

FAMOUS ROBOT MAKES HOME IN LOCAL GARAGE

A crew-cut, youthful Torrance electronics buff is fast becoming something of a celebrity by serving as tutor, guardian and traveling companion to a jet age robot.

Gary Rollo, 23, of 5308 Clear-site Street, and GARCO, a fun-loving, six-foot tall electro-mechanical man that "talks", rolls his eyes and performs near human feats with his arms, appeared on two television shows recently after the pair had spent several days creating a stir at the National Institute of Radio Engineers exhibition in New York City.

Torrance residents had an opportunity for a first-hand look at GARCO when he took in North High School's recent Science Day program.

AN EMPLOYEE of the Garrett Corp.'s AiResearch Mfg. Division, Rollo uses the robot GARCO, solely to demonstrate Garrett's research and engineering versatility. From head to foot GARCO is composed of Garrett-developed and manufactured components all of which are in use today in the aircraft, missile and space age industries served by the company.

Presently working in electronic assembly, Gary is also attending El Camino College to earn an engineering degree.

TEAMING OF the embryo engineer and the robot came about when GARCO's fate

hung in the balance. Seems an earlier engineering wizard had built GARCO as an illustration of the company's contribution to the integral parts of virtually every airplane flying in the U.S., and many missiles.

Subsequent electron-minded personnel working with GARCO moved up the company ladder and their responsibilities prohibited any contact with robot activities.

With the selection of Rollo, any possible retirement of GARCO went out the window.

EXCEPT at times of "major overhauls", when the assistance of more experienced minds are needed, Gary keeps

POPULATION GUESS  
Population of the U. S. will increase by about 62 million in the next 20 years, the census bureau estimates.

GARCO in operating condition during his spare time in his garage workshop.

It's this situation which brings the pair their most enthusiastic audience. They've appeared before groups ranging from teen-agers to engineers and sophisticated security analysts. But let Gary open up the garage to tinker with his electro-mechanical friend, and every science-minded youngster in the neighborhood knee pants set wants a closeup look. The standard greeting is "Hey, mister, make him talk!"

Masonic Service Conducted For Clarence Kiefer

Memorial rites for Clarence Eugene Kiefer, long-time resident of Torrance, were conducted in Long Beach Saturday. Death occurred late Wednesday evening, June 17th, at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, where he had been a patient since June 5th.

Born on March 17, 1895, in Mt. Sterling, Ill., the son of Charles and Ida Fore Kiefer, he served as Ensign in the U.S. Navy during World War I and was employed as a machinist with the Union Tool Co. in Torrance following the war.

From 1925 until his retirement in 1948, he was employed as a marine engineer with The Panama Canal. Since retiring he has resided at 2260 Torrance Blvd. with his wife, Edith, and daughter, Barbara.

Knighthood by the Panama Canal Consistory many years ago as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor of the Masonic Order, Kiefer was also affiliated with the Veterans of World War I, National Order of Trench Rats, the American Legion, Shriners, and was Commander of South Bay Chapter 92, DAV.

Masonic funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Mottell's and Peek Chapel in Long Beach. Frank Schmidt Past Master, of Rolling Hills Lodge, No. 781, F.&A.M., officiated.

Interment services, with full military honors, were held Tuesday afternoon at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, at Point Loma, in San Diego, with Chaplain Kenneth Zeller, Lt. (USN), a family friend, formerly of Torrance, officiating.

In addition to his wife and daughter, Kiefer is survived by a sister, Mrs. Alice Garner, of Mt. Sterling, Ill., and three nephews, Clarence H. and James Greenwell of Ill., and William Greenwell of Ontario, Calif.

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Ranchero Days Arrangements Are Finalized

Plans are nearly completed for the third annual Ranchero Days Parade, Saturday, July 25, it was announced by the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

This year's event will start at 6 p.m. instead of the usual late morning hours. Lt. D. C. Cook, who again is in charge of the celebration, stated the change was made so that the over 50,000 viewers can enjoy the parade in more comfort. The last two years, extreme heat was a real hazard, he explained.

Lt. Cook said Torrance will not again boast of the Southland's longest parade — last year's event lasted over 3 1/2 hours. "This year," Lt. Cook said, "we have planned a snappy 1 1/2 hour event and are now one of 10 parades in Southern California that are invitational only."

Latest bands to have accepted invitations are Antler's Drum & Bugle Corps, Los Caballeros, Bellflower Ranger Band, and the Long Beach Youth Band. As usual, the top "horse flesh" in the state will appear.

PEP BOYS AWARD 4-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP

The seventh annual four-year engineering scholarship awarded by the Pep Boys, Manny, Moe and Jack, was won today by Lane Lee Scarisbrick of Bellflower, who will attend Long Beach State College, Murray Rosefield, general manager of the company, and Joseph Kaplan, of the National Safety Council and a member of the scholarship committee, made the presentation to Scarisbrick at the company's general offices in Los Angeles.

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