



By Jack O. Baldwin

A column about waitresses, a no-drip-coffee-cup, access-straights-and-flushes, and other highly important and closely related subjects.

Life's Petty-Annoyances-Department. I wonder if John Applegate, principal of the Torrance Evening High School, can't persuade some of the members of the ceramics class (still a waiting list) to design a dripless coffee cup and saucer. Something up on three legs, maybe. It seems that I never fail to have a puddle of cold cigarette-ash filled coffee slushing around in the bottom of my saucer. If I lean over so the drip on the bottom of the cup won't fall on my shirt, then I am splashed on my tie when the drip falls into the puddle in the saucer. A gimmick of some kind on the side to prevent cigarettes from sliding into this slosh would be handy also, John!

According to the marquee at the Lomita Theater this week they were showing, "Don't Trust Your Husband" with "Don Juan."

Suggestion for cartoon for Jimmy Hatlo, author-artist of "They'll Do It Every Time."

Johnny Johnson, namesake of the former Johnson Tractor Sales company was sweating out the arrival of the great white bird. He stepped to the phone, dropped in a nickel and cupping the mouth piece in his hand called home to ascertain if his wife had picked up the approach of the airborne animal on her radar screen. He was about to explain that he would be home in a short while as he had just a bit more work to clean up when— from immediately behind him came the high pitch call of Sheila singing out with, "Two seven-up highs. One waterball with Old Grand Dad and three Eastsides."

Be there a man among us who hasn't taught his wife to drive, shoot a gun, or play cards and have some tale to tell. This one is from Bill "Wally" Walsmith, the Herald's speedy foreman, who some day is going to get out of his hearse because it is moving too slow and beat it to his grave site. How he managed to slow down enough to interest his wife in her first game of poker is a little too difficult for me to imagine. To quote Walsmith, "She didn't 'shuffle' the cards. She 'mixed' them. She didn't 'deal' the cards. She 'served' them. But when she put her hand down on the table and exposed a five-card flush and said, 'I think I win because all of mine are the same sex', that's all brother."

Still searching for a name for this column. Among those offered were: "Bits and Pieces," "Quips and Quotes," "Facts and Fancies," "Fables and Facts," and of course the one we printed last week, "It Stinks."

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS HOLD BENEFIT DANCE

Still lacking \$400 to complete the purchase of an electric scoreboard for Torrance High School, the Torrance Athletic Boosters will hold a dance this weekend to raise funds to help pay off the "mortgage."

Jr. Statesmen Leave Saturday For Convention

Thirteen members of the Torrance High School Chapter, Junior Statesmen of America, accompanied by two faculty members, Miss Elaine Crowe, art teacher, and their sponsor, Edward A. Reynolds, will leave Friday morning for a three-day State Convention at San Diego April 1, 2, and 3.

County Offers Two Films for Mothers-to-be

Emphasizing various points in the lesson on nutrition, the technicolor film, "Proof of the Pudding," will be shown to expectant mothers in the session to be held Tuesday, April 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Torrance health center, 2300 Carson street, according to Mrs. Eileen Pullen, public health nurse-instructor. A second film, the Walt Disney technicolor production, "Something You Didn't Eat," also will be shown.

Cops Find Man Under Bed in Sanitarium

Snoozing beneath a bed in the women's section of a sanitarium this week put Leroy E. Smith, 27-year-old local resident, behind the cold iron bars of the Redondo Beach bastille. Smith was pulled from his unusual resting place at the Ocean View Rest Home by Beach police officers after officials of the home reported a prowler.



LUCKY CATCH . . . Joan Phipps, newly elected president of the Future Homemakers of America gives a sample of a yummy dish to Peggy Cecil, new secretary, while Mrs. Eleanor Bremer, food-teacher at Torrance High School stands ready with the grade book to interpret her reaction to an "A" for Joan.—Herald Photo.

Talent Contest Will Highlight Band Campaign

One of the highlights of the fund-raising campaign starting April 23 and sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands will be an Amateur Talent Contest to be held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Monday night, May 16.

The contest is open to any individual or group entertainers of the harbor area. Trophies will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners. The contest will be judged by representatives of Hollywood radio and television studios. Entrants may file by writing to Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc., Box 548, Torrance.

The campaign will end on May 28 with the third anniversary concert by the band. A kick-off dinner will be held on April 25. A huge parade and free dance will also be held during the last day's activities. Purpose of the drive is to raise funds for uniforms, instruments, and operating expenses for the band.

Discharge Certificate. Hints on protecting that highly valuable document, the Military Discharge Certificate, were offered to veterans in Torrance Area by Miss Helen K. Dill, Counselor of the Veterans Service Center, located at 1339 Post avenue.

