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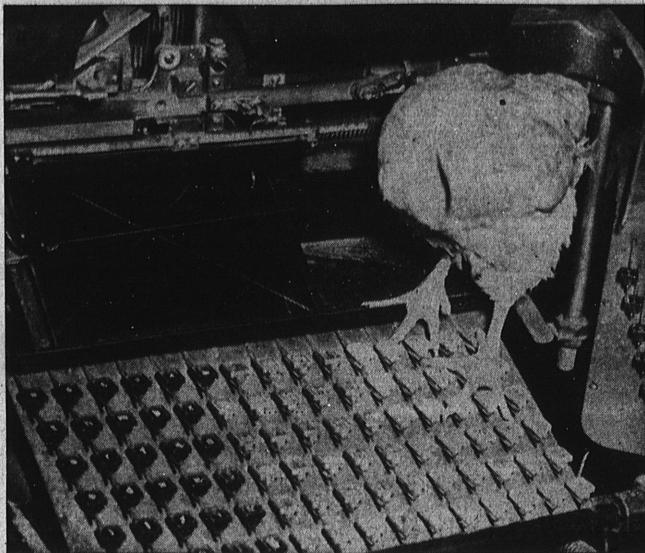
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AN EDITOR'S DREAM . . . An answer to any editor's prayers showed up in the composing room of the Torrance Herald Monday morning. Ermatrude, a headless chick who wouldn't be caught dead talking back to you, took over one of the Herald's linotype keyboards. If your name is spelled wrong this week, don't call the editor—call Ermatrude. Better hurry, though. Ermatrude's going through a vigorous fattening process and should be in a stew pot by Christmas.

One Dead, Five Hurt In 12 Auto Mishaps

Twelve traffic accidents, both major and minor, have killed one person and injured five, Torrance police reported yesterday.

John West, 35, 18616 S. Figueroa St., killed when he stepped from a car moving at 40 miles per hour into the street and was struck by another automobile.

Injured: Edward F. Coe, 42, 150 N. Pixel, Los Angeles, back and internal injuries.

Robert K. Hallett, 26, 725 Hope St., Los Angeles, fractured jaw and left leg, in "good" condition at Harbor General Hospital.

Andrea Martinez, 17, 1426 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, a fractured collarbone.

Duane D. Hlavnicka, 20, 23606 Catskill Ave., Wilmington, cuts and abrasions. Leslie Gohl, 39, 2600 Van Buren, Dominguez, cuts and abrasions.

In Rear Seat West, according to police reports, was a passenger in the rear seat of a car driven by Frances LaBrier, 30, 18616 S. Figueroa. Seated beside the driver was Robert B. Slocum, 4702 W. 167th St., Lawndale.

The trio were driving east on 182nd St. Sunday morning about 6 o'clock and had apparently been arguing for quite some time. West, evidently tired of the bickering, suddenly opened the door and stepped to the pavement. The car was moving about 40 miles per hour at the time.

He was struck by a car driven by Willie T. Turner, 1227 E. Eucalyptus, Hawthorne, and was dead when the ambulance arrived.

Miss LaBrier, booked at Torrance police station on drunk charges and suspicion of drunk driving, is free on bond while awaiting trial, Turner was not held.

West will be buried tomorrow at 9 a.m. services to be conducted at St. James Church in Redondo Beach by Rev. Joseph Schneiders. Rosary will be recited tonight at 8 o'clock at Stone and Myers. Interment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank West, 324 1/2 S. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo. Two brothers, Frank of Redondo and Wilson of the U. S. Navy, and a sister, Mrs. Marlin J. Irwin, Westwood.

Strikes Power Pole Coe and Hallett were hurt when the car in which they were riding struck a power pole at Sepulveda and Arlington. Coe, the driver, told police he was driving about 35, but a witness, Verne Jones, 1619 205th St., told police Coe's car roared by him at 65 miles per hour, ran the stop sign at the intersection and crashed into the power pole.

Miss Martinez was injured when the automobile in which she was a passenger collided with another at the corner of Western and Sepulveda Monday night. Driver of the vehicle in which she was riding was David Payares, 23, 2229 W. 250th. Lomita, with Thomas J. Mayfield, 32, 12024 S. Western Ave., at the wheel of the other car. Hlavnicka and Gohl were hurt when their cars collided at the intersection of Western and Carson.

