



LONDON'S FINEST ... Two members of the world's oldest organized police force, the Metropolitan London Police Force, visited Torrance last Wednesday while in the Southland for National Police Week festivities. Here, the two Bobbies (from left) Con. Robert Woods and Con. Patrick Probert, give Sheriff's Capt. Luther Lanier a chance to try on one of their own hats. The two Bobbies were guests at a luncheon meeting of the Lawndale Chamber of Commerce. (Press-Herald Photo)

HISTORY OF POLICE

London Bobbies First Force to Be Organized

Many people know the history of their country, but how many know the history behind the policeman? How many people know that although the first police force was initiated by Caesar Augustus about the time Christ was born, it was established only to protect the rulers of Rome? The concept of protecting the people has developed only within the past 170 years.

The toga-clad police force was on duty for some 350 years. Charlemagne, in his efforts to consolidate his conquests, established a new police force in A.D. 800.

During the Anglo-Saxon period, families banded together for protection. Each hundred families elected a "reeve" as their leader. As communities grew, they became known as "shires." The head of each community became the "shire-reeve" (later called the sheriff).

EVENTUALLY, noblemen acquired vast estates, and the "shire-reeves" ruled the land for them. Where estates were held by the king, "shire-reeves" were selected to protect the royal land. As populations increased,

the "reeves" created the night watch with authority to stop and question and arrest suspicious persons.

The system remained in effect throughout England until the early 1800s. But because crime in the city and the corruption in the watcher was rampant, the population insisted on reform. Thus, in 1829, the first regulated police force was organized—the Metropolitan Police of London under the direction of Sir Robert Peel. London police are today called bobbies after Sir Robert's nickname "bobby."

ALTHOUGH the American colonists adopted the English police protection concept, it wasn't until 1838, in Boston, that the first American daytime police force was established. The city had two police forces—the day police controlled by the mayor, and the nightwatch controlled by the constable.

An 1845 New York law, and an 1856 Pennsylvania statute created the first integrated police agencies in the United States.

By 1856, New York had uniformed police officers—but each ward (precinct) had its own style. In 1860, Philadelphia became the first city to adopt a single uniform for its entire force.

IN THE 1860s police commissions were established and inspectors were appointed to curb external interference and internal corruption. Since 1900, more progress has been made in the organization and methods of police work than in all the other centuries combined.

Our police officers have traveled a long way to electronic microscopes, infrared photography, helicopters and radar.

From the days of the spear-carrying Roman police to the day of our well educated officer, the work-a-day hours are long, and most times thankless.

League To Hold Banquet

The Walther League, youth group of Ascension Lutheran Church, 17910 S. Prairie Ave., will hold its annual banquet today at 6 p.m. The banquet is given in honor of the 33 young people who were confirmed in the Christian faith this morning at regular worship services.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Lohmann, counselors for the group, have made plans to include in the program for the evening formal recognition of the fact that this year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Walther League.

Following the banquet, the officers for the coming year will be installed as part of a candlelight ceremony. The new officers and their titles are: Paul Hakala, president; Thomas Tuttle, vice president; Karen Fredrickson, secretary; Kurt Lohmann, treasurer; and Donald Tuttle, Christian growth chairman.

Toastmaster for the banquet is Vernon Halverson, stewardship chairman for the congregation at Ascension. Guest speaker for the banquet will be Raymond Knauff, director of Christian education and youth at Hope Lutheran Church, Whittier. Knauff will speak on the theme, "Christ Makes the World Go Round."

Musical Tryouts Scheduled

Tryouts are scheduled Monday and Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. for the annual summer musical production sponsored by the City of Torrance Recreation Department.

This year's production, "Fiorello," retells the colorful life story of former New York mayor, Fiorello La Guardia. Performance dates are Friday, July 26, through Sunday, July 28.

Young people between the ages of 13 and 22 are invited to audition for the performance. Dancers, singers, actors, musicians, stage hands, and costume designers are needed.

