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BURGLARS STRIP TV STORE

Thieves Skip A Color Set, Big Console

Thieves operating in the pre-dawn hours stripped a Torrance television dealer of most of his stock yesterday, the victim reported to Torrance police. A truck apparently was backed up to the rear door of the store to haul away the bulky loot.

Charles Donsi, owner of Donsi's TV, 2744 Sepulveda Blvd., told investigating officers that only one color television and one console, with one leg broken, had been left behind.

Donsi said the loss included two color television sets, several portable sets, plus other televisions, radios, and related material. He was still checking stock records yesterday to determine the total value of the merchandise stolen.

OFFICERS on patrol during the early hours Saturday reported that the store was secured when they checked about 4:15 a.m.

The owner of a nearby store discovered the burglary when he arrived at his place of business about two hours later, fixing the time of the burglary between 4 and 6 a.m.

The burglars had made an unsuccessful attempt to jimmy the back entrance to the store and then moved to the front, investigators speculated. The front door, set in an aluminum frame, had been "peeled" to gain entrance, police reported. The rear door then was opened from the inside and the merchandise loaded onto a waiting truck.

Also taken was a cash box containing \$2 in change, Donsi said.

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City Wins Top Award For Safety

Torrance scored a triple victory in safety last Thursday night when the National Safety Council presented its annual awards.

The city topped 178 other governmental jurisdictions serving from 100,000 to 250,000 persons and walked away with the sweepstakes award in its division.

Two Torrance industrial plants also won sweepstakes awards in their divisions, United States Steel Corp's Torrance Works won the senior industrial division, and United States Gypsum's Torrance plant won the junior industrial division. (Story and photo on Page 3).

Councilman Ross Sciarrotta Sr. accepted the award for the city. He told THE HERALD yesterday he plans to introduce a resolution commending the city's employes and the employes of the two industrial winners for their record.

The award marked the third consecutive year that Torrance has won the top award in its division.

A Penny for your Thoughts

The press for college is on, and enrollments are expected to double in California by 1970. The new surge often requires some long-range planning, so several high school students were asked: "What plans do you have for after high school?"

David Nesenholz, sophomore:

"If I can get good enough grades, I'd like to go into a service academy and major in engineering. I would like to make a career of the armed services, and I would prefer to go to the Air Force Academy."

See Frankh, junior:

"I plan to go to some California college and I hope to major in some form of biology and minor in psychology. I'm looking for something between medicine and nursing. I like people and want to do something for people."

John Below, freshman:

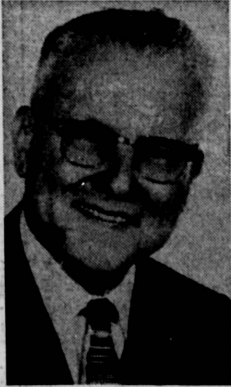
"Right now I am planning to go to the University of California at Berkeley and study law. I have been thinking about law for two or three years, but I can't decide what field of law I want to go into."

Karna Laffey, senior:

"I plan to go to Long Beach State College for two years and take my last two years at the University of Southern California. I will major in English and get a high school teaching certificate and then minor in journalism. This summer I will work for the Recreation Department."

Raul Matute, senior:

"I have applied to several colleges including San Francisco State, Long Beach State, and the University of Southern California. I will major in music and probably get a credential for security. I want to learn to write and arrange music."



FRED W. MILL Retires

Controller Announces Retirement

Retirement of Fred W. Mill, plant accountant at the Torrance plant of National Supply Division, Armeto Steel Corp., became effective Wednesday. He had been employed by the company for more than 44 years of continuous service.

Mill started working at the Torrance plant in 1919 in a clerical capacity and was promoted to accountant in 1924. His career included a tour at the Pittsburgh, Pa., plant as supervisor of plant accounting in 1945. He served as plant controller there from 1947 until his return to Torrance in 1949 as division controller.

Active in such organizations as the Controller's Institute in the National Association of Accountants, Mill served as president of the local chapters. He is a past president of the Torrance Civil Service Commission. Other activities include the chairmanship of various charity fund raising campaigns.

Don't Be So Shy, Ralph; Sign Below

From time to time this newspaper receives excellently written, logical comments on current events in the community from its readers, but the author is not identified.

As do most responsible newspapers, THE HERALD has a strict policy against publishing anonymous letters to the editor, although the sender's name is always withheld when requested.

Similarly, THE HERALD and most responsible newspapers do not consider a communication to be a "letter to the editor" when it is duplicated and sent to other newspapers. It is then a publicity release and must be considered on its merits in that light.

These matters have been brought to light this week when several informative communications were sent to THE HERALD, and should be shared with our readers. Because they were anonymous, however, the communications have been filed.

