

Friday Followup

This week, learned that there has been a spot of trouble in the Eucalyptus Road area in Berkeley; sneaky souls have been creeping around in the dark, rapping on windows and scaring the daylight out of the womenfolk, causing anguished pleas for the coppers to come on over and take charge.

So the other night Mrs. Louis J. Gilbert, whose window had been rapped twice by the prowlers, awakened to hear a rap, rap, rap on the UPSTAIRS window. Eepers yeeepers, she told herself. Now they have ladders? She comforted herself by recalling that all windows and doors were locked; but still the rap, rap, rap continued—not the sharp rapping of previous evenings, but a sort of subdued, animal-like rap. Ominous.

"If the doorknob rattles," Mrs. Gilbert told herself, "I will summon the police."

Just as the sun rose the Berkeley woman, gathering courage about her like a cloak, decided to investigate. In the next bedroom before her dissolving vision she saw a little man about a foot high staring at her lugubriously. Eepers yeeepers; Mrs. Gilbert repeated in a hollow tone. Then she saw that the "little man" was a solemn owl which had left markings on the window and on a mirror where it had been rapping in a vain attempt to quit the premises forthwith. How the owl entered the home is a mystery.

That is all there is to this one except that just then Mrs. Gilbert heard a stealthy, clumsy noise in the basement, as if someone were dragging a body. Eepers yeeepers, Mrs. Gilbert repeated, steadying herself. Now what?

Possums, explained a man from the SPCA...

Go West, Young Philadelphian

Chatted with Montclair Methodist Church's Dr. Elmer W. J. Schmitt, about to enplane for Chicago to officiate at wedding of his "adopted" daughter, Yae, one of three Japanese sisters who became part of Dr. Schmitt's family in Philadelphia as part of wartime relocation program. The sisters were responsible for the Montclair pastor's move to California.

"The government in 1944 sent me to Heart Mountain, Wyo., to urge Japanese-Americans to settle in Philadelphia," Dr. Schmitt explains. "There wasn't much enthusiasm; everyone wanted to return to the West Coast."

The Montclair pastor, however, convinced 17 persons to make the move to the City of Brotherly Love. "But they, in turn—sold ME on California!"

Even As You and I

Could understand feelings of Vice President Richard Nixon as expressed at a Westbay press conference.

Mr. Nixon proudly announced that his daughters Julie, 9 (fourth grade), and Patricia, 11 (sixth grade), had flown out from Washington with him, had unanimously decided that cable cars top the Senate underground train; that Japanese food is the greatest; and that Westbay is an exciting town to explore.

But what aroused the simpatico of auditors was the Vice President's confession that, en route here, he'd peeked into his pride-and-joys' keep-up school homework. And been asked the inevitable, "Explain THIS to me, Daddy," questions.

Thus drawing from Nixon the perennial puzzled plaint of proud papas: "You know," admitted the Vice President, "Mathematics today is MUCH more difficult than when I was at school!"

Punster's Delight

Shuddered violently after overhearing a colloquy between Markus Hardwar's veep Murray Gordon and Sea Food Grotto's Andy Franichevech, who was examining pliers at the store.

"How much are these?" asked Franichevech. "There is no charge," beamed Gordon. "For months I have purloined mints from the dish at your place. In return, I give you the pliers, proving that I mint well."

"When you next visit my establishment," retorted Franichevech in a flash, "I shall gift you with a piece of pie. Proving that I, in turn, mince well."

All right now. No comments that, among well bread people, the bun is the slowest form of wheat...

Ah, Show Business

As always, found fascinating the extraordinary thinking of show businessmen. Mgr. Jack McDougall of the Fox Oakland is preparing for the Oct. 25 showing of something called Invisible Boy, and to hoopla this extravaganza hopes to have a pretty model parade Oakland boulevards propelling before her a miniature robot with moving arms, flashing eyes, etc.

What has this to do with an Invisible Boy? Who cares?

Pedestrians may not see the flashing eyes or, indeed, the miniature robot. But a pretty model, propelling a robot with flashing eyes? Ah, show business!

Received, from Oakland General Contractor Harry F. Mitchell Jr. (obviously a comrade-up-in-arms), the following missive:

"Read in the Daily Knave of the couple who replaced their lawn with prone juniper so they only have to trim it once a year. I heard of a fellow who did better than that. He started out three years ago by not having any lawn at all. Now he doesn't have one of the best lawns in his neighborhood. No trimming, either!"

Good Thinking

Learned from Oakland Fire Chief James Sweeney of quick thinking of Ass't Chief Manning Basch and Lt. Barrieau when a young woman screamed from the roof of a hotel near fire dept headquarters that she planned to jump.

"No equipment; it'll frighten her," was the order. "Get the life net over there!"

