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STACKING 'EM UP... Dave Nair, publicity chairman for the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, gets an arm load of books, "The History of Torrance," from Leon Taylor, also of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, while Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent of schools, waits to give Nair a few more books. Taylor is heading a joint effort by the Jaycees and the school district to sell copies of the book to citizens of the city. The books previously have been unavailable to the public. (Press-Herald Photo)

Armed Bandits Hold Up Burger Stand, Market

Aide to Ask for Hearing

Orin P. "Bud" Johnson, fired Thursday afternoon from his post as assistant city manager, will seek a hearing on the dismissal Tuesday before the City Council.

He was dismissed from his \$15,000-a-year administrative post by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro amid reports that he may campaign in the April 12 municipal election for a seat on the Torrance City Council.

Ferraro, in a letter informing Johnson of his termination, accused the 50-year-old assistant city manager of "a serious, professional, ethical breach of the administrative impartiality and loyalty which

(Full texts of the letter from Ferraro to Johnson and Johnson's reply may be found today on Page A-5)

is required and expected of appointed public servants."

Johnson, while not formally announcing his candidacy for the council seat, has indicated he may seek the post in the April election in response to a "draft Johnson" movement in the city.

IN A LETTER to Ferraro, Johnson accused the city manager of "rash action" and of carrying out "a personal vendetta." He served notice he will appeal the decision to the City Council Tuesday and ask for reinstatement to his position "until such time as the Council's March 1 deadline has been met."

The March 1 deadline is the date on which Johnson's position as assistant city manager will be downgraded in a reorganization of the city manager's office. Ferraro, in his initial communication to the council on the reorganization, had asked to downgrade Johnson's position last Jan. 1, replacing the assistant city manager with an administrative assistant.

AT THAT time, Council (Continued on A-2)

Rolled Coins Are Washers, He Discovers

An unknown man who exchanged 23 neatly wrapped rolls of steel washers for \$230 in money orders is being sought by Torrance Police on a charge of grand theft.

Police said Robert W. Eastman, 44, manager of a market at 4650 Del Amo Blvd., discovered the washers when the "coins" were taken to a Torrance bank Friday.

The washers were accepted by a woman clerk at the store after the man offered apologies for "having" to give you all these quarters.



MAKING IT OFFICIAL... Mayor Albert Isen shows Mrs. Robert Valencia (left), president of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, and Mrs. David Rozas, chairman of the club's March of Dimes Drive committee, the proclamation he has just signed, making the annual March of Dimes campaign official in Torrance. The Junior Woman's Club made the campaign one of their projects for 1966. (Press-Herald Photo)

City Workers on Juries May Have Pay Continued

Torrance Councilmen will take up the question of paying city employees who are absent from their jobs because of jury duty when the council convenes Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The matter was postponed two weeks ago, pending further study into cost estimates

Two Youths Injured in Auto Crash

Two Torrance youths were hospitalized here Friday night after the car in which they were riding went out of control and struck a tree near Hickory and Sonoma Streets in Central Torrance.

Steven Michael Blankinship, 18, of 607 Madrid Ave., and Marvin Rick Richards, 18, of 18919 Patronella Ave., sustained facial wounds in the accident. Both were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment and observation.

Torrance Police Officer James Fowler said the vehicle was southbound on Hickory Street about 11:30 p.m. when Blankinship apparently lost control. The car jumped the curb and slammed into a tree.

The impact turned the car around. Major damage to the front and right side of the car was reported.

The accident occurred in front of the Anthony Zamperini home at 2721 Sonoma St.

Marine Takes Toll on Viet Cong Forces

A Torrance Marine shot two Viet Cong soldiers during a patrol near Da Nang, Viet Nam.

Pfc. Jene Dorr, was attached as a sniper to Company "E," 1st Battalion, First Marine Regiment, during a three-day patrol into Viet Cong country, 12 miles west of Da Nang, when the enemy opened up on the Marines with rifles and automatic weapons.

During the ensuing fight in which the Marines poured mortars, rockets, and machinegun fire on the attackers, Pfc. Dorr calmly picked off two Viet Cong. One was credited to the sniper as a kill, the other as wounded.

Said Dorr as he wiped off his high-powered rifle's telescopic sights, "Not a bad day's work."

