

Inquests Held for Two Crash Victims; Driver Faces Penalty

One coroner's jury served at two inquests last Friday afternoon at Stone and Myers' chapel. As result of the jury's verdict, Nick Ruelas, 24, Redondo Beach, was charged with negligence in the death Nov. 16, of his 62-year-old uncle, Francisco Ruelas of 25039 Walnut street, Lomita. A recommendation that the younger Ruelas be "held to answer" had previously been carried out by local police.

Ruelas will be given a preliminary hearing Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in City Judge Robert Lessing's courtroom on a charge of negligent homicide. He is now confined in the city jail in lieu of \$1,500 bail.

The second inquest pertained to the death last Thursday of Mrs. Max Ross of 4300 Emerald street, Redondo Beach. She was fatally injured Nov. 15 when her sedan and a Pacific Electric car collided at Hawthorne boulevard and the El Nido crossing. The jury held that the collision was accidental and absolved R. K. Weaver, motorman on the electric car, of blame.

Refuses to Testify
Members of the jury which did double service were Emmett Marlett, Oliver Medicus, G. E. Harless, E. M. North, John Shidler and H. W. Slover. Deputy County Coroner Arthur Kane was in charge of the sessions and conducted the examination of witnesses.

Six witnesses were questioned during the Ruelas inquest, one being Nick Ruelas, charged with the homicide. Ruelas, when identifying himself, he refused to testify on the advice of his attorney, Benente Ruelas, brother of the victim, stated that Francisco Ruelas was a widower and a native of Mexico. Sergeant Frank J. Schumacher and Officer Willard H. Barnett reported the police investigation of the case.

They testified that on receiving information early on the morning of Nov. 14 they went to Torrance toward the Burns north to become Western avenue. No trace of a car mishap but no car. Later, Victor Pacheco, Redondo youth, was picked up on the street by the jury and admitted he was in the auto that had turned over, been righted by three of its four occupants and taken to Francisco Ruelas' house in Lomita.

Considerable Drinking
On arriving there, the officers stated they found "Nick in a drunken stupor behind the wheel." Frank Mendosa, also of Redondo, beside him, asleep but sobbing up and down. Ruelas was slumped over the wheel, unconscious and lying face down. On being brought to the police station, a doctor was called to examine the older man, found he was paralyzed from the neck down. He was taken to the county general hospital where he died last Wednesday afternoon.

Pacheco and Mendosa testified that the party had considerable alcohol and beer consumed. Nick Ruelas was driving when the accident occurred. Pacheco said that Nick averted the car sharply to avoid hitting another machine at the intersection of Torrance boulevard corner which caused the car to turn over. Pacheco Ruelas was not thrown out, he said, and when he got to Lomita they were unable to lift him into the house—so they left him on the ground. The autopsy report showed he succumbed from a fractured vertebrae and rupture of the spinal cord.

Auto Hit Broadside
Principal witness in the inquest into the death of Mrs. Ross was Mortimer Weaver, who resides in Redondo Beach. He testified that Mrs. Ross "must have been driving from 45 to 50 miles an hour" when he saw her car approaching. He said he applied his emergency air brakes and (Continued on Page 2)

Fem Grid Fan Tops All Score Guessers in Herald Contest

To Miss Dorothy Mearling of 2211 Andree goes two honors: She was the best "Score Picker" of last week's final Herald Football Contest—winning a couple of tickets to the U.S.C.-U.C.L.A. "civil war" in the Coliseum on Thanksgiving Day; she had the lowest (and therefore the best) score of any Grid Prophet during the seven-week contest, and she picked every winning team in 10 games.

If Miss Mearling will call at The Herald office she will be presented with the duets to the "big game" Thursday afternoon. In second place last week was Mildred Nicolson, whose score was 156. He missed but one winning team. Coach Robert Barr of the high school football team entered the final week's contest. But being a mentor of a championship eleven is no guarantee that you are an excellent Score Guesser. Barr missed naming six winning teams out of the 19 games listed for the last Herald contest.

During the past seven weeks, The Herald awarded 14 tickets to the outstanding grid players in the Coliseum. Previous winners were: Leslie L. Prince, Louis Brigranti, 911 Amapola; T. L. Mantson, 1315 Sartori; Miss Evelyn Warming, 803 Cota; Max Cota, Spurlin Court, and Earl Rinkler, 1803 Cabrillo. The Herald thanks those who entered the contest, the merchants who made the Football Contest Page the interesting feature it was and now awaits the opening of the 1939 season for another Grid Prophet series.

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SANTA DUE HERE FRIDAY NIGHT!



We are thankful for this
THANKSGIVING

Three centuries ago a handful of men and women knelt to give thanks to the Creator for having preserved them from the dangers of the forbidding wilderness and rewarded their labors with a harvest of sufficient food to carry them through the long winter ahead.

Today one hundred and thirty million Americans have cause to thank the Creator for having preserved them from the dangers of the forbidding wilderness of oppression, dictatorship, Communism and war that surround us as a raging sea surrounds a safe island—to thank Him for having rewarded our labors with comforts of living beyond the dreams of the humble Puritans.

