

Death Within Minutes—A Threat to Little Rosemary

By JACK O. BALDWIN

Two ailments threaten to take the life of five-year old Rosemary Lee Malone.

She could choke to death or bleed to death within minutes.

The brown-eyed tot breathes with a wheezy guttural sound as the air whistles through an opening, no larger than a pencil, between her swollen tonsils.

Removing them would be a minor operation except that she is a "bleeder."

Her blood coagulates in 7½ minutes—a normal person's in 1½ minutes. A silent, undetected internal hemorrhage could cost her her life in a matter of minutes.

Her nasal passages are blocked by enlarged adenoids. Then there is a chest congestion. Possibly tuberculosis, fostered by lack of lung exercise.

When she coughs, she coughs for a long time and turns blue.

Starting to appear on her arms and legs are large purplish blotches, "Scars, burn scars," one doctor said. That would be from hot compresses, too hot, that were used on the girl when she had polio when she was a year old.

Two doctors have indicated they would remove the child's tonsils and adenoids but not without the consent of the girl's father.

He is in an asylum where he was sent following his conviction of a sex crime against a child.

Mrs. Ruby Malone, the 28-year old mother of Rosemary is not without troubles of her own.

She receives her only income from the state. That amounts to \$180 per month.

Counting the ailing Rosemary, there are five children to care for: Leslie Mae, the "baby," who is 3; James, 4; Doris June, 8; and Ina Laverne, the eldest, who is 12.

Ina is currently recuperating from what doctors describe simply as a nervous breakdown. She is in an Ingleside rest home.

Mrs. Malone wrote her parents in Missouri for help. This answer, tucked inside a Christmas card, came back by return mail:

"Darling:

"We were burned out, completely, last night while your father and I attended church. We've lost everything. Dad is so worried. He doesn't know what to do."

During the storm here last week-end rain leaked through the roof, shorted an electric cord and set a lamp on fire.

Meanwhile, the landlord of the Malones has told Mrs. Malone she would have to move.

And just to top things off a 12-square foot of plaster fell off the ceiling last Saturday striking the four-year-old James on the shoulder.

How, then, things are beginning to pick up for the youthful mother and her children.

The Harbor General Hospital has found the child a bed. A tank of oxygen now stands beside her crib, night and day. Last Friday Rosemary ate a soft-boiled egg—her first solid food in six weeks.

Red Cross Chairman Mrs. Mel Hyde has promised Red Cross blood if needed.

A restaurant owner who also operates a bus depot in Torrance sent out some food. His grocer added a little to it. So did a former mayor of Torrance. The wife of a city councilman sent out some toys.

With that Mrs. Malone feels a little better. Her worry now, is where to move. The county will allow her to spend but \$45 a month for rent.

"I've had a terrible time finding a place. Nobody wants to rent to a woman with five children—especially for \$45 a month," she stated.

I asked the mother what the children received for Christmas.

"The Torrance Lions Club gave us a basket and we received a check from a service club in Wilmington for \$25. I bought each of the children some pajamas and spent the rest on food."

"No dolls?" I asked.

"No dolls," she answered.

Now Rosemary has a second hand Raggedy-Andy, a yellow rubber rabbit, and a six-inch clown that squeaks when she squeezes it. She didn't mind that they were hand-

me-downs.

I can't guarantee to anyone who should want to help the Malone family that they will ever be rewarded. I was, however, walking from the hospital the first night I drove the child and her mother there for an examination, little Rosemary tugged at my hand. I bent low so that I might hear her. In a slushy whisper as though she were talking with a whistle in her mouth she looked up at me with her brown eyes as big as pianos and said:

"I like you. You're nice."

It was dark along the ramp and I was glad. There have been a couple of offers of help for Mrs. Malone. They were rescinded, however, when it was discovered that the Malone family are not residents of the city of Torrance. They live just east of Avalon Blvd. near Carson St. at 21734 Martin St.

Seems somehow that this could be a project for a service club, a veterans auxiliary, or for anybody that would care to help.

For instance. Has anyone the knowledge of a \$45 a month house for rent? That's Mrs. Malone's biggest worry. Also, she could use a dresser. She has three beds but no dresser.

The Torrance Herald will be glad to forward any offers of help or any contributions to the Malone family or they may be sent direct to Mrs. Ruby Malone, 21734 Martin St. Torrance.

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One Treasurer, Eight Council Candidates File

Nominating papers for eight councilmanic candidates and one candidate for the city treasurer's post were on file with City Clerk A. H. Bartlett this week as the closing date for nominations closed the door to any other hopefuls.

