

Forum to Discuss Obscenity, Delinquency

"Obscene Literature and Juvenile Delinquency: Cause and Effect," will be the topic for Wednesday's town hall meeting, to be held at Torrance High School.

The forum, under the sponsorship of the Youth Welfare Commission, will give residents of Torrance and surrounding cities a chance to hear noted authorities discuss the relationship between obscene literature and delinquency.

A panel discussion will be followed by a question-and-answer period. The meeting will get under way at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Torrance High.

"Public reaction, indicated by the number of people attending Wednesday's meeting, will direct commission thinking on plans for further town hall meetings on juvenile delinquency and other subjects related to youth welfare," says Joseph Piatt, commission chairman.

Assemblyman E. Richard Barnes of San Diego will be moderator of the program. The panel will include Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of San Pedro, and James Clancy, deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County. Also on the panel are Dr. Richard W.

Thomas, a psychiatrist with the Thomas Moore Marriage Family Clinic and Lt. Gus Rethwich, juvenile officer of the Torrance Police Department.

Raymond M. Monboisse, deputy attorney general, will represent the Office of the State Attorney General on the panel.

Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel of Palos Verdes will be a guest of the commission, and Ray Gauer, executive secretary of the National Committee for Decent Literature, will be present as an observer.

All surrounding cities have been invited to send

observers to the meeting, and it is expected that some representatives of the county may be present.

The forum, a first for Torrance, will explore the whole problem of obscene literature, its availability to young people, and the effect of such smut on youth crimes. The panel also is expected to examine some of the suggested controls and legislative action. A 45-minute period will be devoted to answering questions from the audience.

There is no admission charge for the evening. Members of the Jayettes will serve as hostesses.

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PEEBLES ENDS QUIZ SESSION

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"Do you think the United States should send combat troops into Viet Nam?"

Mrs. Jack Davenport, Gardena: "I don't think we should. I think it's a useless cause getting involved in something like that. I don't think it would be worth it in lives that would be lost."

Mrs. Donald Farrow, Long Beach: "I have mixed emotions on it. I don't think we should be in Viet Nam now unless we go all the way as far as troops go. I think it is a dangerous situation anywhere there are Communists."

Mrs. William Mossman, 22033 Ladena: "I'm worried about Panama more now than I am Viet Nam. I think we should wait a while before we decide whether to send troops to Viet Nam so we can see how the situation there develops."

Mrs. Robert Funk, 17036 Wilkie: "I would hate to see it happen, but I'd like to see the United States finish something. We did not finish Hungary, Korea, or Cuba. It's a decision I'd hate to make but I do think we should finish something."

Mrs. Ernest Glover, 2011 Bruin: "I do, yes. We have let them have too loose a hand, so I think it would be worth sending troops into that country. If we don't send combat troops into the country it will go to the Communists."

Officers Nab 6 Suspects in 'Dog House'

Sheriff's deputies arrested six robbery suspects Friday night after a 12-year-old boy led them to a home in the Carson area.

Deputies also found 67 dogs

Seek Delay On Police Examination

Pending promotional examinations in the police department may be suspended for the time being if a recommendation by the police and fire committee of the City Council is adopted Tuesday evening.

Police officers asked councilmen to delay the examinations last week while a study of new specifications for the examinations is made. The new specifications conflict with a city ordinance which does not allow credit for educational achievements.

The council police and fire committee met with members of the police department Thursday to study the matter. The committee report, which says the examinations must be given according to the civil service ordinance, recommended suspension of the examinations so the ordinance may be studied and revised.

in the house, located at 505 E. Bonds St.

