

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE... But nevertheless true. This odd six-wheel Highway Post Office has front wheels that go this way, and back wheels that turn that way, and middle wheels that go in between. If you don't believe it, note the position of the wheels as this 45-footer turns into the Torrance Post Office to pick up and deliver mail. (Herald photo).

A STORY ABOUT A BUS THAT'S ALL CONFUSED

What has six wheels, bends in the middle, and is red, white and blue all over?
The answer to the little riddle, post officials would answer, is the new Highway Post Office.

Local residents seeing the new 45-foot mobile post office driving up to the Torrance post office have been making with the jokes about the new contraption, all week long.

They have been blaming 'bifocals, pink elephants and spring fever for producing an illusion.

The confusion, it seems, originates from the fact that the new bus seems to be a little confused. It goes two ways at once.

The front wheels of the 11-ton Fageol Twin Coach, turn to the left—the rear wheels turn to the right, and the wheels in the middle go straight ahead. The bus works on much the same principle as the long hook-and-ladder trucks used by many fire departments.

As it travels over humps and bumps it bends in the middle like a measuring worm—in fact, it bends both ways—up and down and left to right.

Driver of the six-wheeler, George B. Gladu, says: "Sure does cause 'em to stop and look. Don't blame 'em much. I wouldn't believe it myself when I first saw it."

Nimble-footed clerks, Hank Marks and Harry Coffey, said the job of riding the highway doodle bug is like standing up in a roller coaster, only without the wind.

Dr. Wood Named VP of County Trustees Group

Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Torrance Board of Education, was elected vice-president of the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association at a recent convention held in Long Beach.

If Dr. Wood is successful at the polls tomorrow in being re-elected to the local school board, the Long Beach election would place him in line for presidency of the county group next year.

Members of the local board reported on the various panel discussions which each attended during the one-day convention. Attending the annual affair were Mrs. Evelyn Carr, Mrs. Grace Wright, Judge John A. Shiller, all members of the local school board, and Dr. J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of schools.

Storkatorials

Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Joyce, 630 Pine drive, a son, born May 3.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pivarski, 2157 250th street, a daughter, born May 7 at 7:33 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Earney J. Wheeler, 21816 S. Main street, a son, born May 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. York, 17220 Elgar avenue, a son, born May 7 at 2 p.m.

LOCAL STUDENT WINS SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Release of second-interim grades at Palos Verdes College this week revealed that a Torrance student is among the three to top the academic list with As.

Robert Everts, 4507 Spencer, shared top honors with Emilio Kell of San Pedro and Burt Kessenick of Palos Verdes.

Any commuter prize which might go to the honor-roll students would have to be given to Lily Malick. This student traveled from Baghdad, Iraq, to enroll in the school. She has a B average.

Infant Awarded \$25,000 for Father's Death

Awarded \$25,000 this week as judgment for an accident that killed his father was 16-month-old Gordon A. Peterson, Jr.

The judgment came two years and one day after his father was killed by a hit-and-run driver at the intersection of 190th street and Hawthorne boulevard.

Superior Judge Roger A. Pfaff, who gave the judgment to young Peterson, also awarded the child's mother, Cecelia A. Peterson, of Los Angeles, damages amounting to \$6000.

The ruling in favor of Mrs. Peterson and her young son was made against John Foley, 21, of 3401 Spencer street, whom they alleged to be the driver of the car which struck and killed Gordon A. Peterson, 25, an oil company motorcycle messenger. The accident took place on May 14, 1948.

The mother and son had asked a total of \$133,000 in their damage action against Foley and his mother, Mrs. Catherine E. Foley, who had co-signed her son's driver's license while he was still a minor.

Prior to this week's judgment, Foley had pleaded guilty to hit-and-run felony charges and received sentence. A coroner's jury had recommended that he be held for manslaughter, but the charges were dismissed. He carried no insurance, according to Boris Woolley, attorney for Mrs. Peterson and her son. John McCall was the attorney for Foley and his mother.

Torrance Soldier Set To Return From Japan

Returning to the United States from Japan soon is Pfc. Rafael Escobar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Escobar, 2123 203rd street.

Pfc. Escobar, now serving with the 24th Infantry Division on Kyushu, will soon complete a 30-month tour of duty and be returned to the United States for discharge.

Escobar took his basic training in Fort Ord, Calif., and was first assigned to the 550th Transportation Company in the Far East Command before joining the Infantry.

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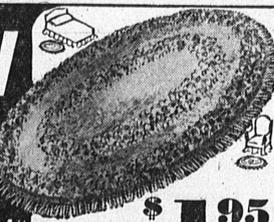
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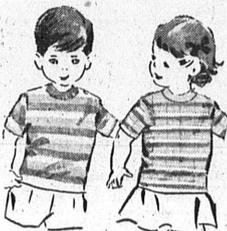


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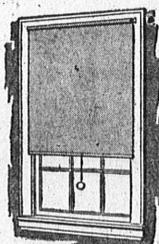
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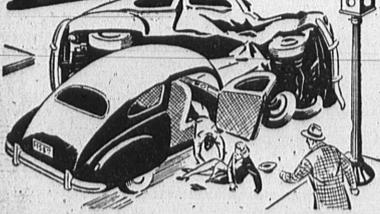
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