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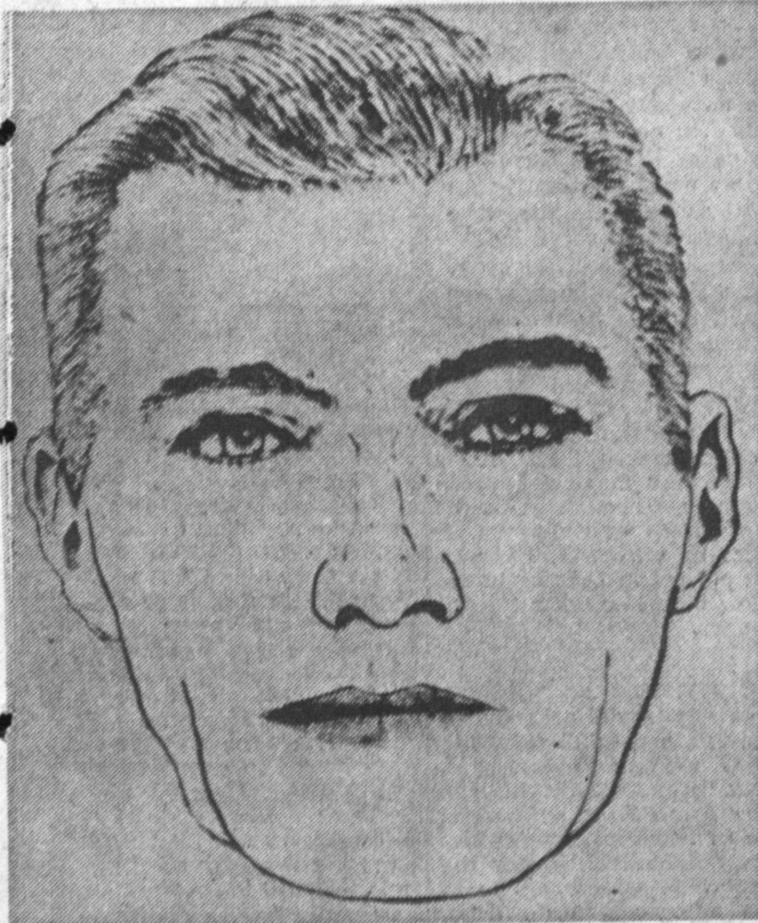
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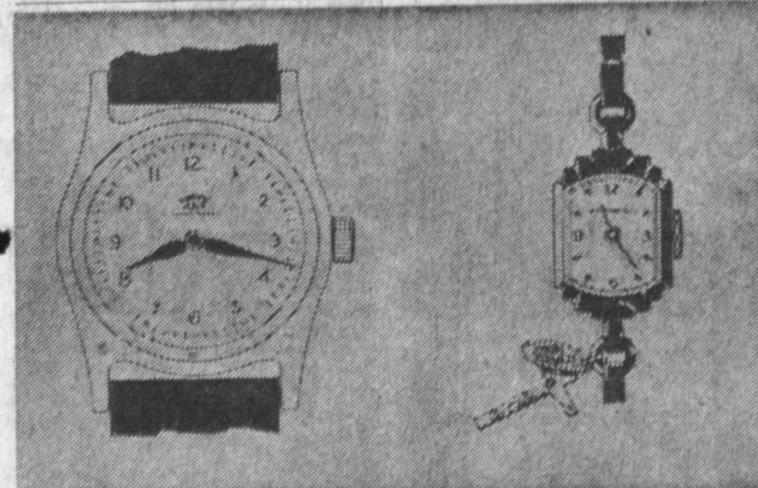
EL SEGUNDO KILLINGS

POLICE ASK NEW AID IN MURDERER HUNT HERE



LATEST SKETCH OF SUSPECT

Above is the latest sketch released by law enforcement officials, which according to witnesses, is even a better likeness than the one released immediately after the murders.



HAVE YOU SEEN THESE WATCHES?

The above watches, police hope might just be in this area, are a white metal Wittnauer lady's wrist watch, 17 jewel, white face, white gold numerals; white metal expansion band with white metal crucifix and blue enamel 'Miraculous Medal' attached. The boy's watch is a white metal Tower waterproof wrist watch, white face, black numerals and hands. No second hand. White metal expansion band.

Overpass for Students At South High Studied

391 parents of children who will attend the new South High School in Torrance presented the City Council with a petition Tuesday night, requesting that an overpass be built on Pacific Coast Highway for the use of students attending the school.

Safety for Children
The parents requested that the pedestrian overpass be constructed in the 4600 block of Pacific Coast Highway. The petitioners said the overpass would provide greater safety for the children than an underpass because underground passageways "often contribute to immoral conduct and malicious behavior."

Copies of the petition also were sent to the Torrance Unified School District Board

of Education and the State Division of Highways. Councilman referred the matter to the Board of Education, pointing out that the school district selected the location of the school and they should ask the State for permission to build the passageway.

