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THREE FIRMS HIT BY GUNMEN

A Penny for your Thoughts

The Pennies photographer asked several aspiring journalists at El Camino College, "What is the role of the newspaperman and the newspaper in today's society?"

Arlene Ellis, Warwhoop staff:
"I think the most important fact is that interpretive reporting is molding thinking today and the newspaper must be more rounded as a result. It is an important opinion maker and does have considerable effect."

Ron Hagen, Warrior Life staff:
"I think the most important role is to report to the public in the most accurate way possible. I go along with interpretive reporting because it makes the story more readable and interesting, and since most reporters are liberals, I like it even more."

Tim Forsyth, Warrior Life staff:
"The reporter's job is to bring the news to people in the most enlightening and interesting way. He should present news as thoughtfully and as honestly as he possibly can and still make his writing fluent and readable."

Bernie Miller, Warrior Life staff:
"I feel the newsman is a professional person and he is bound by the same ethics as a lawyer or doctor. He has an obligation to the people he writes about and the public he writes for not to be offensive or detrimental. His first obligation, however, is to truth — fact."

Kelly Cannon, Warwhoop staff:
"I think the newsman's primary responsibility is to give the news in an unbiased fashion. The editorial pages should contain opinions of the writer. The newsman should always strive to do the best job he possibly can do."

For Recall

City Clerk Gets Paper On Charges

The first step in proceedings to recall Mayor Albert Isen, a move publicly spearheaded by one of the 18 candidates for election to the City Council next Tuesday, was taken Tuesday night when Isen was served with an official notice of the move.

Isen was handed the papers after an intermission at the Tuesday City Council meeting. LeVane Forsythe, who earlier had demanded that Isen resign, handed the document to Isen in the city hall corridor, meeting one of the requirements of the California Elections Code. City Clerk Vernon Coll was served with a copy of the papers shortly before 2 p.m. yesterday, thus meeting the second requirement of the state election code. Isen branded the move a

publicity stunt at an earlier City Council meeting, and has said several times that the recall move will collapse after Tuesday's municipal election.

IN A BRIEF statement before this week's council session, Isen charged that several of the statements contained in the second report issued by Jack Goertzen, deputy attorney general, were not true. Some statements made about him in the report were based on "a mixture of hearsay, gossip, revenge, and a long-time personal antipathy," Isen charged.

Many of the allegations contained in the charges handed to Isen this week were drawn from this report, it has been indicated.

MANY RELIABLE city hall observers have put the recall drive down as a campaign stunt, and believe it will fade after Tuesday's balloting. Isen, elected to a third term in 1962, has two years remaining to serve as mayor. He has served the city as mayor since 1955.

If backers of the present recall move meet other legal requirements and begin circulating petitions, one fourth of all the registered voters in the city must sign to call an election.

That could mean, based on current registrations, that more than 11,000 signatures probably would be needed to bring on a recall election.

Many have questioned openly whether that many signatures could be obtained.

Police Pay Tribute to Ron Nicolai

Members of the Torrance Police Department paid tribute to a retiring officer Monday evening at the Elks Hall and presented him with a retirement badge and a large tool chest and tools.

Officer Ron Nicolai, who retired in January because of injuries sustained in an accident in December, 1962, was the guest of honor. Others present included assistant chief of police M. H. Porter, Capt. John Maestri, City Manager Ed Ferraro, and Judge Donald Armstrong.

City Councilmen George Vico, Nicholas Drale, J. A. Beasley, and Ken Miller, and former chief of police Willard Haslam also attended the dinner.

Nicolai joined the Torrance Police Department in 1957, following service on the Palos Verdes police force. He was assigned to the motor squad in 1961 and served there until his accident in 1962.

City Prosecutor C. F. "Monte" Catterlin outlined Nicolai's career during presentation ceremonies.

Board Puts Surplus Land Up for Bid

A "For Sale" sign is expected to go up on Hawthorne Avenue this week as the Torrance Unified School District puts a 1.8 acre parcel with a 280-foot front on Hawthorne Avenue on the block.

The land, located on the southwest corner of 186th Street and Hawthorne Avenue, has been declared surplus by the district and will be sold to the highest bidder.

The parcel contains nearly 80,000 square feet and is being put on the market for a minimum price of \$150,000. Bids will be received by the district May 4.

Oral bids will be accepted at the May 4 meeting if they are 5 per cent above the highest bid. A successful bidder must deposit 10 per cent of his bid.



RECORDS DESTROYED . . . City Clerk Vernon Coll and microfilm technician Joy DeLago were joined by Police Matron Jo Vaughn at the National Supply Co. incinerator Monday morning for a bonfire party. The three officials were charged with destroying city records covering the years 1929 to 1956. The records have been microfilmed to reduce storage space required to keep them. Coll was instructed to destroy the records by the City Council. (Herald Photo)

Red Cross Leaders Asking Support for Disaster Aid

Local residents wishing to aid victims of the Alaska disaster were urged to do so via the American National Red Cross this week.

Foodstuffs, clothing, bedding, etc. are not being accepted by Red Cross since Alaskan merchants have ample stocks on hand and Red Cross is purchasing all necessary items from them to help them stay in business, local leaders of the organization said.

To date more than \$6,000 has come from throughout the

Los Angeles area earmarked to Alaskan relief.

A LOCAL MAN has sent a check representing one day's work.

"I am so thankful to contribute this amount as I was living in Long Beach in 1933 when on March 10 the city was hit by a major earthquake and our place of abode was practically destroyed. The Red Cross went into action to care for many people who lost their homes and who did not have cooking facilities, or a place to sleep or care for their family. They located loved ones who were lost and helped all people to try and help themselves. Thanks to Red Cross for all the work they do for free."

