

## POSTMASTER'S PICKLEMEAT

Postmaster Earl Conner is as good a Democrat as ever leaned on a W.P.A. shovel and for Earl to find himself at a closed meeting of the local Republican Committee would be a pretty pot of stewed herring.

However, in no less a funk did Earl find himself last week in Santa Monica when, on a Veteran's trip to Sawtelle for medical observation (his said he has contracted a deadly disease from licking too many stamps) he was left stranded without a penny in his jeans, not a sou in his mail bag. Mrs. Conner had driven him over, agreed to pick him up when he called Earl not knowing how long he would be.

Discharged sooner than he anticipated, Earl went to phone his frau who was to be either in Torrance or Santa Monica, found he had but four (4) coppers. Confident that by merely telling someone of his predicament he would be deluged by friendly offers of aid, Earl accepted several refusing storekeepers before he realized that he was being appraised as a bum, a tramp and a panhandler.

A bit nonplussed but persistent, Earl then tried pawning his watch. Results: none. Off on another tack, Earl sought out Kiwanis members, the president here, Masonic brothers (he's a 32nd degree Mason), postmasters and mail carriers. All gave him the cold fish eye, told him to "move along, brother."

In a frenzy by this time, Earl turned, out his pockets, went thru his wallet. To his surprise out rolled another penny, which, added to the previously mentioned four, gave him a total wealth of five copper pieces. Scurrying back to his starting place, a drug store, Earl slapped down the pennies just like they were \$20 gold pieces, asked would the kindly gentleman please give him a nickel for them.

With the nickel Earl phoned Torrance, reversed the charges, luckily found Mrs. Conner at home, was soon on his way here having had an experience he will never forget, but on which he never wants to be again.

**THOMPSON'S WEED PATCH**  
Lard & long has been Chevrolet Dealer Ed Thompson's beef about the unsightly stretch of flora that extends from the P.E. station clear down Cabrillo to Plaza Del Amo where the P.E. tracks are finally lost in a jungle of waist-high weeds and supero cow pasturage.

Last week Ed was tempted to borrow a herd of bovine and photograph their contented pussies grazing peacefully at the corner of Cabrillo & Grandview in front of his showroom. But before he could round up the cattle a section of workmen came with scythe and hoe, harvested the hay crop.

Ed says that now again one can see that peculiar menace to traffic—the middle-of-the-street carb affair, which, by the way, has turned a rosy pink, badly needs a new coat of Danger Red.

**SCHWARTZ'S WINDOWS**  
There is no merchant in town who thinks any more of his window displays than Haberdasher Ed Schwartz. A skilled window dresser is hired to change the displays regularly, present the merchandise as attractively as possible. Last week Ed redecorated his windows again, had Painter Bob Richart give the interiors a new surface, really dolled them up. Selling good merchandise at popular prices, Ed's windows now are some of the swankiest in Torrance, can really compete with Mullen & Bluet or Silverwoods.

**NEWSPAPER CLASSIC**  
To Shop Talk's attention recently came the following yarn (which has become a legend among newspapermen). Back in 1898 the Newark (N.J.) Evening News sent out a reporter to cover the decorations in Newark, prepared in honor of a visit of Manila Bay hero George Dewey to the city. The cub is said to have returned to the desk with this lead:

"Decorations were lavish in our fair city today in honor of the victory of G. Dewey at Manila Bay."

The city editor is supposed to have scanned this gravely, handing it to a rewrite man with these words, "Here, you're a rewrite man—rewrite this for George."

Whereupon the rewrite man asked of J. Caesar or J. Christ has anything like it been seen."

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SECTION B

## PUBLIC BID TO SCHOOL WEEK EVENTS

Special Programs  
Start April 27

Public School Week will be observed here next week by open house at the high school Wednesday night, April 27; at the Torrance Elementary and Fern Avenue schools Thursday, April 28, and at an all-schools' program in the Civic Auditorium Friday night, April 29.

Faculty members of all schools in the city, together with Dr. C. L. Ingold, master of the Torrance Masonic lodge, have arranged a schedule of attractions designed to interest every resident in the city. They cordially invite everyone to attend one or all of the special functions designed to show the progress of education.

