

## Law in Action

What duties of safety do you owe to your visitors?

Recently Mrs. Brown attended the Green's anniversary reception for one hundred and fifty guests. As a close friend, she stayed on for dinner afterwards, helping Mrs. Green clean up. Mrs. Green asked her friend to put away some of the chairs in the garage.

The garage had a pan for catching grease from the car. Although the garage was well lit, Mrs. Brown slipped on the pan, fell, and hurt herself badly.

MRS. BROWN sued Mrs. Green, but the court allowed her nothing. She was a social guest, there only for her own benefit. Upon entering the Green's home she had to take things as she found them, as would members of her family.

A homeowner owes his social guest some legal duties. He cannot set out to injure him. He cannot throw things at him, jostle him, or set a trap for him. But a homeowner need only warn the guest of highly dangerous things, not easily found, like a highly waxed floor with a tiny rug, or a hidden greasy place on the kitchen floor. But for the most part, the guest must look out for himself.

Some invitees come to your home for your advantage or for a common interest, not just for fun or personal benefit. To them you owe a legal duty to make your place safe much as a store owner has to protect his customers.

IN ONE CASE, Jones invited his friend, a carpenter, to come for dinner and also bring his tools to help Jones fix up a room. The friend hurt himself when he fell from a defective chair. Jones was liable, for he owed a positive duty to make the premises safe for his invitee, who had come to work.

Suzie Swanson, a volunteer hostess for charity entertaining the armed forces, stumbled over a defective door-jamb. As an invitee, Suzie collected damages. The charity should have provided a safe place for her.

Caterers, TV repairmen, or the milkman are all "invitees." You must make your place safe for them or warn them positively of any dangers.

(Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.)

## Tokens To Reduce Bus Fare

A new reduced fare program for purchasers of Southern California Rapid Transit District tokens, along with a five-cent bus ride for the blind, have been approved by RTD directors.

RTD President Don C. McMillan said, "The new financial savings for token users will be made possible beginning June 1, by offering tokens at a minimum 25 for \$7—the equivalent of a two-cent reduction in the adult bus fare."

Tokens will be sold only at RTD agencies and other locations—in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties—to continue the policy of enabling bus drivers to carry a minimum amount of cash.

The district had hoped to provide free rides for the blind, but is prohibited—under the terms of its trust indenture—from inaugurating such a service, McMillan said, noting that procedures for identifying blind passengers will be announced prior to June 1.

In offering tokens at a reduced rate, the RTD said, frequent bus riders who do not take enough rides to warrant the purchase of a monthly \$12 pass will be afforded a similar financing saving—a 25-cent fare—over the regular 30-cent, single-zone rate.

## Children's Films

Three movies for children will be shown Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Room of the Torrance Municipal Library, Main Branch, 1345 Post Ave. The films are "Corral," "Bear Country," and "Spring Comes to a Pond."

## Argonaut Stakes Set on Saturday

The \$30,000 added Argonaut Stakes on Saturday will provide 3-year-olds with their first major opportunity over the Lakeside Turf Course at the Inglewood track.

The Argonaut, traditionally one of Hollypark's most popular events, will be having its 27th renewal and its second running over the picturesque infield grass course. Last year it was raced in two divisions, which were taken by Tumble

## 3.5 Million Fish Caught On Outings

A total of 604,641 ocean anglers who fished from 239 Southern California commercially-operated partyboats during 1967 caught 3.5 million game fish for an average of 5.8 fish per angler. That tally by the Department of Fish and Game does not include the sport catch from private boats or from shore.

The Southland partyboat catch for 1967 totaled about the same as those of 1965 through 1965 but was well below the 1966 all-time record of 5.4 million fish and a 6.3 average for 857,000 anglers.

Marine biologists said below-normal ocean temperatures through the early part of the 1967 season increased the catch of rockfish, albacore, bluefin tuna and salmon. But they noted the cool water cut down the take of such warm water species as barracuda and yellowtail and probably hurt the catch of bonito.

Following is the 1967 Southern California partyboat catch by species, with the record 1966 catch in parentheses for comparison:

Kelp and sand bass 1,003,914 (1,278,938); rockfish 1,137,143 (817,899); barracuda 470,480 (892,896); bonito 348,463 (642,283); Pacific mackerel 108,343 (205,029); albacore 87,721 (66,356); sculpin 63,280 (69,851); halibut 62,765 (86,896); sheephead 42,878 (52,967); Halfmoon 38,516 (40,915); yellowtail 31,392 (80,163); jack mackerel 12,771 (16,232); white seabass 3,353 (3,970); bluefin tuna 3,157 (1,994); salmon 2,923 (42); sablefish 2,708 (11,166); cabezon 2,548 (4,517); skipjack tuna 1,656 (1,012); giant sea bass 621 (547); plus a 1967 take of 72,123 various other fishes.

Wind and Kahl Kabee. Tumble Wind went on to capture the \$117,900 Hollywood Derby.

Saturday's mile and one-sixteenth Argonaut is expected to provide another meeting between Mr. and Mrs. John Coffee's Right or Wrong and William Haggin Perry's Dewan, two of the stars of the current sophomore crop.

Right or Wrong has done practically everything right this season, first winning the six-furlong Debonair Stakes by two lengths and then missing by just a neck to Poleax in the Will Rogers Stakes. In the latter race he gained a legion of admirers, as he fought for the lead throughout the mile, was passed in mid-stretch and was coming on again at the wire.

