

Police Protection

Editor  
Torrance Press  
In your May 13 issue you printed a letter written by William D. Truair which interested me very much.

I would like to add my complaint about our police protection and hope you will see fit to print it.

That same night (Thursday) as I returned home shortly after midnight and as I was preparing to put our car in the garage I was frightened almost out of my wits by being approached by a strange man.

It seems he had been sitting around waiting, goodness knows how long, for some one to return home. He did not introduce himself, nor want to state his business.

As it happened he wanted some one for a minor traffic charge, who does not even live at this address. Only at the very last did the man identify himself as a police officer.

Mr. Truair is so right when he says we do not have enough police protection when we really need it, but why do we have enough police personnel who sit for hours waiting to pounce on someone for a minor traffic charge who wasn't even the right party?

(Signed)  
PAULINE M. EVERT  
17404 Elgar avenue

Chuckie Smith Campaign

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF TORRANCE:

The result of the recent campaign on behalf of the stricken "Chuckie" was so spontaneous and generous that words fail me in my effort to express my personal appreciation, and that of my fellow officers, to you all for your support of this most deserving and worthy cause.

We were asked also, to convey the grateful appreciation of the parents of the unfortunate victim Chuckie, to any and all who in any manner helped to lighten the burden of the long and expensive illness of their loved one that they have been forced to endure.

Knowing that you have helped is your reward.

To you all again for your generosity, your help, and your prayers, go the thanks of the family, and the department.

Gratefully and sincerely yours,  
(Signed)  
SGT. JOHN MAESTRI  
Torrance Police Dept.

5 Local Boys Take Part In Big Maneuver

Five local boys will be with the 44th Infantry Division and supporting units from all over the United States, when they take part in the largest joint Army-Air maneuver ever to take place in the Pacific Northwest, according to Army sources. This maneuver to be known as "Exercise Hill Top," will take place at Yakima, Washington during May.

Those participating from this area are Cpl. David Marston, 23, whose wife, Ethel, lives at 1035 West 256th street, Harbor City; Pfc. Granville W. Kulp, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer B. Kulp, of 113 West 214th street, Torrance; Capt. Harry F. Green, son of Mrs. Ada W. Green, 1622 West Carson street, Torrance; Pvt. Robert A. Perry, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Perry, of 1403 Madrid avenue, Torrance; and Cpl. Gordon M. Groves, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Groves, Jr., 25841 Narbonne avenue, Lomita.

The exercise will be in three stages, beginning with a build-up of supplies and personnel in the maneuver area. Regimental combat teams, strengthened by tanks and artillery, will then move into the attack against the aggressor. Finally, the entire division and support groups, including tactical air support, will go into action as a single unit.

An umpire team will declare casualties and changes in the tactical situation as the exercise progresses.

DOUGLAS AWARDED 'OSCAR'

For its introduction of mobile cafeteria trains, said to be the most revolutionary mass feeding innovation in more than a decade, the El Segundo, California division of Douglas Aircraft company this week was named to receive one of the nation's top annual food service awards.

Result of a nationwide contest conducted by Institutions Magazine to determine the country's outstanding kitchens and dining rooms, according to Publisher O. T. Carson,

DEAR EDITOR....

