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BLAME FOR WATER DEAL CITED

City Official Defended in Fee Dispute

Circumstances which could not be foreseen were given the blame yesterday for an unpaid balance due the city for extension of a water main to serve a development constructed by former Councilman Robert Jahn. "No one had knowledge that Jahn Construction Co. would face several disasters and be forced to take bankruptcy," Jahn said in a statement issued yesterday.

AT THE SAME time, he defended Water Superintendent Angus McVicar, "who was innocently caught in a web of circumstances over which he had no control."

Jahn's statement came after the HERALD reported Thursday that all of the required fees for a 700-foot extension of a city water main had not been paid to the city by the ex-councilman.

ly possible after the disposition of my assets by the Federal Courts," Jahn said.

McVicar pointed out to the council Tuesday night that the city would not lose in the case because property owners who will be served by this extension in the future will be required to pay their share of the costs. Under normal circumstances, these fees would be refunded to the developer who paid for the extension.

Gun Explodes On Range, Man Injured

A 25-year-old Hawthorne man was hospitalized Friday with painful injuries suffered when a high-powered rifle exploded while he was testing it at the Torrance Pistol Range at 25851 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital was Thomas Naylor, a plasterer, of 5103 W. 123rd St.

Police said Naylor was at the range with a .270 rifle when it exploded, inflicting shrapnel and fragment wounds in his hands, and chest. He will be hospitalized at least over the week end, police were told.

Brothers Hit While Biking

Two brothers, riding double on a bicycle, were hit by a pickup truck Thursday. The boys were seriously injured when the bicycle turned in front of the truck along Anza Ave., north of Torrance Blvd.

Taken to the Little Company of Mary Hospital with head injuries were Bobby Neufeld, 11, and Roger Neufeld, 8, of 4503 Torrance Blvd.

The motorist was identified as Vernon Smith, 39, 22006 Linda Dr. He said the bicycle turned into the path of his truck without warning.

Early Leaders, Staff to Fete Founding Date

Civic and community leaders will be on hand Wednesday afternoon to help celebrate the 35th annual Founders Day at Torrance Memorial Hospital according to Leonard A. Ensminger, administrator of the local hospital. The hospital, opened in 1925, will enter its 36th year of service to the community.

Local Pair Win Trophies In Baby Show

Two local boys were among the winners yesterday as 600 babies from the southern part of Los Angeles county competed at the annual Ladera Park baby contest.

Two-year-old James Neary, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Neary, 21140 S. Dalton, won first place for the baby with the reddest hair, and was third place winner in the most handsome baby judging.

One-year-old James Pasquariello, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pasquariello, of 1261 W. 212th St., was given a trophy for being the baby with the bluest eyes among the contestants.

Court Awards Youngster Settlement

Despite the fact that she doesn't have her tonsils, four year old Jeri Milligan isn't complaining any. She is \$3000 richer as a result of a mistake in the operating room last Dec. 10.

Jeri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton R. Milligan, 4138 W. 174th St., was rushed to a local hospital last Dec. for an emergency hernia operation. When the doctor arrived, he mistook the girl for another child, and realized it only after removing one tonsil. The doctor consulted the Milligan family pediatrician and was advised to take out the other tonsil and then complete the scheduled operation.

This week Judge Clyde Triplett okayed a claim settlement for \$3000 against the hospital.

Mayor Albert Isen, whose father was a member of first board of directors; R. R. Smith, the last surviving member of the first board; and Miss Esther Maxwell, first superintendent of the hospital, will be guests of honor at a luncheon. Ensminger will host the affair.

TORRANCE MEMORIAL Hospital was built in the mid-twenties. It was conceived by Jared Sydney Torrance, who died before the hospital could become a reality. He had, however, laid the legal groundwork, and in 1925 the hospital opened its doors. A board of directors, meeting in 1926, selected Aug. 3, Mr. Torrance's birthday, as Founders Day. The hospital is operated by the Torrance Hospital Assn. as a non-profit institution. It is community owned.

MEMBERS OF THE Board planning to attend include Henry W. Creeger, president; Judge Donald Armstrong, John W. Beeman, M.D.; Eugene L. Cook, M.D.; C. N. Rucker, Melvin Schwab, Dean L. Sears, A. E. Thompson, Howard A. Wood, M.D.; and Mmes. Charles Curtiss, Paul Loranger, John Melville, Grover Whyte, and Henry F. Heinlein. Mrs. Heinlein is president of Auxiliary. Frank Cooper, assistant administrator, and Donald Findley will also attend, along with members of the press.

Cyclist Booked After High Speed Chase

A 24-year old motorcyclist was booked by Torrance Police after leading them on an 80-miles-per-hour chase through residential streets.

Norman Tibbets, 16512 S. Hawthorne Blvd., Lawndale, led police on a chase through streets in the south central Torrance area after he was spotted speeding at Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds. about 2:30 p.m.

Officers reported that he sped off at speeds in excess of 80 miles per hour.



MEXICAN BURRO . . . Mexico and Mexican customs were subjects of study in Mrs. Elinor Courtney's summer class at Walteria Elementary School, Torrance. Youngsters learned about different phases of Mexican history and customs and made this paper burro as part of the room decor. Shown admiring the burro are amigos Diane Sidwell and Louis Guajardo and other children from the room.

