

Greer Wins Auto in Herald Subscription Campaign



WINNIE JAMES GREER
... That's a New Car Smile

Housewife Earns \$500 for Second

James Greer, a switchman for the General Telephone Co. of Redondo Beach, drove off in a new automobile Saturday—his prize for winning the top spot in the HERALD-sponsored circulation campaign which closed last week.

A resident of 142 Via Alameda, Greer topped all other entrants in the campaign. In addition to the new automobile, Greer was handed a check for \$150 for having secured more new subscriptions to the HERALD than any other campaigner.

Second prize, a check for \$500, went to Mrs. J. L. Bouchard, of 1618 Crenshaw Blvd. Four other top prize winners were Mrs. A. H. Littleton, 2854 Ontario, \$250; Mrs. J. R. Allison, 17038 Glenburn, \$150; Mrs. Edward Morgan, 2522 Cabrillo, \$75; and Mrs. Dolores Dusart, 1013 Greenhedge, \$50.

Others Get Checks
Others participating in the contest received commission representing earnings on each subscription obtained during the campaign during the past two months.

Greer selected a Ford as his prize for the campaign. He accompanied HERALD Publisher King Williams, to the Oscar Maples Ford agency here Saturday to select his new automobile.

Accompany Greer Saturday were his wife, Midge, and 21-month-old daughter, Lorie. Getting the good news later was the couple's eight-year-old son, Gary, who was out on a Scout trip Saturday.

"An audit of the campaign shows the HERALD circulation is now well in excess of 28,600 copies," General Manager Glenn Pfeil reported Saturday. This is the highest circulation in the newspaper's 41-year history.

Cans, Lawn Ruined
Someone ran over two of her garbage cans and ruined part of her lawn by driving on it, Mrs. Elizabeth Mahoney, of 831 Calle de Andalucia, reported to Torrance Police Saturday.

TWO STUDENT WRITERS WIN NEWSPAPER HONORS

Two Torrance high school students are today holders of award certificates for outstanding writing, presented to them at the annual Press Day at El Camino College Friday.

Award winners are Thelma Smith and Pat O'Gara. Miss Smith took first place in the feature writing division, while Miss O'Gara placed third in the editorial writing department. Some 80 high school journalists from eight high schools in the area participated.

Seminars in feature writing, sports writing, news writing and editorials were held during the day. The news seminar was headed by Paul Weeks of the L.A. Times; Harry Kilsner of the Times headed the feature seminar; Ed Ainsworth of the Times in the editorial seminar; and Don Snyder of the L.A. Mirror-News led the sports writing seminar.

Other Torrance high school participants in the event were Leila Santon, Tommy Mills, Juanita Pace, Alice Cruz, Jean Webb, Marilyn Specht, Bruce Pierce, Merle Winter, and Bob Reupp.

First place winners in other divisions were Gail news, Leuzinger; David Rosenkrantz, sports, Mira Lynch, editorials, Inglewood.

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RED CROSS NEAR QUOTA

Red Cross Fund Drive Near End

Torrance volunteers were eyeing the top of their \$13,900 Red Cross goal this week as campaign returns continued to mount—totaling \$11,734, and pushing the barometer to within 10 per cent of the finish line.

While workers were endeavoring to scrape up another \$1500 by Thursday, the official deadline, Albert Isen, fund chairman, reported that the local team ranked second only to Palos Verdes in following the "cover the top" pace set by Lawndale at an area-wide report meeting held in Inglewood last week.

At that time, all campaign leaders checked in with returns totaling more than \$44,000, 75 per cent of the Southwest area's \$58,000 goal. Following Lawndale with a 104 per cent quota, are Palos Verdes, 95 per cent; Torrance, 90 per cent; and South Bay, 83 per cent.

Frank Afton, regional chairman, who conducted the meeting, accorded special recognition to Mrs. Clem Bolles, Mrs. Elva Reese, and Mrs. Robert Starn, all residential colonias who surpassed their individual quotas.

According to latest official progress figures on the local campaign, a 92 per cent quota posted by Mrs. Grover Whyte, places the residential division in the lead, with an 80 per cent quota submitted by Merwin W. Schwab, reflects the greatest percentage of increase in returns for the commerce and industry division.

Police stated that Miss Hilton was a passenger of the Thompson car. She was taken to the South Bay Emergency Hospital, then transferred immediately to Harbor General Hospital, where her condition was reported "good."

Charges Set For Forger

Forgery charges will be filed against a 52-year-old Gardena man with a fondness for the number 6, who cashed some \$900 worth of bad checks in this area, according to Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett.

Checks worth \$186, \$168, and \$156 drawn on the Barnett Steel Metal Works, of Bell, stolen Feb. 18, were cashed, Bennett said. Most of the other checks were also for amounts ending in six. The checks were made out to G. S. Langston, who is charged and held the forged name, E. Barnett, on them.

Parents, Kindergarten Students Hold Party

"This is my best party I ever had!" one little girl noted after the kindergarten party held for children and parents at Seaside School Monday.

At the party, the children sang songs and made music with rhythm instruments. Afterward, parents and children saw film slides, "We begin to read," and discussed the first grade reading program. Refreshments were served.

Garages Burglarized

Seven garages in this vicinity were burglarized and ransacked Monday, William F. Googins, of 937 W. Carson St., told his fishing deputies. Some of his fishing equipment was damaged and some was taken, he said.

Woman's Billfold Taken

Someone stole her billfold, containing \$17, from the Torrance Bowling Alley, Monday, Rosalie Roberts, of 1328 W. Carson St., reported to Torrance Police.