Men darted across the street, readied the net 100 feet below the hysterical woman. Meanwhile, Hosemen Carl August and George Spencer elevated to the roof, splitting there as August approached the distraught girl. Talking quietly, he found the woman adamant, realized that any false move would send her plummeting to the street.

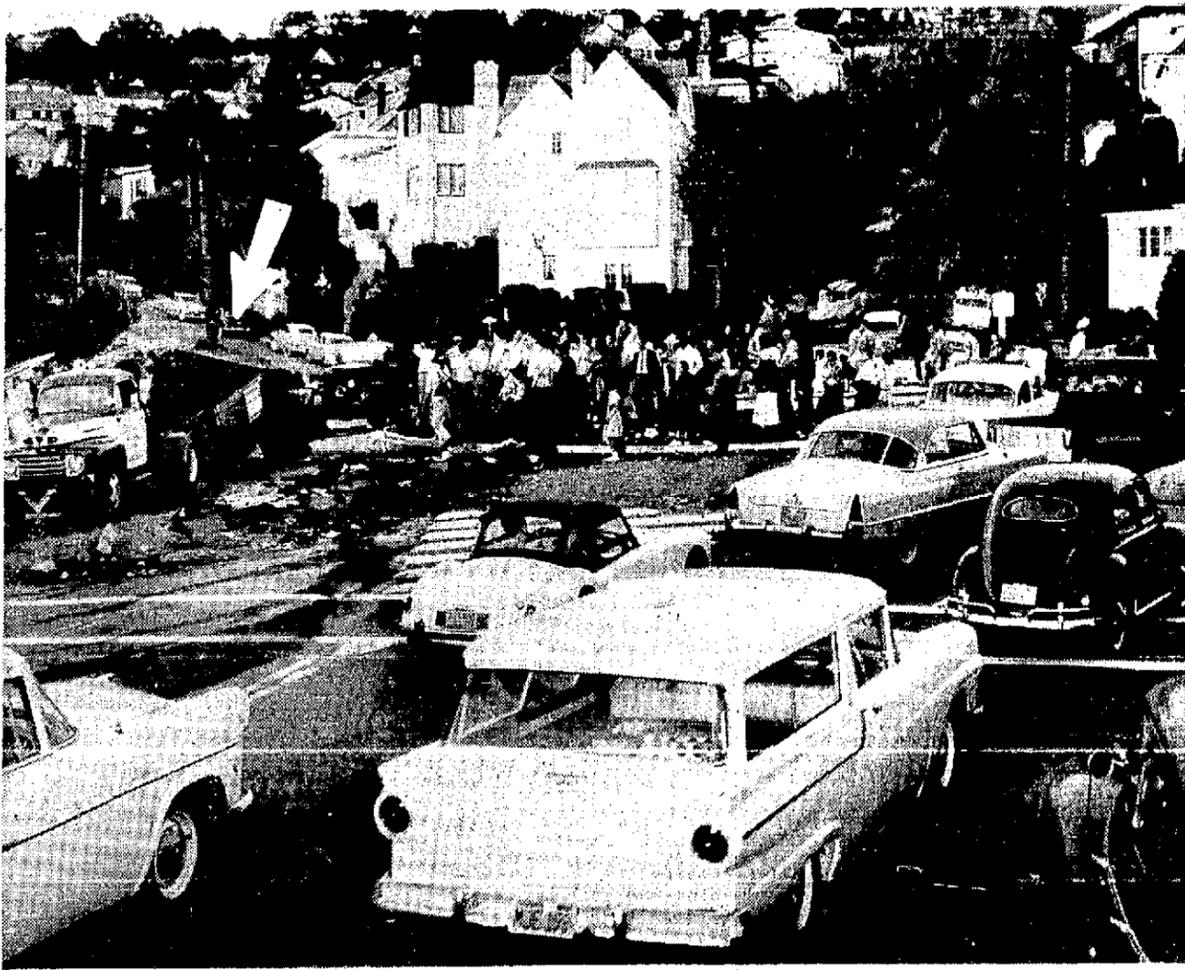
"Want a smoke?" he asked casually, lighting up himself.

"Don't get near me!" the girl screamed. August placed a smoke on a fire wall, drew back a distance. And, as the girl moved to take the cigaret, George Spencer pounced from behind, wrapping his arms around the struggling figure.

"It was good, heady thinking all the way through," beams Fire Chief Sweeney. And deserves, and receives, Knave Kudos...

—THE KNAVE.

BERKELEY HILL CRASH DEALS HAVOC



WILD RIDE—A crowd gathers to look at the wreckage after a loaded smashed into and demolished the 10-foot high concrete fountain in the runaway dump truck careened down Berkeley's steep Marin Ave. and center of Arlington Circle. The driver escaped serious injuries.