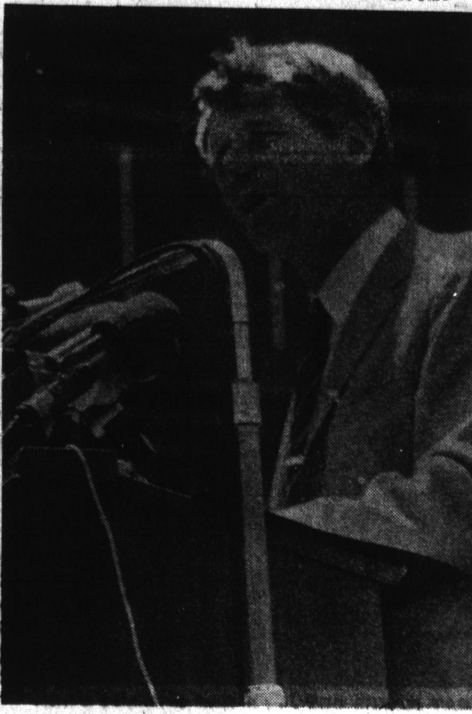
Call-backs have been scheduled for Wednesday, May 22. Producing and directing the production are Charles Slater, coordinator; Donnelly Fenn, musical director; Kay Turney, dance director; and Ron Large, orchestra director.

Two Cars Damaged In Crash

Two cars were badly damaged Wednesday evening when they collided at the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and the San Diego Freeway off-ramp.

Edgar W. Forrest, 505 Phelan Lane, Redondo Beach, was headed west across Crenshaw Boulevard when his car smashed into a car driven by Jesse W. Cook, 1859 W. 261st St., Lomita, who was going south on Crenshaw, police said.

Authorities will seek a complaint against Forrest for running a red light.



CAMPAIGN TRAIL ... Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Democratic candidate for President, made a 40-minute speech at the TRW plant in Redondo Beach Thursday. More than 5,000 people were on hand for the noon address. (Press-Herald Photo)

Council Meeting Thursday

The next meeting of the Torrance City Council will be held Thursday, May 23, at 5:30 p.m. The council postponed its regular Tuesday night meeting this week because the three newly elected councilmen will be attending a special seminar.

Controversial issues at last Tuesday's meeting were put off until Thursday because of the three new councilmen. Dr. Donald E. Wilson, William J. Uerkwitz, and Orin (Bud) Johnson, were guests this week of the Edison Co. at Big Creek, Calif. The Edison Company traditionally invites new city officials to tour its power facilities in the High Sierras.

Cash From Gas Station Missing

More than \$800 in cash was discovered missing from the White Front Gas Station, 21210 Hawthorne Blvd., when employees came to work Monday morning.

Police suspect a newly hired night foreman, Joseph Cannon, 1341 Carson St., Apt. 24, who was assigned to deposit the money in the office safe before going off duty Sunday night.

Cannon has not appeared for work since the money disappeared.

Toastmasters Will Discuss Union Strikes

"Are Strikes Needed?" will be Wednesday's theme when South Bay Toastmasters Club 280 holds its regular meeting. Toastmaster for the day will be Spud Monahan, while Earl Powers has been assigned to Table Topics.

Other participants are Don Stilwell, chief evaluator; Richard Ferguson, grammarian; John Bohny, time keeper; and Lou Biggs, Stan Briley, Jim Rogers, Frank Florenza, and Bill Kaltritter, speakers.

Obituaries

Lucille Bruce

Private services for Lucille R. Bruce, who died Friday in a Torrance hospital, will be conducted at the Stone and Meyers Mortuary Chapel. Cremation will follow.

Mrs. Bruce, who was born in Dallas, Ore., has lived in this area for more than 20 years. Her home was in Hermosa Beach. Mrs. Bruce was 38.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mabel L. Roe of Portland, Ore., and a sister, Mrs. Geraldine Nelson of Sheridan, Ore.

Ethel Heindinger

Funeral services for Ethel Mary Heindinger, who died Wednesday, will be conducted at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Stone and Meyers Mortuary Chapel. Private cremation services will follow.

Mrs. Heindinger, who lived at 2417 Andre St., was a Torrance resident for more than 40 years. She was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 8, 1907. She was formerly employed by the National Supply Division, Armco Steel Corp.