Today, as then, thankfulness for the past connotes thankfulness for present opportunity

to make for ourselves a better future. Democracy and liberty preserved give us freedom to build stronger barriers of steadfast faith against the deadly infection of foreign "isms," as preservation from savages and starvation enabled the Puritans to strengthen their rude forts and extend their hard-won food acreage.

We have clung to liberty for the common man, while whole peoples have yielded theirs. We have kept to the path of peace, while armies ravage other lands. Most serious problems confront us—problems of labor strife, of enormous tax debts, of economic dislocation still unquenched.

But we have the freedom and the will, the resources and the mechanics, to overcome all our problems. Let us be thankful.

Union Thanks Service Thursday

City Officials of County Hold Meeting Here

One hundred fifty-seven municipal officials and their wives from 28 of the county's 44 incorporated cities and 61 Torrance residents, city officials and their wives, making a total of 218, attended the 90th dinner-meeting of the Los Angeles county division of the League of California Municipalities last Thursday night in the Civic Auditorium.

Two speakers, two acts of excellent vaudeville entertainment, a musical group and some more comprised the two and one-half hour gathering that was followed by a special dinner-meeting. Leo Smith, Marysville city councilman who is president of the state municipalities league, and Dr. John Priffner, dean of the School of Public Administration at U.S.C., were the principal speakers.

The entertainment, consisting of topical songs by the Four Varsity Boys and some more comedy by Olson and Sabers, whose pantomime for a couple out motor in the gay 90's was a real hit, was obtained for the occasion by Councilman Tom McGuire. Nearly every local official was present and introduced by Mayor William H. Tolson after he gave the address of welcome.

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RIGHT TO WORSHIP REMAINS SECURE IN FREE AMERICA

All residents of Torrance and vicinity are cordially invited by the local Ministerial association to attend the special union Thanksgiving Day service in the Civic Auditorium which will start at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

"As our country faces the totalitarian nations curbing the rights of people to worship God as they choose and are curtailing the freedom of the press and other democratic institutions and organizations, all Christian people are reminded of the greatest modern venture by the early settlers in Plymouth, Mass., where they secured complete freedom in the New World," an announcement from the Ministerial group this week reads.

"There are many evidences that the freedom of the Pilgrims sought will only be maintained by the exercise of Christian brotherhood in its most practical form. Citizens of our community are earnestly requested to be present at the union Thanksgiving service Thursday morning."

One-Hour Service
The program will be in charge of Rev. E. W. Matz, president of the Ministerial association, who will also read the President's Thanksgiving proclamation. The invocation will be given by Rev. C. M. Northrup and the Scripture lesson will be read by Rev. Frank T. Porter. Special musical selections will be provided.

Rev. Harry G. Banks will deliver the sermon and the topic will be "Our Father's God." The benediction will be pronounced by Rev. Thomas R. Marshall. This service will be concluded with the hour, closing at 11 o'clock.

Residents Home From Trip East
Glad to be back in sunny California after experiencing nearly three weeks of incessant rain and cold, Sergeant and Mrs. Ernest Ashton, her mother, Mrs. William Williams and her brother Charles Williams, returned last Thursday afternoon from east to attend the funeral of Mr. William Williams, who succumbed to a heart attack here while returning from the Factory Frolic, Oct. 28.

The local residents left the Ohio city last Monday morning and drove thru bitter cold weather as far as Las Vegas. Ashton reported that it rained every day and snowed once while they were in Ohio.

Tony Nady Wins Honor Rating at Naval Station

Tony M. Nady, son of Mrs. J. M. Nady of 1016 Amapola, was selected as the "honor man" of his Navy company by instructors at the U. S. Naval Training Station at San Diego for the week ending Nov. 12, according to word received by The Herald this week from Commander A. T. Moen, training officer.

"Nady enlisted in the Navy in Los Angeles, Sept. 13. Since that time he has been learning the necessary qualifications to fit himself for a career as a man-of-war's man," Commander Moen wrote. "At this station it is the custom to select every week the one man of each company of 110 recruits among whom he has shown by his outstanding ability, his zeal and his loyalty that he is worthy of this special designation."

"Friends of this young man and of his mother, Mrs. J. M. Nady, will be happy to learn that he is adapting himself so nicely to the high standards which the modern Navy has set for its blue-jackets and that he has started on his Naval career with such distinctive promise," Commander Moen's letter concludes.

G. P. to Start New Buildings This Week

Work is scheduled to start this week on construction of the \$45,000 office and control laboratory building for the General Petroleum Corporation, according to J. Diekey, vice president in charge of engineering for the company.

A storage building to cost \$3,000 also is to be built as the newest unit in the company's huge multi-million-dollar expansion program. Construction is to be of wood frame and stucco.

