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By JACK O. BALDWIN

Conductor of this column, Jack O. Baldwin, was scheduled to return to work at his desk in the Herald building yesterday morning following a two-week vacation.

Therein hangs a tale. Mr. Baldwin decided Tuesday evening to have one more wild vacation fling before settling down to the grind of newspaper routine, so he hid himself out to the Torrance Municipal Park where his club, the Lions Club, was meeting the Rotary Club in a donnybrook to settle the Old Mer's championship for the season.

Mr. Baldwin even got into the game to help his club batter the Rotarians. In the last inning of the fray, Baldwin, who had been coaching from the sidelines, entered the game to run for Frank Dominick, who had reached first base on a single. Our vacationing newsman though not attired for the game as were many of his teammates, made it all the way to third base and was streaking for home when the roof fell in.

Thinking a play was being made for him at home plate, Baldwin slid. At 3 a.m. yesterday morning he routed Dr. Rodney Stetson out of bed complaining of a broken arm.

A liberal helping of sedatives administered by the doctor held him over until daybreak, at which time x-rays were made of the painful arm. Diagnosis: no breaks but an apparently severely sprained arm which would be of little use should he return to his typewriter.

At last reports, he was resting comfortably at home, his arm in a splint and bound securely to his body.

Witnesses of the game, after mentally reviewing the various positions assumed by Mr. Baldwin in his slide for the home plate, were unanimous in saying that it wasn't his arm which should have broken. Of course, arms are easier to put in a sling—Reid Bundy.

Now he's known as Dick Miller "The Orange Juice Kid."

If Miller or his pretty wife, Adeline, take a drink during the next 11 months it will cost them a trip to Hawaii.

Dick, a prominent local reactor, waged Hal Bolas, former Planning Commission member, \$1000 that he (Dick) and Adeline would not drink a drop for a year. Dick and Adeline have already planned a trip to the islands with the \$1000.

The temptation was great Tuesday night as the Lions Club, with the Orange Juice Kid playing second base, captured the Slow Pitch Softball championship from the Rotary Club.

Miller celebrated the victory with a simple, "make mine orange juice, please."

Plan Missouri Meet

Missouri State Society will hold its 38th annual summer picnic Sunday at Bixby Park, Long Beach. The Long Beach Band plus many more have been signed, according to J. B. Scaton, society president. Program starts at 1 p.m.

Rites Held For Pioneer Citizen

Mrs. Clara Hall, 85, a California pioneer, who was born near the Los Angeles plaza to a California family, died last week at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday at Gamby's Mortuary. She resided at 25548 Cypress St., Lomita. Her mother, Mrs. Felipa Mendez Van Tress, was born along Ballone Creek Culver City, and her father, Benjamin Franklin Van Tress, came from Ohio in 1852. She leaves two brothers, Frank and Charles, both of Elsinore, and three sisters, Mrs. Ida Kull, Lomita, and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bickerdike and Mrs. Harvey, of Glendale.

HOME FROM KOREA

Sgt. William J. Gauss, 23, of 1114 W. 256th St., arrived home Thursday evening after serving with the First Cavalry Division in Korea for 15 months. Gauss entered the service Dec. 13, 1950 after attending El Camino College.



INSPECT LINES . . . C. R. Keeney, co-owner of Acme Aircraft Co., Torrance Municipal Airfield, shows his pretty secretary, Sally Kirsch, how he modified the single-engine Navion to be a twin-engine job to increase its efficiency and safety. The new Navion, long known as the "executives" plane, has just been okayed by CAA officials. Keeney has been in business on the local field since 1945.

First Of Its Kind Twin-Engine Navion Unveiled At Field

There's something new in "executive" class airships, so new in fact that there's only one of its kind in the country—parked under the Acme Aircraft Company's hangar on Torrance Municipal Airfield. And builder C. R. Keeney, key-man of Acme, is as proud as a man with a new son because the CAA just gave his little blue plane a top rating. Described as a twin-engine Navion, the ship is a modification of the ever-popular one-engine Navion long used by private firms and individual flyers in short city-to-city hops. "A Los Angeles firm came to me and asked why we couldn't make a two-motor executive type ship," Keeney relates, "so we built 'em one."

