

Police Arrest Three Drunk Drivers Here

Three arrests were made by local officers for driving while intoxicated last week-end. One of the arrested drunken drivers was accused of striking another car, seriously injuring a San Pedro woman.

He was Rawlins Artz, 44-year-old Los Angeles plasterer, who was held by witnesses following the accident at Highway 101 near Newton street in Welteria Monday night. Artz, accompanied by his wife, who police said had also been drinking, crashed into a car being driven east on the highway by F. D. Marshall of San Pedro.

Mrs. Marshall suffered serious injuries to her head and chest and was treated at Torrance Memorial hospital. Later she was allowed to return home but she is still under doctor's care. Police reported that the Artz car contained a case of empty beer bottles.

Artz was released on \$500 bail Tuesday night to appear next Thursday morning, Sept. 14, at 10 o'clock for preliminary hearing. No charges were placed against his wife.

Walterians Nabbed

In addition to drunken driving in his truck, Hiromitsu Muno, 57-year-old Japanese gardener living in Beverly Hills, was accused of operating his machine without glasses as his driver's license required. Muno was picked up on Hawthorne avenue off 182nd street Monday afternoon after he was seen driving in a most erratic manner north on Hawthorne. Muno pleaded guilty and was fined \$50.

Chief Cato of the State Highway Patrol recently requested all justices and police judges to be severe on drivers who disobey restrictions given them regarding wearing glasses.

The third motorist to be arrested for drunk driving was Cleo C. Keith, 27-year-old dairy worker living at 24454 Park street, Welteria. He was taken in custody Sunday afternoon on Western avenue near 208th street after he had narrowly missed several cars coming south on Western. Keith, who was accompanied by his 21-year-old brother Dean, had to be held up on his feet while being booked at the police station. Dean Keith was charged with being drunk in an auto. His \$25 fine was suspended on condition that he stays out of Torrance for two years. Cleo Keith was fined \$50.

ALLEY FIGHT SENDS MAN TO HOSPITAL

Shortly after Harold Clemmer of 2119 Gramercy suffered a bad head injury late Saturday night as result of an argument with Alfred Kelly, 50, of 1920 Arlington avenue in the alley off Gramercy. Kelly was arrested on a charge of drunkenness by local police. He was released later on his own recognizance to appear before Police Judge Robert Lessing this morning.

Kelly, who was also charged with battery, pleaded guilty to both counts. He admitted to Judge Lessing that he struck Clemmer with a piece of lead pipe that he used to prop his garage door open. Because Clemmer is still under medical treatment for his head wound, Lessing postponed sentencing Kelly until Sept. 16 at 10 a. m. He said that because Kelly used the piece of pipe, the battery charge could be raised to the felony count of assault with a deadly weapon and he was unwilling to pass sentence at this time in view of the fact that the victim was still under doctor's care.

Clemmer identified Kelly as the man who struck him with "some long club-like object" on the head, inflicting a deep gash that took three stitches to close at Torrance Memorial hospital. Kelly claims he hit Clemmer with his fist but investigating officers, who they have been unable to find the weapon, insist that "the hole in Clemmer's head was not made by any man's fist."

Armed With Shotgun

The attack occurred in the alley of a house at 1925 Gramercy, occupied by Clemmer's brother. The victim said he was walking up the alley to where his car was parked when he heard a noise. He said it sounded like his car was being hit by another machine. Then he met Kelly who asked him what he was doing in the alley. Clemmer said he explained he was going to get his car and an argument ensued.

