

2 Youths Admit 18 Burglaries

Alertness on the part of a Waleria resident led to the arrest of two juveniles, 15 and 16 years old, who have been responsible for 18 residential and business burglaries over a one-year period in the Waleria district.

A resident, seeing the two youths hiding in the bushes at Verd's cafe on Pacific Coast hwy., called police and kept them informed as to the movements of the boys as they started to burglarize the cafe.

Officers John Hahn and Bob Wright rushed to the scene and made the arrest, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton. Ashton said the boys admitted committing the many burglaries in the Waleria area during the past year.

HOYT HEADS CIVIC GROUP

Elected to head the Waleria Civic association for the coming year was Clarence Hoyt, president.

Other officers elected include W. M. Crowe, vice president; Mrs. Bessie Slonecker, secretary; and Mrs. John Hoyt, treasurer.

Every Dollar Returned 4-Fold In Red Cross Drive

In its blood program alone, the Red Cross membership campaign now in full operation, offers Torrance contributors more than a fourfold return on every dollar they give, Albert Isen, area chairman, announced this week.

With a total of 2,212 pints of blood valued at \$53,025 deposited in Torrance hospitals last year, the Red Cross annual fund campaign has set an area goal of \$13,900, approximately one-fourth the blood value, to support its many public services in 1955.

"The blood service program points up how Red Cross serves you best," Isen said, "by the cooperative effort of subscribers, donors and volunteers giving in the spirit of people helping people — when the need may mean life or death."

Climbing to a new peak in 1954, the blood service distributed 120,453 pints to Los Angeles and Orange county hospitals which received 66 percent of their blood from Red Cross. In addition, 46,701 pints were turned over to the Defense department for stockpiling against a national emergency. A monthly quota of 15,000 pints is necessary to meet these requirements.

"When you give to Red Cross, you give for patients in hospitals and victims of accidents, fire and explosion," Isen declared, "and you get blood for you and yours when needed."

Red Cross recruits, collects, processes and delivers blood to more than 150 hospitals in Los Angeles and Orange counties through the efforts of blood program volunteers who serve at least 10,000 hours monthly without pay. All cost is borne by Red Cross and no charge is made for the blood itself.

Chief collection point is the Blood Center, 1130 S. Vermont, which operates six days a week as well as maintaining a 24-hour standby service.

Work Under Way On New Narbonne Hi

With the awarding of the contract last week, grading of the site for the new Narbonne high school is expected to get under way immediately, it was disclosed. The new school will be located north of Lomita boulevard and east of Western avenue.

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held Monday, March 7, at 1 p.m.

Contract for the job was awarded to Westway Excavating company on a low bid of \$76,947.

The work includes filling, grading, and street improvements at the 37-acre site. The project will eventually include a complete \$4,500,000 high school.

John McGinnis, assistant director of educational housing for the Board of Education, said that actual construction of the school buildings is expected to follow the completion of grading.

Officials have estimated that it will take a year of construction to get the school ready for its first students. Tentative plans call for the switch to be made in September 1956. The present plant will then be used exclusively as a junior high school.

Funds to prepare the school on an "initial basis" were provided in the 1952 bond issue. Funds to complete the school for an eventual enrollment of 2500 students are included in the bond issue on the April 5 ballot.

'Country Girl' Shows Again

"The Country Girl," noteworthy production of the Hampton Players, goes into its second week at Redondo high school auditorium this Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, with the curtain going up at 8:30 p.m.

Little theatre enthusiasts of Torrance and surrounding areas who didn't attend last week end, are planning theater parties and groups this week to see the popular players in this well-known production.

Bob Farnsworth directed the play, written by Clifford Odets. Starring in the male lead is Carl Rogers, while taking the part of his understanding wife, "Georgie" is Dorothy Tunis.

Tickets may be purchased at the auditorium, or for information F. 4-9869 or FR. 5-2371 may be called.

Lomita Man In Winter Maneuvers

PFC Harold F. Berry Jr., 21, son of Mrs. Wanda Rawley, 2240 - 247th st., Lomita, has completed a phase of the cold-weather training exercises held by the 4th Infantry Division in Germany.

The "Ivy" division's winter maneuvers are part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's preparedness for the defense of Western Europe.

Berry, a cook in the 22d Regiment's Company G, arrived overseas last August after completing basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. He entered the Army in February, 1954.

Don't Become Dental Cripple, Warns Berke

If your child follows the usual pattern, he may well be a dental cripple by the time he is in his 40's.

There is little or no excuse for this prospect. But the fact is, according to recent studies, that the average individual, by the time he is 41, is likely to have 19 missing, decayed or filled teeth.

This is the warning being sounded this week by the Council on Dental Health of the third district of the Los Angeles County Dental Society, as the group observes the 7th annual Dental Health Week.

Called "Shocking" in children and young adults is "shocking," Dr. Arthur Berke, district chairman of the week-long program, reported. "It is estimated that 40 per cent of our children have had at least one permanent tooth extracted by the age of 14; that at age 35, one-quarter to one-half of the population has or should have artificial dentures."

"Dental disease," he said, "affects 90 to 95 per cent of the population." Yet, dental disease is readily preventable.

Dr. Berke pointed out, stating that with the knowledge at hand, we can control and prevent as high as 90 per cent of the dental troubles of the average family.

Proper Habits According to Dr. Berke, the most effective approach to the nation's dental disease problem "lies in instilling the right kind of dental health habits in our children early in life and in making available to them sound preventive measures."

These include: 1) A balanced diet low in sweets; 2) Proper toothbrushing after eating; 3) Early and regular treatment to control and prevent dental disorders and 4) fluoridation of community water supplies.

Union Carbide's Plant Investment Tops Billion

For the fourth consecutive year, Union Carbide and Carbon corporation spent over \$100 million on new construction, according to the corporation's annual report which was mailed to stockholders over the weekend. The 1954 expenditure of \$111,427,800 gross plant investment to over \$1-1/4 billion.

A total of \$968 million has been spent on construction during the past 10 years, the report indicated. More than half of this was for facilities for the production of chemicals and plastics. About 28 per cent was for alloys and metals; 11 per cent for industrial gases and carbide; and 7 per cent for carbon products.

Increased Sales As previously reported, the Corporation's sales in 1954 amounted to \$923,693,379, as compared with \$1,025,833,041 in 1953. Net income was \$89,779,271, or \$3.10 a share. This compared with net income of \$102,783,442, or \$3.55 a share, in 1953.

The reduction in net income was attributed to a decline in the sale of products closely related to the steel industry, which was reversed during the final quarter of the year, and higher charges for depreciation and amortization on new production facilities.

Memorial Poppies Making of the memorial poppies which Americans will wear on Poppy Day in May in honor to the nation's war dead, is going forward rapidly in veterans hospitals and convalescent workrooms in many parts of the country, Mrs. Alice Thompson, poppy chairman of Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 of the American Legion Auxiliary, has reported.

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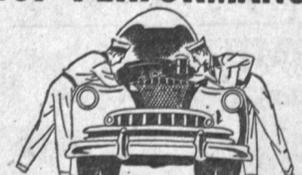
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