Rebuild Stock Planes Stock Navion planes are received from the owner, and the single Continental engine is replaced with twin 140-horsepower Lycomings. The modification increases the top speed to 223 miles an hour, with a cruising speed of 155 miles per hour. The change makes only little difference in the operation of the ship, except to increase its effectiveness, Keeney says. Average cruising radius is 500-700 miles. "The executive ship is designed for safety and gives the flyer the added protection of another motor in case of failure of one," it was explained. Cost of the planes, which are manufactured by North American

Harbor Attorney Heads District GOP Assembly

Leonard DiMiceli, San Pedro attorney, was elected president of the 68th District Republican Assembly at a dinner meeting of the group Tuesday night in the Fireside, San Pedro. He succeeds William H. Tolson, of Torrance, who resigned due to press of personal business. Elected executive vice president was Frank S. Selover, of Torrance, one of the reorganizers of the Assembly and who had served as its secretary since May. Succeeding Selover as secretary is Mrs. Virginia E. Selover. Other officers are Boris S. Woolley, Torrance attorney, first vice president; Mrs. Jean W. Haley, San Pedro Republican worker, second vice president; E. O. (Del) Dryer, Wilmington automobile dealer, third vice president, and Dr. Alden Smith, Torrance, treasurer.

City Seeks New Bus Route to Los Angeles

Permission to establish a new bus route into Los Angeles has been requested of that city's Board of Public Utilities, it was revealed yesterday by Marshall E. Chamberlain, superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. The new line would serve the North Torrance area more adequately and would offer better service between Torrance and industries located along Crenshaw Blvd. between here and Inglewood.

Proposed route of the new line would be out Torrance Blvd. to Hawthorne Ave., north to 174th St., east to Crenshaw Blvd., north to El Segundo Blvd., east to Laconia and then to Hoover. The bus would then follow the present Torrance-Los Angeles route into the Torrance terminal on Hill St. near Olympic Ave., 8150.

No changes in the present Torrance to Los Angeles run are contemplated by this move, Chamberlain said. The proposed schedule call for busses to run each hour through the day with busses every half hour during the morning and evening rush periods. There would be no Sunday schedule, Chamberlain said. No date has been set by the Los Angeles Board for a hearing.

Building Permits

- (For week ending Aug. 22) Total for week—\$493,622. Total for month—\$894,606.62. Total for year—\$12,746,666.62. MONDAY: J. W. Rambo, private garage, 2402 Apple, \$500. Paul S. Stettanus, addition to residence, 809 Torl, \$1200. Hay G. Hall, neon sign, 1408 Crenshaw Ave., \$150. TUESDAY: Harold Wright, fence, 17024 Fay-smith, \$423. Ray Murphy, fence, 17028 Fay-smith, \$245. A. Peola, fence, 17030 Fay-smith, \$254. M. Beaudoin, fence, 17034 Fay-smith, \$220. Robert J. Isaas, fence, 17030 Fay-smith, \$419. Rossy Building Co., 18 residences and garages, 166th St., Ermanita Ave., and Fay-smith in North Torrance, \$182,000. Charles Faren, dwelling addition, 2229 W. 237th St., \$1090. H. S. Nakamura, dwelling addition, 4246 W. 174th St., \$7800. Joseph E. Zack, dwelling addition, 24241 Neece, \$4500. WEDNESDAY: A. M. Goodfellow, garage, 17029 Casimer, \$335. Robert McNair, addition to residence and garage, 24422 Los Codona, \$4500. THURSDAY: New House Building Corp., residence and garage, Avenue B, Miradora Dr. and Street D in West Torrance, \$245,387.62. FRIDAY: Juan M. Alderete, addition to residence, 23750 Pennsylvania, \$250. William R. Brown, fence, 1223 Juniper, \$400. Chester H. Sweet, service station office and facility, 21701 S. Western Ave., \$9000. David H. Jones, shed, 3736 Newton St., \$350. Violet S. White, enclosure porch, 917 Patromella Ave., \$700. Dr. Bauman, fence, 1504 Post Ave., \$100. Paul Loranger, patio, 1448 Post Ave., \$250.



TRAINING CRUISE . . . Midshipman, first class, Richard G. Van Dyke, 1519 W. 214th St., is gun trainer on a 40 mm mount aboard the destroyer USS Bailey during the current Midshipman Cruise to Europe. He is a member of the NROTC unit at Oregon State College.