RUBBER CHECKS



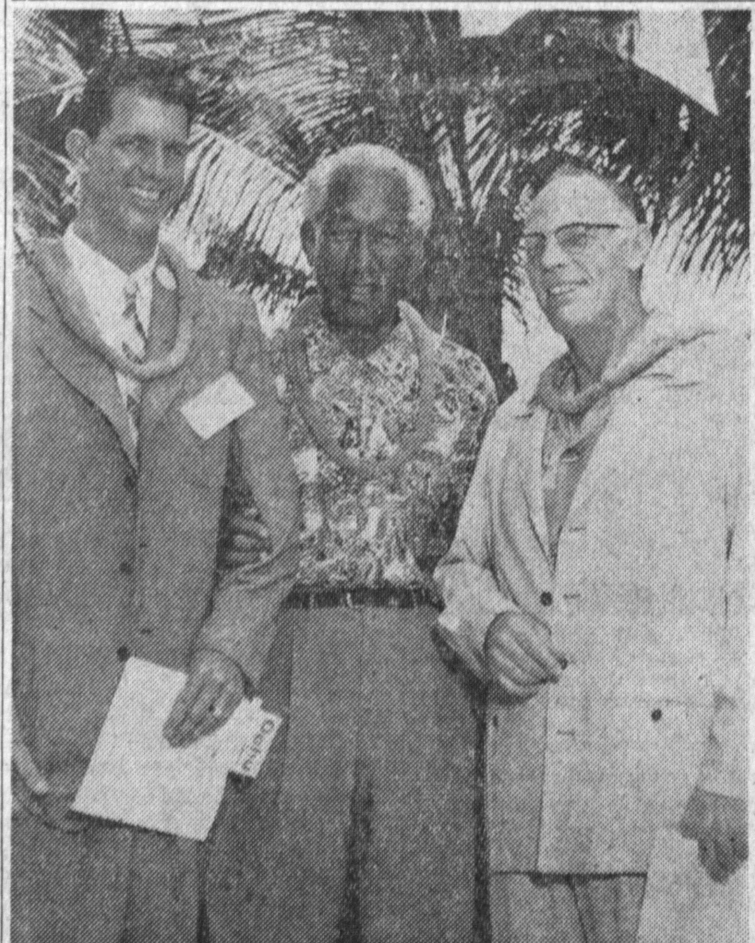
P. BENNETT

Money is harder to come by, so more people are trying to get it the easy way.

This is true in the case of fraudulent checks cashed with the deliberate intention of fleecing the business man who accepts them. They are not to be confused with legitimate checks turned down by the banks because the account they are drawn on doesn't have enough money in it to honor the check. There are, however, numerous instances of not sufficient fund checks being cashed.

It is estimated that about ninety per cent of all money transactions in the country are handled by check. It is not surprising, therefore, there is a fertile field for forgers and passers of phoney bank drafts, counterfeit checks, alterations of dates, forged signatures, and checks drawn on non-existent banks or non-existent accounts. Considering the increase in population, Torrance has been very fortunate in keeping down the number of phoney checks as compared with some of our neighboring cities.

Changing good dollars for worthless checks can be helped if the person cashing checks will not be swayed by hard luck tales, casual acquaintances, and friendship with an official of the company.



TORRANCE RESIDENTS LEAVE GUAM—Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. J. G. Williams, USN, and their daughter Barbara Ann get ready to board the Navy transport USNS Barrett. The chief recently completed a 30-month tour of duty on the island of Guam. The Williams live at 1703 Schillings Dr., Torrance.

DATES SET FOR YWCA TEEN CAMP

The YWCA summer program for teen age girls at Camp Tahquitz Meadows, a 160-acre wooded camp near Idyllwild, will be under the direction of Mrs. Esther C. Morgan, executive director of YWCA Camping Council of Southern California, whose headquarters are

the Los Angeles YW at 696 S. Catalina street.

The program opens June 28, and there will be eight camping sessions during the summer, continuing through September 2, according to Mrs. Larry Lightner, chairman of the Harbor area camp committee. The program is for girls 11 to 18 years of age, and registrations are now being accepted at the local YWCA, Mrs. Lightner said.

Never cash a check made payable to cash unless you know the holder as a regular customer.

Do not cash checks older than thirty days as payment may have been stopped on them.

Checks dated ahead won't be accepted by banks and are invalid.

If a check has been previously endorsed ask the holder to sign his name again in your presence.

If in doubt about the validity of the check don't be in a hurry to cash it. If the applicant is a crook he won't be back.

It will also be most helpful to take several seconds longer to compare the identification. Usually it will be a driver's license. If so, compare the description of the license with that of the person cashing the check. Make a notation on the check as to the driver's license number, and if possible obtain the car license, when groceries are carried out to the car by the grocery boy.

A large grocery chain has just recently installed a photographic machine that not only photographs the check but also photographs the person cashing it. This photo is not only used if the check bounces. Since the installation of this machine phoney checks have been cut down over seventy per cent. In two instances already this machine has been the means of identifying the check casher. With the picture it shows the person you are looking for even though the name may be fictitious.

Your police department is interested in your checks that are returned to you so turn them in as there may be other such checks that we are aware of. You may be helpful in not only apprehending the check passer but saving some other merchant from a similar loss. (Signed) DET. SGT. PERCY BENNETT

King Makes Business Directory Available

Congressman Cecil R. King today announced that his office has available to businessmen of the 17th District a supply of the new "U.S. Government Purchasing Directory," the first complete guide to the military and civilian purchasing activities of Uncle Sam.

The directory lists more than 4,000 items covering over 5,000,000 products and services purchased by the federal government, and shows which agencies buy them and which purchasing offices do the buying.

