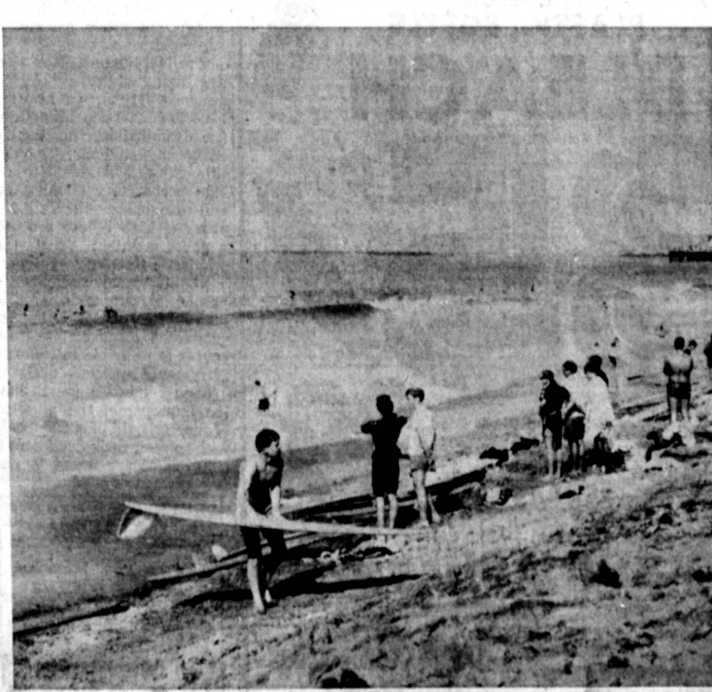
ATTENDING the convention from The HERALD were co-publishers King Williams and Glenn W. Pfeil. Pfeil, a member of the state group's board of directors, was returned for another year. Named president of the publishers' organization was Harry Green, general business manager of the John P. Scripps newspapers. He succeeds Ralph H. Turner, publisher of the Temple City Times.

New Playground Schedule Told

Recreation Department spokesmen have announced the opening of Towers School playground on a new Saturday and holiday only schedule.

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HOLIDAY TIME . . . Students took advantage of Lincoln's birthday Tuesday, a school holiday, and flocked to the beach where the popular pastime was surfing. A storm which was expected to hit the area Monday failed to materialize and Tuesday turned out to be a warm, sunny day for the thousands of beachgoers. (Herald Photo)

5.54 Inches of Rain Falls on Torrance

City crews, businessmen, and homeowners this week were cleaning mud and other debris from streets after a weekend storm which dumped 5.54 inches of rain on Torrance.

The rain figure recorded at the Torrance Airport was measured Saturday and Sunday, bringing the season total to 6.46. Various Torrance intersections and streets were flooded but no serious damage was reported.

Sandbags were called for about 6 p.m. Saturday at the

Officer Revives 4-Year-Old

A Torrance police officer is credited with possibly saving the life of a 4-year-old Culver City girl by applying mouth to mouth resuscitation when he found her unconscious Tuesday afternoon.

The girl, Doreen Krieger, was playing at Paradise Park when she fell from a horizontal bar. Officer Roger Jacobson applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when he arrived at the scene, found the girl unconscious and apparently not breathing.

Doreen soon responded and started breathing. She was taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

home of Ray Dunklow, 1917 W. 218th St., when water from an alley got under his house and flooded a floor heater. The gas company was also notified when gas started leaking in the home.

HAWTHORNE Avenue at 190th Street was closed until Monday and some other streets such as Madrona Avenue between Carson Street and Sepulveda Boulevard, Sepulveda just west of Crenshaw, Arlington at 231st Street and several other locations still had water setting in them.

Sunday afternoon juveniles were reported playing in water filled sumps at Doris Day and Avenue H and at Torrance Boulevard and Palos Verdes Boulevard.

THE LOWER portion of a house at 1806 W. 238th St. was reported to be under water about 6 p.m. Saturday while Sunday an electrical fire broke out at the base of a utility pole south of Torrance Boulevard and east of Maple Avenue.

Telephone company officials were notified when wires were reported down across railroad tracks west of Crenshaw Bou-

levard north of Dominguez Street. A line was also reported down in the area of 2020½ W. 166th Street.

A TREE fell into the road at Paseo De La Delicous and Linda Vista Saturday. Impassable streets Saturday included Sonoma from Madrid to Beech, Kent to Ocean.

Extensive damage was reported by several merchants in the Rolling Hills Plaza shopping center at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw. Hastily installed sandbags probably kept the damage toll lower, businessmen reported.

Hospital Opens Pediatric Wing

A new pediatric surgical nursing suite was opened Tuesday at Riviera Community Hospital, 4025 W. 226th St., it was announced by Robert W. Lyons, administrator.

The new pediatric suite is located in the surgical nursing wing of the hospital, has a color scheme of turquoise and white, and can handle up to six patients.

Four Injured in City Traffic

Four persons were injured Monday in three separate accidents.

