



POLING THEIR TALENTS . . . Bruce McCartney (right), an instructor at Pacific Telephone's telephone pole climbing school, tells Mike Star the proper way to pull up additional equipment while working on pole. Both men live in Torrance.

Assignment TV

By **TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY**

The claim that the GOP is a party of actors disappears upon closer investigation like most of the hot air which collects over Sacramento in the spring. Actually, the custom of performers turning into politicians was invented in recent times by a Democrat, Helen Gahagan Douglas, the original song-and-dance girl who was all right as an actress but all left as a politician. She made Eleanor Roosevelt look like a reactionary. She was as far to the left as you can get in the family photos and still stay in focus. She made it to Congress.

Senator Murphy, who was as late as 1961 still making pilots for television shows (Desilu's "Sweet Sixteen" with Janet Gaynor), was elected over Pierre Salinger in a recent voting which demonstrated that the public would sooner trust a former actor than a former newspaperman. . . .

THE NEXT political sound of music came from a Democrat — television's Steve Allen — who planned to run for Congress on the Jazz and Capital Punishment Platform but forgot to register a year in advance, thereby saving California for "I've Got a Secret." If he's too dumb to register himself, how can he register with voters?

After that we have two Republicans — Ronald Reagan and Wendell Corey. Reagan was one of the first big stars to act as TV host on what is called a "dramatic anthology" — CBS's "GE Theater" and later "Death Valley Days." The former closed in 1962, the year that Reagan is said to have gone into politics rather than get out of show business altogether.

Corey's most recent television was on "Eleventh Hour," a series in which he played a psychiatrist, which is as good experience as any for a Congressional seat in the 28th District, I suppose, but he lost.

IN THE WINGS are three more television stars who aspire to political office: Democrat Robert Vaughn — whose role in "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." should be excellent background work for outwitting Republicans in office. His face is so totally devoid of emotion at all times that he should make a better politician than an actor.

Republican Chuck Connors, another marble-faced performer who has spoken with his gun on "Rifleman" and with his past on "Branded," is said to have political ambitions.

Democrat Dan Blocker, the "Hoss" of the Cartwright clan on NBC's "Bonanza," is such a big favorite in an international hit that he could probably run for President and win. Voters always trust a fat man. He plans to seek a political career when the Bonanza days are over.

But the number of hams who become politicians is considerably outweighed by those politicians who turn into hams. If there must be a change of personality I have a hunch that a political ham is far safer than a ham politician.

That's our choice this fall when the new theatrical season opens.

IT IS traditional for television producers to wait when their programs are taken off the air with the blame usually placed elsewhere. A pleasant exception is Gail Patrick Jackson, the executive pro-

ducer of "Perry Mason," which bowed out this year. Her farewell letter was brief, personal and adult:

"Thank you for your kindness during our nine-year life! In spite of the fact that CBS announced we had been dropped from the schedule for fall, we feel it is a little hard to be left waiting at the altar when there has been neither a proposal extended nor accepted. Perhaps it all boils down to semantics, but the reaction of our public has been most flattering.

"Like everyone else I have often wondered about ratings. The four years we were nominated for the TV Guide (we won it twice) we were not in the Nielsen Top Ten, yet we were honored year after year by viewer polls. The important thing is that no one liked us but the people and that's the way we want it to be.

"Our last show was so much fun that we all made our exit laughing and counted our blessings which include nine years of working together and having people like you in our corner . . ."



WINS AREA HONOR . . . A Redondo Beach mother, Mrs. Leo Gardner, accepts her award portrait from Harry Gorman (right), resident manager for Great Lakes Properties, after being named "(Wo)Man of the Month" for June. Mrs. Gardner was honored for her foster mother role at the June meeting of the Redondo Beach Coordinating Council. The award is sponsored by Great Lakes Properties.

Carpet Store Creates Furor With Competitors

The Factory Carpet Store at 16615 Hawthorne Blvd. in Lawndale is stirring up a hornet's nest amongst its local competition. It seems it is offering top quality carpeting at too low a price.

Mr. H. J., manager of Wilton Carpet Co. says, "I visited this store and was astounded to see the same carpet which I sell for \$12.95 being offered for only \$6.99. I can't possibly beat this!"

Mr. R. R. of Standard Carpet Co. had this to report: "This store, calling themselves Factory Carpet Stores, is out to make themselves known, and fast. We ran a regular \$10.95 carpet on sale for \$8.50 only to find this store selling the same identical carpet for only \$6.88. Believe me it's going to be tough to beat this; in fact, it's impossible."

And another statement from Mr. R. J., president of Riviera Carpet Stores . . . "After talking with Mr. Norton of Factory Carpet Stores, I found him offering the public integrity, sincerity and first quality merchandise, plus being open for business daily 9 to 9, Saturday until 5. This is indeed hard to top. As for their low prices, I can't see how anyone would consider buying elsewhere."

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Obituaries . . . Zoning

Earl C. Harris Dale L. Harris

Funeral services for Earl Clifford Harris, 65, and his son, Dale Ladean Harris, 39, will be conducted tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. The Rev. Dominick Tamietti of the First Methodist Church of Orange will officiate.

Both Mr. Harris and his son died last Saturday as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident at Winslow, Ariz.

Mr. Earl Harris was born Sept. 4, 1900, in Missouri and had lived in Torrance for 23 years. He made his home at 1317 Amapola Ave. and was employed by Rome Cable Corp. here for 10 years.

He is survived by his widow, Jennie, and a son, Onal of Rolling Hills. Four grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Dale Harris, who recently moved to Orange where he was the district manager for Safeway Stores, was born in Missouri Oct. 4, 1926. He made his home at 3906 E. Laveta, Orange.

A member of the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce and the Montebello Kiwanis Club, he also was active in the Long Beach Rod and Gun Club.

He is survived by his widow, Lola; a daughter, Cheryl, and a son, Stephen, in addition to his mother and a brother.

Interment will be in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Mrs. Ellenberger

Funeral services for Mrs. Adele Ellenberger, 82, of 16926 Elgar Ave., will be held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel Friday morning at 11 and interment will follow in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Ellenberger was born April 27, 1884 in Germany and died here July 1. She had lived in this area for 41 years.

She is survived by sons John and Albert of Anaheim, and a daughter, Linda Jackson, of Torrance. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

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erty line. Only right turns will be permitted onto 230th Street.

• Accepted an easement deed from the Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Co. which will permit the development of Maple Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Monterey Street.

• Adopted an amendment to the city's Civil Service ordinance which grants veterans of the Viet Nam War the same concessions now granted to veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean War.

ARMED FORCES

Joseph L. Ritchey, son of Mrs. Phaenon B. Landen of 342 Camino de las Colinas, Redondo Beach, was selected to participate in the new two-year Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) program.

Cadet Ritchey is undergoing six weeks field training at Fairchild AFB, Wash., as a prerequisite to entering the AFROTC program at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Michael E. Donahue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Donahue Jr. of 5219 Scott St., has been promoted to airman second class in the U. S. Air Force.

Airman Donahue is a vehicle operator at Beale, AFB, Calif. He is a member of the Strategic Air Command.

Fireman James P. Miller, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston R. Miller, 21225 S. Pontine Ave., is serving at the Naval Support Activity, Da Nang, Viet Nam.

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