

NLRB Denies Doak Worker's Petition, Another Filed

AD SHOT PLAYING WITH PISTOL

Gun, Curiosity Place Boy, 7, On Critical List

Still on the critical list at Harbor General Hospital yesterday after he was accidentally shot in the left side by a curious playmate Tuesday was seven-year-old Larry Robello, son of Mrs. Helen Robello, 1425 W. 224th St.

The shooting occurred in the home of nine-year-old Steven Lamphere, 1512 W. 222nd St., where the boys had gone after school, police reported.

Steven tearfully told Detective Wayne Butts of the Los Angeles Police that he found the weapon—a .22 revolver—in the living room couch. Curious to see whether it was loaded, he said he picked up the gun—and it discharged.

The bullet hit Larry and lodged near his left hip.

Steven's grandfather, Bert Lamphere, a plant guard, told police he had left the gun in the home, expecting Steven's mother to return before the boys arrived from school.



SHOT WITH PISTOL . . . Seven-year-old Larry Robello is on his way to Harbor General Hospital here after he was shot by a playmate Tuesday while playing with a .22 revolver. His condition was listed as critical yesterday.

NLRB Decision On Doak Studied

By REID BUNDY

Pickets continued to pace off their daily stunts in front of Doak Aircraft Co. on Western Ave. this week following notice from the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D. C., that a petition for decertification of Local 720-H of IAM as bargaining agent for the workers was invalid under the Taft-Hartley Law.

Announcement of the decision by the NLRB, however, failed to settle anything—in fact, it may have stirred up a hornet's nest.

In the decision rendered by members Abe Murdock and Ivor Peterson (Chairman Guy Farmer dissented), the NLRB said that leaders in aircraft plants were to be considered supervisors and part of management.

The petition filed with the board asking for an election in the plant was initiated by Lyle Stump, a leadman at Doak. A large number of the workers at the plant signed it. It was denied, however, on the decision that Stump was a part of management and not part of the bargaining unit.

May Affect Others

The decision may have far-reaching effects in the Southern aircraft industry, observers note.

In a number of contracts negotiated with the industry, leadmen are appointed on the basis of seniority. In the same contracts, union stewards automatically attain seniority over their classes which means that stewards are leadmen.

The decision by the NLRB this week puts the union steward in the role of being a part of management.

Reports of a meeting of Douglas El Segundo second shift leadmen Tuesday night could not be verified by the Herald yesterday. It was reported that leadmen were meeting to demand return of their dues amounting to several thousand dollars if they were to be excluded from union membership by the NLRB ruling.

25 Walk Out

All of this is the outgrowth of the action of about 25 employees of Doak Aircraft who walked off the job Jan. 13 in an effort to force the company to negotiate a contract.

Company spokesmen have maintained the position that in fairness to the nearly 170 persons still at work in the plant despite the picketing, the company can not negotiate a contract until a final ruling on a decertification election is handed.

Autoist Pleads Guilty to Drunk, Hit-Run Charges

A Torrance driver who pleaded guilty to hit-and-run and drunk driving charges before Judge Otto B. Willett in South Bay Municipal Court Tuesday is scheduled for probation and sentencing on Feb. 16.

Eugene James Semple, 28, of 1802 Schilling Dr., was arrested by Redondo police at 1 a.m. Tuesday morning after he hit another car and fled before police arrived.

Semple was cited for drunk driving, hit-and-run and for non-possession of operator's license when arrested.

Redondo officers arrived at the scene of the crash on Pacific Coast Hwy. and Torrance Blvd. shortly after Semple drove away, gave chase, and caught him two blocks away.

Driver of the other car was Harry A. Haskell, of Redondo Beach.

\$5 Million New Homes Approved

A housing development with a potential value of \$5,000,000 was approved by the City Council this week and tentative maps worth another \$5,000,000 were approved and sent back to the Planning Commission for detailed investigation and recommendation.

Approved were maps of five tracts submitted by Milton Kauffman calling for a total of 456 homes to be built at the southeast corner of 190th St. and Hawthorne Ave. Discussion of the proposed tract there, stated to contain about 2400 homes, when completed, has been under way for some time. The maps were given their final O.K. this week, and construction is expected to begin immediately.

Space for a new school in the tract has been provided and the school trustees have requested Federal aid in constructing a school there. When built, the new school will be known as the Carl D. Steele Elementary School.

The tentative maps called for construction of 239 homes in the Ellinwood Ranch area, and 271 more homes in North Torrance.

Call for State Probe in City Building Case

Overwhelmed by demands of scores of residents of a housing development in the North Torrance area who alleged building code violations in the construction of their homes at Tuesday night's meeting, the City Council voted to seek a state investigation of the situation.

Meanwhile, however, the council plans to confer with the contracting firm and city building inspection department.

The residents were armed with photographs which a spokesman said showed "numerous violations of state and city building codes."

Principal charge against the home building firm was that the plastering was defective. Homeowners, all of Cranshaw Gardens and adjacent areas, said that the plaster is peeling and cracking.

Harry Apter, attorney for one of the contracting firms, said that his firm would "welcome" an investigation. The State Contractors Licensing Board already has probed the situation and dismissed it without action, he said.

The attorney also charged that his client had been "slandered" in mimeographed circulars distributed throughout the tract by homeowners.

City Drops Action Against Gravel Pit

Three counts of violating city ordinances, filed against Torrance Sand and Gravel Co. last November after residents of the area complained unfenced sumps were too close to their homes, were dismissed Tuesday when company officials appeared for trial in South Bay Municipal Court.

