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P.E.R.R. SHOPS CLOSE

Pacific Electric Shops will close down today for 10 days to six weeks while undergoing retooling to refit the repair yard to handle more bus equipment in keeping with the company's switch from rail to rubber.

According to the office of James G. Shea, director of public relations for P.E., approximately 316 men are affected. About 116 men will be laid off as the plant goes back into operation a department at a time. The first department is due to resume operations about February 5. All sections should be operating by mid-March, a company spokesman said.

The lay-off will reduce the force to a level of some months ago. The company hired 132 men last fall to help in the task of converting rail cars formerly operated by two men to a one-man car.

P. E. recently purchased 134 motor coaches and has 30 more on order, a company official said. The local yard at Crenshaw boulevard and Dominguez street will be used extensively in the repair and upkeep of these new buses.

No figure as to the amount of money involved in modernizing the rail yard was given.

WEATHER

The weatherman had this to say yesterday about today:

"Mostly sunny with some light fog along the coast. Temperatures will be slightly cooler."

It's to the beaches again, kiddies.



CAREER ENDS IN GAS-FILLED AUTO
... Detective Bennett Examines Body of ex-Airline Pilot

Crash Occurs in 1950 But Death Chalked Against '51

Entered in the records this week was the first traffic death of 1951.

Although the death was credited against 1951, the accident in which a Redondo man was injured occurred on December 20, 1950, according to the records of Lucille Stroh, police matron.

Dead is Willard Mallery, 58, 408 Ruby street, Redondo Beach. Mallery was injured when an auto in which he was driving crashed into a truck jackknifed across Hawthorne boulevard near Spencer street.

He was treated at the Harbor General Hospital and later released when his injuries appeared to be minor. Complications developed later and Mallery died on January 19, according to a County Coroner's report.

Second Suicide In Six Days Discovered Here

A promising career in aviation ended tragically sometime Saturday in the monoxide-filled auto of a 28-year-old ex-airline pilot.

The body of Orville W. Parsons, who at the time of his death was working as a fry cook in nearby cafes, was found by his divorced wife. His body, slumped behind the wheel, went undiscovered for three days, detectives said.

His 13-year-old car was parked in front of his divorced wife's trailer at Cottage 31, Del Amo Estates.

Detectives Captain Ernie Ashton and Sergeant Percy Bennett said a garden hose led from the exhaust pipe of his car into the driver's compartment of his tightly closed car.

Discovery of Parsons, apparently a suicide, came only six days after the body of 60-year-old Alex Calhoun, proprietor of a men's furnishing store on El Prado, was found by his wife hanging in the rear of the store.

Pending news from Parsons' parents in Puyallup Wash., local detectives were attempting to untangle a marital web in which the deceased was ensnared.

Police quoted Martha Valdez, of 2336 West 203rd street, as saying she had divorced Parsons two months after she married the Pacific war veteran when she discovered he was married to a Los Angeles cafe dancer. Effects found with the body put police on the trail of a Marie Seagraves, a dancer in the Caliente Cafe in Los Angeles. She was not known at the cafe.

The public administrator has instructed Stone and Myers Mortuary to hold the commercial airline pilot's body until his parents or someone comes forward to claim the remains.

DAV Auxiliary

South Bay Chapter 92, DAV, will hold a meeting at 8 p.m., Friday 26, at the VFW hall in Torrance to receive its charter and hold an installation of its officers.

Word 'Drop' To Warn Pupils of Emergency

Calculating that almost everyone, including kindergarten children will know what to do when someone shouts, "Drop," the school administrators adopted Monday a method of alerting school children in case of a surprise attack.

Two conditions of attack were labeled. "Condition 1" procedure is to be followed in case of a surprise attack when there is no opportunity to sound any other type of alarm or when there is insufficient time to prepare for an emergency, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, reported. Such procedure would be followed in the event of an earthquake or explosion—both of which strike without warning.

To warn of such a condition, teachers will simply shout, "Drop." With that, the students are to "hit the deck" and scoot beneath tables and desks. "Condition 2" procedure will be followed in local schools when the "Red Alert" is sounded, warning that an attack is likely. The method of sounding the "Red Alert" was deferred pending further discussions of a suitable and reliable method of sounding a warning. Manually operated devices, not dependent upon electrical continuity, probably will be used. This might be the striking of a brake drum with a metal hammer, such as was used as an air raid warning in many military camps during World War II.

The two-condition plan follows closely that which was adopted by Los Angeles City Schools. "Because there is so much interchange of students between our district and Los Angeles, the principals feel that a uniform system of procedure would be the most easily learned and followed by small children," Dr. Hull stated. Much confusion could result among students if one system is used to indicate recess in one school and the same type of warning is used in another school to alert the students of an emergency, he pointed out.

The plan of warnings was adopted at a principals' meeting Monday afternoon. All teachers and supervisory personnel in the district have been advised of the plan and some already have conducted classroom drills.

