



SCRUB-DOWN—William Huggard, park department employe, gives final brush job to wall around new play area at Sea Aire Park in time for dedication ceremony. Rotary Club was honored Wednesday for building wall and sidewalks which surround the new playground. —Press Photo

Cite Man for Fire Heroism

A Torrance man was among Southern California Gas Company employes to be honored for outstanding service during the recent Laurel Canyon fire. The group included Eugene C. Deppe, of 4304 W. 229th St., one of a crew of customer service employes who worked side by side with firemen in the heart of the blaze in order to maintain uninterrupted service to all occupied

homes on the canyon. The men were hampered by fallen trees, power lines, fire

hoses, flying cinders and cascading rocks as they went about shutting off meters at burning

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following morning, they restored service to these houses. Deppe was presented with a

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Officer Escapes Injuries

A motorcycle officer escaped with minor bruises Thursday afternoon when a 25-ton oil pump spilled in a traffic crash, hurtling into his path.

Officer Tom Woodriddle, 29, escaped serious injuries when he laid down his motor bike as he saw the oil equipment tumble from a truck and trailer which had collided with an auto at Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor.

Robert L. Coleman, 26, of Santa Paula, had swerved across the center divider in order to avoid striking a car driven by Robert L. Ellsworth, 34, director of student activities at South High School.

As the trailer awayed the heavy pump fell off and into the roadway in front of the motorcycle officer.

Woodriddle picked himself up and at once started to direct traffic.

Westbound traffic was detoured for nearly three hours.

The original collision was blamed for causing another accident an hour later when the auto driven by Lewis E. Iwartz, 67, of Redondo Beach, skidded on oil spilled from the pumping outfit, bounced off the curb and overturned on its side.

Iwartz was not hurt in the crash.

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U. S. Steel May Be Picketed

Token pickets may appear in front of the Columbia Geneva Steel plant tomorrow as the vacation period ends at the strike-bound Torrance facility.

Some 600 employes wound up their holiday leave and would normally have returned to work tomorrow.

"We might send token pickets to keep the boys in shape," said Alex McJannett, president of Local 1414 of the Steelworkers Union.

But he predicted that there will be no violence.

"We never had any trouble in the past and we don't expect any now," the union leader said.

While steel plants across the nation have been shut down by the strike which started July 15, Torrance steel workers have been taking paid vacations during the annual shutdown of the plant.

Financial pinch will not begin to be felt here until next month since the Torrance workers will still have another paycheck coming on July 31, McJannett said.

If the strike lasts for any length of time, jobs in other industries will be found for the idled men, he explained.

"No one will go hungry if it lasts for months," the president said, pointing out that strike funds are available.

Federal mediators have scheduled more meetings next week in efforts to settle the labor dispute.

Howard Wood Budget Session

The proposed budget for 1959-60 was planned for the Howard Wood PTA at a meeting Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Cleo McComas, 1722 W. 234th St., budget chairman.

Assisting were Mmes. Hiro Muranaka, Ivan Eckersley, Jack Hoy and Mr. R. C. Evans, principal. The budget will be presented for approval before the Executive Board at the next meeting.

There will be just two more "Wednesday Movies" shown at the school, 2250 W. 235th St., at 1:15 p.m. July 22, "So Dear to My Heart" and "Fence Buster" will screen and July 29th, "Southern Yankee" with Red Skelton."



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