Kelly is asserted to have struck Clemmer to the ground (Continued on Page 2-A)

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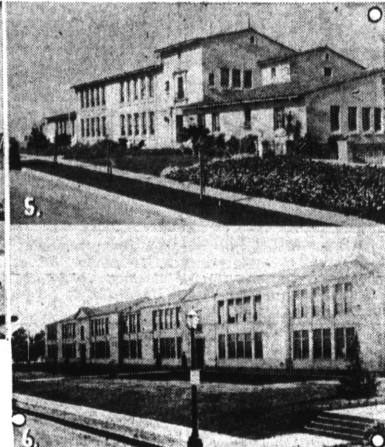
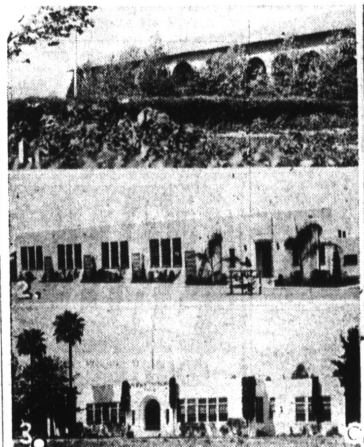
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New School Term Begins Next Monday Morning



IN SERVICE AGAIN . . . These six plants will resume service next Monday morning: (1) Welteria; (2) Moneta Japanese Institute in the northern part of the city; (3) Perry in North Torrance; (4) main building of Torrance high; (5) Fern Street Elementary; and (6) the Torrance Elementary school.

Improvement Group Presses Purchase of Cabrillo Rt-of-Way

To demonstrate popular demand for the purchase of the Pacific Electric right-of-way on Cabrillo avenue, preliminary to the improvement of this business artery from Border avenue to Plaza del Amo, members of the City-Wide Improvement Association will appear before the city council next Tuesday night, Sept. 12.

Other residents interested in this major improvement project are urged to join the association in making an appeal to the council for the acquisition of the P. E. right-of-way.

Officials of the Pacific Electric railway recently offered to sell the company's right-of-way on Cabrillo avenue for \$6,055, and Torrance city officials estimate that it will cost another \$3,000 to \$4,000 for removal of the tracks.

Two weeks ago the City-Wide Improvement Association recommended to the City Council that the railroad company's offer be accepted in order to clear the way for paving the street from curb to curb. This recommendation was "taken under consideration" by the City Council but no further action has followed.

Other Improvements

Should the city purchase the railroad right-of-way out of the general fund, the City-Wide Improvement Association proposes to back a bond issue for paving Cabrillo avenue, beautifying and repaving Torrance boulevard, and other projects including recreational facilities at Welteria.

Mayor William H. Tolson attended the last meeting of the City-Wide Improvement Association which was conducted by Robert J. Deininger, chairman. All those interested in the proposed improvements are urged to attend the next meeting of the City Council, Deininger states.

Want Sewers, Etc.

Members of the association also voted to request the city engineer to prepare estimates of costs for providing sewers, curbs, and street paving in the Vista Highland tract, west of Cedar avenue between Carson and Torrance boulevard.

Work Starts on Madrid Park Improvement

General improvement of the small city parks began today with 16 S. I. A. workers starting the planting and installation of a sprinkler system on the Madrid avenue center parkway. Eleven of the workers are under direction of William Gascoigne, street superintendent, while the other five are under Fred Blake, city gardener.

When the Madrid park is improved, the workers will move into other smaller beautified zones to rehabilitate the planting and generally improve their appearance. The city voted to install the sprinkler system at the Madrid parkway several weeks ago but the work was held up pending an okay from the State Relief Administration for the extra help needed to do the job.

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Frolic Bumper Cards at C. C.

"Tell the world about our Factory Frolic!" urges General Chairman Fay L. Parks as he announces that attractive auto bumper cards, complete with attaching wires, advertising the community celebration Sept. 28, 29 and 30, may be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce for 10 cents each.

Final assignments of all teachers in Torrance and Lomita have not been made as yet by the Los Angeles board of education. The personnel office reports that there are a number of last-minute changes that prevent publication of the complete list of faculty members for schools. Many of the assignments are being made at a special meeting of the board today and others will be made Friday and Saturday.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO START HERE

In just four more mornings a carefree 80-day summer vacation will end for nearly 2,000 local youngsters and 1,800 more in Lomita. The 1939-40 school term will begin promptly at 8 o'clock Monday morning in all schools in this district and parents are urged by school authorities to send the youngsters to classes on the first day so there will be a minimum of delay in starting the work of education.

