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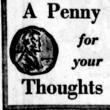
Flu May Miss Southland (See Page 8)

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# BANDITS STRIKE TWO FIRMS



"Do you think the minimum e for driver's license should raised from 16 to 18 years?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mike Henderson, Inglewood:

"No, I don't think it should be. Careless but statistics show many accidents occur in the 21 age bracket. The age requirement should remain the way it to now 16"

is now, 16."

Mrs. Lanny LeVier, 611 Ma-



drid:
"I think kids are doing ok now with driver education courses in high school. I really think they are responsible enough at 16 and the re-

L. MILTON ISBELL Enters School Contes

Two More

In Board

Contests

Two more have added their

names to the slate for election to the Torrance Board of Edu-cation, bringing the total num-

Latest to file declarations

sponsibility is good for them. They learn they have to take care of a car and bear the expense such as buying gasoline."

Miss Darlene Meeker, 1024

Maple Ave.: "I think it's up to the indi-vidual as to whether they are ready to drive at 16. I think age 16 should be kept as the miniobtain a driver's license."

Mrs. Wes Scruggs, 23031 Pennsylvania: "Yes, I think

to 18 might help cut down a little bit on the careless driving and off with cars.'

Carol Vurgasser, 3409 W.

166th St.:
"Yes, I think
it should be. onths and I

don't think she is ready for on e. Most teenagers are mature enough at 16 to drive but I think the minimum for a license she

Lions to Roar

The Lions Club will celebrate its 18th an iversary Saturday evening at the Hacienda Hotel, San Pedro. Guests are welcome to the \$5.50 per person dinner

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## **Ex-Torrance** Man to Have New Hearing

Review of the life sentence ordered for an ex-Torrance man in 1961 for hijacking an airliner over New Mexico has been ordered by the U. S. Supreme Court.

In a decision announced Monday, the court ordered reconsideration of the sentence imposed on Leon Bearden,

who formerly lived at 3319 W. 190th St., on Bearden's plea that he was unable to finance the appearance of his lawyer in the federal court in El Paso

THE FORMER Torrance roofing company employe was charged with boarding an air-liner at International Airport on Aug. 4, 1961, with his son, Cody, then 16, and ordering the flight to go on to Cuba when the craft was over New Maxico.

Mexico. Capt. Byron D. Richards, 343 Capt. Byron D. Richards, 343
Palos Verdes Blvd., reported
that he had insufficient fuel
for the flight and landed in El
Paso. There, Bearden released
all but four of the plane's 65
passengers and the six-man
crew and held police and FBI
agents at bay for nearly nine
hours.

LEONARD GILMAN, Immigration Service officer aboard the plane, ended the siege when Bearden dropped his when Bearden dropped his guard, Gilman landed a smashing blow to the jaw of the hijacker, and FBI agents rushed in and subdued him.

In Monday's decision, the Supreme Court ordered the U.S. Circuit Court in New Orters to recognize the decision.

leans to reconsider its decision in upholding the sentence. The high court said Bearden should have an opportunity to present oral argument on the merits of his case, or have an attorney ber of candidates to six as of his case, or have an attorney to officials ir the offices of the County Superintendent of Schools.

#### Latest to file declarations were L. Milton Isbell, former Torrance YMCA executive secretary, now a Torrance real estate executive, and Mrs. K. Heaton, wife of George L. Heaton, general superintendent of the Rome Cable Division, Jaycees Endorse Bell Ringing Idea

Torrance's Junior Chamber of Commerce has endorsed a project called "Let Freedom Ring" which calls for ringing of bells throughout the nation on July 4 in commemoration of the nation's birthdate.



