

Civic Leaders Honor Former Councilman

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HONORED FOR SERVICE . . . Former Torrance Councilman H. Ted Olson (second from left) and his wife, Vickie, were guests of honor Thursday at a testimonial dinner honoring Olson for his service to the community. He has been transferred to Chicago by his company. Presentations were made by a number of civic and community organizations. Pictured with the Olsons are Larry Bowman (at left), president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the testimonial, and L. E. (Larry) Townsend, Assemblyman from the 67th District. (Press-Herald Photo)

Testimonial Event Honors Ted Olson

Former Torrance Councilman H. Ted Olson was honored by some 250 community leaders Thursday night at a testimonial dinner sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Olson, however, turned the event into a testimonial for the city itself when he rose to a standing ovation — and hailed the turnout as "a testimonial to this great, dynamic, All-American city."

Olson, who was elected to the Torrance City Council in April, 1964, by one of the largest margins in recent years, resigned his post Aug. 1 when his company promoted him and transferred him to Chicago, Ill.

Larry Bowman, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, presented Olson and his wife with a color television set which Bowman said had been purchased "by your many friends in Torrance."

Guests might imagine a meeting with a business executive, a former councilman, a YMCA director, a director of United Way, a Boy Scout leader, and an officer of a major international service club.

"That happens every day wherever Ted Olson has lunch," Bowman added.

DR. STUART E. MARSEE, president of El Camino College, served as master of ceremonies for the event.

Olson also received a silver watch from the city council, presented by Mayor Albert Isen on behalf of "all the citizens of Torrance."

He was given a giant-sized gavel, complete with siren, as a gift from the Torrance Kiwanis Club and Division 19 of Kiwanis International. He is a former president of the Torrance club and was serving as lieutenant governor of Kiwanis Division 19 at the time of his transfer.

The association can receive a tie clasp only when a member gives his own clasp away, then removed his tie clasp and gave it to Olson.

Tributes also came from Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend, who presented an Assembly resolution; Paul M. Moore, deputy to Supervisor Burton W. Chace, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors; the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and the Torrance Police Officers Association.

Also joining the salute were representatives of the Torrance Family YMCA, the United

Drug, Theft Charges Jail Two Area Youths

Two youths were arrested here early yesterday morning and charged with suspicion of burglary after they were seen driving on Anza Avenue by a Torrance police patrol.

Officers said the two youths were in a car which

matched the description of a car believed to have been used in a burglary at 19910 Bernist St. earlier this month.

Arrested were Johnny Wallace Hedman, 23, of 4417 W. 226th St., identified as the driver of the car, and Raymond Carl Cusher, 19, of Long Beach.

Drains Set for Improvements

Improvement of the Clarion Drive drain from Carolale Avenue to Moneta Avenue will begin this week, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Work will consist of repaving the north edge of the drain and constructing asphalt-concrete curbs.

Police said a search of the vehicle turned up what they believe to be marijuana and dangerous drugs. Other narcotics paraphernalia also was found in the car, it was reported.

The youths were taken to the Torrance Police Department and booked on suspicion of burglary and suspicion of possession of marijuana and drugs.

Rabies Victims Found; Pasteur Shots Started

Burglars Take Jewelry, Mink Worth \$3,600

Burglars took jewelry, two fur pieces, and other items valued at more than \$3,600 Thursday evening while their victim was shopping.

The theft was reported to Torrance police Thursday evening by Francene Giamberdino, 40, of 23804 Lamour Court. She said she left her

home about 7:30 p.m. to do some shopping and discovered the theft when she returned about 9:30 p.m.

Police said the burglar pruned open a bedroom window and ransacked several rooms.

Among the items taken were a mink stole valued at \$700, two rings worth a total of \$1,700, and a gold watch. Two television sets and \$90 in cash also was missing, it was reported.

The total loss was estimated at \$3,640, police said.

Property Owners To Meet

Stephen Allen and Mrs. Jeanette Altermatt will be the featured speakers of the September meeting of the East Torrance Community Homeowners, scheduled Friday at 8 p.m. at the Torrance Labor Temple, 1316 Border Ave.

Both speakers appeared at the August meeting, and have been invited back.

Their talks will follow the regular business meeting. A question and answer period will conclude the evening.

The homeowners' group takes in the area between Sepulveda Boulevard and Dominguez Street, Western Avenue, and Crenshaw Boulevard.

Membership is not limited to homeowners or property owners. An invitation has been extended to people who rent homes or property or have small businesses in the area to join the group.

Man Held For Theft Of Truck

A 27-year-old Compton man was arrested early Friday morning on suspicion of grand theft auto after he was unable to produce identification.