Surviving are her husband, Frank of Torrance; four sisters, Mrs. Grace Rank of Butte, Mont., Mrs. Mae Allen of Long Beach, Mrs. Gladys Wardrup of Torrance, and Mrs. June Whisler of Alameda, Calif.; and a brother, Edward Paramore of Elyrie, Ohio.

James Persinger

Funeral services for James Fletcher Persinger, who died Wednesday, were conducted yesterday at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Interment will be in Canton, Kan.

Mr. Persinger, who was born May 18, 1906, in Kansas, had lived in the area for 38 years.

Defense

(Continued from page B-1) the late President Kennedy stated in 1961 that the United States must have a wider choice of alternatives besides surrender on the one hand and all-out war on the other.

General O'Neill said SAMSO responded to the policy directive by attempting to build a more flexible strategic force, capable of a "collective and controlled response" to enemy attack.

"We're engaged in a technological war," General O'Neill underlined. "It's sudden, swift, silent, and deadly—and it never ends." A firm line of defense is the nation's best security that "our democratic ideals will prevail in solving world problems peacefully," the general concluded.

years. He was a veteran of World War II. Mr. Persinger died at Long Beach Veterans' Hospital.

Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy Parton of the Palos Verdes Peninsula; a brother, Charles of Canton, Kan.; three sisters, Junia Frantz of Kansas, Olive Thompson of San Diego, and Della Zinn of El Centro, Calif.; and two foster sons, Al Upton of West Covina and James Upton of Miami Beach, Fla.

Dorothy Roberts

Services for Dorothy I. Roberts, of 3220 Cricklewood, will be conducted at 1 p.m. today at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Graveside services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. at Green Hills Memorial Park.

She died Wednesday. Born in Minneapolis, Minn., she had lived in Torrance for some 40 years.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Craig of Glendale; a nephew, John M. Craig; and two grand-nephews, Randy and Brian Craig.

Fern Shafstall

Funeral services for Fern Christine Shafstall, of 25934 Cypress St., Lomita, will be conducted in Marion, Ill., with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of local arrangements.

Born Nov. 7, 1875, in Brooklyn, Iowa, Mrs. Shafstall moved to this area 38 years ago. She died Thursday in a Torrance hospital.

She is survived by a son, Donald C. Shafstall of Lomita; a daughter, Mrs. Louise Godard of Marion, Ill.; three sisters, Miss Lute Fraser of Lomita, Mrs. Shirley Cartwright of Wewoka, Okla., and Mrs. Dorothy Hall of Lafayette, La.; and a granddaughter, Mrs. Carol Hartline of Marion, Ill. Burial will be in Marion, Ill.

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The second annual "Book Bonanza" sponsored by the Peninsula Chapter for the City of Hope, will feature a collection of more than 20,000 old and new books.

The collection was made through the combined efforts of the local Scout troops, Peninsula residents, Margate Intermediate School students, publishers, and local aircraft companies.

Mrs. James Malakoff, "Book Bonanza" chairman, heads the committee with Mrs. Stiles Wegener as co-chairman. Assisting are Mmes. Bertram Lee, Robert

Swick, Michael Scholnick, Thomas McGraw, Harold Brown, John Dyer, Max Stern, Charles Rodenfels, John Willard, Harold Henbest, Sherman Lebo, and William Lane. Proceeds from this event will help support the free, nonsectarian City of Hope Medical Center in the humanitarian struggle against catastrophic diseases.

Burglars Set Five Fires In Shop

Five fires were deliberately set Tuesday evening in a vacant commercial unit at 815 Van Ness after a burglar or burglars broke in the back door. Torrance firefighting officials estimated the damage at \$100.

Store tenant Edgar I. Wilson, 47, of 4722 N. 10th St., said the unit was being repainted for use as a barber shop.

The five fires were set with matches and crumpled newspapers in various places around the unit.

Fiesta Planned

The Filipino community of the Harbor Area will celebrate Santa Cruz de Mayo Saturday, May 25, at 8 p.m. The traditional fiesta is celebrated throughout the month of May in the Philippines.

The fiesta is scheduled to be held at 323 Mar Vista Ave., Wilmington.

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