VAUDEVILLE SHOW OPENS AT EL CAMINO

Highlighting the "Olde Tyme" vaudeville-'57 show at El Camino College Feb. 28, March 1 and 2 will be the Nimble-Aires, a top unicycle act well-known over the United States and abroad, having toured in Europe, Canada, and Hawaii.

Margie Ruth of Torrance, one of the participants in the act, is a theatre arts major at El Camino. She has appeared on Ed Sullivan's television show, "Toast of the Town" and on a new TV series, "Circus Boy."

Other performers include Teri Akers and Lee Smith from Torrance.

Sponsored by the campus Thespians and Orpheans, the show is supervised by faculty members R. Neil Hill and Calvin Greer.

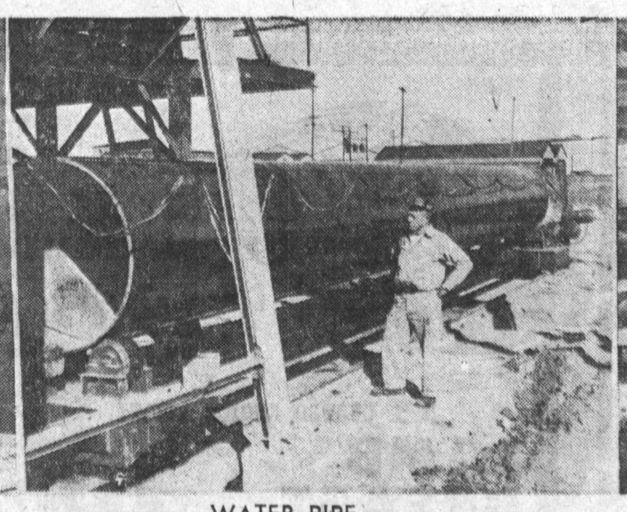
Jim Woodin of Torrance is serving as production supervisor. Musical advisors are Stella Herman, Torrance, and Kay Haga of Gardena.

Awards of prizes in four categories will be made — sweepstakes, best group act, best male soloist, and best female soloist. The public is invited to attend any of the three performances.

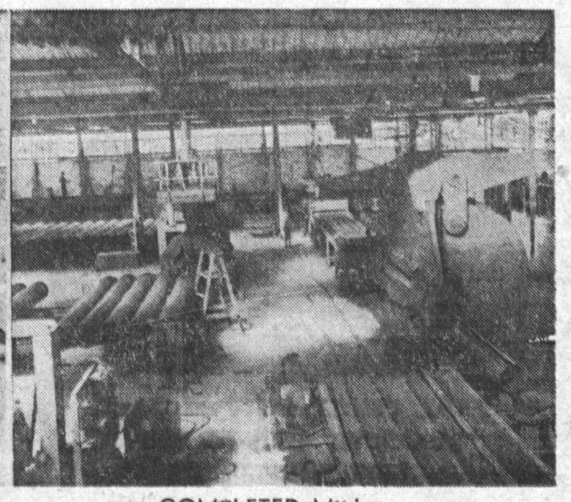
First Degree

On March 4, Las Crusados Council 1990, Knights of Columbus, will bestow the First Degree of the order on 25 candidates according to Richard Burch, Grand Knight, at the clubhouse, 214 Avenue I, Hollywood Riviera.

LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS
Gerald Revell (standing) and Charles Babbitt look at some pictures of the Israeli pipe mill.



WATER PIPE
Bob Stewart, of Cal Metal, inspects coating of large diameter water pipe in Israel.



COMPLETED MILL
Inside view of Israeli continuous press firm and thru-put pipe mill constructed through the aid of Cal Metal of Torrance.

CAL METAL HELPS PIONEER ISRAELI PIPE MILL INDUSTRY

By Ralph R. Gompertz

Israel, the land of the prophets, is today the land of the pioneers.

Few know this better and admire it more than Gerald L. Revell, president, C. A. Babbitt and Bob Stewart, vice presidents, of Cal Metal corp., 1313 West Sepulveda blvd., Torrance.

Before 1950, Israel was but a spot on the map like any other country as far as these men were concerned.

But after they met Abraham Naveh (Abraham Hausman) and other top industrialists of Israel in 1950, including Levy Eshkol, now Minister of Finance, Israel's destiny became strangely linked with their own.

The meeting occurred in Torrance. Naveh and his group asked Cal Metal to furnish Israel with a large quantity of pipe.