Forced Evacuation Urged in Disaster

Enforced evacuation of major cities well in advance of attack by any possible enemy is the only chance for survival for millions of Americans in the nuclear war age, one of the nation's top disaster experts has warned.

But retired Army Brig. Gen. Crawford F. Sams questioned whether political leaders would order such drastic measures out of false fear of public hysteria and a more realistic fear of political defeat in case they are wrong.

Sams, who directed medical work in Japan after World War II, was a principal speaker yesterday at a symposium on Medical Problems of Modern Warfare and Civil Disaster. The conference is being held at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, under sponsorship of the Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory.

"We don't have to accept terrific death tolls as inevitable," Dr. Sams told his audience of medical and civil defense experts. And he cited experience of Japanese officials to support his belief.

"When we first occupied Japan," he said, "we were amazed at the terrifically low civilian casualty rate: only 200,000 out of a population of 72,000,000 people. Then we found what had happened. The Jimmy Doolittle raid was the best thing that ever happened for Japan. They ordered the evacuation of every non-essential civilian from every target area for the duration of the war and they enforced it."

"When our fire raids began, there just weren't many people left around to kill. For instance, in the Tokyo-Yokohama area, 5,000,000 out of a population of 8,000,000 were permanently evacuated."

Asked if he believed the United States would have sufficient advance warning of attack to carry out evacuation, the general said that "there's no question about it... they will know in plenty of time before the next war strikes."

The doctor also advocated emergency stockpiling of medical equipment and material.

STATE SOLON CHALLENGES SMOKING BAN

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 18—(AP)—Sen. George Miller Jr. (D., Martinez) today ordered a legislative inquiry into the authority of the California Public Utilities Commission to ban smoking on passenger buses in the state.

Miller is chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Governmental Administration. He said he would call representatives of bus companies as well as the PUC to testify at a hearing in Sacramento Nov. 25-26.

Anti-Annexation Petition Circulated

ASHLAND, Oct. 18—Fifty volunteers are circulating petitions against San Leandro's proposed annexation, John Connolly, chairman of the Ashland Anti-Annexation Committee, said today.

They hope, he reported, to obtain signatures of owners of 51 per cent of the assessed valuation property for presentation to the San Leandro City Council at its annexation hearing at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Scores Flee Path Of Wild Vehicle

BERKELEY, Oct. 18—A big heavily-loaded dump truck plunged out of control down this city's steepest hill, ending its wild 60-mile-an-hour plunge by demolishing a famous city landmark, flipping end-over-end to smash itself to bits and mangle motorists, a busload of school children and a truck crew with death or injury.

In the spectacular accident, which occurred shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday on the Marin Ave. hill, the driver of the vehicle, Henry Williams, 32, of 659 40th St., Oakland, escaped with cuts, bruises and shock although he was wedged in the twisted steel of his shattered cab for more than 40 minutes.

The brakes on the 14-year-old truck Williams was driving failed two and a half blocks above Arlington Circle, he told police. The big truck plummeted down Marin Ave., picking up speed and strewn part of its load of used roofing materials behind it.

WRECKS FOUNTAIN

Rumbling into busy Arlington Circle, a main intersection for five North Berkeley streets, the truck jumped the curb and hit head-on into the 10-foot high fountain in the center of the circle, shattering it and sending chunks of concrete—some of them weighing between 100 and 200 pounds—flying as far as 200 feet.

With that jolting impact, the truck somersaulted into the air, flipping end-over-end and crashing back to earth on its side headed in the direction from which it came. The force of the collision sent the vehicle's engine 51 feet beyond the wreckage, ripped off its back wheels and scattered the remainder of its load of roofing rubble over the Circle fountain area.

PINNED IN WRECKAGE

Williams was pinned in the wreckage. Some 15 firemen and 25 volunteers worked for 40 minutes, using acetylene torches to free the driver who was believed critically injured.

Dr. Gerald Margulies, one of the estimated 500 passing drivers and witnesses, administered sedatives to the driver while his rescuers labored to free him.

Mrs. Z. M. Snook of 2821

First Aid Courses For Skiers to Open

BERKELEY, Oct. 18—The first in a series of first aid courses for skiers desiring to qualify as National Ski Patrolmen will begin Monday.

A class in standard first aid will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. at the chapter house, 2116 Allston Way.

7 Juveniles Nabbed in Wild Chase

S.F. Police Think Pair That Shot Alameda May Be in Group

San Francisco police said today that a roundup of seven juveniles during one of the wildest chases in police records, may have netted them the pair who shot a young Alameda salesman early yesterday.

Police did break up a stolen car ring, which they said has stolen at least 15 cars in the last several months.

Last night's pursuit of juveniles in a stolen car whipped through 11 miles of San Francisco city streets in 13 minutes—during which police fired 15 shots.