CHECK IN MAIL

Woes, Aid Increasing For Stricken Amputee

By BOB WILTON
Herald Staff Writer

How much can a man endure? Maybe without the help of others, a little. In the case of Frank Kelley he has endured a lot. First the loss of an arm and leg in World War II during the battle of the Ruhr Valley. Next a series of heart attacks, the latest sending him back to the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach.

Then not receiving his total disability checks for three months has put the harassed veteran in financial straits almost insurmountable.

BECAUSE OF HIS critical condition, Kelley has not been told the latest catastrophe to strike.

His mother, Mrs. Margaret Ortmann, 21255 S. Denker, died Thursday in the Kaiser Foundation Hospital.

Some of the tension caused by the lack of food for his wife, Gretha, and their two-year-old

daughter, Starleen; the threat of repossession of his furniture and even eviction from the home they rent at 1549 W. 224th St. was removed when the people of Torrance, civic and fraternal organizations, the Veterans Administration, and the American Legion came forward to help a buddy.

LATEST development in aiding Kelley was a telephone commitment Friday from Les Fitzgerald, Western States public relations representative for the Veterans Administration, who informed the HERALD that a check, in excess of \$1100, had been mailed to this family.

Gretha Kelley expressed her gratitude to all who have helped and said she hoped all of the good things done for Frank will help him withstand another shock when his physicians deem he is strong enough to be told of the death of his mother.

Juvenile Officer to Urge Pride as Vandalism Guard

Lt. Gus R. Rethwisch, head of the police department's juvenile bureau, returned to his desk this week after spending 3½ days at the Claremont Workshop sponsored by the California Youth Authority.

Lieutenant Rethwisch, along with nearly 100 other persons, heard recognized authorities on juvenile matters speak during the sessions on the campus of Claremont College.

WILLIAM A. Daugherty of the CYA spoke on "The Role of the Law Enforcement and Correctional Services in Delinquency Prevention; Beatrice O'Brien of the Los Angeles City Schools system spoke on "The Role of the Elementary

Smoke Overcomes County Fireman

Fireman Jerry O'Moore was treated at Hillside Clinic, Lomita, Monday afternoon when he was overcome by smoke and heat while fighting a fire at 25319 Narbonne Ave.

The fire was at the residence of Mrs. Allene Fisher. The house was owned by Francis O. Muldoon, 24516 Narbonne Ave.

School in Delinquency Prevention," and others spoke of the role of various community groups in delinquency prevention.

Among those attending the workshop were representatives of Parent-Teacher groups, coordinating councils, service clubs, and others with an active program for youth.

SUGGESTIONS that the schools work to combat vandalism by a strong program designed to build up pride in the schools was received favorably by most of those at the meetings, and will be the topic of discussions here with local school officials, Rethwisch said.

In addition to juvenile problems, the workshop considered various methods of offering aid to the non-delinquent child, the local officer said.

Palms Reopened

The popular Palms restaurant is again open for business after the annual custom of closing for two weeks for vacations during the entire staff during which alterations and re-decorating have been carried out.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think the United States should do in the field of foreign aid?"

Voicing their opinions were: Arlene Blinn, 24725 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita, meat wrapper for Best Foods Co.

"I think charity begins at home. I realize we should help all we can, but it should only be after our own are taken care of. Right here in the U.S. you find children without food and clothing. They should be taken care of first. As it is, we give too much and none of them respect us for it. Perhaps if we gave them things other than money, such as farm machinery, seeds, and good breeding animals to start their herds up with, it would be better."

Mrs. Sonja Smith, 21728 Halldale, housewife:

"I think we should give them articles that will help them to develop their own resources, such as machinery and seeds instead of money but I don't think we should discontinue our aid completely because the more we give the more we receive, and the Christian way is to share what we have."

Theresa Quartorolo, 16141 Eucalyptus St., Bellflower, clerk at Prudential Insurance:

"I think we should give to those who ask for it, but unless they do ask for help, let them alone. A lot of the countries don't ask for our help but we give it anyway. If we gave them material things so they could learn to help themselves instead of money, it would be better, I think."

Jerome Goldstein, 8th grade visitor from San Francisco:

"I think we should give more food, especially the food that we have a surplus of, and clothing for the children. When the government gets the money, they use it for other things and the children still don't get the food and clothing they need."

Mrs. James Sullivan, 2315 Knode, housewife:

"I'll go along food and clothing where ever there is a need for it. I feel that we are well enough off that we should help and share, but I don't think the money we give is always used wisely. It's good to give anything that will help people to help themselves, especially in the stricken areas such as Chile where they had that earthquake and in Japan where they had the tidal waves. In those places we should help all we can."



CONTACT MADE . . . Members of Torrance Troop 201 David Ihori, David Borkeull, and Michael Focha and a Harbor District Field Executive look on as Explorer Scout Bruce Matlock of Post 115X makes contact with the other 12 Los Angeles Council Districts. The radio exchange was part of the 50th anniversary celebration Jamporee at Alondra Park last weekend.