It's something to remember: we love letters — all of them. But we ask to know who sent them. That's all. (The Editors)

Dedication Set

Dedication ceremonies for the Joslyn Recreation Center at Civic Center will be held next Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

The new facility will be dedicated to industrialist Marcellus L. Joslyn, whose initial gift helped to finance the project.

Student Request To Board

Trustees of the Torrance School District will consider proposals to allow the city's four high schools to sponsor drill teams during football season at their meeting Monday evening.

The question first came before the board when a student at West High School asked Board President Bert M. Lynn if high schools might organize drill teams.

THE TRUSTEES will consider a report submitted by the instruction office which will allow student body associations to finance the addition to high school pep squads.

The study of 14 area high schools with drill teams has proven they are "economically feasible" in the Torrance district, says the report. The report recommends that schools be allowed to establish drill teams of about 50 members and allow the student body to spend as much as \$10 per girl on uniforms.

TRANSPORTATION to some away contests would be provided by the district under the proposal. The drill teams would be limited to one physical education class during the first quarter of the school year.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, who challenged early cost estimates of \$30 to \$40 per girl, said she thought drill teams would add to school spirit. Mrs. Watts conducted her own survey in January and then requested the district to follow up on her initial report.

The trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the administrative offices, 2335 Plaza Del Amo.

City Receives \$10,000 for Road Work

An additional \$10,000 to assist the City of Torrance in the improvement of 190th Street has been authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

The allocation supplements \$91,000 authorized in September, 1961, for road improvements needed in the area between Hawthorne Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard.

"This added \$10,000 will be used to defray costs of additional grading and construction of curbs, gutters and drainage structures," Supervisor Bur-ton W. Chace stated.

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FOR NEW LIBRARY . . . Ground breaking ceremonies for the \$82,000 North Torrance Library were held yesterday just before noon. Pictured around the air hammer used to break through the parking lot at the site are: Weldon Fulton, architect; Councilman Ross Sciarrotta; Mrs. Claire Crain of the Library Commission; City Manager Ed Ferraro; Councilman Victor E. Benstead Jr.; and city librarian Harold Umberger. Others are J. L. Rea, Councilman J. A. Beasley, Lee Addison, regional librarian, Councilman Nicholas Drale, Mrs. W. L. Saville, and Councilman Ken Miller. (Herald Photo)

In Dominguez Area

Cityhood Report Due Soon; Industry Waits

Incorporation proceedings in the Carson-Dominguez area have remained at a standstill since the petition was filed in February, with industry still holding the key to the future of the area.

Mrs. Bernice C. Roller, chairman of the committee to incorporate the City of Dominguez, told THE HERALD Friday, "We still haven't heard from industry."

Mrs. Roller said no further action would be taken by her committee until the industry committee decides which way they will go. "Until they say they will back us, we can't do anything," she said, "they have the controlling area."

ART REEVES, secretary of the Dominguez industry committee and chairman of the seven-man committee studying the bid for incorporation, said his group was waiting for the county's report on the incorporation, said his group was waiting for the county's report on the incorporation.

"We were supposed to get the report Monday," Reeves said, "but it will probably be the end of next week before it is released."

The county report, prepared on all proposed incorporations, is a statistical study showing population, assessed valuation, estimated revenues, and estimated expenses of the proposed city.

THE LOCAL Agency Formation Commission, which must approve the incorporation, is expected to make a report on the area about the same time. Reeves also indicated the industry committee might make an independent study of the area. Long Beach has announced

virtually all county territory in the area. Boundaries would be the city limits of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Compton. Only the area which defeated a cityhood bid last year is not included in the new petition.

Papers filed in February asked for the incorporation of

Big Blaze Destroys Home Here

Flames believed to have started in a kitchen swept through a home in North Torrance at mid-morning Thursday and left a family of eight homeless.

The house, located at 18528 Grevilla Ave., was unoccupied when the fire broke out at 10:22 a.m. Thursday. Two engine companies and a salvage unit responded to the alarm, but flames had engulfed the roof and firemen were virtually helpless.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes Radar and their six children were not at home when the fire erupted. Everything in the home was rated a total loss. Smoke asphyxiation killed the family dog.

Firemen were still trying to determine cause of the blaze. The flames are believed to have originated in the kitchen, coming possibly from the water heater or the kitchen stove.

The Radars have been staying with neighbors while trying to make some arrangements for housing. One of the six children was at a neighbor's home when the fire broke out.



GUTTED HOME . . . Firemen probe the ruins of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes Radar at 18528 Grevilla Ave after bringing the blaze under control Thursday morning. The home was totally destroyed and most of the family's personal possessions were turned to smoke. The family dog was killed in the blaze, but Mr. and Mrs. Radar and their six children were not at home when the fire broke out. (Herald Photo)

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