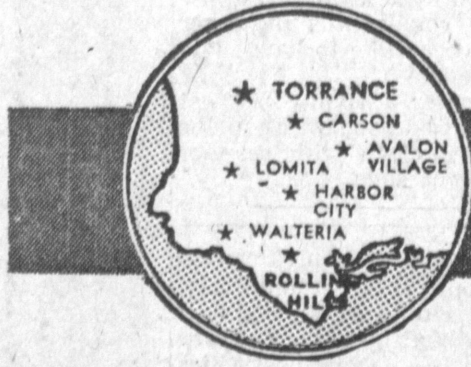


Officers Commended for Foggy Chase

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Arrest 47 As Police Raid Area Cockfight

Officers Grab Evidence of Bloody Sport

A combined raiding party of 21 Torrance policemen, two deputies from the nearby Lennox Sheriff's Station, and representatives of the humane society Thursday evening swept down on a forbidden cockfight and carted 47 participants off to jail.

Tipped-off by an anonymous phone call uniformed officers and plain clothesmen surrounded a field near the corner of 234th St. and Crenshaw and arrested every person on the scene.

One man managed to make his escape but officers booked 45 adults and two juveniles on charges that they had violated a penal code section prohibiting the use of animals for gaming purposes.

1957 RAID

Officers reported that a cockfight had been broken up at the same location in 1957. Thirteen of the arrested adults had also been booked on the previous occasion.

Razor sharp and needle pointed gaffs and slashers found at the scene were confiscated as evidence. Brutal instruments are attached to the spurs of the fighting cocks to more effectively tear the life from its opponent.

Also confiscated were betting markers and a scale used for weighing in the birds.

All of the suspects were booked into Torrance City Jail and were immediately released on \$105 bail each. The juveniles, aged 15 and 17 years, were released to their parents.

GATHER EVIDENCE

Arresting officers reported that they watched the macabre scene for some time, gathering evidence before they moved in for the arrest. They reported that they found four of the cocks slashed to death, another just barely alive and 23 live gamecocks that apparently had not yet been put into the ring. Living birds were taken to the South Bay Humane Society shelter.

Prisoners will be arraigned at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in Torrance Municipal Court.

Arrested were: Mariano G. Palos, 56, 18337 Amie Ave., custodian

of the property; Marcelino Tocado 58, 2530 W. 235th St., Cresencia Apuan, 68, woman lookout for the gamblers of 523 W. 213th St.; Martin R. Martinez, 50, 21421 Grace St.; Robert C. Labasan, 38, 423 E. 213 St.; and Thomas A. Megallon 55, 1158 E. Perry Ave.

Others arrested were: Fernin C. Coloma 53, 156 E. 220th St.; Julian R. Egczenza, 50, 2580 235th St.; Lorenzo C. Fernandez, 34, 21232 Lynton Ave.; Paul V. Moscoso, 56, 423 E. 213th St.; Benny S. Galban, 48, lessee of the property; Gardena; Carmelo D. Tactacan, 48, 2768 W. 213th St.; Santiago C. Cojito, 64, Los Angeles; Eustaquio, 49, Los Angeles; Vincent O. Catada, 61, Wilmington; Emilio Tolentino, 50, Santa Ana; Nicolas P. Avina, 30, Ana; and Robert V. Ranches, 49, Delano.

Al A. Cabaldon, 43, Los Angeles; Mac Fermil, 41, Los Angeles; Edward C. Cortez, 22, Wilmington; Gregario F. Cortez, 58, Wilmington; Cayo Plahang, 63, San Pedro; Antonio M. Ortiz, 42, Santa Ana; Gilbert F. Alvarado, 30, Santa Ana; Francisco Guerrero, 38, Wilmington; James R. Gray, 37, Norwalk; William H. Gray, 42, Compton; Santiago Guimary, 44, Wilmington; Edit H. Lurenzo, 60, Wilmington; Gabriel Jimenez, 42, Santa Ana; Grigorio R. Lansadira, 63, Wilmington; Nicancor T. Ramoran, 54, San Pedro.

