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SECOND BOOKIE OPERATION HIT

Ship's Cook Nabbed for Taking Bets

Arrest of a ship's cook on charges of operating a betting book may have put another sizeable crimp in such operations in this area, Torrance police reported yesterday.

Walter Vallivero, 48, who listed his home address as 1726 W. 27th St., San Pedro, was arrested Friday evening at 22721 Evelyn Ave after an investigation by Torrance, Los Angeles Police, and Sheriff's vice squad officers.

Lt. D. C. Cook, head of Torrance's administrative vice detail, said Vallivero had apparently been operating only one day when the officers raided the Evelyn Avenue home.

THE COOK was booked at Torrance jail and transferred immediately to Los Angeles County Jail where Sheriff's deputies will seek complaints against him on the bookmaking charges, Cook said.

Belief that an above average operation had been halted was based on the fact that evidence was collected which indicated Vallivero was taking bets as high as \$100 each, Cook said.

A SIMILAR raid last Dec. 5 resulted in the arrest of 50-year-old Edward Kay of San Pedro who was charged with operating a book in the Welteria area. At that time, arresting officers said Kay was apparently "banking" a bookmaking operation in the Harbor area.

Like Vallivero, Kay was taken to Los Angeles County Jail to await prosecution by Sheriff's deputies.

Making the arrest here Friday were Torrance officers James Kirby and Leo Gonzales.



R. J. DEININGER
Services Tomorrow

Rites for Ex-Banker Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held in Santa Ana tomorrow for Robert John Deininger, who was Torrance's first city clerk, served on the city council and as mayor.

Mr. Deininger also served on the Planning Commission. He helped organize the American Legion Post and served as post adjutant and commander. He was a member of the Al Malakah Shrine Temple and a past president of the Kiwanis Club in which he had recorded 18 years of perfect attendance and was a Legion of Honor member.

The former Torrance mayor was born Aug. 28, 1884, in Owatonna, Minn., and served as an infantry captain during World War I from July 1917 to his release in January of 1919.

He came to Torrance in 1919 and was employed by the Dominguez Land Corp. He eventually went to work with the First National Bank and later joined the staff of the Torrance National Bank where he was executive vice president at the time of his retirement.

Survivors include his widow, Nora, who resides in Newport Beach; three sisters, Mrs. F. H. Joesting and Misses Margaret and Amelia Deininger, all of Owatonna, Minn.; one brother, Louis H. Deininger, of Torrance.

Mr. Deininger died Thursday night at a sanitarium in Orange. He had not lived in Torrance for the past two years. Services will be at Brown's Mortuary in Santa Ana at 2 p.m.

Firemen Offer Curb Service In Trash Fire

Firemen offered curb service to the victims of a fire here Friday afternoon.

Crews on a city trash truck, noting that they had a fire in the trash, drove up Crenshaw Boulevard to the main fire station at Carson Street where firemen quickly doused the blaze.



DRAIN STARTED . . . Construction crews for the County Flood Control District have begun work on installation of a new storm drain system to clear storm waters from the area of Torrance Boulevard and Madrid Avenue. Catch basin installations have been made on several Torrance Boulevard intersections and installation of the main line is now ready to start. (Herald Photo)

Rain-Slick Streets Get Blame In Series of Injury Accidents

Several persons were hurt as the result of accidents on the rain-slick streets of the city Friday evening.

Two motorcycle riders were taken to Harbor General Hospital following a collision with a car at 182nd St. and Western Ave. at 6:15 Friday evening.

Cyclists injured were Ronald Jesse Goodheart, 27, a Gardena chemical worker, and James Williams, 22, Compton, a passenger on a cycle driven by Goodheart. Driver of the panel truck involved in the crash was listed as Royal Ervin Knotts, 48, a Gardena mechanic. Both vehicles were southbound on Western Avenue before the crash.

Dennis Rogers, 23, of 4122 W. 178th St., was injured at 7:30 p.m. Friday when struck by a car driven by Moses Canter Ojeda, 19, of Inglewood at 178th Street and Hawthorne Avenue.

Rogers was crossing Hawthorne Avenue from the east at 178th Street at the time of the accident. He was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Another accident in which a pedestrian was injured occurred at 9:54 p.m. Friday at Newton and Winlock in the Welteria area. Leanetta Tilton, 44, who lives at 3231 Winlock Road, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital after she was struck by a car driven by Max Melvin Montgomery, 24240 Neece Avenue. Montgomery's vehicle was westbound on Newton Street, police were told.

Earlier Friday, three persons reported minor injuries following a crash at Vista Del Mar and Pacific Coast Highway in the Hollywood Riviera.

Jeanette Kragh Mordhorst, 40, of Palos Verdes Estates, driver of one vehicle involved,

complained of neck pains after the crash. Two of her passengers, Sherry Clark, 14, and Kit Mordhorst, 14, both of Palos Verdes Estates were taken to a private physician for treatment.

Driver of the second vehicle was listed as Phyllis Kuehny Williams, 53, of 22305 Ellinwood Drive.

A five-year-old girl suffered minor injuries Wednesday afternoon when she ran into the side of a sedan.

Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital was Frances Katsuki of 21027 Madrona Ave. She suffered a bruise on the upper part of her right leg and moderate injuries to her right ear.

The sedan was driven by Mrs. Martha Ann Chappell, 36, of

20717 Madrona Ave., police said. The girl was walking with her sister, Marilyn Katsuko, when she decided to cross the street and ran into the side of the moving vehicle.

