

Bride, 72, Must Pay 'Barefoot' Hubby \$9383



RESCUE RIG INSPECTED... City officials inspect "Calamity Jane," new rescue rig assigned to Civil Defense Area G. The rig will be sent to Torrance in the near future for training of local CD volunteers. Shown here are George Powell (kneeling), Mayor Mervin Schwab, and City Manager George Stevens.

City Officials Inspect New CD Rescue Truck

Mayor Mervin M. Schwab and other city officials inspected the new Civil Defense Rescue Truck assigned to this area Tuesday night and put their stamp of approval on the elaborately equipped rig.

Brought to Torrance by City Manager Bob Coup of Inglewood, who is coordinator of Civil Defense for Area G, the huge disaster rig which has been dubbed "Calamity Jane," was on display adjacent to the City Hall during the regular meeting of the City Council.

The huge truck comes equipped with every conceivable item which might be needed in a major disaster area. Mounted in the custom-built truck are power generators, cutting torches, oxygen masks, picks, shovels, power saws, hammers, axes, sledges, rubber insulated gloves, and emergency medical and first aid equipment.

The truck will be available for any disaster in this area which might require the use of its facilities.



Starting with this issue of the Torrance Herald the editors will publish each week a new feature under the heading "It's the Law." Text for the feature are sections of current Torrance City laws under which residents of this community are—or could be, governed.

Some are sections of new laws, some are old ones. But, according to the records of the City Clerk's office, all are currently enforceable. They are offered here without editorial comment for the edification and amusement of Herald readers. For instance:

According to City Ordinance No. 38, it is unlawful for any minor to occupy or use, at any time, any balcony or gallery of any room used for exhibition of motion pictures, unless the minor be accompanied by his parent or guardian.

It is also unlawful for the proprietor or lessee of any such motion picture place of exhibit to allow any minor to occupy or use such balcony or gallery.

Also, any proprietor or lessee of any place where motion pictures are exhibited must keep posted on the stairway of the balcony or gallery a notice in letters at least one and one-half inches high as follows: "NO MINORS ALLOWED IN BALCONY (OR GALLERY) WITHOUT PARENT OR GUARDIAN."

Court Rules Bride Must Return \$9383

Walter "Barefoot" Shumaker, 72-year old former watchmaker, won a \$9383.16 judgment against his 72-year old Mexican-wed bride, Mrs. Edith Mae Foster Shumaker, yesterday when Superior Court Judge William Palmer ruled in favor of Shumaker who sought to recover an estate he claimed was valued at \$40,000.

The court ruled that Mrs. Shumaker had "violated her trust" in that the money entrusted to her care had not been spent properly nor without violation of the trust.

Dropped from the suit which was filed by Attorney Robert Heggen of Los Angeles was C. T. Rippy, prominent local attorney, and C. T. Rippy Jr., his son. Shumaker sought to recover from the Rippys two lots which the elderly retired watchmaker claims were sold by his Tajana-wed spouse without his consent or knowledge. Testimony by Howard Percy, local realtor, late last week, indicated to the court that the Rippys had acted in good faith in the purchase of the property.

Shumaker acquired his nickname "Barefoot" because of his fondness for going without shoes. He had been a resident of Torrance for 24 years living at 1605 Elm Ave. in a house which he claims his wife acquired then kicked him out of and later denied him readmittance.

Shumaker's attorney sought to recover cash set at \$23,000 and property valued at approximately \$17,000 on the grounds that his client was incompetent and suffering from senile dementia and alcoholism. Dr. John Tippen, local physician, testified earlier he had examined the man in a Santa Monica sanatorium and found him to be competent. As rebuttal, Attorney Heggen produced Dr. J. R. Peters, psychiatrist at the Los Angeles County General Hospital, who testified he examined Shumaker and found him incompetent.

The psychiatrist testified Shumaker's alcoholism was a "result" of his incompetency and not the "cause" of his senile dementia.

Shumaker had remained a bachelor for 70 years prior to his wedding trip to Tijuana in September of 1951 at which time witnesses testified he married Mrs. Foster.

Oakland Union Deputy Replaces Tidwell in 905

Barclay Mitchell, an international deputy of Retail Clerks Union of Local 870, Oakland, replaced the ousted Haskell Tidwell as secretary-treasurer of San Pedro local 905 this week, and promised to put the union back in "good working order."

He plans to stay until autonomy is returned to the San Pedro group, which may be anywhere from six months to a year and a half, according to A. B. Crossler, international vice president of the union.

Crossler also stated that the union's contracts with employers will be carried out to the spirit and letter, and that "Local 905 will cooperate with industry as long as it cooperates with us."