ANOTHER CHECK was from a woman who included a note saying "This is for Alaska relief. I gave up my Easter bonnet to give it." The donor lives close to the area hit by recent brush fires. Another came from the heart of the Baldwin Hills disaster area.

As usual a 50-cent contribution came from "H.R.H." "As usual" because every time a disaster occurs this is one of the first contributors. This time he (or she) enclosed the following poem:

"My heart is saddened;
I shall continue to pray,
for to pray is right.
Even in the darkness,
There shall be light."
From La Canada, an area that barely escaped a recent brush fire, came a \$100 contribution.

raising campaign; the Red Cross is providing relief in three widely separated parts of the country . . . Alaska, California, and the Ohio Valley, and the best way people can help is to contribute funds; it is our job to make sure everyone is given the opportunity."

Among additional Red Cross staff sent to the Alaska disaster area were Hugh Gillis and Carolyn Murray, both members of the Los Angeles Red Cross Chapter staff. Gillis is working on shelter management and Miss Murray on communications coordination. They are among the more than 100 disaster specialists flown to Alaska from various Red Cross chapters throughout the nation to assist the eight Alaska Red Cross chapters in coping with the massive emergency job.

ALLEN R. QUIGNON, disaster chairman for the Torrance Red Cross office worked the weekend of the disaster to take the phone calls from anxious relatives of persons in Alaska and Crescent City. These were then dispatched by teletype and airlift with scores of volunteers and staff handling the processing.

Board Members Go to Houston

Bert M. Lynn, president of the Torrance Board of Education, and trustee William Hanson will attend the convention of the National School Boards Assn. in Houston, Texas, April 25 to 28.

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One Victim Breaks Leg In Struggle

A lone bandit fled from a Torrance restaurant with \$450 in cash after being kicked in the head by a deliveryman in the pre-dawn hours Monday. The deliveryman suffered a leg fracture as a result of his attempt to break up the robbery.

The deliveryman, Robert Probst, 32, of Los Angeles, walked into Bob's Big Boy Restaurant at 18120 Hawthorne Ave. shortly before 4 a.m. Monday while the robbery was in progress. The gunman was holding three employees at bay after getting some \$450.

Police said the gunman, described as a man in his early 40s, wore a stocking over his head and was heavily daubed with pancake makeup. He ordered the three employees and Probst outside and into the delivery van.

WHILE GETTING onto the rear platform of his truck, Probst suddenly turned and kicked the gunman in the head, then fell to the ground. The gunman was knocked down, but recovered and ordered cook Fred B. Scalza and the two other employees to help Probst into the truck.

The gunman then locked the four in the truck and left with his loot.

Officers said the victims opened the truck from the inside and called police and aid for Probst. Probst was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment of two fractures of the leg.

EARLIER SUNDAY evening, two bandits entered a liquor store at 1833 Prairie Ave., and got away with \$150 in cash.

Victims Mary and Samuel J. Pascale said the holdup men were very nervous during the time they were in the store.

A Torrance man was picked up for questioning early Tuesday morning in yet another liquor store robbery. Police said two men entered a store located at 23421 S. Western Ave. late Monday evening and ordered soft drinks.

When the clerk, B. E. Johnson, 36, opened the cash register, a gun was pulled and \$380 taken from the cash drawer. Police arrested the suspect less than two hours after the robbery.

New Year's Eve Slayer 'Guilty'

A Torrance man accused of shooting his neighbor to climax a New Year's Eve celebration has been found guilty of manslaughter by a Long Beach Superior Court judge.

Edward Eugene Newton, 45, who lives at 1446 W. 218th St., had pleaded innocent to murder, and Monday waived a

Board Votes Support for Drill Teams

Guidelines which will permit the student body organizations in the city's four high schools to establish drill teams for football season received enthusiastic support from the Board of Education this week.

The board approved the guidelines and gave the four schools the option of establishing drill teams of up to 50 members. Costs to the district will be limited to transportation for two away games and two parades.

The policy will leave the final decision to sponsor drill teams to each high school. The student body organization may spend up to \$10 per girl on uniforms.

Drill teams will be limited to one physical education class during the first quarter of the school year.

Dr. Robert Ford, principal of West High, told The HERALD yesterday he would meet with staff members tomorrow to discuss plans for a drill team. "We probably will establish a drill team," he said.

The request for drill teams originated at West High when students wrote to Bert M. Lynn, president of the Board of Education. Other schools in the district may follow the Warrior lead and sponsor their own drill teams.

Principal Will Attend Meeting

Lester Foster, principal of the Columbia School, will attend the 15th annual conference of the California Council for Retarded Children.

The conference will be held at Richardson Springs, Calif., from May 21 to 23.

jury trial to ask Superior Court Judge Maurice C. Sparling to decide the case on the material offered at the preliminary hearing.

It was brought out that Newton had fired a rifle bullet into Winnie W. Quinn, 57, of 1438 W. 218th St., shortly after midnight. Quinn had been honking a car horn to greet the New Year when Newton and his wife arrived home. An argument broke out and ended in the shooting.

Judge Sparling noted that the killing was impulsive and not a premeditated act. Newton must return before the court for sentencing on April 27. A maximum prison sentence of 10 years could be imposed.

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KITE DAY . . . Glenn Johnson, 9, son of Edward Johnson, 3201 W. 180th St., member of the Mohawk Foxes Y-Indian Guides Tribe, readies his kite for the Torrance YMCA's annual Kite Day scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday at Peck Park in San Pedro. (Herald Photo)