The owners, Thomas Block and Charles Shepard, were accused of violating provisions of various restrictions and the city's "Kathy Fiscus" ordinance. They pleaded innocent last month.

Counts were set aside by Judge Otto B. Willett on motion of City Prosecutor Boris Woolley. Woolley asked that charges be dropped after Block and Shepard moved sumps, installed fencing and made other improvements at the sand and gravel pit at 25704 Cranshaw Blvd.

This is Final Shot at Sales

This is it! This is the last week that you can save money by buying bargains on the January Clearance Sale, so take advantage of reduced items offered by your Torrance merchants.

Turn quickly to the classified pages of your Torrance Herald and see what you can buy for less money.

Call FA 8-4000 to place a classified ad.

Chamber Dinner Slated Tonight

The Outstanding Citizen of Torrance will be named at the annual Installation Dinner of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, to be held tonight at 7 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium.

Local businessman Paul Loranger will be installed president of the group. A colored film on "Torrance, the City of Industrial Opportunity," starring W. A. "Dick" Felker and filmed by Will Zens of Hollywood Riviera, will be previewed at the dinner.

Construction On Armory by Early Summer

Construction of the Torrance Armory at Cabrillo Ave. and Lincoln should get under way by early summer, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas told the Herald this week.

Thomas said he had been informed by the State Adjutant General that the construction had been cleared and that bids would be called soon for the contract.

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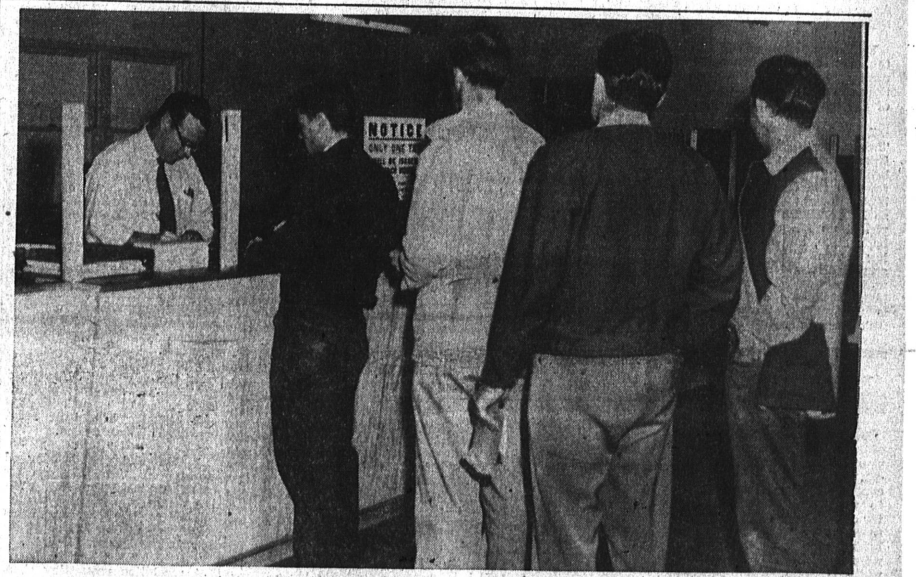
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FIRST SECTION OF 2400 HOME TRACT SET TO GO



FIRST OF MANY . . . Clerk William Banning waits on the first four men to take advantage of the newly-opened office of the Department of Motor Vehicles when it opened here at 8 a.m. Monday. The four and two others were waiting at the front door when Manager Leavitt Tudor opened up.



OFFICIAL OPENING . . . Local and state officials showed up here Monday to formally open the new branch office of the Department of Motor Vehicles at 1317 Cravens Ave. Left to right are S. V. Kinley, supervisor of branch offices for DMV; Lloyd H. Kemp, district supervisor; Assemblyman Vincent Thomas; Ralph Cowell, district manager; Leavitt Tudor, branch manager; Sam Levy, who leased the building to the state; Dale Isenberg, executive-secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; and Paul Loranger, who will be installed tonight as the Chamber's president.

Judge Continues Cline Hearing

A hearing on charges that Capt. Arnold R. Cline converted government property to his own use while commandant of the San Pedro Naval Supply Depot was continued one week by Federal Judge Pierson M. Hall Monday.

The continuance was granted on the request of Defense Attorney Joseph Stone so he could study a bill of particulars filed earlier in the day by Asst. U.S. Attorney Manuel L. Real.

Stone indicated he plans to offer stiff arguments to sections of the bill which detail in dollars and cents the value of the labor and materials covering work the former depot commandant assertedly had done to personal property.

Kitchen Mixer Stolen

Theft of a kitchen mixer valued at \$105 from the First Methodist Church was reported to police this week.

City Business Licenses Due By This Week

City business license renewals will become delinquent after close of business tomorrow evening at the City Hall, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett warned yesterday.

He asked merchants, businessmen, and others requiring city business licenses to take care of their renewals today or tomorrow in order to avoid the penalties which will be attached starting Monday.

Brothers Injured In Head-on Crash on Sunday

A head-on auto collision sent Wayne Carlton, 20, was transferred to El Toro Marine base, the elder brother was listed in morning.

The elder brother was listed in "fair" condition this week and was recovering from multiple contusions of the chest, scalp lacerations and a fractured leg.

Transferred from Long Beach Community Hospital to Harbor General was Francis Carlton, 27, of 1022 Joel St. His brother, Sgt. X-rays of the scalp and chest injuries proved negative, hospital spokesmen said.

The brothers were injured when their car, and one driven by Clair Paquette, 31, of Garden Grove, collided on Garden Grove Blvd. near Los Alamitos Blvd.