Jack Hill, 27, was booked on the charge at the Torrance City Jail about 4:45 a.m.

Police said they stopped Hill near Crenshaw Boulevard and Monterey Street when they noticed a defective tail light on the truck which he was driving. Hill was unable to identify the registered owner of the truck, it was reported.

Hill also was charged with possession of drugs after officers found a small cardboard box with three capsules in it.



CHARLES H. WILSON
On Hospital Board

Congressman Named to Riviera Hospital Board

Congressman Charles H. Wilson (D—Los Angeles) has been appointed to the Riviera Community Hospital Board of Trustees.

Wilson, a member since 1962 of the U.S. House of Representatives from the 31st Congressional District, is the ranking California democrat on the House Armed Services Committee. He also serves on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

Charles Johnson, hospital administrator, said he is particularly pleased to have Congressman Wilson join the board at this time. "Congressman Wilson will bring additional leadership, exceptional administrative abilities and vast knowledge of governmental procedures to our board," he said.

Wilson and his wife, Betty, have four sons.

A RESIDENT of southwest Los Angeles since 1922, Wilson attended public schools in Los Angeles and Inglewood.

During World War II, he served in the Army and after his discharge in 1945 established his own insurance agency.

Wilson's career in public office began in 1954, when he was elected to the California State Legislature.

While a member of the State Legislature, he was a recognized authority on mass transportation problems and was chairman of the Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Locate Girls in Mexico

Pasteur treatments for three Torrance girls bitten last Aug. 30 in Mexico City by a rabid dog have been started.

The three girls were located Friday in Huatabampo, Mexico, after border officials, the Mexican Federal Police, and the California Highway Patrol had been alerted.

The girls, daughters of Bernardo Sanchez, were apparently bitten by the dog while visiting Mexico City. They were not aware the dog was rabid, according to authorities.

THE INTENSIVE search for the family was launched Thursday after it was established that the dog was rabid. American and Mexican government officials, amateur radio operators, and law enforcement officials on both sides of the border were involved in the search.

It was not immediately known if one or all three of the girls were bitten.

The Sanchez family, of 25303 Weston Road, left Mexico City Sept. 4 for Tijuana, according to Torrance police. They were located Friday in the Mexican state of Sonora, about 100 miles south of Guaymas.

Picnic Planned

The Torrance Police Officer's Association will hold its annual picnic Sunday, Sept. 17, at El Retiro Park. Hours are 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. All members of the association and their families are invited.

Window Broken

An unknown person fired an air rifle through a large plate glass window at Seymour's Jewelers, 2595 Pacific Coast Hwy., late Thursday or early Friday, according to a report filed with Torrance police.



POSTAL SERVICE DAY . . . Mayor Albert Isen hands out pens after signing a proclamation designating Monday, Sept. 18, as Postal Service Day in Torrance. Gathered around the mayor to receive their pens are (from left) Nathan Starbuck, co-chairman of the Mail Users Council of Torrance; Postmaster Carl L. Backlund; and Larry Bowman, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The Torrance Post Office will observe the day with an open house from 9:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. (Press-Herald Photo)

Extradition Under Way

Jerry Lee O'Brien may be returned to Torrance within 30 days to face charges that he killed Torrance Police Officer David N. Seibert, who was trying to stop a hold-up at a North Torrance market last Aug. 10. O'Brien, now conscious in a Utah hospital, has refused to waive his rights and formal extradition proceedings have been started, Torrance police reported. At the same time, a preliminary hearing for his mother, Mrs. Betty O'Brien, was continued in South Bay Municipal Court when attorneys for the woman said they would need her son to testify. Mrs. O'Brien is charged with aiding her son's escape from a prison farm in June. A new hearing has been set for Oct. 30.

Congressman Bell Here

Congressman Alphonzo Bell (R-28th District) will address a membership luncheon of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday at noon. The meeting is to be held at the Indian Village Restaurant. Congressman Bell is expected to discuss the effect of legislation now before the Congress on Torrance area businesses at the meeting, which is open to the public. Reservations may be secured by calling the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Council Plans Session

Torrance Councilmen will meet at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday for a personnel session to discuss current vacancies on several advisory commissions. The council has scheduled a regular meeting for 8 p.m. at the City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

County Plans Improvement of Flood Drainage

County Supervisors have accepted a license affecting a parcel of land in the Lomita area to be used in a flood improvement project. Supervisor Burton W. Chace has announced.

Standard Oil Co. of California is granting the license to enable the district to improve a portion of Bent Spring Canyon — a natural drainage channel — at the crossing of the company's pipeline. The channel discharges into the Pacific Coast Highway—Western Avenue storm drainage system.