

Hit-Run Driver Jailed

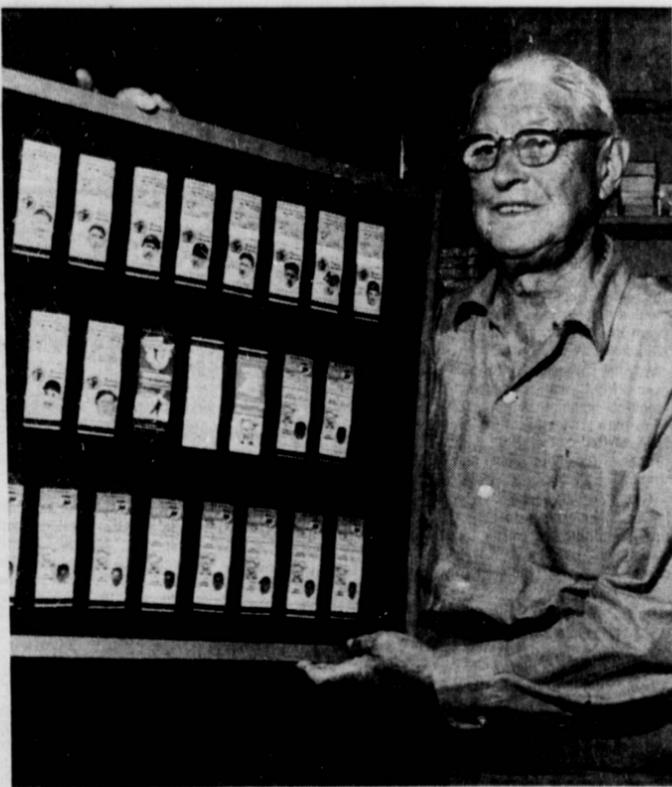
A motorist was arrested for hit-run driving Saturday following an accident apparently caused by the other driver.

Jailed was Francisco O. Martinez, 19, of Mexico. He and his passenger, Raul S. Martinez, 19, also of Mexico, both face additional charges of illegal entry into the United States.

Police said the collision occurred at 4:40 p.m. on Anza Avenue near 190th Street when a car driven by Mrs. Gail P. Kemp pulled out onto Anza from a private driveway. Mrs. Kemp, 32, who lives at 4707 Del Amo Blvd., was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital for minor injuries.

Witnesses told police the Martinez vehicle failed to stop following the collision. One witness followed the car into Redondo Beach, where Torrance police aided in the arrest.

Police recommended that Mrs. Kemp be cited for a right-of-way violation.



MATCHBOOK WEEK . . . This week is National Matchbook Cover Week, and to get into the spirit of things, W. W. Wilson has placed his collection — the second largest in the country — in the window of Del Amo Stationery, 3856 Sepulveda Blvd. Wilson, of 519 Scott St., started his collection in 1937. He is holding the section of his collection devoted to baseball players. (Press-Herald Photo)

Stationary Store Has 'Matchless' Collection

The whole thing started way back when a Philadelphia lawyer named John Pusey stirred up some chemicals, cooked them on his office stove, and put together the first book of matches.

Not only was this the beginning of a large industry, but it was the birth of the second most collected object in the world: matchbook covers.

W. W. Wilson, who lives at 519 Scott St., has over 35,000 matchbook covers, and boasts the second largest collection in the United States.

WILSON'S collection is currently on display in the window of the Del Amo Stationery

Store, located at 3856 Sepulveda Blvd.

"Any old cover won't do," Wilson cautions, "for it must be perfect — the striker-strip never marred by a single match."

"The collector strips and 'shucks' it carefully, removing matches and staple, unfolds it, and presses it into a flat strip."

The staple holes are important, Wilson asserts, for they prove that the cover is not a "ringer" from some salesman's sample case.

SOME OF the things imprinted on the covers include Navy ships that have been sunk or sold to other countries, the Kennedy-Johnson in-

auguration, the Lindberg commemorative cover printed a year after his historic flight, and many more.

The Diamond Match Co. — who bought Pusey's patent for a mere \$4,000 — values a certain matchcover so highly that they only display it when two armed guards are present. There is more insurance on that matchcover than most people carry on their lives.

The man who began the first collection was the late Henry Rathkamp, who founded the Rathkamp Matchcover Society, a national club with chapters all over the United States, Canada, and many foreign countries.

National Match Cover week will end tomorrow.

Pharmacists Honor Area USC Student

The University of Southern California has announced Ronald S. Kopp of 21350 Hawthorne Blvd. is the winner of the Centurions pharmacy school support group award for outstanding professional qualifications.