Officially declared candidates for one of the three seats on the City Council which will be vacant are M. M. Schwab, Ed Karlow, Jack White, George Downing, Mayor Bob Haggard, Vic Benstead, Nick Drile and Al Isen.

Mrs. Harriett Leech, appointed to the city treasurer's office last fall, is the sole candidate seeking that office.

Municipal elections will be held April 8 to fill the four city posts.

College to Request Additional Tax Levy

Residents of El Camino College district will be asked to okay a proposed five-year extension of the "pay-as-you-go" plan of financing construction of permanent buildings at the college at the regular May 16 school trustees' election.

Unanimous approval of the plan to ask for a special levy of 20 cents per \$100 to start July 1 was voted by the board of trustees last week.

Forrest G. Mordock, president of the college, said that expenditure of more than \$4,000,000 for expansion of the college's facilities during the next five years is planned if

Looks Easy

200-Ton Unit Raised at GP Refinery

A 200-ton refinery cracking unit was raised into place at the General Petroleum plant here yesterday as easy as pie. The structure, which now towers 157 feet in the air, is the heaviest piece of equipment of its kind to be raised in one piece at the local refinery.

Rigging crews started to work shortly before 9 o'clock and the last four-inch nut was bolted into place a scant four hours later.

Officially known as a debutanizing unit, the tower will be used in the processing of crudes into high test fuels and liquid petroleum gas. Thick, gooey petroleum products which were heretofore used for cheaper fuels will now be bled dry and top grade mixtures obtained.

Four steel derricklike booms were erected some weeks ago to support the metal hulk while winches lifted it into place. Two carefully synchronized motors eased the cables which pulled the massive tank into its up-right position.

Now in place, refinery crews will install some 3200 "bubble caps" on the 30-shelf-like partitions inside the tower. These, plus a scaffolding to surround the unit, will add more than 80 tons to the weight being supported on a 12-foot diameter concrete slab.

The debutanizer type unit was originally made for Russia under lend-lease agreements, but all contracts were cancelled by the Government when the cold war broke out.

voters approve the special tax levy.

According to school authorities, the maximum rate which can be assessed by the board of trustees is 35 cents per \$100 of valuation. At an election held here five years ago, the district approved an increase of 25 cents in the rate to provide money for construction of buildings, purchase of equipment, and other capital outlay items on a pay-as-you-go basis.

According to figures released by the college, a total of \$3,784,460.43 has been expended to date for such purposes. The special tax levy of 25 cents now in effect expires next June 30.

Action of the board in recommending a tax levy of 20 cents beginning July 1 followed several months of intensive study and discussion by the trustees concerning the matter of asking for an extension of this tax. It was the board's decision to ask for the 20 cents for the next five years rather than the 25 cents now levied.

Board President Robert Russell pointed out that the college enrollment had increased during the past five years from 1100 students to more than 4000.

"Indications are that enrollment may ultimately reach 10,000 students," Russell said.

Mordock later explained that the board preferred the special tax and a pay-as-you-go plan over a bond issue. A \$4,000,000 bond issue amortized over a 20-year period would cost more than \$500,000 in interest and other costs, he explained.

In other action of the board, the following items were approved:

1. Authorized employment of William Johnson as part-time instructor in rabbit raising.

2. Granted leave of absence without pay to Instructor Robert Englehart for the balance of the present school year.

3. Accepted resignation of Leo Gonzales, custodian, and Joan Gendiere, clerk.

4. Received verbal report from the director of business concerning additional electrical service required for welding shop.

5. Approved agreement with Pepperdine College for use of football stadium for Pepperdine's home games this fall.



MRS. ADDIS THOMAS
... Out of Council Race

Mrs. Thomas Withdraws From Council Race

Mrs. Addis Thomas, south Torrance civic leader and the only woman to indicate she would run for City Council, withdrew from the race a short time before filing deadline last Thursday.

Her withdrawal left the number of candidates running for the three council seats at eight—all men.

"The one person who could cause me to withdraw from the council race put his foot down when he learned I was intending to file. He was my doctor," Mrs. Thomas explained.

"When he read in last week's Herald that I was to file my nomination petition Thursday morning he called and advised me against it. As long as I am paying for advice I might just as well take it," she said.

Mrs. Thomas is one of Torrance's earliest residents. She was born here shortly before the turn of the century at 22203 Ocean Ave., her present address.

Chamber Banquet Moved To April 16—Isenberg

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on April 16 and not March 26 as originally planned, Dale Isenberg, executive secretary, said yesterday.

To be held in the Civic Auditorium, the banquet is expected to draw more than 500 guests.



(Herald photo by Jack O. Baldwin)

Her Playground Is a Hospital Crib

Five-Year-Old Rosemary Lee Malone with Her Playthings—Some Hand-Me-Down Dolls and an Oxygen Tank.