It was estimated that it would take two years to gain approval of the matter and build the overpass.

Delay in New School
Meanwhile, it was learned from the Board of Education that the new high school would not be completed in the fall as originally announced.

The Board declared that the recent building trade's strike will prevent the main buildings from being completed until the early part of next year.

DOWNTOWN STORES OPEN MONDAY EVES

Monday night is the beginning of Downtown Torrance Retail Merchants' Gold Rush Days. And it's also the night that all downtown stores will remain open until 9 p.m. Most merchants will participate in the celebration by offering a cash prize of \$100.00 plus many other prizes of merchandise.

Shoppers will need only pick up tickets in the stores where they may be shopping and deposit them in a place provided. Winners will be announced each week.

ALL POINT POLICE APPEAL

Another urgent appeal for public assistance in obtaining any information regarding the person who murdered two El Segundo Police Officers on July 22 was issued yesterday by the Sheriff's Department.

New leads indicate citizens in the Torrance area might possibly be able to furnish valuable information to law enforcement agencies working on the case.

New Clues
Below are pictures of two watches the suspect took in a robbery of four teenagers just prior to the double murder. It is believed that these watches may now be in the possession of persons in this area who could give police information about the crime. They surmise that the suspect probably has disposed of them.

Pictured also is a new composite drawing of the suspect. Witnesses feel that this sketch is a better likeness than the one made and released immediately after the crime. The physical description of the man remains the same with the exception of his hair. It was first described as blonde but is now believed to be light brown.

Rapes Girl Before Murder
The suspect, described as being 25 to 30 years old 190 lbs., 6' to 6'2" with light brown hair combed back in pompadour style, forced two girls and two boys parked on a "Lover's Lane" to disrobe at gun point. He then raped one of the girls and after taking the victims wallets and watches escaped with their car.

Twenty minutes later, the suspect murdered two police officers when he was stopped for a minor traffic violation, while driving the stolen car.

Citizens Warned
The police said the names and identities of anyone giving information to police will be kept in strictest confidence. They also warned that persons who have pertinent information to this appeal take no action themselves, but rather place a collect call to either the Sheriff's Office or the El Segundo Police Department.

New Suspect
Torrance Police early yesterday morning arrested a man who declared he was the murderer of the two El Segundo police.

Louis Eldon Konkler, 20, of (Turn to Page 3)

New School Will Open On Sept. 12

Parkway school, 220 Via Riviera will become the 22nd elementary school in Torrance when it opens its doors for the first time on September 12.

Principal Tony Baratta with a staff of 19 teachers will greet approximately 650 students who previously attended Riviera and Newton schools. The opening of Parkway will relieve double sessions at Newton and Riviera.

The new facility will have 16 classrooms, two kindergarten rooms, administration building and a multi-purpose room which serves as a cafeteria and auditorium.

Students who are new to Torrance should enroll as soon as possible between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. kindergarten children should also enroll if they are five years of age on or before December 2, 1957. Verification of birth is necessary when enrolling.

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Park, Airport Funds Sought

Tonight at 7:30 p.m., at the city hall, representatives of Torrance service clubs, PTA, and city government will meet to plan a campaign to provide more money for development of parks and the city airport.

At the city hall meeting, a promote a yes vote at a special bond election Oct. 29.

The bonds are needed to supply funds for buying new park sites and airport expansion.

Robert K. Rogers, administrative assistant, will present the case of the airport, and Henry Van Bellehem, recreation director, will outline the need for new parks.

Mayor Albert Isen has said that unless the park bond issue is passed, "our young people will be married and gone before adequate facilities might be available."

Fashion Fun Begins Today

Maude Miller's column 'Fashion Fun' begins today in the Torrance Press, and will be a regular feature every week.

Mrs. Miller plans to discuss every phase of fashion, from the latest in fads and fashions to the classic costume that every woman should have in her wardrobe.

This fascinating feature begins on page 27.

REGISTER REMINDER

Tomorrow is the last day for citizens to register in order to vote in the Special Municipal Election to be held on October 29.

Community Chest Appeal Mapped by Civic Leaders

"If we don't, as a public, support the Community Chest, the welfare work accomplished by the Chest will have to be supported by taxation. This would be unfortunate, as the work is handled so much more efficiently by volunteer workers than if done by a paid organization."

Raft Lehi On Display In Welteria

Over the last few months, the exploits of the Raft Lehi III have made headlines the world over. Now, the raft is creating quite a sensation high and dry in the car lot of Oscar Maples Inc. at the corner of Highway 101 and Hawthorne Blvd. in Welteria.

Erratic Ventures
The unique structure is attracting crowds who have followed its erratic sea faring ventures from San Francisco to Santa Monica. And the final anchor is not yet ready to be weighed. That is, unless the city council of Redondo Beach will authorize it being cast off from its shores in a blaze of publicity and glory.

