

Phone Threat Made to Benefit Show Chairman

Seek to Top Chest Goal in One-Day Drive

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Union Votes Monday:

MARKET STRIKE LOOMS OVER CLERK CONTRACT

Stores Reject Demand For 6-Month Contract

Some 375 food-store clerks will decide Monday night whether to strike against local markets or to accept the employers' offer of another contract for one year.

Negotiations between the Retail Clerks Union, Local 905, American Federation of Labor and the Harbor Area Employers Council broke down last Monday night when the two groups came to logger heads over the length of the term of the new contract.

WANTS SHORTER CONTRACT
Haskell Tidwell, executive secretary of the retail clerks union, wanted the contract to be valid for a six-month period. The employers wanted the contract to run for a year as does the present contract.

The present agreement expires November 1. Attorney John T. Binkley, representing the HAEC, said: "This is a step toward no contract at all. If the union is able to enforce this demand there is nothing to prevent them from demanding a three-month contract."

MAY GET "STUCK"
Tidwell said he expected the government to relax its wage stabilization policy and did not want to get stuck with a contract based on the present maximum wage allowance.

Asked what would be the resulting action if the clerks voted to strike Monday, Tidwell replied: "Your guess is as good as mine."

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Wrist Burning Pair to Face Judge Tomorrow

Preliminary hearing for two women charged with burning the wrists of an eight-year-old Torrance boy and two other boys to teach them the dangers of playing with fire has been set for 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Anaheim Justice Court of Judge John Shea.

Returned to his Torrance home after being named as one of the young boys burned was Leonard Vuchan, of 1005 Maple street.

The two women accused of the inhuman lesson on fire were Mrs. Julia Ward, 46, wife of an Assembly of God evangelist, and her secretary, Carolyn W. Munger, 25.

"They are charged with inflicting third degree burns while in charge of the boys at the God's Orphanage in Orange County."

Head of Woman's Club Gets Phone Threat

Threatening phone calls were received by several local residents this week following the appearance on Torrance streets of an open letter objecting to a benefit variety-minstrel show which will have its premiere performance this evening.

Mrs. Emma Roberts, president of the Torrance Senior Women's Club and general chairman of the benefit performance, reported she had received several calls demanding she call off the minstrel portion of the show because it made buffoonery of a minority group.

The show, "The Three Nights in Torrance," features a cast of more than 100 Torrance residents.

Being handed out this week was an open letter bearing the signature of "Mrs. Cora Johnson, president of the Southeast Interracial Council." It was addressed to the people of Torrance, the Board of Education and the Young Women's Christian Association.

"The black face minstrel shows, like some of the songs of the Stephen Foster era, are no longer acceptable. They are carry-overs from a part of our national history and national shame which all thinking Americans are now trying to rectify," the letter stated.

One caller who gave her name as Rose Arian told Mrs. Roberts, who asked if the call was meant as a threat: "...consider it what you may. But we are warning you. We are not through with you yet."

On October 9 a group who said they represented the Southeast Interracial Council appeared before the Board of Education and asked the Board to deny the Junior and Senior Women's clubs of Torrance the use of the high school auditorium.

Judge John A. Shidler, president of the board, speaking Monday as an individual and not for the board, said: "They (Interracial Council) have the right to air their point of view. And by the same token the people of Torrance enjoy the same right in being able to portray in a humorous vein any group whether or not that body happens to be a minority group. Whether that characterization is damaging to the group is a mute question."

Mrs. Roberts said that the group had been invited to meet with the producers of the show and to challenge any objectionable material in the show, but declined.

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Four Escape Unhurt in 3-Car Crash

Classified as a minor injury accident was a smash-up last night at Carson street and Western avenue involving two cars and a truck.

Receiving a slight cut over the eye was Marine Sergeant Calvin J. Eason, who was celebrating his first day back from Korea. His wife Bertie, 22, was listed as one of the drivers.

Perhaps the luckiest of the drivers was Jans K. Raven, who escaped injuries when his panel truck overturned in the crash. Other driver, also uninjured, was Frank Davis of Santa Monica.

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He Sails Through the Air:

It's a Plane! A Bird! No, It's A Man (On a Motorcycle, Yet)

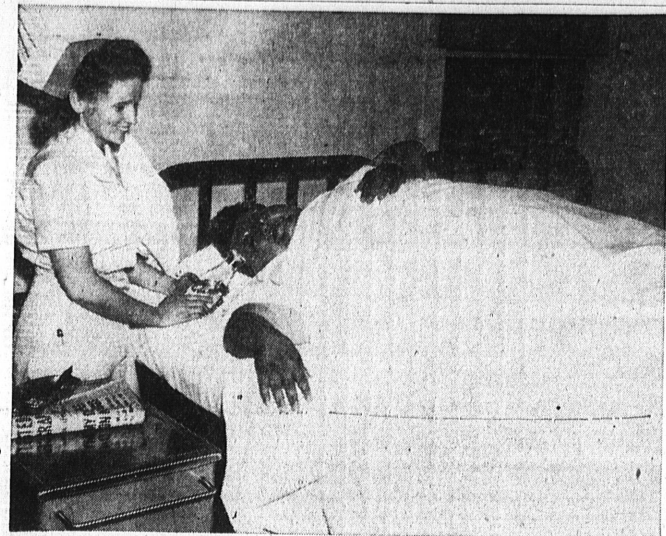
Motorcyclist Cecil Leland Nickles, riding his two-wheel mount down the railroad track choo-choo style last Sunday, took to the air like a plane, sailed across Lomita boulevard and came down like a load of bricks.

The 24-year-old Los Angeles cyclist was doing "about 50 miles per hour" according to some of his mounted buddies right down the ties between the Santa Fe tracks when he hit the edge of Lomita boulevard and took to the air.