A Torrance school crossing guard, Martha Patterson Bell, 67, of 709 Border, suffered major injuries about 9:15 a.m. when her car was involved in a collision at Arlington Avenue and 190th Street with a sedan driven by Marvin Porter, 38, Lakewood.

In an accident about 4:15 p.m. in front of 3915 W. 185th St., three-year-old Kenneth Allen of 3815 W. 186th St. suffered major injuries and

was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital after he was struck by a car driven by Eugene Aloisius Hamen, 43, Glendale, police said.

DORIS GERTRUDE Burton, 50, Hawthorne, went to Gardena Emergency Hospital after her sedan was involved in a collision about 7:41 p.m. with a car driven by Richard Dean Nolan, 27, of 5326 Palos Verdes Blvd. The accident occurred at Crenshaw Boulevard and 164th Street.

Three cars were involved in

a collision about 8 a.m. Tuesday in front of 2525 W. 190th St.

The drivers were identified as James Reid Bearden, 27, Inglewood; Gary Dee Ten Eyck, 19, of 18826 Doty St., and June Lorraine Jorgensen, 42, Los Angeles, who suffered major injuries and was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

TWO PERSONS in a car which collided with the rear of a parked 40-foot trailer were injured Sunday night.

They were the driver, Gale Lee Mason, 21, of 3342 W. 174th St., and passenger, Dorothy Ann Rehak, 43, of 2301 W. 182nd St. They were taken to Harbor General Hospital and later transferred to another hospital, police said.

The accident happened about 10:30 p.m. on Arlington 50 feet south of 186th Street. The Torrance Fire Department rescue unit was sent to the scene when one of the victims was trapped inside the vehicle. The driver suffered minor injuries and the passenger major ones.

Bandits Hit Loan Office, Savings Firm

Lone armed bandits held up a downtown Torrance finance company and a Rolling Hills Plaza savings and loan firm about an hour apart Tuesday afternoon.

Budget Finance at 1514 Cravens Ave. was robbed of more than \$170 about 2 p.m. The robbery follows on the heels of one last Thursday in which an armed bandit took more than \$300 from the Beneficial Finance Co., at 1441 Marcelina, about a block from Budget Finance.

In the Budget Finance robbery, victims said the bandit walked in the front door, pointed a gun at Carol Clifton of Long Beach and said "This is a stickup." He handed her a rolled up paper bag and said "Fill this up with money and hurry up."

THE VICTIM said she took money from a drawer in the service counter, filled the bag with \$170 and numerous bills and handed it to the robber who said "Don't stick your head out the window or you'll be sorry," as he went out the door.

HE WAS last seen walking eastbound on Cravens Avenue towards five points. The suspect appeared calm during the robbery.

About \$2,900 was obtained by the bandit in the holdup of Cabrillo Savings and Loan in Rolling Hills Plaza about 3 p.m. The bold holdup man, wearing a white handkerchief over his face, walked into the establishment, went behind a counter and started helping himself to the money.

FINDING NO money in the drawers, he asked "Where's the cash?" as he continued to open drawers. The bandit nervously waved a pistol as he finally found some money in a drawer and put the cash in his pockets.

The bandit grabbed employee Gretchen Strohmeier of Rolling Hills Estates by the arm, spinning her around as he asked "Where's the rest of the cash?" The suspect ordered her and clerks Fran Birmingham of Torrance and Mrs. Helen De Fiore of Gardena to turn around before he left through the front door.

WITNESSES said they saw him run down an alley between the loan firm and Thrifty Drug Store, turn and run towards Crenshaw Boulevard when he got to the rear of the stores.

The Federal Bureau of In-

vestigation was called to the scene.

Tuesday's two armed holdups follows closely the holdup of four Torrance firms last Wednesday and Thursday and reported in Sunday's Torrance HERALD.

Besides the holdup last week of the Beneficial Finance Co., two bars and a liquor store also were robbed. Nearly \$1,000 was taken in those four incidents.

Hiking Fad Gives Pair Warm Feet

"Our feet got pretty hot, and we finished the last part of it with our shoes off. But, we'll probably do it again Saturday or Sunday."

That was the way two Waleria brothers described their 15-mile hike from their home around the northern edge of the Palos Verdes Peninsula and back — twice — Tuesday evening.

Charles (Buddy) Wheelchel, an eighth grader at Waleria Elementary School, and his brother, Tommy, a sixth grader, stoked up on omelets, vitamin capsules, grape juice, and cereal and took off on the hill-climbing trek which carried them around a 7.4-mile course along the edge of the Palos Verdes Hills.

TAKING THEIR cues from President Kennedy's reaction to the old Marine standard Teddy Roosevelt, the young brothers decided their sneakers probably would not take them 50 miles so settled on the 15-mile trek — twice around the 7.4-mile course.

Setting out the course for the boys was their father, Charles, a longshoreman. Starting from the family home at 24414 Ward St., the course took them up Crenshaw to Palos Verdes Drive North, across to Hawthorne Avenue, and back down to Waleria. (Continued on Page 10)