In addition to telling "Who Buys What and Where in the Federal Government," the directory provides small firms with information regarding purchasing methods; how to obtain listings on agency bidders lists; suggests ways of locating subcontracting opportunities,

and explains the various forms of assistance Uncle Sam gives to small business firms.

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School Play Program Closes For One Week

The Torrance recreation department announced today that the after-school recreation programs at Perry, Seaside, and Waverly elementary schools would close on June 11 and remain closed until the summer recreation program starts on June 21.

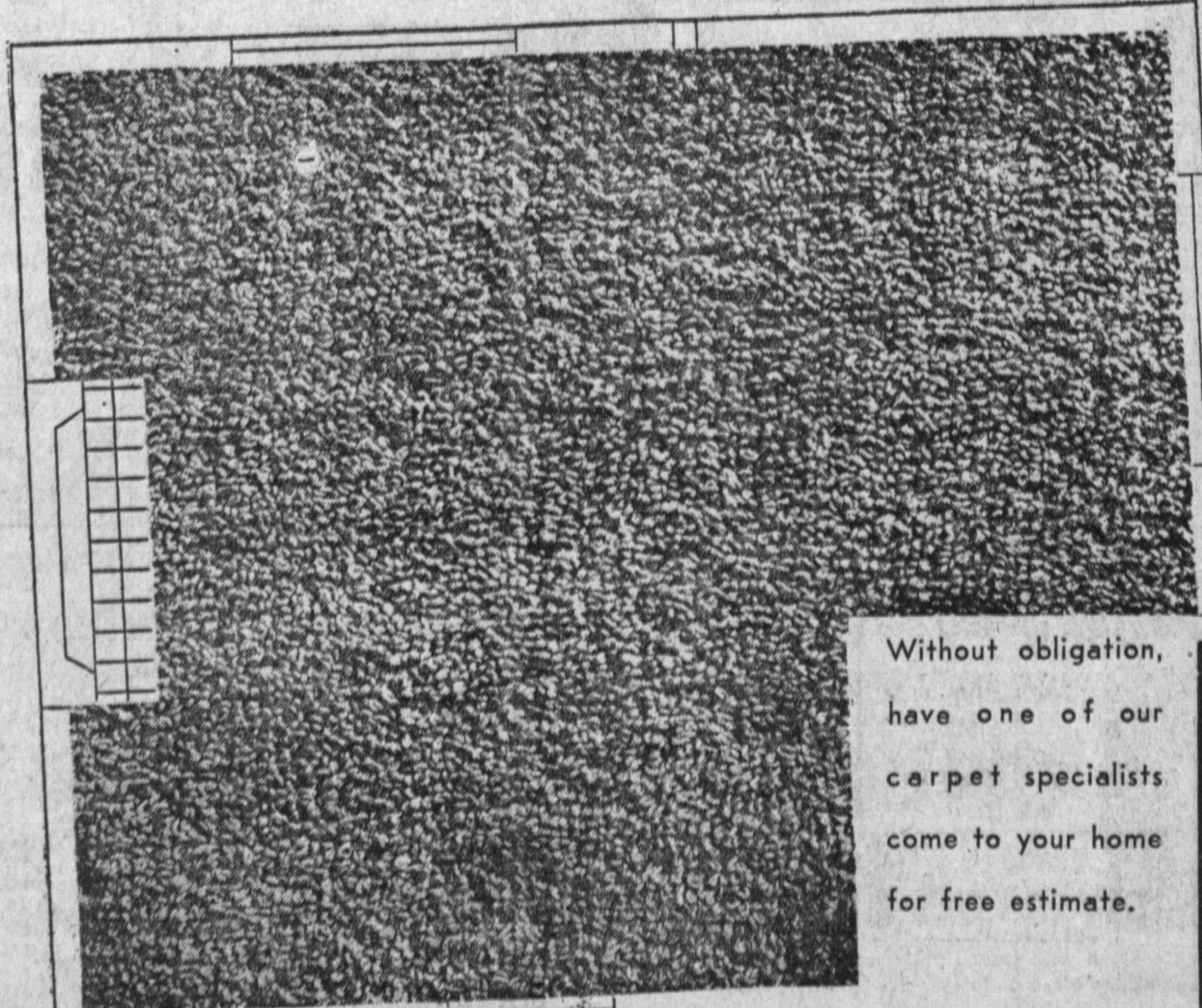
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