

Court Orders Clerks Union Officials To Answer Questions

Judge Clarence M. Hanson of the Department 34 of the Superior Court of Los Angeles for the third time has entered an order to certain officers of the Harbor area Retail Clerks' Union directing them to answer certain questions.

The Judge's order was issued in connection with depositions being taken from the defendants in a damage action brought by three retail merchants, Ann Lindner, union president, Dave Morgan, business agent, and Haskell Tidwell, secretary, who refused to answer a long list of questions at these depositions.

The union officers and Clerks' Local No. 905 are being sued for \$75,000 damages. Also, Judge Hanson has put into effect a preliminary injunction restraining

the defendants from interfering with customers of the plaintiff stores, or from intimidating or coercing the store operators or employees in any manner, by picketing or otherwise.

In the ruling Judge Hanson ordered Tidwell to answer the following among other questions:

1. To state what his practice would be if a new non-union employee refused to sign a union application.

2. To tell if the Clerks' International had approved last year's closed shop agreement (as required by the union constitution).

3. To tell whether or not the constitution of his local permitted him to petition the Central Labor Council to have Spear's Store for Men placed on the "unfair" list and if so, what provision of the constitution allowed this.

4. To state whether or not his union had sent employees a letter stating that "if they did not agree to the union demands an economic struggle that would be disastrous to the community would develop."

5. To state how long he has been a member of Local No. 905.

6. Also to tell what his occupation or job was when he first was elected to union office.

7. To state whether non-active members (those who pay dues but are not allowed to attend meetings or vote) are allowed to hold office.

8. To state whether or not the terms of the present union contract permit an employer to hire any employee regardless of whether or not he is a member of the union.

Tidwell previously had twice refused the above and other questions. The judge overruled the objections of Tidwell and his attorney with respect to these questions and ordered him to answer.

Business agent Morgan was instructed to answer the following among other questions:

1. To state whether or not he had been elected to his office as business agent.

2. To tell whether or not he had ever refused union membership to any person.

3. To state whether or not he had hired and paid pickets to patrol in front of Spear's Store for Men.

Ann Lindner was also instructed to answer various questions about the activities of the union in connection with the business of the Harbor area merchants because they would not sign illegal closed shop contracts.

You Kitchen Counsellor

by HARRIETT SMITH

Southern California Gas Company Home Service Representative

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Lucky is the child with the summertime birthday! For without school to interfere he can have his party on the Right Day.



Lucky mama, too — for summertime weather assures that the party can be held outdoors — in the backyard if it's roomy enough, or perhaps at a neighborhood park. Every one knows that the noisier such parties become, the more successful they are in the opinion of the small fry. So why not plan for it?

ICE CREAM 'N' CAKE
The highlight of all birthday parties, of course, is the refreshments. In your attempt to "do something different this year," don't wander too far from the traditional ice cream and cake. Even though ice cream has become everyday fare for this younger generation, what party is complete without it? Change the form, the flavor or the decorative touches as you desire, but — do have ice cream and cake.

The cake may be an angel food, layer cake or perhaps one of those new chiffon cakes. Frost it with a fluffy icing and decorate with animal crackers, candies or flowers. If you are even halfway clever with a pastry tube or cake decorating set, use a butter icing and make as fancy a cake as you desire. For a child, just his name inscribed in colored icing will usually be trimming enough.

The proper number of candles on the cake is a "must." Whether the Honored One is four or fourteen, give him that thrill of blowing out the candles to learn if his birthday wish will come true. Put a birthday candle in each serving of ice cream so the guests can blow a wish at the same time.

PARTY FAVORS
How about Party Cakes for a take-home favor? (The party-going modern youth are demanding

more for a favor than the paper napkin autographed by all the guests.) Make cup cakes in gaily colored paper liners and frost in keeping with the large birthday cake. You might write each guest's name on a cup cake and use for place cards. The miracle cake recipe will make two 8-inch layers of cake plus 12 to 20 cup cakes (depends on size).

MIRACLE CAKE
4 C. sifted cake flour
4 Tsp.—double-action baking powder
1 Tsp. salt
1 C. shortening
2 C. sugar
4 eggs
1 1/2 C. milk
2 tsp. vanilla

Sift flour, add baking powder and salt. Sift three times. Cream shortening. Add sugar gradually and cream until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk and vanilla. Pour into four oiled 8-inch layer pans. Bake in modern gas range oven at 375° for 25-30 minutes.

When you are baking this quantity of cake be sure to allow for adequate circulation of hot air around each pan. Good rules to follow are: 1. an inch of space around each pan, 2. pans "staggered" in the oven—that is, no pan directly over another.

ANGEL FOOD CAKE
1 C. egg whites (8-10 eggs)
1 tsp. cream of tartar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 C. sugar
1 C. sifted cake flour
1 tsp. flavoring
Sift 1/2 C. of the sugar four times with the flour. Beat egg whites, cream of tartar and salt to a stiff foam. Fold in the remaining cup of sugar, about two tablespoons at a time. Add flavoring. Fold in flour mixture. (Sift a little of it at a time over the egg white mixture, folding it in only until no dry flour is visible.) Bake in a 9-inch ungreased tube pan at 325 degrees F. for 1 hour. Invert pan and let stand for an hour.



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The Riviera

by EVELYN DUDLEY

Now making their home at 23247 Robert Road are Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Quinlan and daughter, Jane, 12, who have moved here from Kansas City, Missouri. Quinlan is a pilot for Trans-World Airlines and formerly flew the run from Kansas City east.

Guests at the Wm. T. Haegle home on Doris Way during the week were Mrs. Haegle's sister of



Truck Crops Are Delayed By Weather

Cool weather the early part of May and again at the end of the month set back the maturity of truck crops and berries at least two weeks, according to Agricultural Commissioner Harold J. Ryan, of Los Angeles County. Aside from the effects of the dry winter and spring, conditions were favorable for citrus. A great deal of new growth has developed on citrus trees during the past month and both avocets and Valencia's have set heavy crops for next season.

Trends for the county indicate a considerable increase in cantaloups and watermelons and a decrease in tomato acreage. Large acreages of dry beans were not planted on non-irrigated ground because of the lack of soil moisture. Increases occurred wherever bean growers were equipped to irrigate, a considerable amount of this on land

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