"The first thing to do, if you have not yet done it," Miss Dill said, "is to get your discharge recorded. This is done without charge by the County Recorder, whose office is located at Hall of Records, 220 N. Broadway, Los Angeles."

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Homemakers Elect Two Local Girls

Future Homemakers of America, an organization of high school girls from 22 Los Angeles County Schools, recently elected two Torrance High School juniors to offices in the organization for the ensuing year. Joan Phipps, 15, was elected president while Peggy Cecil, 16, was elected to serve as secretary.

Dimes

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) \$50; Rotary Club, \$50; Eastern Star, \$20. Junior Hi-Y Dance, \$15; Collections at Parade, \$387.10; Torrance Theater Collections, \$472.37; Mail Collections, \$783.39; Container Collections, \$608.40; Fern Avenue School, \$104.29. Perry Avenue School, \$50.24; Torrance High School, \$114.96; Torrance Elementary School, \$93.40; Walteria School, \$77.01.

MOTOR TRIP Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kresse motored to China Lake last weekend to visit their daughter, Miss Doris.

Services Today For Man Found Shot to Death

Graveside services were to be held at 10 a.m. today at Forest Lawn Mortuary for William L. Allen who was found shot to death in his home at 3949 West 171st street last Sunday morning.

The Rev. Clyde E. Ruckman, pastor of the First Methodist church, will conduct the services for the 54-year old South Gate theater operator who is survived by his father, two brothers and a sister, none of whom are Torrance residents.

Allen's body was found after employees of his theater became suspicious when he failed to appear Saturday evening to close the establishment. When phone calls that evening and a visit to his residence Sunday morning failed to receive an answer, police were called to enter the home.

A lengthy letter found near Allen, who apparently had been shot through the head by a bullet from a .32-caliber revolver, detailed disposition of his property but failed to give a reason for taking his life. Associates, however, said he had been in failing health for several years.

SAN DIEGO WEEKEND Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Anderson, 1611 Fern avenue, spent the weekend at the San Diego home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Porterfield.

Jess Dean New Commander of VFW Post 3251

Jess Dean, local salesman, was elected commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3251 at an election held Monday night in the organization's clubhouse. He succeeds James Brody, who has accepted the post of Judge Advocate for the coming year. Dean announced that the VFW Post would assume the immediate sponsorship of the Walteria Boy Scout Troop No. 240 and would take an active part in boosting the membership of the troop with boys from that area.

Others who were elected at Monday's meeting include: C. N. Weber, senior vice-commander; B. J. Michols, junior vice-commander; Joe Cox, chaplain; Walter Foster, quartermaster; Lyle Jensen, surgeon; W. P. Walker, trustee for three years. Walker and Brody were chosen to serve as county council. Installation of officers will be held in the clubhouse on April 18, Dean said.

ILL AT HOME Frank Krekow, 1218 Arlington avenue, is convalescing at home following a heart attack suffered last week.

PARENTS VISIT Mr. and Mrs. William Ligtenberg, 1310 Manuel avenue, have been entertaining her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Poe, of Boulder, Colo.



COMMANDER . . . Jess Dean was elected commander of the VFW Post Monday night.

Local Boy Wins College Honors

Ralph N. George of Torrance was one of 80 students at Santa Barbara College, University of California, whose high scholastic record during the fall semester placed him on the Dean's List, recently announced by the Provost's office. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. George, 704 Madrid avenue, and is a junior majoring in economics. His grade point average was 2.65. The minimum requirement for mention on the Dean's List is 2.5 and the best possible rating is 3.0, the equivalent of straight A's.

"TELEVISION FACTS"

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW IF YOU ARE BUYING OR OWN A TELEVISION SET

By Phil Gibson

It's A Fact—

It wasn't too long ago that the movie stars of present fame couldn't be caught doing a television show for love or what little money there was in it . . . for that was practically treason.

It's A Fact—

. . . that the shift in the last thirty days is something to behold. The boys and girls of the flickers are practically falling all over each other to catch up with the few hearty souls in the vanguard and who are now reaping a few of the choice fruits of this new medium of public entertainment.

It's A Fact—

. . . that the major studios themselves are awake nights figuring ways and means of how best to use Television . . . and individually they will tell you that if they don't know rather than use TELEVISION . . . TELEVISION will use them and well!

It's A Fact—

. . . that one pioneer in Hollywood has already changed over to 100% making of Television film. These Televisioners will give you top re-production and it will be almost impossible to tell that they did not come direct from the original television camera.

It's A Fact—

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