THIAL IS MONDAY

City Judge Robert Lessing will hold court next Monday morning, 20-year-old Iowan Shipley, who arrived in Torrance last week on a charge of driving while intoxicated on El Prado last Saturday night. He was released on \$100 bail.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
All schools in Torrance will be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. Theobald Wins Range at Cooking School

"We are treating our new gas range like one of the family and it is treating us to the best meals my husband says he has ever eaten," Mrs. Charles E. Theobald declared yesterday. She was the winner of the Gaffers and Satter range that was given by Harry Abramson of the National Home Appliance company as the major award when The Herald's cooking school closed last Friday.

Mrs. Theobald, who lives at 1629 West 221st street, was presented with the brand-new range by Abramson, who said he was delighted to make the award and wished her "many happy cooking hours" with it. The new range was promptly installed in place of one that had served Mrs. and Mrs. Theobald for the past 14 years.

New Attendance Record
The Civic Auditorium was jammed almost to capacity last Friday when Mrs. Jessie Ewing gave the last of a three-day demonstration in modern gas cookery. In addition to the major award, scores of other gifts were distributed. The three-day cooking school set a new record for such events sponsored by The Herald. The total attendance was more than 2,000. Mrs. Ewing said that she enjoyed her stay here and never had she found more attentive, interested audiences.

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Couple Escape Serious Hurts In Car Crash

Altho their car was knocked over and over and landed on its side, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Darlington of San Pedro escaped serious injuries last Saturday afternoon in an automobile collision at 174th and Crenshaw, Mrs. Josie F. Darlington, 59, was badly bruised and shaken but her husband suffered only slight bruises. She was removed to the San Pedro hospital.

The Darltons were driving north on Crenshaw in their sedan when it was struck on the left rear wheel by a coast driven by Satoru Otani, of 132nd and Redondo boulevard, who was going east on 174th. The San Pedro car was bowled over and landed 72 feet from the point of impact, according to police reports.

Radios City to Announce Flight from North Pole!

Down from the snow-bound North Pole, flashing with the speed of light from a busy workshop to the tip of the tall KNX transmitter mast and then over a special leased wire to The Herald office came a momentous broadcast direct to this newspaper last night. It conveyed a message to every boy and girl—from two to 20 and their parents—from a man who is preparing for the greatest trip the world has ever known. Here is the actual message as taken down in shorthand by a stenographer:

"Hello, there! Hello, Torrance! This is Santa Claus speaking!"

(The Herald staff, clustered around the office loudspeaker, cheered.)

"I'm broadcasting from my North Pole office direct to you folks on The Herald to ask that you tell all my friends in your city that I'm going to be in Torrance next Friday night—that's Nov. 25—and... wait a minute, one of my helpers just came in to tell me that we've got to make another million dollars..."

(Then the listeners at this newspaper office heard Santa say:)

"Alright, alright—go ahead and make them—now let me get back to my message to Torrance... Are you there, Torrance?... Well, I'll be in your city Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. Will you have someone meet me at your nearest airport because I'm flying down?"

(Shouts of "Of course we will—we'll have the fire truck meet him and bring him to Torrance in style!" Then Santa went on.)

"I'm bringing some special gifts, too, and an announcement that will be of great interest to every person in and around your city. I've got a million dollars in other towns all over the world but I'll certainly be in Torrance next Friday night—that's the night after Thanksgiving—so you won't have to travel any other place to see me."

(This will be good news to many parents whose youngsters have heard that Santa was going to be at other towns and have been demanding the opportunity of seeing him again.)

"All you have to do, you Torrance people, is to be downtown in your shopping district Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, and I'm sure that we'll renew our acquaintanceship! You folks on The Herald... you plan to meet me and give me a lift into your town and I'll do the rest!"

(Immediately Director John Stroh was contacted and he said: "Sure, we'll ride old Santa into town on the fire truck—providing he remembers the fire department at Christmas time!")

"Well, I've got to get back to work—because Christmas is going to be the biggest one I've ever seen—and so I'll sign off now... But I'll be seeing you! And... well, I'll be seeing you! So wish you a Merry Christmas! So wish, this is Santa Claus, himself, in person, signing off in a broadcast from his North Pole office direct to Torrance, California."

So there it is, boys and girls! Santa Claus will be here Friday night, Nov. 25, to pass the business district on the fire truck, distribute some special gifts and make an important announcement! Ask Mother and Dad, your Aunts and Uncles, your Grandpa and Grandma to bring you downtown that night to see Santa for the first time in 1938!

TO PAY \$50 FINE

Charged with driving while intoxicated early last Thursday, James Henry Lee, 55, 1803 Andree, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 in city court this week. He arranged to pay the fine Dec. 1.

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Second Herald Issue This Week Will be Published on Friday

This pre-Thanksgiving edition of The Herald is not the only one to be published this week. Another issue will be rolled off the press, full of interesting news of Torrance people and events. Friday. It will be distributed early Friday afternoon. Today's edition provides you with news and Thanksgiving dinner suggestions. Make your shopping list from the advertisements in it NOW!

Stores Open Wednesday Night...
Many of the service stations in Torrance will close Thanksgiving Day at 1 o'clock. The owners and operators urge local motorists to stock up on supplies Wednesday or Thursday morning.