

FATHER OF FIVE POLIO VICTIM

Clerks, Markets Sign New Pact; Strike Off

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Clerks Meet Tonight To Ratify New Pact

In an eleventh-hour agreement between the retail food clerks and Torrance market employers this week averted a threatened strike over terms of the 1951-52 contract.

The clerks are scheduled to meet tonight to ratify a pact arrived at by negotiating committees of the Harbor Area Employers' Council and Retail Clerks Union Local No. 905. The new agreement provides that the term of the contract remains unchanged, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the employers' group.

On the agenda of tonight's clerks meeting also is a proposal to reopen the mercantile contract which expires February 1. Approximately 720 clerks are covered by the contract.

The new food contract became effective November 1 and will expire November 1, 1952.

However, an increase in wages will be automatic on May 1 providing that the Bureau of Labor Statistics cost of living index has risen 3.8 points, according to John T. Rinkley, counsel for the employers.

Employment of box boys at \$1 per hour, with duties limited to the handling of merchandise after it becomes the property of the customer, and other acts not the work of clerks, also was agreed upon.

Other changes include a seniority clause, applicable after one year's employment with an employer; a hiring clause conforming to the Taft-Hartley law, and a successors-and assigns clause to bind new owners to the food agreement.

The exact rate of increase allowable to clerks as of Nov. 1, 1951 will not be determined until after a wage survey now under way is completed, Selover said.

Record Postal Business Looms As Total Soars

Receipts at the Torrance post office have nearly eclipsed last year's record total and indications are that the 1951 total will be more than \$30,000 above the 1950 total, it was reported this week by Lou Deininger, assistant post master.

Total receipts for 1950 were \$168,928.32, Deininger reports, and total through October 31 this year is \$161,515.44, or \$7,412.88 short of last year's record.

"We should go over the \$200,000 mark before the year is over," Deininger said. The October 1951 total was \$20,185.30 as compared to only \$14,981.57 for the same period last year.

Relatives Hold Little Hope for Polio Victim

Little hope for recovery was held this week by relatives of a North Torrance father of five who was stricken with polio last Wednesday.

Confined to an iron lung and listed as "critical" is 30-year old Charles E. Rickabaugh Jr., of 3219 West 150th street.

His wife, Arlene, is expecting their sixth child in three weeks. Four of the Rickabaugh children, Carl, 10; Chloe, 9; Catherine, 8; and Cherie, 6 are students at the new Crenshaw boulevard Elementary School. Their fifth child, Hugh, is three years of age.

The victim, an employee of Northrop Aviation, became ill last Tuesday with what he thought was the flu. Friday paralysis set in and he was rushed to the General Hospital in Los Angeles. There doctors performed a tracheotomy and placed him in an iron lung. He lapsed into a coma a short time later.

Late yesterday hospital attendants said he had regained consciousness but still regarded him as critical.

Torrance Near Goal For Chest

Torrance is two-thirds of the way finished on its 1951 Community Chest campaign. City Chairman Jack Dabbs announced yesterday.

As of yesterday morning, Torrance had raised \$8062.18 out of its \$12,020 goal, giving the city 67.07 per cent of its quota.

Three of Torrance's five Chest units have gone over the top of their quotas, Dabbs said. These are the residential, which was the first such unit in the Los Angeles area to finish its job, advance gifts, and business.

Only commerce and industry and public employee units have not yet reached their quotas.

Dabbs said he expects that the campaign will be finished before the end of this week.

At the present time Torrance ranks second in the Harbor area goal race. Lomita, which wound up its Red Feather appeal in two days, is the only city ahead of Torrance on a percentage basis. Gardena, San Pedro, and Wilmington trail in that order.

Earning the "C" Flag as the first Torrance industry to attain 100 per cent participation by its employees was the Rone Cable Company, according to Sam Levy, chairman of the Commerce and Industry division of the drive. Levy congratulated plant manager Gilbert Woodfill for setting the example for other Torrance industries in the drive.