Similar programs are planned for Lomita schools and residents of that community are also invited to attend these sessions. Members of the Masonic lodge here have cooperated with the school teachers in preparing the local observance of the statewide Public Schools event. Details of the Torrance program follow:

**Wednesday evening, April 27:** Beginning at 7 o'clock each room in the high school will be open to visitors. Some classes will be in session and in all departments there will be interesting exhibits of students' work and teachers will be present to meet with parents and consult with them on educational matters. The Spring Fashion Show will be held in the school library during the evening. A bulletin describing the exhibits and special attractions of the open house will be sent to all parents of high school students early next week. Principal Tom Elson said.

**Thursday, April 28:** Parents of younger school children and others interested in educational work are invited to the open house to be held all day, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., at the Torrance Elementary and Fern Avenue school. The Lomita-San Pedro P.T.A. council will be special guests of the Elementary unit at the school that day. Both schools will conduct regular classes and visitors are invited to "sit-in" on the instruction.

**Friday, April 29:** A combined program, featuring student talent from the two elementary schools, Junior and Senior high schools, and the Torrance Evening school, will be presented in the Civic Auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Ingold will be in charge and there will be no admission charged. Further details of this entertainment will be published in next Thursday's Herald.

Files for Estate  
Of Lomita Resident

Mrs. Florence H. Coffin, 2114 Lomita boulevard, petitioned the superior court this week for letters of administration to the estate of the late Frank R. Sumner, Lomita resident who died April 8.

Personal property and a claim against the board of police commissioners of Los Angeles are listed as assets of the estate.

Harbor Civic  
Groups Gather  
in Palos Verdes

More than 150 men and women attended the monthly dinner-meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce at the Palos Verdes Country club house last Thursday night. The speaker was Phillip J. Norton, president of the Los Angeles Realty Board, whose firm is now selling lots at Palos Verdes.

Members of the associated civic bodies passed a resolution thanking Supervisor Leland M. Ford for his efforts to get the acquisition of the south beach on this year's budget and expressed the hope that all beach frontage from Redondo's Monstad pier south to the Hollywood Riviera would be owned by the county.

At the highway meeting held during the afternoon, Secretary E. L. Ertter of the Redondo chamber was asked to write to the state highway commission in regard to completion of a three-mile stretch of roadway between Mission Road and San Fernando boulevard. It was also reported that plans are being carried out to have Lomita boulevard, east of Narbonne, widened and improved.

Norton addressed the group on "What We May Lose in the East" after being introduced by President Irving P. Austin. Those attending from Torrance were Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Page, B. C. Buxton, DeKalb Spurlin, L. J. Gilmeister, Leonard Young and Michael Strasser. The next Harbor District meeting in May will be at El Segundo.

Three Babies Born  
At Local Hospital

Three babies, two girls and a boy, were born during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Radisch, Los Angeles, claimed one of the young ladies last Wednesday and Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Shuey, Wilmington, greeted the other Saturday. The lone boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Sells of Redondo Monday.

**OIL TRUCK STRIPPED**  
A Getty Oil company truck was found by deputy sheriffs stripped of about \$450 worth of equipment on 190th street Sunday night. It was towed to a local garage for replacement and repairs.

**Rare Edition Found**  
MILLBURY, Mass. (U.P.)—Apparently forgotten since Colonial days, a dusty first edition of John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" valued at \$4,000—was discovered recently in the Millbury public library cellar.

**Conner Hopes We'll Suffer Writers' Cramps**  
"One air mail letter a day per person" is the ambitious goal set by Postmaster Earl Conner as this city's contribution to the nationwide observance of Air Mail Week, May 15 to 21.

And he is offering, thru a special postoffice committee, free air mail envelopes to those who will co-operate in the observance. These attractive covers, carrying a message advertising Torrance, will be distributed shortly to all schools, many of the stores and industries and may be obtained at the postoffice without charge.

Special Air Mail Week stamps will be placed on sale at schools, business houses and the postoffice in the near future.

**EQUIPMENT STOLEN**  
Theft of two lubricators, valued at \$50, was reported to police here yesterday by the Pacific Western Oil company, who said the equipment was taken from two derricks at Cedar and Sepulveda.