Alfredo G. Soliven, 35, Santa Ana; Vincent V. Songcayauon, 48, Compton; Braulio P. Tutor, 63, Wilmington; Merced L. Cabrera, 69, El Modeno; Bibiano V. Peneyra, (Continued on page A-3)



MAIMED FIGHTER—Merle Smith, humane officer, told reporters Friday that professional cockfighters traditionally clip the spurs from the legs of the fighters so that the long, razor-sharp slashers can be attached. Here he holds a Gordon "Warhorse," one of nearly 20 fighting cocks impounded and held as evidence at the local animal shelter.

Commendations Slated for Four City Policemen

Four Torrance policemen, two on motorcycles, pursued a fleeing automobile through city streets last Wednesday evening, finally bringing it to a stop with a well-placed bullet in a rear tire.

Inside the car, borrowed without asking from the driver's parents, were five cowering teenagers, three boys and two girls, all under 15 years of age.

Officers may receive an official city commendation for actions in stopping the car and preventing possible injury or death to others.

Councilman J. A. Beasley said he would do his best to see that the officers were commended for their action which carried them through fog-shrouded streets at speeds that approached 100 miles an hour.

The four officers, patrolmen Bob Daly and Jim Popp in a patrol car, and patrolmen Kenny Halbert and Don Lemaster on motorcycles, reported that they pursued the car from the De Amo Shopping Center, east on Carson to Crenshaw, then south to Lomita where the suspects were apprehended.

During the majority of the wild chase the fog was so thick they could see only a few feet in front of them.

Five shots were fired at the tires of the suspects' car, the last bringing it to a stop. Driver and passengers in the car were released to their parents.

Donations Slow For Parade Entry

Donations continue to "trickle in" for Torrance's floral entry in the Annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, to be held this year on Monday, January 2.



Resolution Asks More Equitable Fund Allocation

Torrance City Council this week sent to the County Board of Supervisors a resolution urging the board to adopt a policy establishing a more equitable distribution of highway users tax funds received by the county and the cities within the county.

The resolution pointed out the inequities of the present ratio of distribution of funds as it relates to predominantly urban counties such as Los Angeles. It added that the ratio established benefited rural counties of the state.

Resolution asked that funds be proportioned to cities and unincorporated areas on the basis of street mileage within the areas.

'Miss Welcome' Application Forms Now Ready

Application forms are now available for the coming 'Miss Welcome to Torrance' contest and a deadline date for submitting them to the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce office has been set at December 5.

Applications have also been mailed out to community business establishments and firms so that they may enter their more attractive employees in the competition.

SLATED FOR FRIDAY . . .

Bar Association Testimonial Dinner for Two Local Judges

A testimonial luncheon honoring the induction into office of Superior Court Judge John A. Shidler of Torrance, and Municipal Court Judge William E. McFaden, of Redondo Beach, will be held next Friday, at the Plush Horse, it was announced yesterday by Co-Chairmen James Hall and Boris Woolley of the sponsoring South Bay Bar Association.

Luncheon will follow the induction ceremony of Judge McFaden which will be conducted by the Honorable Marshall F. McComb, Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court.

Judge Shidler, who is advancing to Superior Court from the South Bay Municipal Court, will act as master of ceremonies for the event which will be held at the Redondo Beach branch of the South Bay Municipal Court, 231 N. Pacific Avenue, Redondo Beach.

Hall and Woolley said that the luncheon is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. and urged interested parties to make reservations early as the seating capacity of the Banbury Room in the Plush Horse holds only 250.

Reservations may be secured at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce (FA 8-2814) and the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce (FR 6-0446). Price is \$2.25 per person.



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GUIDED TOUR OF TORRANCE—Ahmet Gucuyener, exchange student from Torrance's sister city of Konya, Turkey, was given a guided tour of the facilities at city hall and throughout the community by sponsoring Chamber of Commerce and civic officials Friday. Here the young student discusses conditions in the Near East with Torrance City Councilman Willys Blount. Student is part of an international exchange student program conducted under the auspices of the State Department.