Revell and other members of his firm became deeply impressed with what the Israelis were trying to do and with their deplorable financial needs.

"Since we manufactured both pipe and also pipe mills we felt that their needs demanded a better effort from us than our merely furnishing the necessary pipe," Revell recalls.

Bears Fruit

So began a relationship which bore fruit in the form of monumental technical achievement and a strong and lasting bond woven of friendship, admiration and respect.

Cal Metal negotiated with the Jewish Agency Mekoroth Water co., and the Government to build and install a pipe plant in Israel, training the personnel in the operation of this equipment.

"We look back at this now with a great and, I hope pardonable pride for these achievements which were conducted under the most adverse conditions with people who were most cooperative, but lacked the experience and know-how to either build, erect or produce such a commodity," Revell said.

"In all, our people spent a total of approximately four years with the Israelis, teaching them how to produce satisfactory quality pipe in the most efficient manner," Revell stated.

Stewart and Babbitt, each spent a year in Israel while Revell spent about four months, during which time the pipe plant was erected and installed, buildings built, and the personnel trained.

Difficulties

Some idea of the extreme difficulties that were encountered—to say nothing of the shortage of materials—was the problem of training people who were totally inexperienced mechanically and spoke many different tongues.

In the pipe plant alone, over 16 different dialects were spoken, since the people had come from the four corners of the world. The larger percentage of the operating personnel were Yemenites.

The tenacity and determination of the Israelis became apparent from the fact that the first year they produced over 85,000 tons of pipe out of a possible 125,000 tons.

Furthermore, they paid for their plant and saved $2 million in dollar exchange and freight for their requirements that year.

Today, the plant furnishes the major needs of the country not only in the way of water lines for the vast agricultural program, but for the oil and gas lines as well, in order to help meet the world needs at a time of world crisis.

Deep Admiration

"During the course of our operations with these people," Revell stated, "A very deep and growing admiration and respect has arisen between our people and the people of Israel, and particularly those with whom we had contact. It has been our company's aim to continue in assisting them in technical matters which they are so deeply in need of."

Revell heard from Naveh again this month. Naveh commented prophetically on the present Near East crisis.

Present Crisis

The letter indicated that Israel's present problem is much more serious than the lack of technical know-how. The present issue with Egypt is one whose principle affects not only Israel, but the whole world.

That issue is one of monopolistic blackmail vs freedom of commerce, piracy vs freedom of the seas.

"I would like to concentrate my observations and com-

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Service Station Will Help Injured Woman

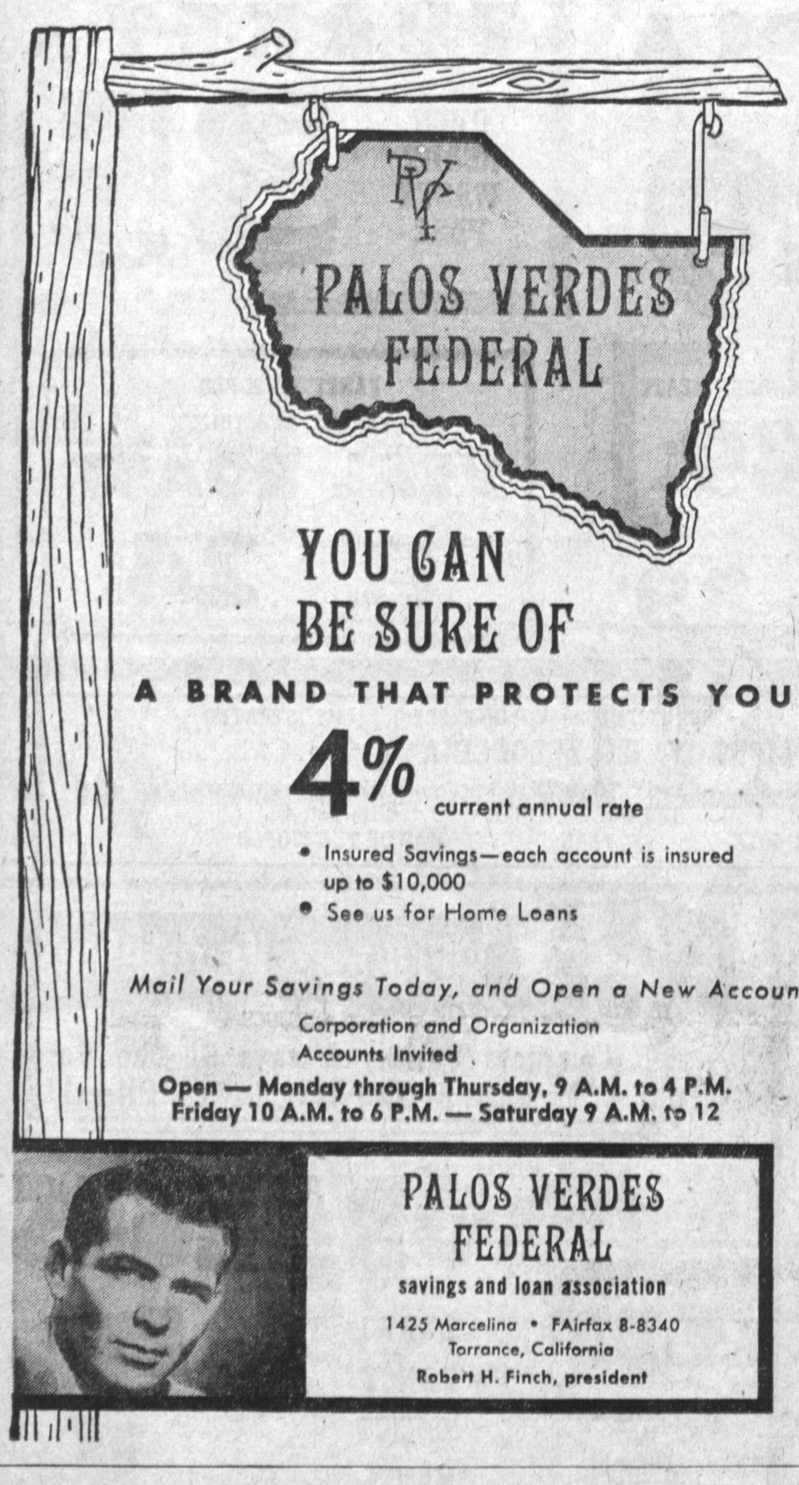
Small town friendliness is being demonstrated in a big way this week for a woman who broke her back tobaggoning.

