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## Officer Puts New Crash Helmet to Test; Approves

By ROGER BOEDECKER  
Motor Officer A. L. Jackson, Torrance Police Department, "road-tested" his crash helmet.

### King Favors Increasing Vet Benefits

Congressman Cecil R. King, a candidate for re-election from the 17th District on the Democratic ticket, said this week that veterans' benefits should be stepped up and not curtailed as an answer to the Bradley Veterans' Committee.

"These men would be shocked if anyone were to advocate that we pass legislation to take back the money from those who made heavy profits during the war," the congressman said. "Yet they advocate cutting or stopping compensation for men who have lost arms and legs and more in the defense of American freedom," he added. King said he was sure that the American people did not hold so lightly a duty to the fighting men of America "which the Bradley committee has in arrogance seen fit to ignore."

on Del Amo Blvd. last Sunday afternoon, while in pursuit of another motorcyclist.

Engrossed in the chase, Jackson had just crossed the intersection of Del Amo and Henrietta, proceeding west at a speed he estimates as being between 70 and 80 miles per hour, when "topping a rise in the street he discovered that he was running out of road. Hitting the brakes, decelerating to what was still a rapid 50 or 60 mph, his motorcycle went into a skid, later measured and found to be 155 feet in length, only to have his machine, as he described it, "swap ends," before it flipped to the ground, on its left side.

**On His Own**  
At this point Officer Jackson and his vehicle parted company, the "motor" continuing some 50 feet farther along the diminishing roadway. Jackson, traveling via the aerial route, beat his machine by 10 feet, about 60 feet over all.

His ultimate landing was a one-point affair, head first. Properly, this is where the story should end. Fortunately Jackson, though weighing in at a not inconsiderable plus 230 lbs. at the time and hitting the dirt-covered pavement with a force estimated to be in excess of five tons, was wearing his trusty crash helmet.

**Just Went "Clunk"**  
According to Jackson, when head and helmet hit pavement, it just "went clunk." The helmet suffered slight scratches and an internal fracture. Jackson's

head was undamaged. Major mishap was to clothing, and minor abrasions on arms and legs.

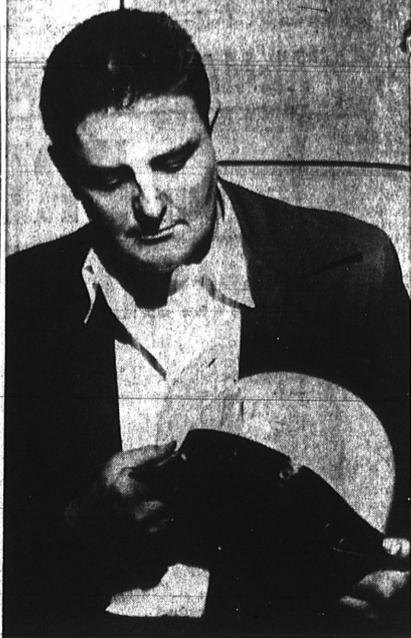
He was up from the deck before the 10-count was reached. At that he was doing a lot better than Bobo Olson did against Ray Robinson. In either of the Olson-Robinson fights.

Jackson had some help in righting the fallen cycle, and called into the local Police Station to report the end of his chase.

**Good Testimonial**  
That there was no damage to the portions of his anatomy above the collar line, not even a headache that evening, speaks well, not only for the design of the helmet worn, but also for the construction of Jackson's head.

McHal Enterprises, Hawthorne, manufacturers of the crash helmet, replaced the damaged lid. It was about the least they could do for a living testimonial.

Jackson concurs with the general opinion that the helmet saved his life. He stated that to his knowledge, at least, six or seven other motor officers are now alive because they were wearing rugged helmets at critical moments in their careers.



OFFICER A. L. JACKSON  
... Dent in Helmet; Head O.K.

## Special Rose Featured at Descanso Gardens' Display

Featured in the Historical Section of Los Angeles County's Descanso Gardens at La Canada during the next few weeks will be the old pink-crested Moss rose "Chapeau de Napoleon."

Introduced in 1827 by Empress Josephine, wife of Napoleon, this variety of Moss rose has come down through the years as

a favorite in the Garden of Malmaison in France. At Descanso Gardens it may be seen along with numerous other varieties of roses in the 7500-bush historical and modern rose sections.

Gardens Superintendent John Threlkeld is now engaged in what is known as the "arch and peg" method of growing the hardy historical roses. By controlling their bush growth, the blooms are greatly multiplied.

The Ethelynde Smith floral portrait free exhibition at the Descanso Hospitality House will continue daily until noon, Sunday, May 27. Some of the portraits were painted of flowers growing at Descanso. Descanso Gardens, a facility of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, is located at 1418 Descanso Dr., La Canada.

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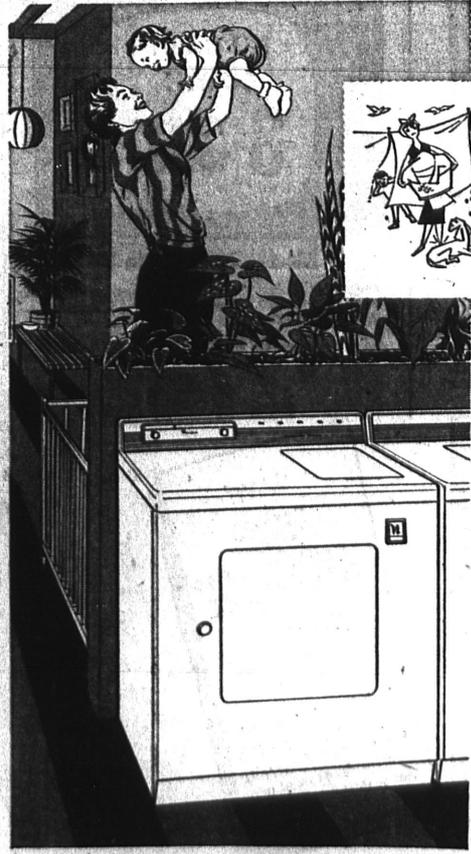
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