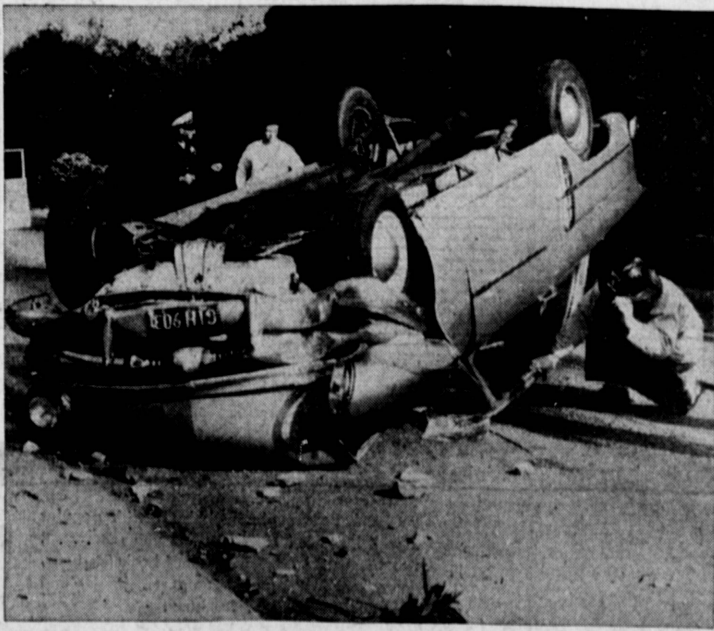
The boy led officers to the house after two of the men ordered him into a storeroom while engaged in a robbery at a market at 510 E. Sepulveda Blvd. The youngster entered the storeroom and then used another exit. He followed the getaway car on his bicycle to the home, some three blocks away, then called the officers.

Officers said the suspects may be linked to at least 25 other recent robberies. Most of them gave wrong names and addresses, according to the officers.

A man who gave his name as Jack M. Lang, 39, was later identified as Gilbert Thomas. He reportedly escaped from a Los Angeles Road Camp in November. Glenn Thomas, his brother, gave officers the name of Robert J. Kelley. A third man, who gave the name of Robert H. Jackson, was identified as Marcel Alfred Peters.

The three other suspects, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gress, whose address is the Bonds Street house, and Florence Lang, a girl friend of Gilbert Thomas, gave their right names, officers said. Mrs. Gress is the sister of the Thomas men.

Exactly what 67 dogs were doing in the house—or why—officers weren't sure. Animal shelter officials said arrangements had been made to care for them.



AUTO FLIPS . . . Three South High students were injured Friday when this auto clipped off a light standard and flipped on Via Monte D'Oro. Driver Gregory James Van Huisen, 16, of 436 Avenue E, and Robert Fluke, 17, 133 Via Colusa, were taken to the Little Company of Mary Hospital for checkups. Charles McChutcheon, 17, of 236 Paseo de Garcia told officers he would seek aid from his own physician. (Herald Photo)

Nomination Papers for City Offices Available Jan. 30

Nomination papers for the general municipal election, to be held April 14, may be picked up in the office of the City Clerk beginning Thursday, Jan. 30.

Nomination papers will be available until Feb. 20. Deadline for returning the papers is noon, Feb. 20. Terms of three city council-

men will expire in April. They are those of Victor E. Benstead, Nicholas O. Draie, and George Vico.

Any person registered to vote may circulate a nomination paper. To be nominated, each candidate must obtain the signature of not less than five, nor more than 10, registered voters.

Voters may register to vote in the election until Feb. 20.

All candidates will be required to complete a qualifications questionnaire at the time of filing. According to the City Charter, no person is eligible to run for elective office unless he is a resident and a registered voter. All candidates must have lived in the city for at least one year preceding the date of the election.

Candidates may call the City Clerk for additional information.

Zone Study On Agenda For Tuesday

The final hearing on a zoning study by the Planning Commission for property bounded generally by Spencer, Amie, and Emerald streets and Hawthorne Avenue will be held Tuesday evening before the City Council.

The Planning Commission has recommended that the area be rezoned R-3 and R-1, except for the property fronting on Hawthorne Avenue. The Hawthorne Avenue frontage is already zoned for commercial purposes.

In its recommendation, the Planning Commission said the entire two-block area should be R-3 except for a strip 120 feet deep on Amie Street between Spencer and Garnet streets. The commission also has suggested further studies of the R-3 section "for possible use of high-rise sometime in the future."

The council will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Demos Have Slight Odds In Torrance

Democrats have an edge of about 1.5 to 1 over Republicans in Torrance, according to figures released by Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hite.

The figures, complete as of Dec. 31, 1963, show Torrance has a total of 41,902 registered voters. Of the total, 23,893 are Democrats and 16,501 are Republicans.