Attempt to Sign Domanco May End In Strike Call

Offices of the AFL International Association of Machinists this week were authorized by members to call a strike if necessary in an attempt to negotiate its first contract with Domanco Co., aircraft subcontracting plant here. Announcement of the authorization was made by Roy Blow, president of IAM's Lodge 720. Domanco has approximately 230 employees in the proposed unit, according to Blow. Blow said that no satisfactory offer had been made by the company, but that the union will continue to negotiate. He said it could strike at any time.



Father Thomas A. Gannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Gannon, 2077 West 237th St., was the principal speaker at a meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Thursday night in Los Angeles. Father Gannon recently returned from Korea where he served as chaplain of the 40th Division.

Felony Drunk Charge Filed

Charles E. Farrington, 42, of 1524 W. 203rd St., was booked on suspicion of felony drunk driving Tuesday evening by Torrance traffic investigators. Farrington was involved in an injury traffic accident at Torrance Blvd. and Western Ave. late Thursday night, resulting in hurts to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Black and their two young daughters, of 1735 W. 234th St., as well as to himself. He was released on bail pending a trial in city court.



WINS AWARD . . . Erle Gatley, 3408 W. 185th Pl., received a four-year, tuition-free scholarship to the Art Center School in Los Angeles. He was one of the nine students from the special six-week summer courses to be given the scholarship. Gatley attended El Camino Junior College before entering Art Center.

Youths Jailed After 4-Mile Police Chase

A roaring 4-mile chase with siren screaming and red lights flashing ended with a damaged police car, a banged-up teenager's car and four youths in jail late Monday night. Sentenced to pay a \$50 fine or spend the next ten days in the pokey, yesterday, were Arthur M. Johnson, 19; Robert Glenn Hawley, 18, and Lawrence O. Withey, 19, all of Hermosa Beach. A 17-year-old, listed by police as driver of the auto, was certified to Superior Juvenile Court in Los Angeles for trial. Officers said they were called to a Walteria home by the father of a high school youth who told that a carload of boys had driven by his house hollering loud profane remarks. The father, who was standing on a dark front porch, for his son, it was reported.

Race By Again Police officers Don Hamilton and reserve officer Steve Schmidt were interviewing the father when the youths raced by again, yelling and shouting. The car had no tail lights and no light on the license plate, the officers said. They took out to stop the youths and were led on a chase up Hawthorne Ave. at speeds to 88 miles per hour. The boys turned west on Sepulveda Blvd., zoomed towards Redondo Beach, and at Garnet and Helberta Sts., in Redondo, attempted to ram the police car when it pulled alongside, according to records. Forced Off Road Finally, Hamilton and Schmidt were able to halt the car by using their auto to force the other car off the roadway. The youths were charged with disturbing the peace, and the youthful driver was cited for reckless driving, failing to halt for a police car, running stop signs, and numerous other counts. Possibility of charging the four with assault with a deadly weapon, an auto, because they allegedly had rammed the police car, was discussed, but no ADW count was issued. Judge Otto B. Willett imposed the fine on the three "over-age" minors yesterday in City Court.



AMSTAN VETERANS . . . Celebrating service anniversaries totaling 62 years with the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp. this fall are H. W. Creger, seated, and L. N. Gill, top executives of the local plant. The team have been together for the past 25 years.

AmStan Manager, Superintendent With Company Total of 62 Years

Celebrating a combined service record of 62 years with the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp. this fall are the two top men of the Torrance plant. H. W. Creger, plant manager, will complete 42 years of continuous service with the firm Oct. 10; and L. N. Gill, superintendent of the Torrance works, celebrated his 25th anniversary with the company last Aug. 1. Creger joined the company in 1910, Gill in 1927. Creger has held important supervisory and managerial positions in Tiffin, Ohio; San Pablo, Calif., and at Torrance. Gill was general plant ceramicist at the AmStan plant in San

Dr. Allen Pyeatt Back From Sessions

Dr. Allen L. Pyeatt, local optometrist, returned last week from the Vision Training Workshop at San Jose, held annually by California optometrists. Emphasis was placed on preparing children for going back to school, stating that many pairs of eyes will carry a work load never anticipated by nature. TEXAS RESOURCES Texas has about half the proved reserves of petroleum and natural gas in America.

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A ROMP WITH BABY . . . Ken Bancroft, 24316 Pennsylvania Ave., romps with his new Palomino colt foaled Aug. 3. He is as proud of the little one as any father who ever paced a hospital corridor. Name of the youngster is Silver Blaze.