Dewan, unbeaten in his first starts before finishing third as the favorite in the Santa Anita Derby, was something of a disappointment in his local debut, winding up fourth in the Will Rogers. However, he has been training exceptionally well since that effort and is still considered one of the country's top three-year-olds.

Among other candidates for the Argonaut are Pinjara and Gray Power, both of whom have scored in impressive fashion over the Hollypark greensward this season. Gray Power is a full brother to the grass-loving filly, Pink Pigeon, by T. V. Lark-Ruwenzori.

American Tiger, Glory Hallujas, Hall to Racing, First Mate, and River Buoy also are likely Argonaut starters.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Two 100-lap championship races have been signed for the Memorial Day holiday at Ascot Park in Gardena. The NASCAR late model stock cars will go on Wednesday evening, May 23, and the CRA sprint cars duel Thursday evening, May 24, both starting at 8:30 p.m.

More than \$28,000 in prize money has been posted by the raceway for the two holiday programs.

A large field of late model new cars will compete in the Wednesday evening holiday eve event.



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## Bigtime Soccer Coming!

The British Are Coming! That cry was first heard nearly two-hundred years ago and now, the call has been heard again.

England's Manchester City and Dunfermline of Scotland are invading America to test the Memorial Coliseum turf in Los Angeles on June 5 for a soccer match.

Manchester fans must rate as the most enthusiastic in the world! Their team's march toward the "First Division" title electrified them to the extent, that all 21 home games were sellouts with crowds in excess of 80,000.

When Joe Mercer took over the team as general manager

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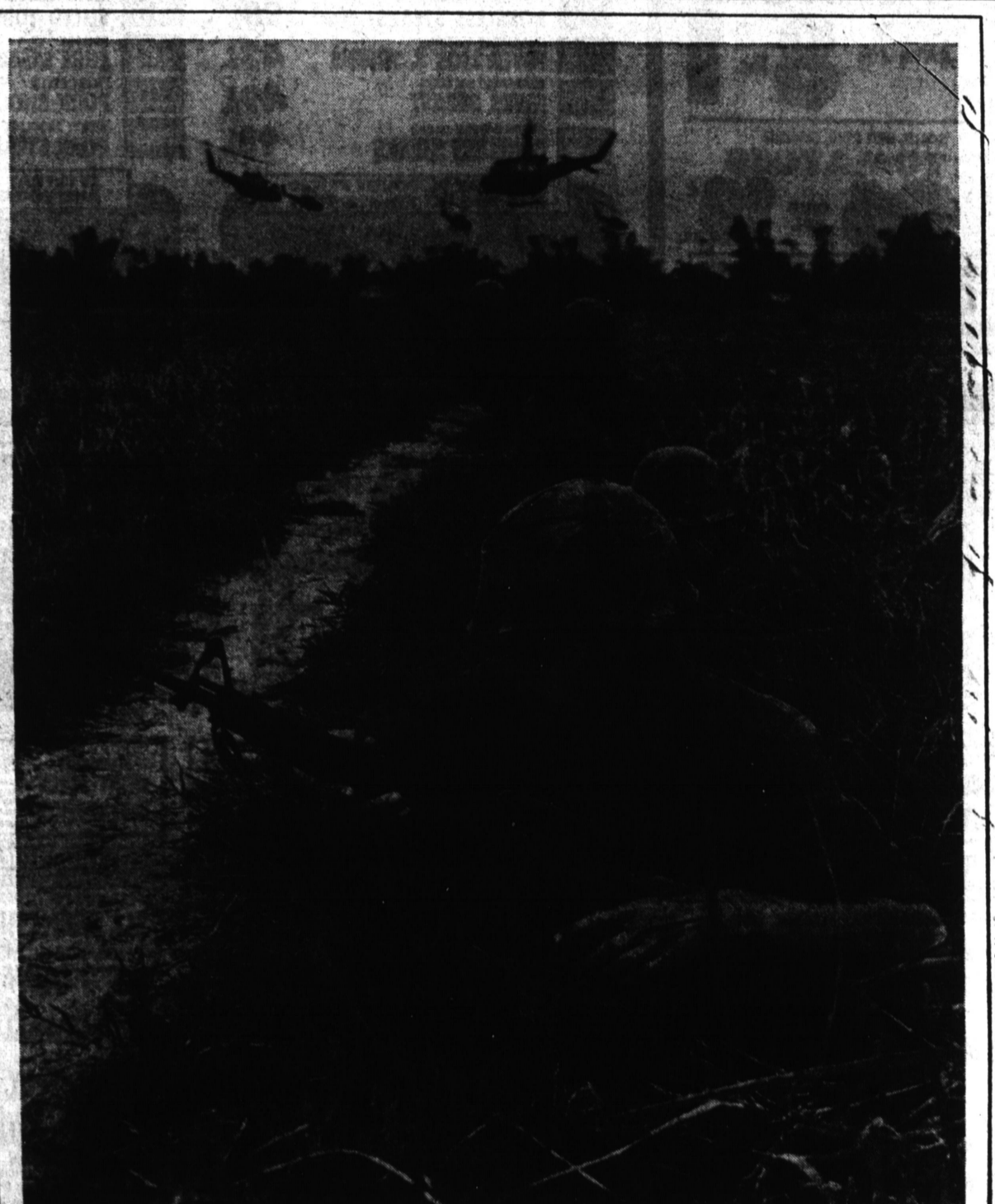
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