He is employed as a funeral escort "outdoor."

Miller and Figueroa, operating a common, everyday four-wheeled ambulance, whisked him to the Harbor General Hospital where he was treated for an acute dose of "highway rash" and released.

"Can't figure out whether to give him a ticket for reckless driving or lost flying," said Torrance Police Officer Donald Nash.



MR. BIG, VERY BIG!... Janie Hall, 1029 Cravens avenue, an attendant at the Harbor General Hospital, gives a drink to Eugene "Tiny" Atkins, the hospital's only 682-pound patient. (Herald photo).

Like Laundry:

682-Pound Patient Arrives in Truck

Eugene "Tiny" Atkins, 682-pound patient at the Harbor General Hospital figures it would have been easier for the attendants to roll him in than to bring him in on a bed in a laundry truck—which is the way he arrived last Monday.

Had they rolled him in they would have made seven feet, seven inches of progress with each roll—that's his waistline. He is bigger around by a foot and 10 inches than he is tall.

AMBULANCE TOO SMALL
The big man was loaded into a laundry truck equipped with a hospital bed because the ambulance was too small for the job.

"Tiny" suffered a back injury in an auto accident last February. Doctors believe a broken disc in his spinal column is the cause of a condition which has left him paralyzed from the legs down. An operation would correct the condition, but doctors think that in "Tiny's" case the operation might be a little risky.

SENSE OF HUMOR
In spite of the rather painful condition, "Tiny" was joking with the eight men it took to load him into the truck.

"Take it easy, boys. This package is marked 'Handle with Care,'" he cautioned his handlers.

"Tiny's" chief concern was not how he felt but what they were going to feed him.

"For breakfast I normally eat 8 eggs, 4 pieces of ham, 8 slices of toast, 4 glasses of milk and two cups of coffee. If the hospital tries to match that, they'll go broke. I eat about \$10 worth of food a day," he said.

DIET CUT
He said the doctors had told him they were cutting him from a normal diet of 6000 calories per day to 1500.

Feeding Mr. Big is not the

Early Discovery Of Fire Saves Thousands of \$\$

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A library book which would have been two cents over due Monday was responsible for the early discovery of a market fire Sunday which would have resulted in damage running into several thousands of dollars.

As it was the fire in the Sav-More Market at 182nd and Prairie avenue did an estimated \$5000 to \$6000 damage to a refrigeration unit, ceiling, and the stock.

The fire, believed to have started due to a short circuit in a compressor motor, was discovered by market owner Andrew Dalgarian. He had come to a book on Sunday to pick up a book left there by his daughter, Daryann, and discovered the fire.

Engine Company No. 3 of North Torrance, under Captain Neil Whitney, extinguished the blaze and conducted salvage operations.

Although damage was confined to a milk case, canned goods, the plastered ceiling, and an ice cream freezer, the entire store will have to be repainted.

No Curbs, Sidewalks Brings Council Action

On motion of Councilman Willys G. Blount, the City Fathers Tuesday night voted to withhold the bond of the Property Management Corp. until the developer installed curbs, sidewalks and gutters in the new home tract at 174th street and Crenshaw boulevard.

It was also agreed that no future maps submitted by the corporation be approved until the corporation completed the work of improving the streets in the area.

Body of Local Airman Enroute From Korea

The bodies of 441 Americans who lost their lives as a result of fighting in Korea are being returned to the United States aboard the Santa Clara Victory, the Department of Defense announced Tuesday.

Included is Lt. Col. Robert E. Scanlon, husband of Elizabeth Scanlon of 17305 Ardath avenue, North Torrance.

Overseas Christmas Packages Should Be Mailed by November 1

"Make 'em strong, wrap 'em tight and mail 'em by next Thursday," that's the advice of Postmaster Clara A. Conner about Christmas packages destined for service personnel overseas.

The post office is offering no guarantee that Christmas parcels will arrive in Japan or Korea before Christmas unless they are mailed by next Thursday, the postmaster said.

"To insure that they get there at all," she said, "they should be strong enough to support 200 pounds."

Packages must be limited to 70 pounds except those packages bearing the address of the New York post office, APO numbers 124, 125, 147 and 149 which may not exceed 50 pounds.

Residents should not rely on gift type wrapping to make the trip overseas. Gifts so wrapped should be re-wrapped in double-sided corrugated paper, fiber board or heavy cardboard.

The address should be painted or written directly on the package and not on a label. Mrs. Conner said. The address should



NOT HEAVY ENOUGH... Because George Johnson, captain of the Torrance High School football team, weighed only 197 pounds, Parcel Post Clerk Robert Batty loaded his pocket with rocks to bring him up to 200 pounds. All packages bound for overseas service personnel should be able to withstand a 200-pound weight, according to the local postmaster. (Herald photo).

Ridge Route Crash Injures Local Woman

A three-car crash on the Ridge route last Saturday sent a Torrance woman to the Newhall Community Hospital with serious injuries.

Suffering a fractured right leg, a fractured left wrist, a dislocated right elbow, and head injuries was Mrs. Hazel Irene Pitts of 1021 Cravens avenue.

According to California Highway Patrol officers Mrs. Pitts' auto was struck by another being driven by a Glendora policeman and then was struck by another auto being driven by an army sergeant, Gerald Cope-

lin of 9328 Sepulveda boulevard. The police officer was listed as Clarence Lambeth of 6829 California street, Glendora.

Scene of the crash was one-half mile north of Piru Creek bridge, French Flats.

With Mrs. Pitts as a passenger was Mrs. Lulu McClure of 220 Sunset court, Redondo Beach. She suffered a fractured left leg, a deep laceration below the right knee and head and chest injuries.