Harvey to Install Huge Presses

Four giant aluminum extrusion and forging presses, a part of the Air Force's \$375 million heavy press program, will be installed at facilities constructed by the Harvey Machine Company, it was learned here yesterday. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring.

When completed, it will provide west coast aircraft designers and manufacturers with access to extrusions and forgings for the development and manufacture of aircraft and permit improvements in design and construction of a magnitude and performance previously impractical or impossible, it was said.

The Harvey Machine Company's share of the program will include two aluminum extrusion presses of 8000 tons and 20,000 tons, and two heavy forging presses of 25,000 and 35,000 tons. These presses will rank with the largest now in existence, it was said, and will be some five times greater than those in the United States during World War II.

Officials of the Harvey Company said that they are exerting every effort to bring about early completion of the heavy press facilities. Structures to house the forging presses will soar nearly ten stories high, it was said. The actual production volume was not disclosed by company officers.

The Harvey Company is one that has been in Los Angeles for more than 35 years and has a long history of machinery,

equipment, and die making and design, as well as aluminum

extrusions and forgings. One spokesman for the Harvey Machine Company predicted that the heavy presses would effect savings of \$61,500,000 during the next four years.

This savings, it was said, results from an examination of the various types of aircraft now being produced and those planned for the future as the production of this aircraft is related to the kinds of basic materials that will be furnished by the extrusion and forging presses.

"The air pressures on faster-than-sound planes and guided missiles is almost so great as to be unbelievable," said a Harvey spokesman. "Forged units of great size and tremendous strength mean stronger, faster and better aircraft in the years ahead. The Air Forces has planned this program with skill and knowledge of all factors involved, that it deserves the wholehearted approbation of the entire nation," the spokesman said.

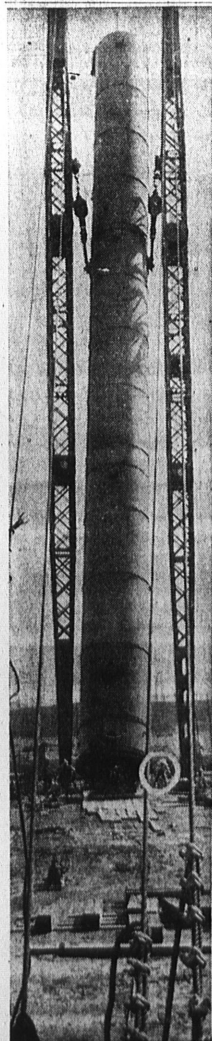
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Wife of Police Captain Shot Handling Gun

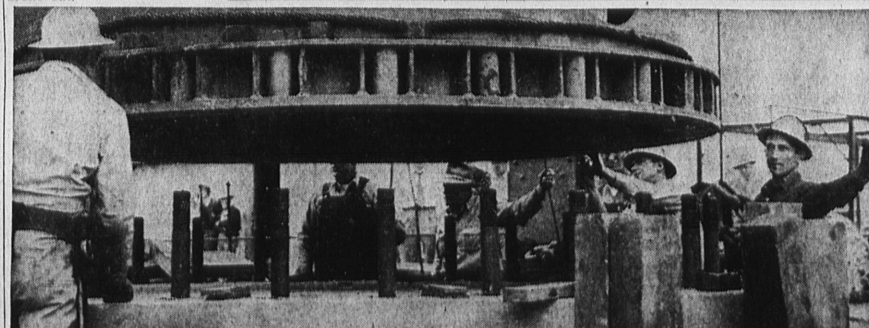
Mrs. Marian G. Ashton, wife of Detective Captain Ernie Ashton, was reported in "good" condition yesterday evening at the Torrance Memorial Hospital, where she was treated for a gunshot wound in the chest.

Mrs. Ashton was handling her husband's .30 cal target revolver at their home at 2610 Apple Ave. last Sunday morning when the gun went off. The bullet barely missed her heart as it passed completely through her chest.

The local police captain was on the phone when he heard the shot. He rushed into the bedroom where he kept the target pistol and found his wife where she had fallen across a portion of the bed.



UP SHE GOES . . . Workman (circle) adjust rigging for new 137-foot debutanizer raised yesterday at the GP plant. Speedy crew men had the job done in less than four hours.



EASY DOES IT . . . Job boss, at far right, signals to cable winch operators to take or say as they lower a 300-ton refinery unit into place on a 12-foot concrete slab. High-powered liquid petroleum fuels will be produced from

petroleum residues in the new tower. Crackerjack engineering went into the planning for the new addition, so bolts and holes would match up just right—and they did. (Herald photo).