The award was presented Tuesday night at the annual senior awards banquet of the USC Pharmacy Association in Burbank.

Grizzly Giant

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Jail Filled To Capacity On Weekend

Torrance jail was filled to overflowing this weekend. At 7:15 a.m. Monday morning, police records showed 48 persons incarcerated in the 27-bed facility. Three persons had to be transferred to the Redondo Beach jail as there was no room for them to sleep on the floor.

Police spokesmen said the number of arrests set a record for an "ordinary" weekend, noting that more than half the arrests were linked to narcotics.

"The narcotics problem in Torrance is becoming acute," said Lieut. Charles B. Oates.

Area Man Dies Of Heart Attack

A 60-year-old Torrance man died of an apparent heart attack Sunday while working in the rear yard of his home.

Pronounced dead at 10:45 a.m. at Little Company of Mary Hospital was Frank Stevens of 425 Via Pasqual. The victim's wife Forence discovered him lying on the ground, not breathing, when she went outside to check on him.

Fighting Men in Vietnam Have Guts, General Says

American fighting men in Vietnam have guts. This was the recurrent theme of a talk presented Thursday by Brig. Gen. Carl W. Hoffman, commanding general of the Marine Corps Base at Twenty-nine Palms.

Speaking before a luncheon meeting of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce at Jump 'n Jack restaurant, General Hoffman praised the American fighting man in Vietnam as the best military representative overseas that this country has ever produced.

He said the men daily perform daring reconnaissance missions on foot, sometimes getting close enough to the enemy to determine what brand of beer they're drinking. He's met amputees in military hospitals who have just one thought: to rejoin their units as soon as possible. And he pointed with pride to the fact that a great many of the men voluntarily re-enlist when their tours of duty are completed.

THIS IS what General Hoffman terms "guts." Having served recently in the five northern provinces of

South Vietnam, General Hoffman also praised the native guerrillas who fight alongside their American buddies. He said the South Vietnamese soldiers are improving their combat technique and are actively

Law in Action

In making a will you should have in mind the "natural heirs of your bounty." A testator should at least mention his children and issue of any deceased child, especially if he marries after making his will. Where the will does not mention his children, or provide for them by settlement or advancement, they are called "pretermitted heirs." What is "mention" in a will may be a difficult question for a court to decide, especially in the case of a home-made will.

ONE WOMAN died, leaving three grown children. Her will left everything to one grandchild, saying, "any other legal claimant shall have one dollar each only." The unmentioned children claimed a share in the estate. The courts disagreed, saying: When her will said "legal claimants" she had in mind her children. So they had been "mentioned," and the will showed her intention to disinherit them. They could not share in her estate.

Other cases have held that wills referring to "children," "relatives," or "heirs" served well enough to show that the testator had his children in mind. If the testator gives these persons a nominal amount, even one dollar, or intentionally disinherits them, as a rule they will have no claim to the estate. A will need not leave property to a child though to do so may prevent lawsuits.

SOME persons draft their own wills. Such "holographic" wills are often contested because a home-made will is almost always deficient in complying with the law regarding the mention of children. One testator failed to mention a child but said that "anyone who may contest this will" would get one dollar. Too general and vague, a court held. The will did not mention children or spouse either directly or indirectly, or show an intent to disinherit them.

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Robbery Logged Steam Engines Might Beat Smog Problems

A man wearing a red dress-shirt and maroon pants held up ABC Liquor, 3709 W. 190th St., Sunday morning at 9:25 a.m., escaping with \$70 cash.

Owner Raymond Lim, 45, told police the suspect approached the check stand as if to make a purchase and pulled a blue steel revolver.

A woman customer also came up to the stand and the suspect ordered both of them to lie down behind the counter. A second customer entered the store at that point, and the suspect told him to get down behind the counter, too.

The suspect was described as a Negro about 25 wearing a black knee length jacket.

The proposed use of steam engines by California's public and private bus systems could be part of the answer to the state's problems in air pollution control, Assemblyman Robert G. Beverly announced.

Beverly said a pilot study, financed by a federal grant, will be made to enable the State Legislature to determine the feasibility of using the less noxious, quieter steam engines.

The grant will be used to finance the installation, testing, and evaluation of steam engines at four public bus systems in the San Francisco Bay area under the supervision of

the Assembly Office of Research.

"Should the project prove that steam is a good power source for vehicles," Beverly said, "a giant step will have been made in the state's efforts to combat air pollution since steam engines generate only a fraction of the smog that a standard internal combustion engine emits."

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