

Hot Potato Meter Issue Tossed To New City Parking Authority

Weather

Tomorrow mostly sunny, cloudy in the morning with a high of about 76. The ocean will be about 67 degrees.

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SWEEPING UP THE PIECES — Ruth Robinson and A. Robinson, of Lawson's Jewelers, clean up the broken glass which was smashed early yesterday morning by a thief who stole an undetermined number of rings and jewelry which was displayed in the window. (Herald photo).

Cafe Strike Here Believed Averted

Peaceful settlement of the threatened waitress, cooks and bartenders strike was virtually assured late yesterday, according to "unofficial statements from members of the two negotiating committees."

A joint statement from the three unions and the tavern owners was promised at 5 p.m. yesterday as this issue of the Herald was "going to bed." The statement was believed to be an acceptance upon the part of the Harbor District Tavern and Restaurant Association of the union's final proposal of an across the board \$1 wage increase.

Bill Mulligan, secretary of the Bartenders Union, Local 591 and chairman of the negotiating committee, said that the union officials had asked for two other considerations: 1.—That wage talks be held again after January 10 of next year and, 2.—That the six-man Board of Trustees of the worker's insurance program be retained.

Involved in the negotiations are three unions having jurisdiction over some 40 cafes and bars in Torrance and affecting nearly 200 workers. The three labor groups are the aforementioned Bartenders Union, the Waitresses Union, Local 512 and the Culinary and Hotel Workers Union, Local 784.

Should the proposal of the unions be rejected, the negotiating committee for the unions have been granted the authority by the membership of the three unions to call a strike should the committee deem it necessary.

Both parties seemed eager to avoid a strike.

The negotiations have been held since Friday of last week, \$2 per day increase for waitresses and \$4 per day increases for bartenders. The unions, realizing that their demands were in excess of those permitted by the Wage Stabilization Board, were asking the employers to grant the wage increase and then to appear jointly before the board to ask that the 10 per cent maximum wage increase be amended. The new proposal of the unions is under the 10 per cent allowable maximum.

Advisor Takes JC Job

Edward A. Reynolds, former faculty advisor of the Junior Statesmen at Torrance High School, has accepted the position of director of counseling and guidance at Palo Verde Junior College and High School at Blythe, California, he said this week.

He is to serve as registrar at both schools also.

Food Sale Proceeds To Buy Band Uniforms

A food sale for the purpose of raising money to purchase uniforms for members of the Torrance Area Youth Band will be staged in front of Levy's Department Store on Saturday morning, according to James Van Dyck, director. The band needs 40 more uniforms.

Pilot Leaves To Fly In Midget Plane Race

Off to the races this week for a crack at the \$25,000 prize money went Bob Pfeiffer, flying instructor at the Torrance Municipal Airport, and his 575-pound midget racing plane, "Mr. Zip."

Airman Pfeiffer and "Mr. Zip" (designed by Paul Schaupp) will attempt to qualify today and tomorrow for the finals in the midget plane races at the National Air Races to be held on Sunday in Detroit.

TOWED TO RACES
The plane, being towed to the races by the designer, managed to escape serious damage inflicted on several other planes being carted to Detroit when a hailstorm struck in Utah.

Pfeiffer, who flies with North American Airlines as a co-pilot, left Monday night by North American for Detroit.

The speedy little midgets will race about 50 feet off the ground around six pylons designating a 2 1/2-mile course. Pfeiffer figures he will have to place twelfth in the field of 18 starters to earn enough prize money

to break even.
MUST HIT 140 MPH
The planes must hit 140 miles per hour to qualify.
"We've got that beat all hollow," claims Pfeiffer.

The local plane has a wing span of 16 feet, stands four feet, four inches high, and is powered by an 85-horsepower Continental engine.

For both the \$12,000 racer and Pilot Pfeiffer is a first, as far as competition is concerned.

Schaupp is a designer at North American. The pilot operates the Eagle Aviation Flying Service at the Torrance airport.