Opening of the term has more than seasonal interest here because of the fact that Sept. 11 also marks the start of Torrance Community College. The junior college institution will be centered at the high school where provisions have been made for the advanced classes by sending junior high school grades back to the Torrance Elementary and Fern Avenue schools.

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Three More Columbia Steel Men Joining 20-Year Club

With one veteran worker, Paul M. Watson, assistant sheet mill superintendent, received into the honorary group this week and two more due for membership before the month is out, the 20-Year Service club of Columbia Steel men will increase its roster to 21 on Sept. 25.

On that day Jack W. L. Quigley, electrician first class, will have qualified for the group because of his 20 years' service with Columbia Steel. The third new member will be George Hawkes, night crane man, who began his service here Sept. 15, 1919.

General Superintendent Henry T. Lintott said last Friday in presenting Watson with his gold 20-year service pin that "this is one of the most pleasant of my duties." No elaborate ceremony accompanies the presentation of the honor badge, rather it is a time for reminiscing about the "good old days" and a review of each recipient's career with the steel firm.

Other members of Columbia's 20-Year Service Club are: E. M. Johnston, sheet mill superintendent, whose service dates back to 1901; M. J. Beale, yard foreman in the sheet mill, 1912; Richard E. Schumert, order supervisor, 1913; John O. Anderson and C. C. Shaner, sheet mill workers, 1915; Sam Nourse, carpenter foreman, 1915, and John Agapito, trouble shooter in the engineering and maintenance department, 1916.

Harry Sharner, R. F. Detrick and O. A. Childers, rolling mill workers, 1917; Ed Brennan, electrician, 1917; J. C. Bay, rolling mill worker, 1918; Jasper Warino, rolling mill worker, 1919 (he received his pin last June); Walter Jones, assistant foundry superintendent, 1916; Paul Dynes, local auditor, 1916; C. B.

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Bandit Beats Youth Asleep in Service Station

Beaten over the head with a crank wrapped in a piece of cloth, Lee Vernon, 17-year-old service station attendant at Hawthorne and 190th streets, today is still in a serious condition at an Inglewood hospital—nearly three days after he was attacked by one or two holdup men.

Vernon was slugged unconscious sometime last Monday night and was found at 5:30 Tuesday morning lying in a pool of blood by his uncle and owner of the station, A. Clifford, with whom the youth lived at 4545 West 190th street. Vernon is a Redondo Union high school student.

No description has yet been obtained by sheriff's officers as to the identity of the man or men who beat Vernon, fracturing his skull and cutting a three-inch gash in his head over his left eye. However, it is known the attacker forced the lock on the gasoline pump and drew seven gallons of gasoline before breaking a small hole in the front door glass and entered the station where Vernon was sleeping.

Sheriff's officers believe that the youth was awakened by the intruder and was immediately slugged unconscious. The cash register was robbed of \$14.50 but the bandit or bandits overlooked \$4 in a cigar box on top of a counter and \$16 which Vernon had hidden under a large blotter on the counter before he retired for the night.

The young man was covered with blood and his left eye was swollen shut when he was found by Owner Clifford. He was semi-conscious but after arriving at an Inglewood hospital he lapsed into a coma from which he has not yet recovered. Examination disclosed that his skull was fractured.

No one apparently saw the holdup but tire marks show that the bandits' car sped north on Hawthorne after the robbery and attack. Deputies were seriously hampered in their investigation of the crime because the victim was unable to give a description of his attacker and other data about the case.

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Gardenians Push Bus Line Plan

With almost certain assurance this week that the city of Gardena would go ahead with its plans for a municipal bus system tying in with Los Angeles motor coaches or Los Angeles railway cars, interest was revived here this week in a proposed Torrance municipal bus line connecting this city with Los Angeles.

Local officials appeared keenly interested in what Gardena intends to do regarding passenger traffic between that city and Los Angeles, realizing that discontinuance of P. E. transportation would leave both Torrance and Gardena "out on the limb."

However, the P. E. has assured city officials here that ample notice would be given in case such service is abandoned here in order that the city might make preparations to institute its own bus system or interest privately-owned transportation companies in extending their lines to Torrance.

