

Councilmen Lash Engineer on Sewer District Fees

Two councilmen balked at making additional payments for a sewer district Tuesday, during a sharp attack on City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop. Presented with an \$828 bill for additional fees, Councilman Willys Blount snapped: "I have voted my last dime on Bishop's folly."

Previously the city had grudgingly approved payment of nearly \$7000 for a contract to correct surveying errors made during work on South Torrance Sewer District No. 3.

Bishop said that the latest fees were due to an expansion of the assessment district to include another street.

"It was enlarged because some residents could not be served,"

Councilman Nickolas O. Drake charged.

Mayor Albert Isen pointed out that the bill had to be paid. "I could vote no, but I'm not grandstanding," he said.

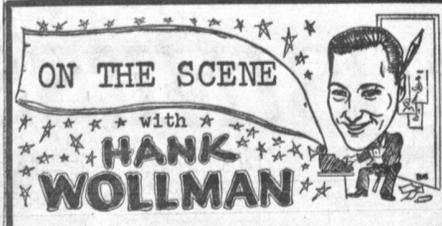
The payment was approved with Drake and Blount opposing.

Cleaners Taken To 'Cleaners'

A man who came to pick up his cleaning, took the cleaners to the cleaners here Thursday.

Dean Thompson, owner of the Manor Cleaners, 3015 W. 174th St., said that a man entered his store, and asked for his clothes, but explained he had forgotten to bring his ticket.

While Thompson hunted high and low for the cleaned items, the customer, who had identified himself as "Mr. Williams," carried the cash register containing between \$50 and \$100 out to a get-away car driven by a companion.



Fortune indeed smiles on the Southland this week!

First of all, it's party-time! Witches and goblins will be hobnobbing this week (more so than usual) for it's Halloween. Thus, the skies should be full of flying saucers, missiles and broomsticks.

As for the parties—in Gardena alone, the Vegas Club on Vermont plans a gala to-do where the guest of honor is supposedly a genuine ghost . . . or was it a spirit. This party takes place Wednesday eve.

The first new group of this type on the "Scene" is the Art Graham Duo, who opened at Locooco's in Manhattan Beach this week. Art is backed by a hot bass fiddle.

Then Monday at the Jump 'n' Jack the organ artistry of Roy Dallas will be heard. Roy will be backed by the cool sound of an electric guitar.

These new groups sound off nightly and should be a novel ear-pleasing experience.

For anyone who has ever liked a special treat at a special place for a special price, this is it! Now for the first time the Tai Song restaurant in Manhattan Beach (on Sepulveda) offers a late night Combination Plate.

The special includes a wonderful variety of very tasty morsels (quite a snackful) plus your choice of cocktail or preferred drink served king-size . . . and all for the amazing low price of \$1.75. This Combination Plate special will be offered nightly

from 10 p.m. on . . . until everybody is satisfied. Oh boy!

Several weeks ago the "Scene" first learned of the fabled United Bartenders Guild Party that takes place at the Ambassador in L.A. November 3.

At that time Southlanders were informed that the only place to get their tickets to this once-a-year shindig was from Bill Brown . . . the chief tender at the Plush Horse on 101.

It is now deadline time . . . only a very few tickets are left.

The party, by the way, is an all day affair starting at about 11 a.m. and going 'til the wee hours. There'll be dancing and dinner . . . and a special contest to select the best new drink of the year. The judges for this privileged contest will be the public . . . maybe you!

Happy hiccupps! NAMES IN THE NIGHT: Marilyn Lynn, the very "hip" songstress and wife of Norman (of Quintet fame), who adds a pleasant voice to the group now appearing at the Hitching Post; DeVere Baker, the anthropologist and raft-builder (he made headline news recently), who had a big party at the Plush Horse this week; Diana Lowe, the Hermosa Beach model and surf rider, who made quite a stir at the Vegas Club Friday dressed as an Astor princess; Neva's Boutique fashions, which will be modeled in a gala show at the Jump 'n' Jack Saturday, November 1; Gordon Doolin, one of the masters of Del's Camino Room on Crenshaw, who knows all the details of the Bus Party to Agua Caliente planned for November; Vic Manning, the ex-local PR man, who enjoyed visiting the old spots again, taking a break from his busy Fowlers political campaign; Kyoto's, the very popular Japanese restaurant on Western, which is still the top restaurant of its kind in the Southland.

No Stand Taken by Council on Prop. 18

Torrance Councilmen refused to take an official stand on Proposition No. 18, although some of them expressed individual opposition to the measure.

Request that the City Council oppose the so-called Right to Work measure, was made by Thirvin D. Fleetwood, vice president of the Utility Workers Local 132.

"Personally, I'm going to vote 'no', but I can't ask the council to go into this. Last week the council turned down the jail bonds as political," Mayor Albert Isen said.

"I think it's one of the most vicious measures, and I'm going to vote against it, but I don't think it's quite proper for a resolution," agreed Councilman J. A. Beasley.

Councilman Victor Benstead also opposed passing a resolution, because it's "political dynamite," but indicated he opposes it personally.

Hung Jury in Trial of Sitter As Drunk Driver

Although freed of a drunk driving charge, an 18-year-old babysitter faces sentence tomorrow on a charge of ripping up mattresses in the Torrance City Jail.

Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong declared a mistrial Friday, when a jury failed to agree on a verdict on the intoxication charge Thursday after two hours of deliberation.

But the defendant, Gloria Dora Plaza, of Redondo Beach, entered a guilty plea to a charge of malicious mischief.

She was arrested Aug. 24, after her car had collided with a pole on 182nd St., west of Hawthorne Blvd.

Sgt. Robert Lewis said that when he first approached the defendant, and asked her where she was going, she informed him: "I'm trying to get out of here before the cops get here."

Lewis said that he was wearing his uniform at the time she spoke to him.

After she was placed in a cell in the police station, Miss Plaza

allegedly ripped open two mattresses causing \$40 damage. In her defense, she said that she had not been drinking, and was trying to fix a sticking gas pedal when her car crashed into the pole.



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