

# Mel Introduces Steve, 14, To the Battle of Antietam

Mel Nolen, of 1613 Ruhland Ave., Torrance, works with words. As a matter of fact, the type you are now reading may have been set by Mel, because he works here at The Press. (I did, Red).

Like so many people who deal with words, Mel enjoys books. He likes to read books, and he likes to own them, because a good book is worth reading over and over again.

Among Mel's collection of good books are several on the Civil War.

One of those is the People's Pictorial Edition of Battles and Leaders of the Civil War, a book that's not often seen these days, even among those who call themselves "buffs."

Knowing Mel's interest in books and words, a neighbor boy, Steve Cizek, 14, who lives a few doors from Mel, at 1637 Ruhland, dropped in one day to discuss a problem.

"Mel," said Steve. "I'm going to do a paper for school on the Civil War. How's

about some help?" "Whoa," said Mel. "That's a pretty big subject, Steve. Why not confine yourself to, say, just one battle?"

After talking over the war for a while with Mel, Steve finally chose the battle of Antietam-Sharpsburg for his report.

By some strange coincidence, Antietam is one of Mel's favorite battles for study, and so Steve is bound to have some good guidance as he explores what happened on a September day north of the Potomac River, just outside a village named Sharpsburg, along the banks of a once-quiet creek called Antietam.

But what's more important, probably, to Steve in the long run, is that he happened to know a man who likes to work with words and could introduce him at the age of 14, to the People's Pictorial Edition of so many long years ago, and to the wonderful world that lies in words tightly packed between the covers of good books.



THE PEOPLE'S PICTORIAL edition of Battles and Leaders of the Civil War is held by Mel Nolen (left) and Steve Cizek, opened to the pages covering the battle of Antietam-Sharpsburg,

which Steve will report in a paper for school. The book is filled with engravings from pictures taken by Matthew Brady and other photographers of a hundred years ago. —PRESS photo

**Assessor Mails Forms**  
Business property affidavits will be mailed this week, beginning tomorrow, Feb. 25 to all firms with an actual or potential assessed valuation of \$10,000 or more. County Assessor Philip E. Watson has announced. The forms must be completed and mailed back to the Assessor's office on or before April 1.

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## 1962 World's Champion Graham Hill To Drive a Harvey Car at Indy '500'

Graham Hill, 1962 world champion, will drive one of the four Harvey Aluminum Specials entered in the Indianapolis 500, according to car-builder Mickey Thompson.

Hill, who is 34, has never seen the Speedway, but "doesn't envision any unsurmountable difficulty in getting used to the course." He is a five-year veteran of Grand Prix competition.

"Having Graham decide to drive for us is a distinct honor," said Thompson. "What more can you ask for when you have the world's champion driving for you?"

Two of the four racers in the Harvey factory team are modifications of last year's radical Harvey Aluminum Special which ran at Indy. The two ultra-light new cars, according to Thompson, are "way out." All four cars will be powered by Chevrolet aluminum engines cast by Harvey. Mounted in

of the season. develop something around 350 horsepower.

Thompson, called the fastest man on wheels for his Bonneville run of 406.6 mph, is automotive consultant to Harvey Aluminum.

Bill Krause, veteran Southern California sports car pilot, is the only other driver signed to date by Thompson for the May 30 classic.

London-born Graham Hill at 23 had never driven a car. He had never seen a motor race, and only the realization that progress with the

vanced if he switched from a motor bike to a car prompted him to learn how to drive.

In ten short years, Graham Hill won the 1962 World Championship of drivers—the highest honor in motor racing.

In winning the 1962 World Championship, Hill won the Dutch, German, Italian and South African Grand Prix, was a second in the Belgian and U.S., fourth in the English, ninth in the French, and finished in every championship race. The big win last season

was the final race in South Africa, a course flanked on three sides by hills and the fourth by the Indian Ocean.

Taking his victory lap around the circuit in a soaking rain, the natives, overzealous at his triumph, slapped him on the back with such vigor that his arms momentarily became paralyzed.