DeVere Baker, the skipper of raft says that it is designed to prove that it is possible for a semitic or European race to found civilization in other parts of the world. And the raft, theoretically, will follow the

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7 Entrants for Lomita City Race

Candidates for the Lomita City Council must file today at noon with the County Clerk, officials said, if they wish to run in the special election on October 29.

Thus far, seven persons have filed with the County Clerk. A five member council will be chosen and will take office if incorporation is approved by Lomita voters at the election.

In the running are Norris I. Perry, of 1801 W. 257th St., E. E. (Snuffy) Smith, of 25340 Narbonne ave., A. E. (Doc) Cook, of 24314 Alliene st., Clyde Bernhardt, 1914 W. 262nd st., Ray Ferrin of 1836 W. 254th st., G. L. Mobley, of 2467 W. 253rd st., and Kenneth Gibson, of 24302 Alliene st.

WANTED: 2 GIRLS FOR TV

When found, two local girls may have an opportunity to partake of fame and fortune in the world of television.

The Jessie James Stores, who sponsor a TV program, are conducting a hunt for two local girls to give live commercials on television. And, if you think you can stack up, here are the requirements you must have:

- 1) A good figure
- 2) Good speaking voice,
- 3) Modeling experience.

The lucky lassies chosen will be given 13-week contracts and the opportunity to appear on the television show giving the commercials for the stores. All interested applicants are requested to apply at the Jessie James store for a questionnaire. The address is 1265 Sartori ave., Torrance. Auditions will be held Thursday evening in Los Angeles.

Two Editions A Week Is New Press Policy; TV Pages Featured

Readers of the Torrance Press are in for a pleasant surprise when the paper commences the publication of two editions a week starting Sunday, September 8.

Along with the regular service of complete coverage of the latest local news, the Press will offer brand new Television and Radio pages in the Sunday edition.

Edited by Gene Inge, Dean of Southern California TV Radio columnists, the new feature will carry up to the minute program listings on television, plus informative notes and highlights of TV program listings for the whole week.

The new section will also feature pictures and feature stories about personalities together with stories about major shows.

Both logs and feature stories will be printed in large easy-to-read type, making the pages a useful guide for your television viewing throughout the week.

This is just another way which the Torrance Press continues its public service in the growth and development of the community.

EDITORIAL

Labor Day Expectations Fail to Materialize Here

It is traditional among the newswriting profession to be at a place where news is happening—where today's events will be tomorrow's headlines.

Toward the end of the Labor Day weekend, when the nation was recording traffic deaths well over the estimated figure set by the National Safety Council, several reporters gathered in the news room of the Torrance Press in deep anticipation and expectation.

Perhaps all seemed to sense the feeling that the next traffic statistic could be registered in the Torrance area.

Why would they feel this way you ask? The answer was pretty plain. By 6 p.m. California had registered 51 dead on the highways. Would it not be logical to assume that this rising appalling figure could very well be apportioned to the several counties and yes, areas such as Torrance?

All seemed to agree that the only place to be in order to report such grim news, as the figures continued to rise, would be the hospitals and the police station. And that's where the vigils were made.

As the evening wore on, and radio announcers were pleading for motorists to exercise caution in driving and the national figures continued to soar, our local hospitals were treating people for insect bites, bumps on the head, and cases of gastric hyper acidity.

The police station was getting reports over its radio that a cat was locked in someone's mailbox, a high chair was standing in the middle of a street somewhere, and a little girl was complaining that someone broke her doll.

No, the big news everyone expected did not develop. There were no gory pictures to take. No stomach turning descriptions to write. The Labor Day had come and gone and the dark spectre of death was cheated of its prey in our area.

Yes, the newsmen went home without their stories, without their pictures. But, all were a little prouder of their community for not living up to their ominous expectations.

Man Booked In Trunks As Suspect

An "extremely dangerous" robbery suspect was booked in the Torrance Police station last Saturday clad only in his bathing trunks.

Linked to Robberies

James Martin Edwards, 24, an unemployed welder, was picked up less than an hour after his description was phoned to Torrance police by Sacramento officers who had just obtained confessions from companions of Edwards linking him to a series of armed robberies.

The local police were told that a money order had been sent to Edwards in care of the Cal Gym, 1321 Sartori ave., Torrance. Further, Sacramento police warned that Edwards was desperate and dangerous.

Police Use Ruse

Armed with shot guns, the police surrounded the gym while Lt. Ted Morris and Sgt. Gus Rethwisch entered the building. Both men, in loud voices, kidded each other about excess weight and spoke of taking muscle building courses.

The suspect was instantly spotted by identifying tattoos and arrested before he could change, he was booked at the station in his bathing suit and held on suspicion of seven counts of armed robbery for the Sacramento police.

Officers said Edwards was staying at a Torrance hotel where they found a loaded .32 caliber pistol with a shoulder holster, among his belongings.



DRIVE PREPARATIONS

Seated in front is Glen Koger. Standing in back of him left to right are Nelson Rucker, J. H. Paget, and Paul Mandel.

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