The accident happened about 3:45 on Madrona just north of Torrance Boulevard.

'Infant Christ' Slated

A dramatic production of "The Infant Christ," the religious-musical masterpiece by Berlioz, will be presented by the Los Angeles County Opera Theater and Pacific Symphony Saturday, Jan. 21, at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of Redondo Union High School. Admission will be by \$1 donations.

The staged version of the colorful "Sacred Trilogy" will be conducted by Thomas Wilson and directed by Pat Coates. Thomas Osborn is assistant conductor and chorus master. Matt Duffin the set designer and technical director, Miriam Kennon is in charge of costumes.

Redondo Physician Plans Campaign for Congress

A Redondo Beach physician Friday announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for U.S. Congressman from the 17th district.

Dr. Merle H. Boyce, 36, chief of staff at the Bay Harbor Osteopathic Hospital, said the present Congressman, Cecil R. King, "really hasn't done anything in 20 years. He has been a good politician in that he's been able to slap everybody on the back."

THE DOCTOR referred to King as "a do-nothing Congressman." Dr. Boyce said he was compelled to run because "I see too much disinterest in what Congress is doing." He added, "I feel we are drifting toward a collective or strong central government. I want to maintain the freedoms we have."

One of the major issues, the doctor said, is taxation. "The jerrybuilt tax system we have now is ridiculous and needs serious study and revision."

SPEAKING AT A press conference, the doctor added, "I

hope to bring to this office intelligent decisions which have nothing to do with small factions. I would try to be judged on the basis of my actions. King never sponsored any important legislation."



DR. MERLE H. BOYCE
Throws Hat in Ring

Dr. Boyce has been a leader in YMCA, Presbyterian church, veterans' group and hospital work in Wilmington and Redondo Beach for the past 15 years, spending nearly seven years in YMCA and church youth group activities.

"Young people should, and I believe do, pay more attention to government. Today's rapidly changing world and its problems need fresh new approaches both in local and world-wide scopes," Dr. Boyce said in pointing out that through continued activities in civic, fraternal and hospital fields he has kept in close touch with the problems and needs of a major portion of the 17th Congressional District.

THE DISTRICT embraces North Redondo Beach, Torrance, Harbor City, Lomita, Gardena, Wilmington, and San Pedro.

Dr. Boyce is married and lives with his wife and four children at 1210 S. Irena, Redondo Beach.

Signal Funds For Hickory, Maple Asked

Installation of traffic control signals at Torrance Boulevard where it intersects with Hickory Avenue and Maple Avenue has been recommended by City Engineer Walter Nollac who has asked for additional funds for the two projects.

In a request being forwarded this week to the City Council, Nollac asks for \$3,000 to be transferred to the Torrance-Hickory signal project and another \$4,000 for the Torrance-Maple project. He said a revision in earlier plans for the installations was necessary to keep the signals consistent with those installed late last year on Torrance Boulevard.

Present schedules call for both projects to be advertised to bidders on Jan. 21, he said.

A Penny for your Thoughts

The Pennies photographer asked PTA officers, "Why are you a member of the PTA?"

Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh, 1011 Felbar Ave.

"I think originally I became a member so I could become more familiar with the school my child attended and to become better acquainted with the teachers and other parents."

Mrs. William LaMore, 4721 Greenmeadows.

"We had a new school when I joined and I mostly joined to get acquainted. I have a girl in the fifth grade."

Mrs. M. H. Spaulding, 18518 Spinning Ave.

"I've been a PTA member 25 years and I firmly believe in working together between teachers and parents. I have three children attending North High School."

Mrs. William Cassida, 3909 W. 187th St.

"I spoke to a PTA district convention when I was in high school in northern California and I was so impressed with the group that I decided to become a member when I had children in school."

Mrs. James C. Orr, 2810 Redondo Beach Blvd.

"I think you only get out of PTA what you put into it. I think every parent should know what's going on in the school district and the best way to find out is by being a member of the PTA."

El Camino Prof On Television At 11 Today

Julius Sumner Miller, El Camino College physics instructor, will make his initial appearance in a new CBS television series, "Science and Its Magic," today at 11 a.m.

The show will be presented each Sunday on Channel 2.

On Dec. 4, Miller appeared on the Expedition program when he discussed the life of Archimedes. He also provided background material for the Walt Disney production "The Absent Minded Professor."

The instructor completed a previous series entitled "Why Is It So?" and has appeared internationally on the lecture platform.

Deputy Tax Assessor to Open Office

Taxpayers may file annual property statements with the deputy assessors who are calling at each residence in this area, County Assessor John R. Quinn announced yesterday.

If not at home when the deputy calls, this required statement may be filed at any one of the 79 branch offices throughout the county. A door-knob notice is left by the deputy assessor at each home when the resident is not in, and this notice lists all branches.

For the convenience of residents of this area, a branch office of the County Assessor is located at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., and will be open each week day from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., starting Monday.

The annual claim for the veteran or church exemptions may also be filed with this property statement at any of these branches.

Taxpayers are asked to be sure to bring with them any papers left at their door and the exact legal descriptions of any real properties owned by them.



WHAT A WEDDING! . . . The "First Man" tells the Schill family and others about preparations for a fabulous wedding about to take place. From left are George Stefan, Michael McKinney, Edna Irwin, Barbara Bennett, and Jon Young. The scene is from Hampton Players' "The Visit," which opened Friday evening for a run of five weekends. (Photo by Neil Landrum)