Supervisors Host South High Seniors

Sixty seniors in government classes at South High School were guests of the Board of Supervisors, at the weekly meeting last Tuesday.

The students were welcomed to the board proceedings by Supervisor Chairman Burton W. Chace. They were introduced along with their instructor, Paul Martin.

Honesty Pays Off—\$500 ---

Honesty paid off handsomely for a North Hollywood couple this week when U.S. Steel officials presented a \$500 check to them for finding and returning a suitcase full of payroll checks with a face value of about \$150,000. Officials of the Torrance steelmaking firm reported that Mr. and Mrs. Barry Schneider had been given the check to compensate the couple for the inconvenience their action saved the company and employees. U.S. Steel officials said the checks were enroute to Torrance from San Francisco and were scheduled to be picked up at Los Angeles International Airport. Fog closed the airport and the plane landed at Burbank. The case containing the checks apparently bounced off the truck which met the plane in Burbank and the Schneiders found it later and called Torrance plant executives. While the checks were not negotiable the inconvenience to several hundred employees was averted by the Schneiders' actions, officials said.

Jaycees Slate Sale of 'History of Torrance'

Residents of Torrance currently have an opportunity to purchase copies of a book detailing the history of the city through a joint effort of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and the school district.

The book, "The History of Torrance," was prepared by the school district in 1964 and previously has not been available to the general public.

A copy of the book, used by classroom teachers as a reference guide for the teaching of a course on local history, is available in the city's libraries.

In answer to requests from

1,000 copies and the Junior Chamber of Commerce has reserved the right to return all monies if orders fail to reach 1,000.

Residents may place orders by mailing a special coupon which may be found in today's Press-Herald.

The 154-page book is the result of contributions by several organizations and pioneer businessmen and residents of the city. Photographs were collected from elderly residents and the Press-Herald files.

Orders for the pre-publication sale will be accepted through March 15 and delivery will be made in May. Prices are based on sales of

Thief Gets \$835 From Area Home

Theft of more than \$800 in cash and United States Savings Bonds from his home was reported to Torrance Police Friday by Lester Lauck of 17234 Eastwood Court.

Lauck told investigating officers someone had entered his home about 1 a.m. Friday, ransacking the home and taking \$835.

Officers said the burglar apparently entered the home through an unlocked bedroom window. Reported missing were \$35 in miscellaneous bills, \$500 in silver dollars and other coins, and \$300 in savings bonds.

Torrance Police also were investigating the theft of dresses valued at \$289 from a fashion shop at 304 Avenue 1 in the Riviera Village district.

E. Loya Norswark, 28, owner of the shop, said the dresses were taken Thursday from racks in the store.

Freeway Ramp Signals Due

Bids for installation of traffic signals on 190th Street at the San Diego Freeway ramps will be opened Feb. 24 in Los Angeles, the State Division of Highways has just reported.

The project, which will include channelization of the highway for left turns, is estimated to cost \$31,000.

Deadlines for Registration Set

Registration for the general municipal election to be held in Torrance April 12 will close Feb. 17, City Clerk Vernon W. Coil announced today.

Coil urged all voters not now registered to do so as soon as possible to avoid a last-minute rush.

Registration lists are purged following every statewide election, Coil explained, and voters who failed to vote in that election are removed from the lists. A total of 48,007 voters were registered for the 1960 presidential election, Coil said, and only 50,959 are currently registered.

COIL ESTIMATED there are 85,000 persons in the city who are eligible to vote. The following persons are required to register or re-register, Coil explained:

• Those persons who have changed their address, name, or political affiliation since they last registered.

• Those persons whose registrations were cancelled because they failed to vote at the general election held in November, 1964.

• Those persons who reached the age of 21 since the last election and have not registered.

• New residents of Los Angeles County who meet the prescribed qualifications.

IN THE CASE of new residents, Coil said, they must have one year's residence in the state and at least 90 days residence in the county. Citizens who have been naturalized must have been naturalized at least 90 days before the next election.

Persons who will meet the qualifications before April 12 but after the Feb. 17 deadline may be registered between Feb. 7 and 17, Coil explained.

RESIDENTS of Torrance may register between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., or at most county libraries Monday, Feb. 7, between 7 and 9 p.m. Lists of all deputy registrars currently qualified to register voters in Torrance are available at the Press-Herald offices, 3238 W. Sepulveda Blvd.