

New City Treasurer Appointed

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CITY POLICE CHANGES TOLD

A Penny for your Thoughts

With all the national sound and fury about the Republican National Convention dominating the news media, the Pennies photographer asked several area housewives if they had been following the Convention on television, or in the newspapers.

Mrs. Jo Ann Phillips, 19528 Caney:

"I work and this is my vacation so I have been spending all my time outdoors. But I have been following it in the newspapers. It is already rather cut and dry—like a kangaroo court."

Mrs. Judy Underhill, 1624 Cabrillo:

"I've been watching it a bit on TV. The coverage is wonderful. I'm glad to see TV is doing such a good job. I think Channel 7 has real good coverage. I would like to see more coverage of national events on television."

Mrs. Richard Cramolini, North Torrance:

"I wish my husband was here to give you an intelligent answer. I am watching it on television. We watch Brinkley Channel 4. I think I enjoy watching it on TV because we like Goldwater."

Mrs. Edward Brandt, 21913 Fonthill:

"I've not been home much to follow it on TV, but mostly read the L. A. Times. Their coverage is as good as any newspaper coverage can be. I follow it because I'm interested, although there isn't any contest. It's all sewed up! Scranton isn't going to get any place."

Mrs. Ronald Jones, 2514 W. 181 St.:

"I saw just a little bit of the convention at my in-laws last night, but I haven't been home much to watch. I think it's your duty to follow it. It's a chance in a lifetime, and it is your responsibility to watch. Everybody thinks it's a runaway for Goldwater. I'm interested in who the vice presidential nominee will be."



HARRIETT V. LEECH Resigned Tuesday



THOMAS C. RUPERT New Treasurer

Harriett Leech Quits City Post

Thomas C. Rupert, a 32-year-old businessman, was sworn in as the new city treasurer at 10:30 this morning following the surprise resignation of Mrs. Harriett V. Leech last night.

Mrs. Leech, city treasurer for 19 years, resigned because of illness. She has been ill for several years, and presently is confined to her home. Under the provisions of the city charter, councilmen accepted the resignation and then appointed Rupert to the post. Rupert was sworn into office by City Clerk Vernon W. Coil.

CO-OWNER of the Space Age Travel and Tours agency in Torrance, Rupert finished second in the race for treasurer in 1962. He has lived in Torrance since 1955, and in the Southwest area for most of his life.

A member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Rupert also is active in the Southwood Little League and in PTA. Married and the father of two children, Rupert lives at 21902 Grant Ave.

IN OTHER appointments last night, the council named Jack Schmidt, owner of Paradise Realty, to fill the vacancy on the city's Planning Commission. Schmidt, a past president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, has been active in civic affairs for many years.

Schmidt replaces John D. Haidinger on the commission. Haidinger was dismissed by a 4-3 vote of the council three weeks ago when councilmen charged him with "lobbying." City Manager Edward Ferraro announced the appointment of Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. to the County Economy and Efficiency in Government Committee. Sciarrotta was named to the committee, which reviews and suggests ways to improve county government, by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Chief Moves To Develop New Leaders

In a move to correct what he called "a glaring deficiency in lack of staff in the Chief's office," the city's new police chief this week announced the selection of six police officers to participate in a three-year, long range administrative trainee program, and put two at the final step of the program in his office.

In a memorandum directed to City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, Chief Walter R. Koenig announced the assignment of Officers Don Feil and Mel Hone to the post of "analytical officers" and said they would serve a six-month tour of duty in the office of the chief, performing as administrative assistants.

Others selected for the training program will serve periods of duty in traffic, juvenile, detectives, and the special service divisions, Chief Koenig reported.

AT THE SAME time, Chief Koenig announced the organization of the entire department into three divisions to be headed by ranking officers directly under him.

Assistant Chief M. H. Porter was named to head up the Line Division and will be responsible for all the field functions of the force. Captain John Maestri is named to head up the Staff Division and each officer has been called on "to reorganize each of their divisions to secure maximum efficiency," Chief Koenig said.

A THIRD division for administration will be retained under the direct control of Chief Koenig, and will include all functions of a pure administrative nature and (Continued on Page 6)

4 Hurt On City Streets

A 24-year-old Wilmington man was taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital Monday afternoon after he was injured while riding his light foreign model motorcycle on Crenshaw Boulevard about 300 feet south of 253rd Street.

Richard Julian Pawlowski suffered minor injuries in the accident.

In another accident Monday afternoon, Bruce Kent Tomseth, 10, of 22423 Susanna, suffered major injuries and was taken by his mother to Little Company of Mary Hospital after he was involved in an accident while riding his bicycle in the South High School parking lot driveway west entrance just north of Pacific Coast Highway.