Other non-injury accidents re-

Stores to Stay Open at Night 'til Christmas

Beginning tomorrow night, Friday Dec. 12, Torrance merchants will keep their stores open each night until Christmas.

Torrance merchants are offering the finest selection of gift values ever offered in Torrance.

A check of the price tags is all that you need to be convinced that:

"It Pays to Shop in Torrance."

ported to the police included three hit and runs. Cars involved belonged to Verner L. Gray, 1155 W. 160th, Gardena, while the vehicle was parked in front of 908 Border Ave.; Carmel Stewart, 509 Cypress St., Los Angeles, at Hawthorne Blvd. and 182nd St., and Mrs. T. F. Hund, 2424 Broadway, Huntington Park, while her car was parked in front of the home of her mother, Mrs. Cordie White, 2117 Torrance Blvd.

Collisions were reported between cars operated by Marjorie Betts, 18821 Wilton, and Raymond E. Smith, 14767 Sutro, Gardena, at 190th and Wilton Pl.; Evelyn Hoover, 46, 324 Via Pasqual, and William A. Lasly, 43, Calle de Arboles, at Via Los Miradores and Calle Mayori; Robert E. Williams, 24, 23660 Ward St., and Lorenzo W. Otto, 610 S. Pacific Coast Hwy., Hermosa Beach, at Nece and Hwy. 101; Jim W. White, 38, 509 S. Camino Real, and Melville H. Tully, 2209 Borden, Hermosa Beach, at Torrance Blvd. and Cota Ave.; G. K. Nelson, 16707 Glenburn, and Herbert P. Irwin, 30 Sixth St., Hermosa Beach, on Crenshaw between 168th and 169th; and Jose Velasquez, 21, 2563 V. 235th St., and Rudy Quinones, 13, 2125 203rd St., at 203rd and Arlington. Quinones was cited for driving without a license.

James R. Caton, 635 W. 214th St., escaped injury early Sunday morning when he fell asleep at the wheel and his car swerved off the road, crashing into a power pole at Casimir and 174th Sts.

'Food Clerks Get Double Time On Sundays' --WSB

Double time for Sunday work by clerks in all food stores has been authorized by a Wage Stabilization Board decision, the Harbor Area Employers' Council informed its members yesterday.

The 12th Regional Board's decision was handed down Monday, and made the pay boost retroactive to Nov. 23.

The council advised its members that payments of double time for Sunday work will be made for the balance of the term of the contract between food stores and the Retail Clerks Local 905.

Excepted from the decision were box boys. No additional premiums may be paid for Sunday work, the decision declared.

First of local teams to report for the Honor Roll was the residential division of which Mrs. Ella Schwartz is chairman.

The team was also the first in the entire Chest campaign, which covers 855 square miles to reach its quota.

Eddie Raphael and Paul Diamond, co-chairmen, headed the business district workers and also got their places on the Honor Roll.

Ed Karlow, and the volunteers in commerce and industry are within \$100 of their objective and are expected also to make quota.

Don Armstrong was city chairman for the campaign.

Gardena took honors of being the first city in Harbor area to go over the top. Volunteers served under the direction of Steve Bero, city chairman.

Palos Verdes also is on the Honor Roll with its quota of \$5000 collected. Mrs. Don Armstrong was city chairman, and Mrs. Harry M. Brandel residential chairman.

Other communities rank as follows: Harbor City, Harry B. Turn

Council Splits 3-2 On Resignation Bid

By REID BUNDY

Attempts of Frank H. Carpenter, director of recreation for the city, to quit his job hit a snag in the City Council this week.

His resignation from the Torrance Herald—was turned down by the City Council Tuesday night in a split decision.

The letter of resignation from Carpenter—director of recreation here since March, 1950—was turned in last week with the request that he be released effective April 1.

When presented to the council Tuesday, Councilman Victor E. Benstead immediately moved for acceptance. Councilman Nick Draie followed with a second to the motion—and there the agreement ended.

Letter Rejected Councilman Willys G. Blount prefaced his "no" vote with the remark that he didn't think Carpenter had been given a chance to do the job for which he was hired.

As the matter now stands, officials say, Carpenter stands to lose his position as soon as a director is hired.