Jewel Thief Smashes Window; Steals Rings

Ring Loss As Yet Not Evaluated

Smashing the front display window, a thief during the early daylight hours of yesterday morning snatched a number of rings and jewelry from Lawson's Jewelers, 1317 El Prado.

Abe Robinson, vice-president of the company, said that only after an inventory could be taken would he be able to fix a value on the merchandise which stolen.

Silas B. Kennedy 1691 Gramercy avenue, an employee of the Torrance Plumbing Company, discovered the broken window shortly before 6:45 a.m. and notified police. A patrolman, Thomas Pattishall, said he had checked the store at 5:10 a.m. and found all intact.

Police Chief John Stroh believed the window was smashed with some type of tool, perhaps a hammer, since no object was found inside the window which would indicate the glass was broken by an object being thrown through it.

Missing were an undetermined number of men's and women's diamond rings, several wedding bands and stone rings, Robinson said.



SGT. SYLVESTER MACORIE
... His Decoy Saves Nine

Red Decoy Helps Save Nine GI's

Sgt. Sylvester Macorie used his head and a Red prisoner recently to bring back nine wounded men from the front lines in Korea.

The 23-year-old resident of 2042 Kathy Way was returning from taking ammunition to the front lines. With him he had nine wounded men to take to a rear aid station.

Attempting to cross a stream the small contingent was pinned down by the raking fire of a Red machine gun. Sgt. Macorie forced a captured Red onto a huge rock in the stream to draw the fire while the ammunition carriers crossed the stream beneath the machinegun fire with the wounded men and on to safety.

The men were part of the 32nd "Queen's Own" infantry.

In his letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riggles of the Kathy way address, Sgt. Macorie enclosed a clipping describing the stream-crossing incident.

There was no mention of what happened to the Red decoy.

The local sergeant has been in Korea about a year and expects to be returned home in about a month.

Flash—But No Fire in Union Tank Farm Here

One Lomita fire company and two Torrance engines rushed to the Union Oil Tank Farm at 2650 Lomita boulevard, this week, just in case.

A flash fire in a tank touched off by a welder's torch lasted for a brief second, but long enough to bring firemen on the run—what with memories of the recent Wilmington refinery fire still fresh in their minds.

No damage was reported by crews at the plant, which is located within the city limits of Torrance.

Car Hits Train; Local Driver Fractures Leg

Dragged 180 feet along the tracks after hitting a Santa Fe train early Saturday morning at Madrid avenue and Torrance boulevard, was Joe Piazzi, 28, of 1324 Date avenue.

He suffered a fractured leg, and cuts and bruises, according to Harbor General Hospital doctors, where he was taken following the crash. He was later transferred to the Valley Hospital in Van Nuys.

Piazzi told Torrance officers, Sgt. Karl Friberg and Harvey Turenline, that he did not see the train soon enough to avoid hitting it.

Engineer John Triewerler was headed south along the Santa Fe right of way when Piazzi's auto struck the engine as the driver was proceeding west on Torrance boulevard at 2:40 a.m.

Swimming Pool Site Suggested

Claiming the site would make an excellent location for a future swimming pool, the City Recreation Commission Tuesday night asked the city Council to take steps to acquire a 20-acre site near Maple avenue and Carson street.

Loss of the Fern avenue playground has created a need for a new recreational spot in the area, the commission told the council.

The Council agreed with the latter statement and voted to take up the matter at its next agenda meeting.

Five Member Parking Authority Appointed

Burden of finding a place in the future for Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Shopper to park while shopping in Torrance was shifted Tuesday night to the shoulders of the newly-created Parking Authority.

Mayor Bob L. Haggard handed the hot potato parking meter problem to a quintet of local citizens. Appointed to the Authority, which was created by the State Legislature in 1949, are Charles T. Rippey Sr., chairman; Dean L. Sears, J. H. Paget, Charles Ver Jones and Mrs. Emma Roberts.

TERMS VARY

Rippey, a local attorney, was appointed for four years as was Sears, who is manager of the Torrance branch Bank of America. Paget, manager of the J. J. Newberry Store, is to serve three years; Jones, owner of the Torrance Hardware, was appointed to a two-year term and Mrs. Roberts, owner of a beauty parlor and president of the Torrance Woman's Club, will serve for one year.