Countywide, the ratio of Democrats to Republicans is about the same as in Torrance. Of 2,477,223 voters, 1,405,825 are Democrats and 996,249 are Republicans.

Alan Cranston To Be Speaker

State Controller Alan Cranston will speak on the importance of the volunteer club movement to the Democratic Party Thursday, Jan. 30, at an installation banquet for officers of Democratic clubs in the 68th Assembly District.

Accountant's Questions to Him Blamed

Refusal of City Manager Wade E. Peebles to answer questions put to him by an accountant ended a two-hour session with state and county probers Friday afternoon. The city manager, accompanied by attorney Irving M. Lessin, agreed to answer all questions put to him by Jack Goertzen, deputy attorney general, but would not answer those put by others.

Goertzen told THE HERALD after Friday's meeting that the investigation would continue and probably "we will intensify our efforts as a result of Mr. Peebles' actions."

THE DEPUTY attorney general said he could seek a court order to force the city manager to answer questions. If forced to do this to get testimony, the probe would drag on for some time, he indicated. Nature of the questions put to the city manager by the accountant was not revealed. THE HERALD was unable to reach Peebles for comment.

PREPARATION of the first report to the City Council on the investigation is in progress and probably will be delivered to the city this week. It will be a confidential report and "probably will be somewhat limited in its scope," Goertzen said Friday.

Det. Lt. Don Hamilton met Thursday with Goertzen and other investigators but did not take a lie detector test. Hamilton was one of two officers wanted by the probers for the polygraph tests, a request which touched off a dispute between city officials and the state and county investigators.

THE OTHER officer, Lt. D. C. Cook, head of the city's vice detail, appeared voluntarily last week. He was not required to submit to polygraph tests.

Hamilton, who heads up the city's detective bureau, said he "had a friendly chat with the investigator," and didn't know if he would be called back.

"They never close the door on you," the veteran Torrance officer said.

David Rothman, assistant to Goertzen, and Richard Cabalero, deputy district attorney, have been conducting most of the question sessions.

Pair Fails In Attempt At Robbery

Two men who attempted to rob a Torrance service station early Saturday wound up with exactly nothing for their efforts.

Police were told by Jerry Mennig, a 27-year-old painter of 2719 W. Artesia Blvd., that a tall, 35-year-old man entered the station at 17405 S. Crenshaw Blvd. about 2 a.m. Saturday and asked him about the floor safe.

Attendant Clarence Cusick, who lives in the Elm Street Trailer Park east of Torrance, was out of the station waiting on another car at the time, and Mennig, who was visiting Cusick at the station, told the bandit he didn't know.

"Don't get smart with me," the pocked-marked bandit warned Mennig. "The other guy in the car has a shotgun and he has you covered."

Mennig told police the bandit forced him back against the wall with a gun to his stomach, and then ran from the station and fled southbound on Crenshaw at a high rate of speed. Cusick learned of the attempted holdup when he came back into the station moments later.

Three Named To Planning Commission

Three new members of the Planning Commission were appointed by the City Council Tuesday evening. All three got their first lessons in planning at Wednesday's session of the commission.

New members include: John D. Haidinger, 5506 Calle de Ricardo; George Brewster, 20610 Annrita St.; and Ed Talbert, 3225 Cripplewood St.

Continuing members are David Halstead, Herbert Olson, and Kenny Uyeda. There is still one vacancy on the commission.

Torrance Office Promotes Ziemer

Dale W. Ziemer has been promoted from assistant cashier to assistant manager of the Torrance office of United California Bank, according to Frank L. King, chairman of the board.

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DISCUSS FORUM . . . Mrs. Ronald Davis, chairman of the Jayettes committee for the Town Hall Meeting to be held Wednesday evening at Torrance High School, discusses final plans for the evening with Mayor Albert Isen and Mrs. Earl Jordan, member of the sponsoring Youth Welfare Commission. Members of the Jayettes will serve as hostesses for the evening. Mayor Isen also takes time to sign a proclamation declaring the period from Jan. 14 to Feb. 14 as "Anti-Obscenity Month" in Torrance. (Herald Photo)