Driver of a pickup truck involved was Ardyth Ellen Lanier, 37, of 22404 Ellinwood Drive. The youth suffered a simple fracture of the left lower leg bone, police said.

The accidents occurred about 35 minutes apart, the motorcyclist being injured at 3:30 p.m.

TWO PERSONS were hospitalized Tuesday afternoon after a three-car accident on the San Diego Freeway off-ramp at 190th Street.

Taken by ambulance to South Bay Hospital were Harold Clifford Unrue, 50, one of the drivers who suffered minor injuries, and his passenger, Helen Unrue, 38, who suffered major injuries, both of 5526 Towers St.

Driver of the other two vehicles involved were Patricia Jane Turner, 16, of 3843 W. 180th Place, a saleswoman, and Dominick John Capuano, 30, of 3112 W. 181st St., a mechanical operator.

OP Swimmin' Hole Closed By the Law

When it's summer time, school's out and the weather is warm a boy's thoughts turn to swimming.

Yesterday afternoon in north Torrance the thoughts of nine boys turned to swimming so that's what they did. Police took a dim view of their choice of swimming hole. It was the swimming pool of an unoccupied home.

The youths, ranging in age from 11 to 14, promised they would stay off the property.



VOLUNTEER WORK . . . Volunteer workers helping Bert M. Lynn build the new concession stand at the West High Stadium take a quick look at the blueprints before going to work on the roof. Shown are Norm Caisse, who directed the masonry work; Frank Burk, Lynn, and John Mangiagli. Lynn promised the West High PTA he'd get the stand built when he was president of the Board of Education last year. (Press-Herald Photo)

Mother Saves 2-Year-Old From Swim Pool Tragedy

A mother saved her two-year-old son's life Monday afternoon after she found the boy unconscious and floating in the swimming pool at his grandmother's home.

Mrs. Jo Ann Dohlen of 18245 Regina pulled her son, Howard, from the pool and administered artificial respiration. He was conscious and breathing normally when the Torrance Fire Department rescue unit arrived on the scene. The accident occurred about 3:30 p.m. at 18229 Roslyn Ave. Mrs. Dohlen told police for a checkup.

Rogers Admitted

Gene Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Rogers Sr., 22733 S. Main St., has been admitted to Shimer College, Mount Carroll, Ill.

A Freezer Unfroze

Electricity in his home was turned off while he was on vacation, causing his freezer to defrost, Frank F. Jurkovich, 4705 Cathann, complained to police Monday.

You've Missed Your Calling, Your Honor

Mayor Albert Isen acted the role of an auctioneer at last night's session of the City Council, and the city's recreation fund profited to the tune of \$10,300.

That was the amount Mrs. Audrey Kirner paid for a parcel of surplus city property on Paseo de Gracia between Paseo de las Delicias and Via Buena Ventura.

Mrs. Kirner outbid David B. Halstead for the land—getting encouragement from the mayor, whose only interest was in getting as much as he could from the property.

"You're in the wrong business," George Vico told Mayor Isen at the end of the bidding.

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Police Seek Area Sniper

A sniper fired into a Torrance home early Tuesday morning. The bullet entered a front window, went through a wall and into a bedroom where it ricocheted against a ceiling at 5011 Lee St. An occupant of the house, Jerry Pearson, 17, said he ran out and saw a car speeding down the street. Other sniping incidents have been reported this week in the nearby South Bay.

Phoneman Loses to Thief

A telephone company coin collector came in second at a Pacific Coast Highway phone, he told police yesterday. He said someone had beat him to the phone's coin box with a pick and tension bar and had left with an estimated \$17 in coins. The box was replaced, he added.

High-Rise Endorsed

Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce have voted to endorse the proposed high-rise apartment development on the site of the old Riviera Club, the Press-Herald has learned. Details of the meeting were not known at press time.

Motel Bandit Gets \$930

A motel at 4111 Pacific Coast Hwy. was robbed of \$930 in cash early Monday by a bandit who was never seen. Night clerk Kenneth B. Perry said he received a telephone call instructing him to take the cash box to a nearby room and then go to an adjoining room. Perry complied and waited about four minutes before coming out to call police.



HONOR FLAG . . . It was a proud day for employees at Torrance's Hi-Shear Corp. plant this week when they were presented a flag in recognition of their part in making critical parts for the Gemini Launch Vehicle program. Taking part in ceremonies were, left to right, Col. Richard C. Dineen, Gemini Launch Vehicle director; George S. Wing, Hi-Shear president; Bastian "Buzz" Hello, Martin Co. of Baltimore Gemini program director; Ted Olson, Torrance city councilman. (Press-Herald photo)