Passed by the Torrance City Council also was the so-called "Parking Meter Ordinance." The law sets up the Parking Authority and designates certain areas where meters may be installed and the charges to be levied if the Authority deems it necessary to install meters in Torrance.

TO SUPERVISE FUNDS

Main purpose of the Parking Authority will be to supervise the expenditure of funds for the purchase of off-the-street parking lots. It has been suggested that meters be installed in the central traffic district of the city and the funds from these meters be used to purchase some of the remaining vacant lots for auto parking. Under the ordinance it would be possible to erect meters on these lots to regulate the parking thereon.

MERCHANTS SILENT

Rumored to be on hand for the meeting were a group of members of the Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The merchants have shown signs of a split over the parking meter plan—some favoring it as the only solution to the parking problem, others claiming Torrance will die on the vine as a shopping center if the meters are installed. No one from the small audience spoke either for or against the meters.

A letter was read from Mrs. Lois A. Babcock, 2368 Maricopa place, which suggested the merchants of the city form a corporation, purchase off-the-street parking lots, and then deduct a 25-cent parking charge if the customer shops in any store that is a member of the corporation. She states that the plan has been well received in Allentown, Pa., where the system has been in use for some time.

The Torrance drive will be held as part of the Los Angeles area Red Feather campaign.

Last year \$23,097.64 was raised here during the drive. The amount was well over the starting quota of \$10,460. Dean L. Sears headed last year's drive.

Community Chest's yearly drive raises funds for 160 Red Feather services.

Last year in the Torrance area Community Chest provided nearly \$70,000 for Red Feather services. More than 3800 residents received services.

In this area alone there are six Red Feather services receiving funds from the Chest.

Boot Saves Life Of City Fireman

Fireman Bill Russell was looking for the cause of a grass fire in the 3000 block on Torrance boulevard on Monday, when he felt a tingle in his foot and suddenly realized he had found it.

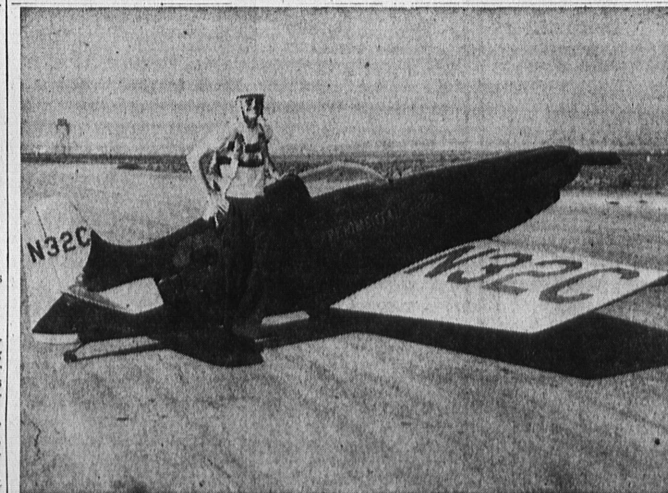
Close to his rubber boot lay a snapping, sparking high voltage wire from a nearby Edison Company pole.

Russell credits his rubber boots with saving him from a fatal hotfoot.

TAX RECOMMENDED

Another letter, from George Bender, owner of 400 feet of frontage in the central business district, suggested the formation of an assessment district and the levying of a special tax on the property owners. He pointed out that he offered the suggestion in face of the fact that he was one of the property owners and would possibly be the highest assessed property owner if his plan were adopted.

Councilman Nick Drile objected to Haggard's appointment on the grounds that although the Authority appointees were an honorable group of citizens they were not a cross section of the community.



MIDGET CONTENDER ... Bob Pfeiffer, local flight instructor and "Mr. Zip" hope they will be able to bring back some of the \$25,000 prize money offered to winners of a midget plane race to be staged this weekend during the National Air Races in Detroit. (Herald photo).