Graham Hill is a thoroughly skilled professional driver. His driving style is precise and smooth. He is married and has a son and daughter, the family residing in London, England.

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Teachers of the Torrance Unified School District and citizens who are interested can attend a teaching conference Saturday, March 2, at South High School.

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The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration. At 9:30 a general meeting for teachers will be held. The first demonstrations begin at 10:30 and last until 11:15, the second last from 11:30 to 12:15. Luncheon is from 12:30 until 1:30. General chairman is Gerald Mays, WALTERIA.

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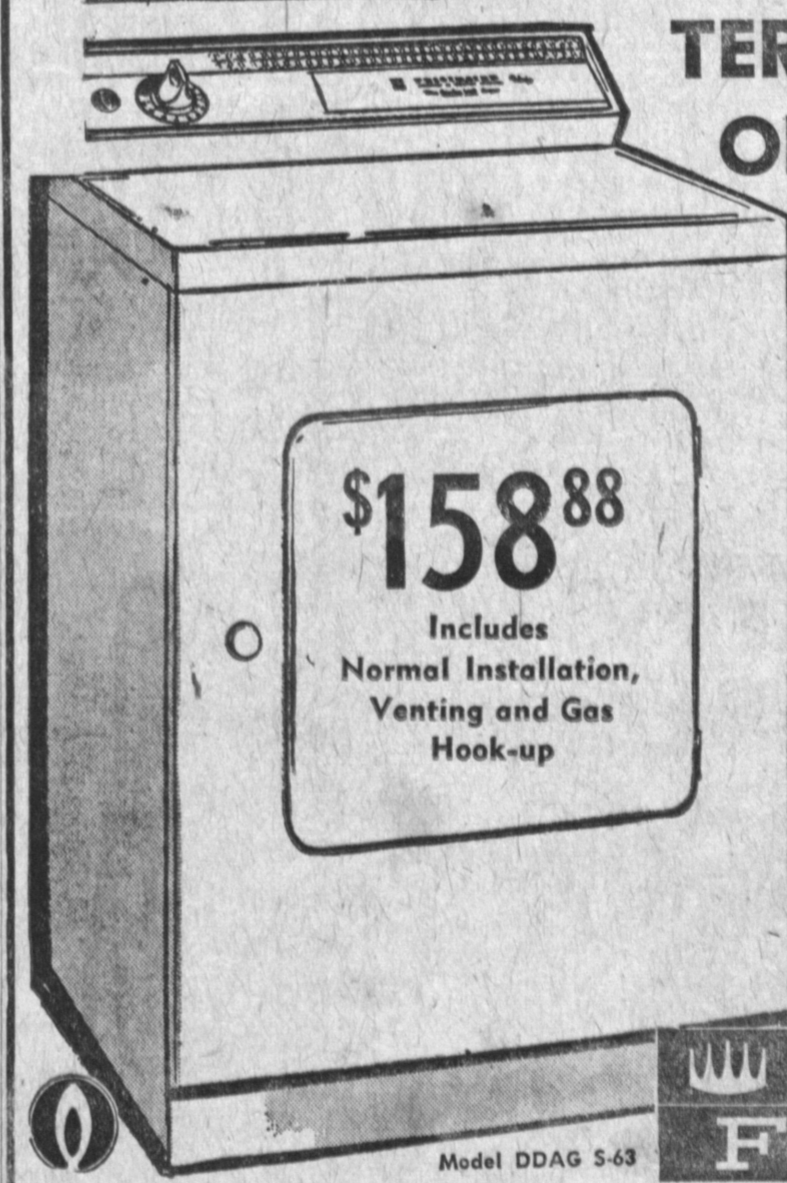


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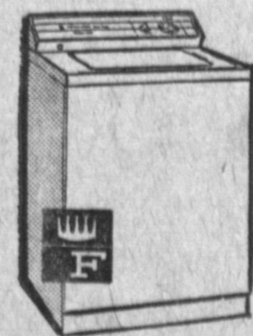
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