

FBI JOINS MANHUNT IN \$30,000 ROBBERY

Gibson Favored in L. A. Strip Voting

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Ooops, Low Bridge . . .



HE FORGOT TO DUCK . . . A truck and trailer loaded with a crane came to a very sudden halt Friday afternoon as truck driver William Francis Green of South Gate tried to skirt beneath this underpass at 190th St. and Hawthorne Ave. and didn't quite make it. He was cited for a violation of the vehicle code relating to overweight and high loads.

In L. A. Tomorrow

Great Jim Thorpe To Lie In State

Remains of the great Jim Thorpe, hailed as the world's greatest athlete, will lie in state tomorrow at the Malloy and Molloy Mortuary in Los Angeles.

Rosary for the former All-American football star, will be recited at 7 p.m., according to Malloy and Molloy, 1717 S. Flower St.

Keystone Man Seeks \$50,000 Following Crash

A damage suit asking for \$50,000 in general damages and at least \$6000 for hospital bills and incidental costs as a result of an accident on Pacific Coast Hwy. last October was filed Wednesday by Stephen M. Smorick, of 1048 W. 223rd St.

Thorpe, a Sac-Fox Indian, will be buried in Shawnee, Okla., later this week. Red Cross is attempting to bring home two sons in the service in time for the funeral. Two other sons, one in the Navy Air Corps and one attending school in Oregon were expected to attend the rites.

Optimists to Elect New Officers Tomorrow

Members of the Torrance Optimist Club will hold an election of officers at the club's regular meeting at the Ding How Cafe tomorrow evening at 7, it was announced yesterday by President Forrest W. Meyers.

The new officers will be installed in ceremonies slated for later this month.

Phone Filibuster Flusters Fellow

A mystery girl who spent 8 hours in a darkened phone booth on Narbonne Ave. south of Sepulveda across from where he parks his taxicabs aroused the suspicions of Ben Downard, Yellow Cab Co. owner in Torrance, last Wednesday.

A call to the police and a hasty check with the Lomita telephone exchange revealed nothing more mysterious than plain old love. The girl was talking to her boy friend at a nearby naval base.

Strip Voters To Mark Primary Ballots Tuesday

Councilman John S. Gibson who won a seat on the Los Angeles City Council two years ago from George Moore, is favored to retain his post Tuesday as Shoestring Strip and Harbor City voters go to the polls to name a councilman and to vote for a Los Angeles city mayor.

Opposing Gibson are three San Pedro residents, Edward S. Ryerson, Peter Sysak, and George W. Love. Gibson, who set up a representative system of his own by organizing advisory committees in each community he represents, has conducted a spirited campaign which he hopes will elect him in the primary next Tuesday.

Los Angeles voters will be asked to choose a new mayor, with Mayor Fletcher Bowron, Representative Norris Poulson, and City Engineer Lloyd Aldrich occupying the spotlight in the election campaign.

Also on Tuesday's ballot will be three posts on the Los Angeles Board of Education. Lomita will join voters of Los Angeles in the selection of the board members.

Young Mother's Last Rites Today

Short funeral services for Mrs. Gloria Lee Fetzter, 25, of 3327 W. 187th Pl., will be held at Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m. today. The young mother of four died at her home Friday.

Mrs. Fetzter died of complications resulting from a case of chickenpox, it was learned. She had been ill only a short time.

Body of Mrs. Fetzter will be sent to Baltimore, Md., following the service for burial. She leaves her husband, Gerald Charles Fetzter, and four children, Dale, Janice, Jennifer, and Julia.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parks, live in Baltimore, Md.



A HAPPIER EASTER . . . is in store for the youngsters in the children's ward at the Harbor General Hospital. Delivered to the young patients yesterday were these gaily decorated baskets made by members of the Torrance High School Tri-H.Y. Finishing the last batch of bunny baskets are Susie Benard, president, (left) and Ellen Koehn.



"I WAS ROBBED" . . . Blood-splattered Joe Alden, manager of the National Supply Employees Credit Union, tells Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police Department how two thugs slugged him in the face and clipped him under the chin Thursday afternoon, and then helisted a briefcase he was carrying containing \$30,000.

Robbery Victim Agrees To Lie Detector Test

FBI agents moved in this week to join forces with the Torrance Police Department in the investigation of the \$30,000 strong-armed robbery of the manager of the National Supply Employees Credit Union late Thursday afternoon.

At the same time Police Chief John Stroh ordered an all-points bulletin teletyped to all stations to pick up and hold for Torrance two suspects driving an early 1940 Ford believed to be the thugs who assaulted Joe Alden.

Alden, talking with difficulty due to a blow in the throat, told police he made the trip from the Torrance National Bank to the local plant with a brief case of money every two weeks but that he always took a different route. He told reporters he had asked for police protection on the trip. Police said they had no record of any such request.

In the brief case were \$16,000 in twenties, \$11,000 in tens, \$2000 in fives, and \$1000 in ones.

The robbery victim has been an employee of the credit union since 1948.

Employed in the offices of the credit union also is his wife. They have three children.

Deputies Lose Hot Rod Driver After Pursuit

Torrance police and Lennox sheriff's deputies are seeking two persons who abandoned a souped-up roadster after a chase down Prairie Ave. early yesterday morning.

The roadster, designed for racing on the desert tracks, was reported stolen earlier by its owner, James W. Likes Jr., of Los Angeles.

Deputies pursued the hot auto down Prairie toward Torrance and called in Torrance officers for an assist. Sgt. M. H. Porter and Patrolman N. T. Robinson responded.

A short time later, the car was abandoned on Prairie Ave. near 190th St. and the occupants fled across a nearby field. The officers were unable to apprehend them in the early morning darkness.

Funeral Rites Held for Kline

Funeral services for Julius Ellington Kline, 43, of 2467 Torrance Blvd., who died suddenly at his home last Tuesday, were held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel yesterday morning.

Mr. Kline was stricken after returning home from the Harvill Corporation in Los Angeles, where he was employed as a toolmaker, and died despite efforts of a Fire Department resuscitator squad.

Interment in Roosevelt Memorial Park followed services yesterday. Kenneth Shrab's of the Church of Christ officiated at the services.

Mr. Kline left his widow, Frances F. Kline, and a daughter, Patricia Ann Kline, at the home address. He was a member of the C. O. Masons in Torrance and the Torrance C. O. and G. U. Club. He had lived here eight years.



CENTER REOPENED . . . Officially reopened with ceremonies here Friday night was the Adult Recreation Center, behind the library at Post Ave. and Cravens, which was gutted by fire earlier this year. The center has been rebuilt and new furniture and equipment put in for adult recreation.