Local Township Adds 3.5 Miles to Area

The population of some 19,000 persons residing in an area of 3.5 square miles adjacent to the city of Gardena became official by part of the local Gardena Township Tuesday.

The Board of Supervisors instructed that boundary descriptions and ordinance be prepared amending the boundaries of the Centinela and Gardena Judicial Townships.

Schools 'Dark' Monday

Armistice Day falling on Sunday this year will give local school kids an extra holiday this weekend.

Torrance schools will close on Monday, November 12, in observance of the signing of the armistice ending World War I.



FATAL FIRE . . . Torrance firemen pour streams of water on the dying embers of a fire which claimed the life of Vincent Gorman early Saturday morning. The house, located at 2061 1/2 West 235th street, was burned to ground level. Firemen are Donald Davis (left) and Jerry Hollomon. (Herald photo).

Rites Held for Victim Of Early Morning Fire

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning for Vincent Richard Gorman, 54, a victim of a fire which burned his home to the ground early Saturday morning.

Flames which blocked both doors of the victim's home at 2061 1/2 West 235th street thwarted firemen's efforts to effect a rescue. They battled the fire for three hours.

The blaze was discovered at 1:30 a.m. by Clifton C. Cullum, who was returning to his home on the front of the same lot when he discovered the fire. He drove to the Lomita Fire Department only to be told that the fire was located in Torrance.

Firemen under Captain Gordon Northington of Torrance poured more than 5400 gallons onto the flames, which are believed to have started as a result of the victim smoking in bed.

His wife, living at 1270 Lot

Chum Jailed After Cycle Crashes Auto

One man went to the hospital and the other went to jail when two chums met in the street in South Torrance last Saturday evening.

Rushed to Harbor General Hospital with painful injuries was Kenneth Rossbottom, 23, of 25833 1/2 Oak street. He was later transferred to a private hospital, and Harbor General attendants report he was "getting along fairly well" at the time of his transfer.

To jail on a charge of felony drunk driving went William J. Warren, 28, of 2344 West 248th street, Lomita.

The meeting occurred at Pennsylvania avenue and 238th street when the motorcycle Rossbottom was riding smashed into the back of an auto driven by Warren. Investigation by Torrance police disclosed that the cyclist was following the auto when Warren slowed the auto down to "about three miles an hour."

Officer John Maestri cited Warren for drunk driving after the crash.

Warren is out on \$150 bail pending arraignment before City Judge Otto B. Willett next Thursday, November 14, at 3 p.m.

Building Pace \$2 Million Over 1950's Record

Despite a slow October, Torrance building permit evaluation figures show the city is nearly \$2,000,000 ahead of last year's record-setting pace, according to the city's building inspector.

Totals for the first 10 months of 1951 added up to \$12,318,000, while the 1950 total after the first 10 months was only \$10,403,119.

The October totals were only \$311,892, the smallest total recorded in any month this year. However, prospects for a busier November were forecast by city officials, who said the pending permits for the new Jim Dandy Market at Torrance boulevard and Crenshaw, and other contemplated construction would easily eclipse the October total.

The Bowles Company is expected to request permits to build a 500-home tract on Sepulveda boulevard near Seaside Ranchos.

Also expected is a request to construct the new infirmary and industrial relations building at the National Supply Company plant here.

No Switch-Over Contemplated at Amstan Plant

Although two other plants of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation will soon be making magnesium castings to aid in the defense program, no such switchover is contemplated at the Torrance plant, H. W. Creeger, manager of the local works said this week.

The company has been requested to postpone its scheduled conversion of the Pittsburgh plant to enameled steel products and instead to use those facilities for the production of urgently needed light weight magnesium castings.

One of the company's other plants, Litchfield, Illinois, already has been converted to magnesium casting operations.

The Torrance plant will continue to produce its well-known line of pottery products.