Two of the seven juveniles were girls. One boy escaped. Alfred Hunt, 18, of 505 Lyon St., San Francisco, was hit in the foot by one of the shots.

ENDS IN CRASH

The 80-mile-an-hour convoy in which 20 police cars and five motorcycles joined, ended when the teen-agers' stolen convertible crashed into a parked car at 17th Ave. and Clement St., San Francisco, four doors away from the home of Deputy Police Chief Tom Cahill.

Cahill, gun in hand, joined officers at the scene.

Police were looking for the two youths who shot Brian Pope, 23, of 3200 Liberty Ave., Alameda, last night when Officers Kenneth Murphy and John Mahoney saw two youths stealing hubcaps from a car at 15th and Church Sts. Nearby was a parked car in which six teen-agers were sitting.

The hubcap thieves were taken into custody. One of the six ran from the car but was picked up as the car with its five passengers roared away.

CHASE BEGINS

Murphy and Mahoney radioed the alert and the chase under way through the Mission, Ingleside, Sunset and Richmond districts and in and out of Golden Gate Park.

When the collision brought the chase to a halt, Hunt was shot as the youngsters tried to flee on foot.

Also taken into custody was Wesley Fontaine, 18, of 94 South Park Ave., the driver of the car; John Spruell, 18, of 304 Waller St., and two 16-year-old boys.

The girls are 13 and 17. The girls led the police to six of the stolen cars. Police believe there are at least nine or 10 more, stolen in San Francisco and San Mateo County.

Police said the cars were abandoned after being used for joyrides.

Junior Editors Quiz on THE OCEAN

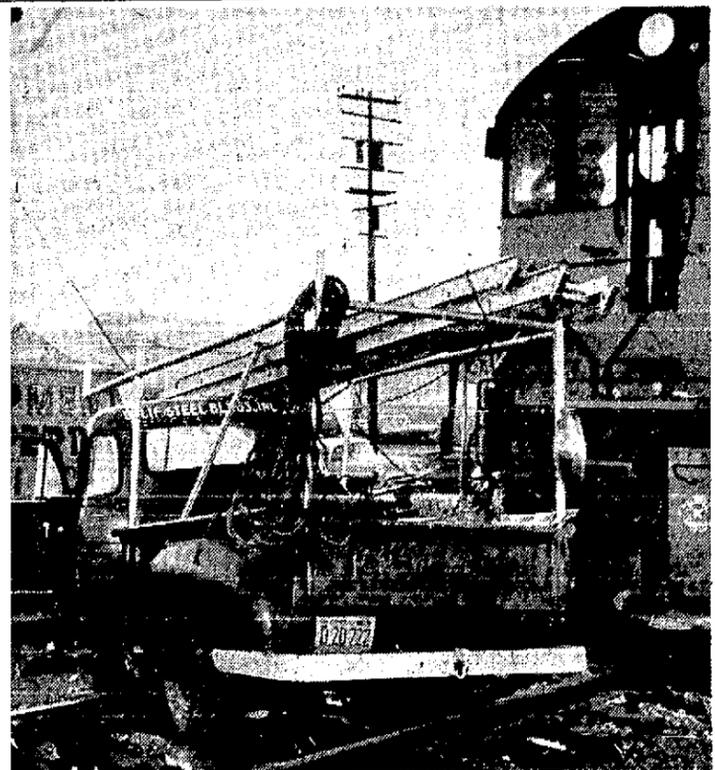


HOW DEEP IS THE OCEAN?

At its deepest recorded point, some 50 miles off the coast of Japan, the ocean measures 35,400 feet or about six miles. Elsewhere, the ocean varies in depth, just as mountains vary in height. The Pacific Ocean is larger and deeper than the Atlantic and there are places where Mt. Everest, the world's tallest mountain, would be covered by water if dropped on the floor of the Pacific. If the oceans were 600 feet less deep, many widely separated lands would be joined together. Then it might be possible to go on foot from England to France or from China to Alaska.

FOR YOU TO DO: This little Japanese boy is sitting on a Pacific beach as the tide rolls in. Cut out the picture parts, paste on cardboard and color with your brightest crayons. Fold the lower sections of each panel forward and set the boy on the ocean beach.

Noreen Stanton of Birch Run, Mich., wins \$10 for this question. Send yours to Junior Editors, care The Tribune, P.O. Box 509, Oakland 4.



COLLISION—John Long, 46, of Hayward, and his passenger, Jack Pineau, 27, escaped with minor injuries today when this truck was hit by a Southern Pacific switch engine driven by James Livingston, 54, of Oakland, at the crossing at 77th Ave. and San Leandro St. Police cited Long for ignoring a railroad wig-wag signal.