

Acts of Heroism Rewarded By Gifts of Medals

Telephone Operators Save Lives By Quick Thinking, Prompt Action

Catching a man who fell 20 feet from a cable; saving a distant woman from a nearly fatal attack of illness; rescuing a man from asphyxiation. These three acts of heroism, initiative and quick action by three telephone men and women, "all in the day's work," were rewarded this week.

The three actors who played heroic roles were two operators and a cable splicer in California and Washington. They received bronze Vail medals, awarded by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, and named for Theodore N. Vail, pioneer Bell System president.

The women are Miss Idella Hughes, of Orland, California, and Miss Mary Robertson of Seattle. Both are chief operators. The man is Forrest E. Search, a cable splicer of Seattle.

The three heroic acts were selected as outstanding among many deeds of helpfulness and

sympathy done by telephone employees on the Pacific coast in 1931. The award was made by a committee of telephone company leaders and workers headed by President H. D. Pillsbury.

The acts rewarded were cited as follows:

When a call of distress was received from a woman, and the voice faded away, Miss Hughes sped calls throughout the little town of Orland to find the woman's husband. Failing in this, she drove her own car a half mile to the home, found the woman unconscious, applied restoratives and summoned aid.

Cable Splicer Search, in Seattle, heard a cry, looked up and saw a fellow worker in contact with a high tension trolley wire. The man was about to fall from an aerial cable car, 20 feet above the street. Search ran 33 feet, caught the man as he fell and prevented his crashing head-on into the pavement.

Miss Robertson's central office was called by a man threatening suicide. She vainly tried to call him back, but failed, then asked for help. A telephone installer, forcing an entrance, found the man unconscious in a gas-filled room. The installer successfully used first-aid measures.

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Condition of Man Severely Burned Remains Same

The condition of Carroll J. McCloud, who is at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital suffering from burns over the greater part of his body, remains unchanged today.

McCloud's condition is regarded as precarious and few hopes are entertained for his recovery. He was burned in an explosion which occurred in his room at the Plaza hotel at 1:20 Wednesday morning of last week, when apparently he had attempted to light a cigarette in the gas-filled room.

Notes found among his effects after he had been removed to the hospital indicated that McCloud, who has been irregularly employed, and it is said involved in domestic difficulties, had attempted to take his life by turning on the gas.

YOUNGEST WORLD WAR VET

EL PASO, Tex.—(U.P.)—Albert E. Lawrence, 28, a patient at William Beaumont hospital, claims the distinction of being Uncle Sam's youngest World War veteran. Lawrence joined the colors when he was 14 at McAlester, Okla. He gave his age as 18. He was born September 10, 1903.

Big Crowds Are Drawn to Hear Noted Speaker

Capacity attendance at the evangelistic meeting held nightly in the tent at the corner of Engracia and Arlington avenues, has delighted the Kellems party and Rev. George G. Elder, pastor of the Christian church, under whose auspicious the meetings are being held. The services started Sunday night, and since that time larger and larger crowds are being drawn to the assembly.

Rev. Jesse R. Kellems, nationally known evangelist, is in charge. He is assisted by his brother, Homer Kellems, song leader and director of the adult choir of 50 voices which nightly leads the singing. Another choir, composed of juniors, is being organized, and is meeting with quick response among the younger singers of the community.

Mrs. Fay Kellems, artist, is amazing the audiences with her beautiful chalk drawings, done inspirationally, which are given away each night to some person in the audience who has been instrumental in bringing the largest group to the services. The fourth member of the group is Inez Toledoano Kellems, a noted violinist, who is now organizing an orchestra to be an added attraction at the nightly services.

Services are being held every night except Saturday, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, except that tonight, on account of the commencement program at the high school, the meeting will begin at 7 and will be dismissed in time for any who wish to go to the high school.

Seats for nearly 400 people have been provided in the tent, and the public is cordially invited. All will be welcomed by the pastor and evangelists in charge.



Fay Kellems

American Legion Auxiliary News

Husband's night will be an outstanding event at American Legion clubhouse Monday evening. All Auxiliary members are requested to be present to assist in the entertainment of the husbands. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Barkdull, 375-W, or Mrs. Sleeth, 283-W, not later than Saturday.

Rotarians Hold 23rd Convention

SEATTLE, Wash., June 16.—Representatives of Rotary club in more than 3,500 communities the world over will gather here Saturday, June 18, for the 23rd annual Rotary convention. These delegates and visitors from nearly 60 countries will study the international relationships of peoples, and the ways and means of improving international cooperation.

Bail Is Forfeited In Shoplifting Case

Jennie Becerra, residing in the Shoestring strip, who was arrested Saturday on a complaint alleging shoplifting, sworn out by Charles Nolce, manager of the J. J. Newberry Company local store, deposited \$15 bail for her appearance before Judge C. T. Rippey on Tuesday at 5 o'clock, to which time the case had been continued from an earlier date. As the defendant did not appear, the bail was declared forfeited.