RED CROSS NEEDS JUST \$1500 TO FILL QUOTA

Only \$1500 is needed to send Torrance over the top in the Red Cross fund campaign, according to Chairman Albert Isen. The campaign ends officially on Thursday and Isen urged firms and individuals who have not made their donations to do so at once.

"Several larger industrial gifts have not as yet been received," Councilman Isen said Saturday. "We earnestly hope that they will contact us at once to make known their pledge so that we may be able to announce success in our local campaign after Thursday. Please don't forget the Red Cross and the good it does every day of the year," he urged.

Columbia Steel Tops in Safety

For the second consecutive year, the Torrance Works of the Columbia-Geneva division of the U. S. Steel Co. walked off with first place honors in the annual National Safety Council contest.

D. H. Hyde, superintendent of industrial relations, accepted the award for the local plant which completed the contest year of 1954 with .45 of an injury for each one million man hours worked—the top safety figure for any steel industry in the Southland.

The steel industry average is 4.75 injuries per million man hours worked, the National Safety Council figures show.

Presentation of the award was made by Max A. Koffman, vice president of the Greater Los Angeles Safety Council, at the conclusion of the Second Annual Safety Congress and Exhibit which was held in Los Angeles last week.

On hand to hear Columbia singled out for the top honor were about 1000 persons representing more than 600 firms who held membership in the Council.

Other steel winners were Consolidated Western Steel plants at Vernon and Maywood. They placed first and second respectively in the heavy steel fabrication classification.

Case Submitted By Trio Charged With Gas Theft

Further hearings in the case against three men charged with taking 2,400,000 gallons of gasoline from the Standard Oil Refinery at El Segundo were set on April 6 by Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker.

Two Torrance men are among those charged. They are James E. Watts, 32, of 22505 S. Vermont Ave., and Frank A. Engle, 39, of 335 Calle de Andalucia. Also facing charges is Bert B. Lewis, 42, of Culver City.

The men were indicted by last year's County Grand Jury on charges of conspiracy to commit grand theft. They were arrested last July while unloading a truckload of gas at a Los Angeles service station, sheriff's deputies said.

The trio submitted their case on Grand Jury testimony, the testimony of C. Morrison, and an agreed stipulation of facts.

Al. A. Fenton, owner of the service station, earlier pleaded guilty on a charge of receiving stolen property, and his probation and sentence hearing was set on April 27.

Another man charged with conspiracy in selling the gas, Wendell D. Andrews, 38, of Hawthorne, pleaded guilty to petty theft, with May 4 set as the date for sentencing.

Turns State's Witness
A third man arrested at the same time, Edgar W. Huff, 40, of Whittier, turned state's witness and will not be tried.

Sheriff's deputies said the men, all of whom were employed either with a tank company or the refinery, had adjusted measuring devices at the refinery to escape detection.



STEEL FIRM HONORED... D. H. Hyde, left, superintendent of industrial relations of the Torrance Works of Columbia Steel, receives plaque from Max A. Koffman, vice president of the Greater Los Angeles Safety Council, in recognition of Columbia's first place honors in the steel classification during the sixth Annual Business and Industry Safety Contest.

Chiefs Whitney, Walker Attend Coast Fire Prevention Program

Battalion Chiefs E. K. Walker and N. T. Whitney, of the Torrance Fire Department, and Capt. George M. LePere and George S. Figley, of the Los Angeles County Fire Prevention Bureau, have been taking part in a program of classroom lectures and field demonstrations at the Pacific Coast Fire School in Bakersfield featuring more effective ways of combating liquid and gas fires by municipal and county firemen.

More than 300 fire service officers and younger men of potential officer caliber from 85 fire departments in seven states are attending the school sponsored by the California State Department of Education in cooperation with the Kern County Fire Department and the Western Oil and Gas Association.

Also represented are 15 oil companies and the U.S. Air Force and Navy.

Similar in scope and purpose to the 1941 school here, the three-day program was conducted by California State and oil industry fire prevention experts. It included morning, afternoon, and evening lectures, panel discussions, films, review sessions and written examinations leading to a State certificate of completion. The program was concluded with an awards banquet on Saturday evening.

Scouts Test Rescue Work

Members of the Explorer Scouts, Post 726X, are working hard to develop their proficiency in the field of emergency and disaster rescue work.

Saturday morning a team of 14 Scouts converged on a rugged stretch of terrain in the Rolling Hills section of Palos Verdes. Two problems were to be demonstrated, to find a lost child in a brush and weed infested valley, and second to rescue a disaster victim at the bottom of a steep incline by use of a litter and man-power.

Directing their activity were E. F. Evans, the Scout acting advisor, and Deputy Sheriff W. A. Kennard of the Lennox Station. Deputy Kennard said the Scouts did "a bang up job" for their first attempt at this type of operation. Through experience gained in such practice demonstrations, the Scouts hope to become proficient enough to instruct other Scout Posts in Southern California.

Driver Falls, Truck Goes on, Strikes 3 Cars

After its driver fell out, an ice cream truck continued down Western Ave., near 223rd St., striking three other cars, Torrance Police reported Thursday.

Driver Ruby Lamphere, 51, of 1722 W. 234th St., told police that he had swerved to avoid hitting another car when he fell out of the truck, which went on to hit cars owned by James Frank Cook, of 1734 Arlington Ave.; Herman MacKelroy, and Clyde McClure, both of Wilmington.

Taken to the hospital, Lamphere was reported not badly injured.



EMERGENCY OPERATION... Explorer Scout Post 726X is right out in front, when it comes to rescue or search operations. To spark their emergency proficiency program, constant practice is a necessity. Shown here in a demonstration rescue are Phil Gaul, Conrad VonBlankenburg, Bill Evans, Dick Graham, Bert Raiche and Don Hoffman acting as litter bearers. The victim is Ralph Mydoud.