Production of magnesium castings at the Pittsburgh plant is expected to start within four months. Conversion of the eastern plant to enameled steel sinks will be carried out when the defense needs have been completed.

Good Neighbor Search Yields Five Nominees

Nominated this week by their neighbors were four more local residents for the title of "A Good Neighbor."

Sponsored by the YMCA as a means of encouraging neighborliness among all the people of Torrance is an informal election of "Good Neighbors."

Those nominated will be feted at the YMCA Pancake Breakfast in the Torrance Civic Auditorium on November 17.

New nominees this week included the names of:

Mrs. Bessie Putnam, 1008 Cota avenue.

Mrs. Elizabeth Leeds, 2365 Maricopa Place.

Mrs. Charles E. Ward, 1625 Beech avenue.

Mrs. Margaret O'Toole, 1229 Madrid avenue.

And a "holdover" nominee from last week, Mrs. Vera Wright, 18328 Roslin avenue.

To appear during the breakfast also is Jules Strongbow, former heavyweight wrestling great and currently an announcer for KTLA's presentation of wrestling from Long Beach.

In 1947 Strongbow met Primo Carnera in a wrestling bout that broke all records for that year. The 310-pound announcer will help with the emceeing during the morning-long "Good Neighbor" pancake feed and will talk wrestling with anyone who wants to talk wrestling.

Nominating Mrs. Bessie Putnam as a "Good Neighbor" were the "Webb Children" who said:

"She never forgets a birthday



JULES STRONGBOW ... To Appear Here

Mrs. P. E. Busch.

"She never lets a day pass that she doesn't do some deed of kindness, not only to the sick or depressed but she finds opportunity to see that young and old are made happier by knowing her," said Mrs. Leeds' nomination.

Nominating Mrs. Ward was a letter which read in part:

"She is always helping someone. Caring for the sick, baking or sewing for someone. The children call her 'grandma' and she is 'Mom' to the grown-ups. The letter was signed 'A Neighbor'."

Nominated also for the title of "A Good Neighbor" was Mrs. O'Toole, a rural mail carrier.

Said Mrs. Esther Cook about her nominee:

"Mrs. O'Toole will come over and go into my kitchen and before I know it she has washed and dried the dishes and has the kitchen in order. This is just an example of how she is a 'Good Neighbor'."

Meanwhile as plans for the pancake feed were being drafted by R. I. Plomert Jr., general

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Plan Dedication Rites For YWCA Building

Ceremonies marking the dedication of the new YWCA building will be held Sunday afternoon, November 18, at 3 p.m. according to Mrs. Lee A. McCoy, chairman of the building committee.

Dedication of the new building, located at Plaza del Amo and Carson street, brings to a successful conclusion a community-supported drive that began six years ago with the sponsorship of the first Miss Torrance contest. Since then many civic groups, individuals, and business firms have joined the effort with substantial donations of materials, labor, and funds.

The organization which sparked the drive for the building

Alondra Lease Change Studied

An adjustment, slightly downward, has been recommended by the County Chief Administrative Officer for the lease on the Alondra Park Golf Course and, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, it is expected that the new lease deal will be approved by the Board of Supervisors at an early date.

Because of a general dropping off of patronage at golf courses generally the revenue at the Alondra Park course has not been up to expectations, the Administrative Officer's report said.

It is recommended that a new lease be negotiated on the basis of a total consideration of \$187,000 for a 20-year period instead of the \$222,000 consideration in the present lease. Under terms of the new lease, however, the lessee would install drainage construction, rest room facilities and additional landscaping at a total cost of \$16,000.

To Discuss Noon Hour Problem

A discussion of the high school noon hour problem will be held among the members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting to be held November 12 at noon in Ding How Cafe, 1652 Cabrillo avenue.

Mrs. Grace Wright, moderator of the group, urges those persons intending to attend to make reservations by calling the office of the superintendent, Torrance 2111.