Plan to Rent Buses
Councilman Earl Jacobs of Gardena is understood to have planned to meet with Torrance councilmen recently regarding possible extension of the Gardena line down Western or Vermont to connect with this city. Permission of local officials would have to be obtained for this extension here.

While such a proposal would be cordially received—it would mean that Torrance would not have to create its own bus system—reports from Gardena indicate some opposition to the extension because of the sparsely-settled area between the two cities which Gardena feels would be unproductive in bus revenues.

Gardena's council has a bus committee now at work making a survey of suggested routes, planning schedules and obtaining costs. It is planned to lease two buses for a period of six months or a year to test out the service. If it proves reasonably successful, Gardena officials state that their city then should purchase buses outright.

The route that has received the most favorable consideration is a loop thru the city of Gardena and extending up Vermont to Imperial Highway, over Imperial to Figueroa and then connecting with Manchester terminal of the "yellow bus" line.

Mayor William H. Tolson said yesterday that he and other city councilmen were willing to cooperate with Gardena officials in any way possible to prepare for travel exigencies which may arise if the P. E. abandons its passenger service to Torrance via Gardena.

New Zone Plan Hearing Monday

A public hearing to consider adoption in the near future of a "Master Plan" for zoning the entire city of Torrance will be held by the city planning commission Monday night, Sept. 11, starting at 8 o'clock in the city hall.

Kenneth Sampson of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission, who is in charge of the section devoted to land survey, will attend the meeting and discuss with interested residents the features of preliminary data collected by the city engineering staff relative to the proposed new zoning plan.

The commission, headed by Councilman Tom F. McGuire, chairman, has been drafting preliminary maps pertaining to a new zoning plan for the city ever since it was created by the council several months ago. The Monday night hearing, it is pointed out, will not be the final opportunity the public will have to consider its merits but will serve to introduce the "Master Plan" to interested residents.

This proposal includes a "land use plan" involving an inventory and classification of natural land types within the city limits and of existing uses such as business, residential, agricultural and unclassified to which parcels of land are committed.

Damage to Awnings Continues Here

A report was given police Saturday that boys have been cutting ropes and awnings at the Clara Lewis bakery shop on Carson street. Officers have had several other reports at other locations during the past week and are determined to put a stop to such malicious mischief.

Here Are Rules Governing Registration for November Vote

With interest running high in the forthcoming election on the "38-Thursday" scheme, efforts are being extended by both sides of the controversial measure to get every eligible voter to the polls. Prior to this, however, it is necessary that everyone be registered.

Following are the eligibility laws:

- NOV. 7, 1938. Must be resident of STATE before this day.
- AUG. 9, 1939. Must be resident of COUNTY before this day.
- If new citizen, must be naturalized before this day.
- SEPT. 18, 1939. May apply to Registrar or County Clerk for deputy to register Shut-ins before this day.
- SEPT. 23, 1939. Must be resident of PRECINCT before this day.
- Those reaching 21 years of age between Sept. 28 and Nov. 7 may register at regular time.
- SEPT. 28, 1939. REGISTRATION CLOSURES.
- OCT. 18, 1939. May apply for ABSENT VOTER BALLOT beginning this day.
- OCT. 28, 1939. May notify Registrar or County Clerk to send deputy to collect vote of Shut-ins.
- NOV. 2, 1939. LAST DAY to apply for ABSENT VOTER BALLOT.
- NOV. 7, 1939. GENERAL ELECTION DAY.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOT must bear post mark NOT LATER THAN ELECTION DAY.

Once registered you are registered for life, unless your registration has been cancelled for failure to vote or other causes.

If you failed to vote in August '38 and November '38 YOUR REGISTRATION IS CANCELLED.

If you voted August '38 and failed to vote November '38 YOUR REGISTRATION IS NOT CANCELLED.

If you voted in November '38 and failed to vote August '38 YOUR REGISTRATION IS NOT CANCELLED.

If your permanent registration is cancelled and you wish to vote in the next election although you may be in another state, or even in another county, write to Registrar or County Clerk for affidavits of registration and instructions.