Ella Mossesso, who has been acting as secretary-treasurer, plans to return to his regular post. While acting as secretary-treasurer, Mossesso fired Mrs. Nancy Vinson, of Torrance, who was head bookkeeper and recording secretary for the local.

Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council, said his organization was maintaining a neutral position in the controversy over the Tidwell ousting.



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Attorney for Tidwell Claims 'Doublecross'

Million-Dollar Douglas Project Reported Ready

Douglas Aircraft Co. may soon announce plans to construct a new million-dollar administration building at its Torrance plant, the Herald learned just before press time yesterday. Attempts to confirm the report with Douglas officials last evening were unsuccessful.

A spokesman for an allied industry told the Herald that the company plans to construct a building on the 190th St. site near Normandie Ave., which would house the administrative, medical, and reception facilities for the company.

Douglas Aircraft acquired the huge manufacturing site last year from the Columbia Steel Co. after the Navy condemned the site. The plant was built during World War II and was operated during the war by ALCOA. Columbia acquired it after the war and announced plans to convert it into a cold rolling mill, but the plans were later abandoned.

No details of the proposed structure were revealed to the Herald.

DePalma to Judge NHS Hot Rod Show May 10

Ralph DePalma, one of the greatest names of auto racing, said yesterday he would act as judge for a school sponsored hot rod show to be held on May 10 at Narbonne High School.

The affair, unique among high school activities, is to be covered journalistically by "Hot Rod Magazine."

Campaign Of Terror Claimed

Charging that his client, Haskell Tidwell, deposed secretary of Retail Clerks Local 905, was "lulled into a belief that he would receive a fair trial" before his trial by the union, Tidwell's attorney, Alex Schullman said yesterday he would seek an injunction against the international union before the next meeting of the local, early in May, on the basis of "prejudice."

Schullman said that, although it was promised right here in my own office that no one would be discharged until the end of the hearing, Tidwell was removed as secretary-treasurer before the hearing was over.

Schullman said that the union had "lulled" his client into believing he would receive a fair trial when all the time "they intended to fire him anyhow."

Claiming that a "campaign of terror" was being spread among the union members by somebody he believes is "out to get Tidwell," Schullman said that he had received at least 100 phone calls from members of the union who said they had been threatened with the loss of their jobs if they supported Tidwell.

Schullman emphasized that removing any union employee from his job for any reason other than failure to pay dues or something of that nature, would be contrary to the Taft-Hartley law.

The lawyer said that he had been given verbal assurance that his client would receive a fair trial and would not be discharged before it was over, and consequently, he did not attempt to defend Tidwell during the union hearing. Then, contrary to the agreement, they fired Tidwell before the hearing ended, Schullman said.

The former union chief's counsel said that a two thirds vote of the membership, required to oust Tidwell, was not acquired, and that the ballot boxes used in the vote were open, and not sealed.

Tidwell, for 18 years chief administrative head of Local 905 was tried by a committee on 13 charges, some involving mismanagement and misuse of union funds, and was reported to have been found guilty on 11 or 12 of these charges. The committee's decision was then upheld by a vote of 251 to 181 in a stormy meeting of the membership in San Pedro.

Tidwell's attorney maintains that the charges against his client of mismanagement are "incorrect" and that the funds (that he was said to have taken were not used for personal gain, but "went for the organization."

\$30,000 Robbery Suspect Awaits Extradition

With one suspect still at large, and one in jail in Los Angeles, a third suspect in custody in Sedro Woolley, Wash., awaited the preparation of extradition papers this week by the District Attorney's office to be returned here to be questioned regarding his part in the \$30,000 holdup earlier this month.

Cooling his heels in the Washington jail is Don Madlung, an ex-convict known to be an associate of William McNally, 25, who surrendered to local police on April 11. Detective Captain Ernie Ashton is expected to make the trip to bring Madlung back to Torrance.

Still sought by the FBI on a charge of fleeing to avoid prosecution is Paul Franks, the third man in a trio suspected by Torrance police as being the thugs who jumped Joe Alden, 35 year old former manager of the National Supply Employees' Credit Union and robbing him of the \$30,000. Alden was slated to appear in Superior Court yesterday morning for sentencing after he admitted embezzling \$7628 of Union funds. Alden admitted taking the money after he was robbed and realized an audit of the books would reveal the shortage.

Chapel To Discuss Commie Bill on TV

Assemblyman Charles Edward Chapel, assemblyman representing portions of the City of Torrance, will appear on a program to be televised by KLLC, Sunday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss phases of his bill, Number 62, "Should the Communist Party Be Outlawed."