**It's Spring—**  
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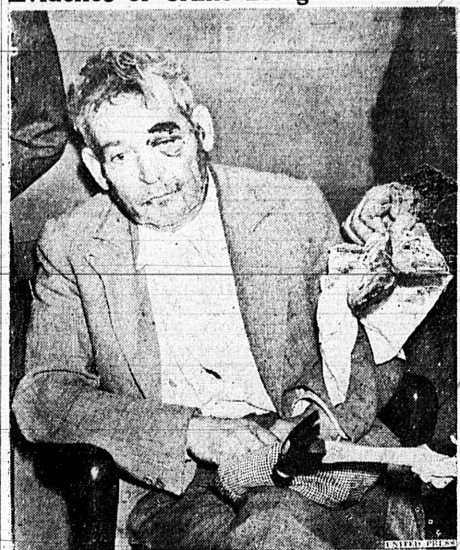
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## Evidence of Crime Brings Confession



A graphic study in facial expression is this photograph of Charles McLachlan, 55, "sexual maniac" slayer of a 7-year-old girl in Los Angeles. A few moments after the girl's blood-stained shoes and the hammer used in the killing were shown to him (at the time this picture was taken), McLachlan confessed. He will be formally charged this week.

Lomita Babe Maintains Family's  
Record of Fifth Generation

It will be several years before she knows it, but little Laurellen Stalcup, of Lomita, now 13 days old, is the latest member of a family that sets a new high for sticking togetherness.

Twenty-two years ago, when baby Helen Traweck arrived at her Covina home she was too tiny to know that she represented a fifth living generation in her family, and that—proudest of all her kin—was her great-great-grandfather, George Stokes of Kentucky.

Today, Helen, now Mrs. Laurence Stalcup is at her home, 2127 248th Street, Lomita, with her own baby daughter, Laurellen, who was born April 8 at Torrance Memorial hospital.

That baby is also a fifth generation. Her great-great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morris of Pasadena, 87 and 85 years of age respectively, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last November.

Court Being  
Held Weekly  
at T. H. S.

First session of the "Tartar Court" with Judge Reggie Trelor presiding was held this week at Torrance high school as members of the student honorary group known as Tartar Knights began a campaign for improved citizenship and behavior about the campus.

"Judge" Trelor revealed that he was going to be a stern magistrate as he doled out sentences for such infractions as disfiguring buildings, damaging equipment and otherwise failing to behave as good students. He ordered convicted violators to clean up their offenses, pay for damages and "work-out" their penalties at various odd jobs about the school.

Members of the Tartar Knights, of which Trelor is captain, are equipped with books of blank "citations" which they will sign and pass out to misbehaving students. The citation bears this statement: "By signing this ticket you are not admitting your guilt. Bring two witnesses and a lawyer." Trelor explains that a "lawyer" can be a fellow-student or a member of the faculty. The Knights have their own prosecuting attorney who serves during the Monday afternoon court sessions.

May Label All  
County Autos,  
Check Their Use

Papiting the words "County of Los Angeles" on both sides of all county-owned passenger automobiles today is under consideration by the board of supervisors as a possible means of curbing unauthorized use of county-owned cars.

Because the county garage and service stations are pumping more gasoline on Monday than on any other day of the week, Chief Mechanical Engineer R. E. Shonerd saw a possibility that there is an unauthorized use of cars over the week-ends.

Also, there is more congestion in the county parking lots on Monday mornings than at any other time, which Shonerd said seemed to indicate that there are more cars on outside duty brought to the Civic Center on that day than on any other.

Cost of lettering the 297 passenger cars owned by the county was estimated at \$803.22, Shonerd said. Some supervisors favor labelling all cars except those used by supervisors and perhaps some department heads.

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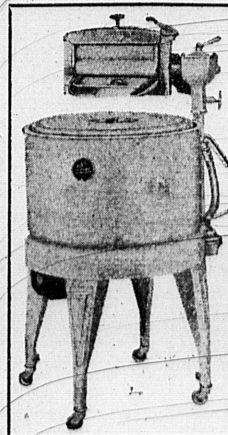
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