When Dan McLayne, manager of Camino Oil co. service station, corner Crenshaw and Redondo Beach blvd., heard that the wife of one of his employes had been injured seriously, he announced that all profits from his station this Saturday, March 2, will go towards paying her doctor bills.

Laid up at home now in a cast is Mrs. Robert Headley, 4601 191st st. The Headleys have two children.

McLayne said that Lou Levy, of West Los Angeles and owner of the service station, approved the idea wholeheartedly.

Members of the North Torrance, Torrance, and Gardena Lions clubs also endorsed the plan and are urging local residents to join them Saturday.



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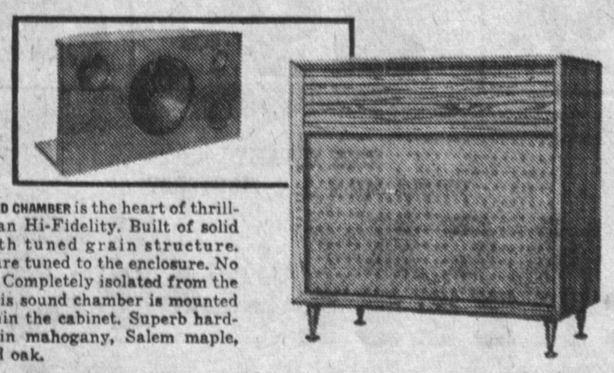

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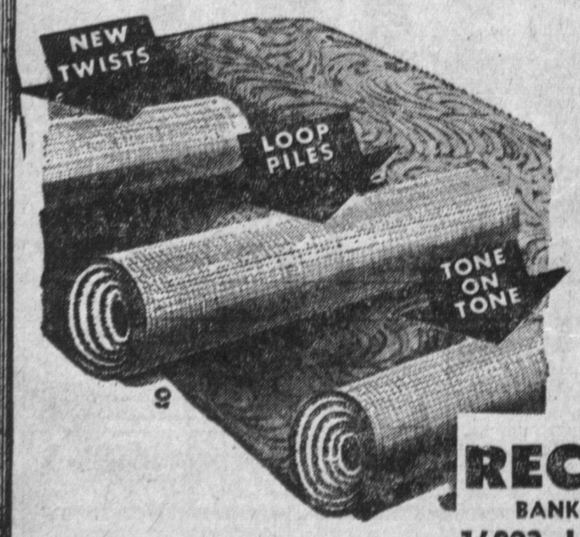

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