JOE ALDEN TO ENTER PLEA TODAY

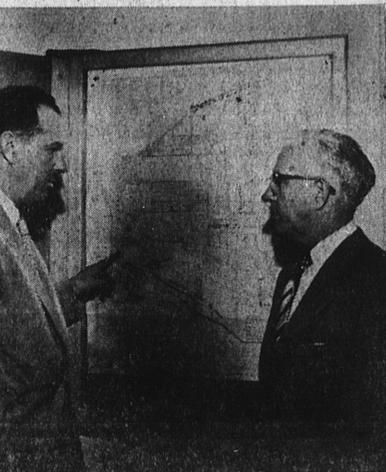
Joe Alden, confessed embezzler of \$7628 of funds from the National Supply Employees Credit Union, is due to appear in a Los Angeles Superior Court today to enter his plea to the charges.

The 35-year old father of five children was arraigned Tuesday on the embezzlement charges before Superior Judge Clement D. Nye. It is expected he will enter a "guilty" plea since he has repeatedly told police, "I want to get it over with."

Alden, who lives at 25114 Woodward Ave. with his second wife who also worked in the credit union offices, confessed to an official of the employees' group a week after he was held up and robbed of \$30,000. He was returning to the offices of the credit union to cash employees' checks with the money when he was robbed.

He submitted to a lie detector test to determine if he had any complicity in the holdup and has constantly denied a knowledge of the robbery. He told Det. Captain Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police Dept. that he confessed after he realized the "jig was up" since he knew an audit which would surely follow the robbery would reveal the shortage.

The credit union is a group of National Supply employees and has no connection with the company. The funds involved were those of employees, not the company's.



STUDIES TORRANCE PROBLEMS... Ken Sampson (left), for a number of years chief deputy for the late Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, explains some of Torrance's problems to Supervisor Burton W. Chace who was recently appointed to fill Darby's seat on the County Board of Supervisors. Chace met with local civic leaders last night at an informal dinner to learn more about Torrance and its problems. On Tuesday Sampson was appointed to a new county post to work directly out of the county manager's office.

Continue Probe For Pilot's Body

Using dredges, divers, and a Sonar sub chaser, salvage crews continued late yesterday to probe the depths of San Francisco Bay for the body of a Torrance airline pilot who perished April 20 when the Westem Airlines Co. plane he was flying crashed into the bay.

The U. S. Navy, Coast Guard and Civil Aeronautics Commission have joined forces in the search for the man, Robert Elliott Clark, 4830 Reese Rd., Seaside Ranchos. His body is believed to be pinned in the wreckage of the huge four-engine DC-6B.

Meanwhile his pretty wife, who gave up her airline hostess job to raise Susan Gayle, 2½, and Betsy Ann, 11 months, is delaying funeral arrangements pending recovery of the body.

"We will continue to search," Western Airlines officials said.

Sampson Named Special Field Service Planner

Ken Sampson, former chief deputy for the late Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, was named field services planner to handle special projects working directly under the county chief administrator's office, following action by the County Board of Supervisor yesterday.

Sampson, whose temporary elevation to the supervisor's post vacated by the recent death of Mr. Darby, lost the permanent gubernatorial nod to Burton W. Chace, former Mayor of Long Beach.

Supervisor Chace named two field deputies this week including Harry T. Laugham, present mayor of Compton and Ernest Winter, former staff writer for the Los Angeles Examiner.

Laugham has served as the Mayor of Compton for the past seven years as well as a member of the County Sanitation board.

Winter, a resident of Wilmington, is a former reporter for CBS and was former assistant chief of the Los Angeles Bureau for the Copley Press.

Sampson told the Torrance Herald this week that one of his first duties will be to tackle the problem of coordinating a city-county regional and neighborhood park program. He said that certain parks in the county which benefit the entire county population could be financed conceivably by general funds while smaller neighborhood parks may have to be financed through a taxation program. Asked if near-by Alondra Park came under the category of "regional" parks Sampson stated:

"That is one of our first jobs—to define regional and neighborhood parks and decide which comes under what."

Sampson has been in county service for 20 years and at one time during World War II was Assistant Chief Administrative Officer for the County of Los Angeles.

The appointment and the promotion was approved by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday on motion of Supervisor Chace.

City Population Guess by County Said Ridiculous

City officials here are scratching their heads this week and wondering what in the Sam Hill is happening to the 1817 new homes constructed in Torrance during 1952.

According to figures released Monday by the County Regional Planning Commission, the city's present population is estimated at 34,989, an increase of only 3472 over official U. S. Census figures of 31,517 last year.

Figures used by city planners and others for years indicate a new home will add 3.5 persons to the population. On this basis the city's population should have increased at least 7350, city officials explained.

Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, estimates that the city's present population is 42,000.

City Manager George Stevens says the population is not less than 38,000.