THREE TODAY . . . The triplet sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, 3126 W. 187th St., will have a cowboy party to celebrate their third birthdays today. Here (from left) De-Wayne, Danny and David try to type out invitations for their party. The Watsons will learn today whether David will need corrective heart surgery. Tests also are being made on brothers DeWayne and Danny . . . "just in ease," their mother said. (Herald Photo)

#### Proposed Oil Ban Put Over Two More Weeks

Final adoption of an ordinance banning all new oil drilling in the city and requiring the concealment of present pumping e quipment was shelved for another two weeks shelved for another two weeks Tuesday after two members of the City Council asked for the delaw.

The ordinance has been in objections of Mayor Albert

of the Rome Cable Division, Aluminum Company of America.

FILING EARLIER for the April 16 election were the two incumbents, Dr. Kurt T. Shery (Continued on Page 2)

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The ordinance has been interpreted as a direct move against the claims of Santa Fe that the land sought for the four-year state college site here employment, saying the city (Continued on Page 2)

Councilman Ross A. Sciar- | which compensation would be

### Council Asks **Budget Study** For Officers

At the Torrance City Hall, members of the City Council were discussing the need for added police protection because of the growing crime rate in the city, which includes everal recent armed robberies.

At the Food Giant Market at At the Food Gant Market at 190th Street and Inglewood Avenue, clerk Garfield T. Stev-ens was stuffing bills into a paper sack, urged on by a man holding a revolver.

At Cory's Liquors, Carson Street and Andreo Avenue, clerk Joe Michael Donovan was placing money in another paper sack, also urged on by a

IT WAS Tuesday, again, and detectives who were beginning to think they had escaped what is beginning to be a regular Tuesday routine, were in for a shock.

Stevens told officers investi-gating the robbery at the Food Giant Market that the gunman approached the checkout stand, pulled a revolver, and said, "It's a holdup! Start with the

big bills first. I parked right here — if you follow me, I'll shoot."

AFTER PUTTING an esti-mated \$121 in the bandit's sack, Stevens and Herbert Dean Martin, another market employe, ran after the gunman in the market parking lot.

"I got a gun and I'll shoot," ne gunman yelled. Martin jumped behind a parked vehicle as the bandit shot at him, he told officers.

A HERALD editorial Sun-A HEKALD editorial Sunday cited growing robbery and burglary rate in the city and suggested the city consider seriously the need for additional patrolmen.

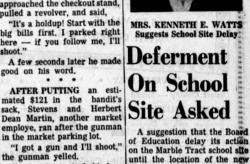
He and Stevens gave up the chase after the shooting, Mar-

Within a few minutes of that robbery, clerk Donovan at the liquor store said he had just put some soft drinks into a refrigerator in the rear of the building and had returned to the front to serve a customer.

THE "CUSTOMER" displayed

in a paper bag."
On the bandit's orders
Donovan got down on the floor
behind the counter while the gunman fled. A determination of the loss was not immediately available.

Councilman Kenneth Miller at the time was commenting on what he called "a real increase in crime," and was asking that serious consideration be given to providing more police offi-cers in the next city budget (Continued on Page 2)



on the Marble Tract school sile until the location of the new four-year state college to serve this area has been determined was advanced this week by Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, vire chairman of the city's college steering committee and a candidate for election to the school board.

In a letter to the board this

In a letter to the board this week, Mrs. Watts said selection of the proposed Torrance site at Sepulveda and Crenshaw would have "a tremendous im-pact upon the community," and that land now being planned for a own-your-own apart-ments, golf course, and single family residences "would be a veritable gold mine for student

SELECTION OF A site for the four-year college may come at the March meeting of the College scheduled in Sacramento next veek.

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"Since a decision on the college site is so close, it would seem prudent to defer your decision until you could verify the projected child population with the land developers," she with the land developers,' wrote.

THE PROPOSED elementary school to serve the new de-velopment south of Sepulveda (Continued on Page 2)

#### In The Herald Today



OPENS MARCH 7... Pictured above is White Front's new giant store located at the corner of Hawthorne and Torrance Blvds. This makes the eighth location for the discount department store chain, which will offi-

cially open at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m., March 7. Torrance civic dignitaries and Hollywood Stars will preside and join in the fun and