Governor's Aide To Address Joint Club Meet

Roger Deas, secretary to Governor Warren and a leader in the Governor's Youth Conference, will speak at the joint service clubs' semi-annual meeting at the Woman's Club this evening.

Appearance of Deas was arranged by the board of managers of the Torrance YMCA. The Y is celebrating YMCA Week this week.

Deas is a former national president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and former member of the executive board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. A noted speaker and youth worker, he is expected to give a stirring account of the activities of youth at tonight's meeting.

Members of all the clubs—Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and Optimists—will participate in the program, according to John Steinbaugh, president of Rotary, the hosting club.



JUST FITS . . . Both Ed Karlow, (seated) and ex-Councilman George C. Powell, appear happy over the outcome of the Torrance City Council meeting Tuesday night. Powell resigned his post on the council to accept the position of assistant director of civilian defense. Karlow was appointed to fill Powell's council seat which he is trying on for size in this photo snapped after the meeting.—(Herald photo).

Jaycee President Named to Council

A shot of young blood was injected into the City Council Tuesday night with the appointment of 33-year old Ed Karlow, a junior executive at National Supply Company, following the resignation of Councilman George C. Powell.

Powell tendered his resignation after serving 34 months on the council to accept the newly created post of assistant director of civilian defense for the City of Torrance.

Both men and City Manager George W. Stevens, who is also commander of the city's civilian defense program, were sworn in following the meeting by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Karlow is president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is employed as assistant division credit manager at National. The new councilman was at home, 1971 Middlebrook Road, Kettler Knolls, playing Canasta with his wife, Marjorie, when he was informed of his appointment by Councilman Willys G. Blount, who nominated him for the council job. The vote was unanimous.

"It (the appointment) really came as a surprise. Of course several of the councilmen had discussed the situation with me but I felt certain that the appointment would go to one of the other men being considered," Karlow said following his swearing-in ceremony.

He referred to Victor Beustead, who by a recount action, fell only 17 votes short of winning a seat on the council at the election last April. Councilman Nick Draie nominated Beustead at Tuesday's meeting for the vacant seat saying he was only seven votes short. Councilman Blount, who won over Beustead, reminded Draie that a week-long court contest decided the margin of victory was 17.

Other local civic leaders considered for the council post included, among other, John Steinbaugh, principal of Torrance High School and president of the local Rotary Club; Jackson S. Moore, superintendent of maintenance and supply at the

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"CONDITION 1" . . . Drop!

Youth Named Boy of Year



HI-Y BOY OF THE YEAR . . . Bill Johnson Gets a Victory Smooch From His Mother

Walking on air this week is 17-year-old William R. Johnson, of 2324 Huber street, who Tuesday was named HI-Y Boy of 1951 in the Los Angeles area.

Chosen by a panel of judges headed by Durwood Howes at a conference at the Biltmore, Johnson was first a winner in the Torrance HI-Y Club, then the Harbor District, and now the Los Angeles area. He is the top selection among the 4000 boys in HI-Y Clubs in the Los Angeles area.

The contest was for YMCA members in high school. Candidates were first selected by the 251 clubs in the area, and the seven finalists were judged by a committee of businessmen, educators and clergy.

Basis of the selection included grading each candidate on scholarship, service, leadership, personal qualities, and understanding of HI-Y purposes and program.

Top award going to Johnson is a \$500 college scholarship to the school of his choice. This award is donated by Mrs. Maude Warren in honor of her late husband, James G. Warren, who was YMCA president from 1932 to 1941.

Other awards include a weekend trip to San Diego, appearance tomorrow night on KFTV's "Friday Night Theater" at 9, appearance on "Good Egg of the Week" over KNBH either February 2 or February 9, and his appearance Tuesday evening on the KFTV newsreel show.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. (Continued on Page 4)



CAMERON 'RONNIE' SELOVER . . . Auto-Truck Crash Fatal to Local Soldier

Santa Barbara Crash Fatal to Local Soldier

Full military honors were accorded Corporal Cameron "Ronnie" Selover, 18, on Monday of this week, following the death of the Torrance High School graduate in a Santa Barbara hospital last Friday.

Young Selover, son of Frank Stanley Selover, former managing editor of the Torrance Herald and currently serving as executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council, succumbed to injuries received in an auto-truck accident on Tuesday of last week.

He is also the son of Mrs. Helen Cameron Selover, a secretary in the administrative offices of the Fern Avenue Elementary School. His sister, Mary Elizabeth Selover, is a sixth grader at the same school.

Members of the 40th Division of the California National Guard to which Corp. Selover was attached, acted as pallbearers. Services were conducted by a member of the Christian Science Church at 1 p.m. last Monday in the chapel of Welch and Ryce in Santa Barbara. Interment followed in Victory plot in the Santa Barbara Cemetery. The youthful National Guardsman was injured as a car in

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