Purchase Land For Extension of Vermont Avenue

The county board of supervisors this week moved to acquire additional right-of-way for the extension of Vermont avenue between Long Beach-Redondo boulevard and approximately the Santa Fe and Los Angeles Harbor railway right-of-way. A strip of land 100 feet wide is to be purchased from M. Matsuda for \$700.

Sanitation Dist. Plans to Spend Money This Yr.

Improvement Work to Employ Local Labor in Districts Where Ordered

County sanitation districts of the Metropolitan Sewer System agreed recently through their board of directors to spend more than \$100,000 this fall in necessary work to relieve the unemployment situation. Mayor Wm. Klusman is a director in district No. 5 and the South Bay Cities Sanitation District.

At least 60 per cent of the money, and possibly 75 per cent, will go toward labor. Chief Engineer A. K. Warren said that such district in its improvement work would hire only men living in that district, and that only necessary work would be done. This action was taken by County Sanitation Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 8, District No. 5 and the South Bay Cities Sanitation District met Tuesday, June 14, to take similar action.

Warren also recommended, and the directors adopted a resolution cutting the salaries of all employees of the system 10 per cent where they draw more than \$100 per month.

Mr. Warren told the directors there are two schools of thought equally insistent on a policy. One represents large taxpayer groups, who demand lower taxes. The other comprises public bodies that demand public work in order to give employment to the hungry. "I believe that public policy of the present time is more wisely served by the latter, and that we should provide work by doing all necessary construction," Mr. Warren said. "Men cannot go hungry, even if we have to raise the taxes in some of the districts slightly. I am hopeful that our tax rate for the next year will be the same, but existing economic conditions have created a situation that must be met."

The improvement work will consist of extensions of lines to serve greater areas. In District No. 2 an

Small Child Is Bitten By Dog

LOMITA.—The 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gearhart, 2625 25th place, Lomita, was bitten by a dog Sunday night. The dog was one of four belonging to a neighbor, and all of the canines have been ordered to be kept tied up for the next 10 days, pending the investigation of the county health officer to determine if any of them is affected with rabies.

Revival Services at Community

LOMITA.—Revival services, which began at the Community Presbyterian church on June 8 are creating much interest in the community and are drawing large crowds each night. The meetings will continue until June 26 with Guy W. Green, a layman, of Kansas City, Missouri, bringing the message. Services are held each night beginning at 7:30, with two services on Sunday.

WIND RUNS CLOCK

NORTON, Va.—(U.P.)—Invention of a clock, that will run as long as the wind blows and eight days longer, is the claim of Clarence Amburgey. Inventor Amburgey seeks a patent on his clock which is 12 inches in diameter, mounted in a rectangular box about two and one-half feet wide, and five feet four inches deep. Wind will keep the box whirling on a pivot, and the revolving of the clock keeps it wound.

originally proposed line north of Downey will be constructed. In District No. 1 some work will be done on the west side of Compton. In District No. 5 it is proposed to construct extensions in the east part of Inglewood. In the case of Districts 1 and 2 the cost of the work will be taken from bond money, while in District No. 5 the work is an extension and the cost will be borne from the operating funds. Mr. Warren said it might be necessary to increase the tax rate over last year, particularly in view of the great reduction in assessed valuation which is expected this year.

Street Project May Be Completed

Improvement of 23rd street, between Western avenue and Harvard boulevard, is one of the projects that should be pushed through to completion by the Los Angeles city council, the board of public works recommended this week. Design for the improvement lacks but 20 per cent of being complete and an active interest is being shown in the improvement, the works body reported.

Form New District For Three Lights

Formation of the Moneta lighting district for the installation of three street lights on New Hampshire street between Sherman avenue and Wilmington street has had approval of the county board of supervisors. The petition presented to the board was signed by several score residents of the area. Although only the three lights were desired as an addition to a lighting district previously formed, a separate district had to be formed.

Gourdier Elected Head of Veterans

Alfred Gourdier, postmaster at Torrance, was elected commander of the Clyde Bline Unit of United Veterans of the Republic, at a meeting held last evening. Other officers chosen included: James Brodie, vice commander; Paul Kraft, junior vice commander; H. M. Bailey, adjutant; Geo. A. Sharp, quartermaster; Richard Jenkins, sergeant-at-arms, and F. J. Schmalzer, assistant sergeant-at-arms. Delegates to the county council are Alfred Gourdier, R. M. McLennan and H. M. Bailey. Delegates to the convention to be held in San Bernardino, August 6 and 7, are Alfred Gourdier, George A. Sharp and Chas. M. Smith; alternates being, R. M. McLennan, H. M. Bailey and Leslie McClary.

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