Exam Sated Along those lines, a Civil Service examination for the position which was called for by the City Council last summer will be given in Los Angeles next Wednesday, Dec. 17.

At that time, 35 qualified applicants will take the examination for the job. Carpenter has said he will not take the exam.

About a month later, a list of eligible applicants will be turned over to the city and the council will appoint a recreation director from the top three names on the list.

The comment of Commission Chairman Darwin Parrish last week that "the situation deserves further study" still stands.

City Asks Supervisors For Land Tax Relief

Resolutions requesting the County Board of Supervisors to cancel taxes on the new city dump property and the site of the new fire station at Crenshaw and Carson were adopted by the City Council here Tuesday evening.

The requests were made inasmuch as the land has been converted to a public use.

Walking around the car to survey damages, he plunged into an 18-foot sewer hole and received a broken shoulder, broken ribs, concussion, and head lacerations.

Firemen rescued him from the pit and he was taken to Harbor General Hospital for emergency treatment before being removed to the local hospital.

STOLEN POSTAL MONEY ORDERS CASHED HERE

Torrance merchants were warned yesterday to be on the lookout for two men suspected of cashing over 500 money orders stolen in the holdup of the Santa Monica post office sub-station Oct. 12.

Capt. Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police Department said some of the orders have shown up in this city, and asked businessmen to be on the alert for the men or the orders.

The pair was described about 30, white, 5 foot 6 or 7 inches, dark hair, wearing sports clothes and "baby-faced."

The orders are made out for \$75, \$85, \$95 and \$100. The latest passed were made out to Raymond J. Spooner, although any other name may be used.

Serial numbers of the orders: 12-66,600,501 to 12-66,601,000 12-66,593,979 to 12-66,594,000.

The card-type orders are dated Oct. 13. A quick way to identify them is by the position of the round dating stamp—it is in about the center of the order instead of the usual lower left hand corner.

Merchants are requested to notify police immediately if anyone tries to cash the money orders.



MULLING IT OVER . . . The selections and judging committee of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce talks it over as they prepare to select the winners in the annual Christmas window-decorating contest. Plaques will be awarded in three categories, large, medium and small business houses. The large trophy is a perpetual one, to be rotated among the grand winners yearly. Bob Curry, Phil Lisman and Dale Stanton (above, left to right) will announce the winners Dec. 16.

Ask Armory Fund Plunge in Sewer Sends Ranchos Man to Hospital

Request to the state for \$52,233 for a Torrance armory was announced this week by the California adjutant general's office.

Proposed for a number of years, the armory has been a long time coming.

Site of the structure would be a triangle of land bounded by Cabrillo, Lincoln, and the Santa Fe Railways. The land was turned over to the state in 1950 with a conditional deed that construction of the armory must be started by March, 1953.

To date, the announcement of the request for funds from the state by the adjutant general's office is the first concrete step taken toward securing the building here.

"It would be a wonderful thing for the city," City Manager George Stevens commented yesterday. "It would give us another gymnasium, meeting hall, and public building, and it would bring Torrance National Guard units back to Torrance," he said.

Stevens expressed doubt, however, that the \$52,233 requested would be the complete construction costs of the proposed building.

Other requests submitted to the state by the adjutant general included armories for Anaheim, Santa Ana, Inglewood, Fontana and South Gate.

Two Missing Teen-Agers Are Back Home

Two 15-year-old Torrance girls were back today after 18 days of job hunting in Highland Park, Torrance police reported.

The pair, Margaret Rose Epifanio and Jo Ann Harlan, both Torrance High students, disappeared Nov. 18 and were the object of a widespread search until both came back Sunday.

Leo Harlan, 2121 Andree, father of Jo Ann, said his daughter told him they had tried to find work in Highland Park and had been living there since they walked away from Torrance High school that Tuesday afternoon in November.

"The girls found out they were homesick and hungry," Harlan said in commenting on their return. Jo Ann showed up at home at 3 a.m. Sunday, while Margaret Rose was picked up by Torrance Police at Currie's Drive-In at 8:15 p.m.

NEW STEEL BOSS . . .

To take over as president of the United States Steel Corp. Jan. 1 is Clifford F. Hood, now executive vice-president-operations, of the United States Steel Co., which will be merged with U. S. Steel Corp.

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