

Santa Monica City Court Fines Are Different Routine

Santa Monica, Calif. — Traffic violators who come before Municipal Judge W. Blair Gibbens get something different than routine fines.

Gibbens, who was appointed to the bench early this year to fill a vacancy, has dedicated himself to a personal campaign to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries.

He sentences some violators to visit an emergency hospital, making notes on traffic casualties and report on the visit to him in writing.

He sentences others to go with a clean-up crew to help mop up debris after an auto wreck.

Inspect Wrecking Yard

Some defendants are ordered to inspect a wrecking yard and see what happens to a vehicle which collides with another at high speed.

Gibbens treats all defendants alike.

President Kennedy's sister, Mrs. Pat Lawford, was cited for driving without an operator's license after her car was involved in a minor collision. She was ordered to inspect the wrecking yard and also to visit the Kennedy child guidance center at St. John's hospital. The judge told her to find out how many child victims of traffic accidents are treated at the center—which was founded by her family.

When Mrs. Lawford, wife of actor Peter Lawford, came before him, the judge said: **Should Know Safety**

"This defendant, above all others, should know that the President of the United States, in establishment of his traffic commission, strongly supports traffic safety on our streets and highways. I trust this type of sentence will impress this defendant."

Gibbens, 61, says he is not interested in personal publicity and doesn't know now whether he will run for reelection when his term expires.

"I'm doing a job and I'm trying to do a good job," he says. "Conventional sentences by these judges who give two or three days in jail are not accomplishing their purpose. Fines don't accomplish anything either. I don't consider the purpose of a traffic court is to raise funds. The purpose is to help make the streets safe."

Attitude Control System Simulator

Peterboro, N. J. — A small satellite simulator that duplicates some of the critical movements encountered in outer space has been developed to test the operation of various attitude control systems under space flight conditions.

Maintaining correct attitude, or position of a satellite in relation to the earth, is critical to insuring proper performance. The simulator, developed by the Eclipse Pioneer Division of the Bendix Corporation, has been used to test attitude control components for such space vehicles as Nimbus, a weather satellite; Orbiting Astronomical Observatory (OAO); and Orbiting Geophysical Observatory (OGO), both research vehicles.

STAFF CIGAR-SMOKERS
New York — A survey by the Philippine Tobacco Board shows one out of every 150 cigars is purchased by a woman.



VIET NAM OFFENSIVE—Republic of Viet Nam troops move out across the swamped rice paddies after dropping into the marshland from helicopters hovering overhead during the major winter offensive against Communist Viet Cong guerrillas. Some two dozen guerrillas were killed during this action, which saw U.S. helicopters making use of their rockets and machine guns to protect the slower troop-carrying helicopters. (UPI)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: Thomas Jefferson's famous presidential "campaign" portrait—known as his campaign portrait because back in 1880, when there were no illustrated newspapers, pictorial magazines or television, some 50 engravings made from it served to provide for the voters of that day what we now call the "image" of a political candidate—has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon and presented to the White House.

The portrait has been for sale in New York for more than a year. Mrs. Kennedy reportedly saw it and identified it quite some time ago, but only recently was offered the Mellons' purchase in arranging the purchase.

THE Mellons are neighbors of President and Mrs. Kennedy. Mrs. Mellon is a close friend of Mrs. Kennedy and is a member of her White House restoration committee.

Mr. Mellon is the son of Andrew Mellon, prominent industrialist and banker who served as secretary of the treasury under President Harding. In 1937, he gave his remarkable art gallery to the United States, along with funds for the erection of a building in Washington to house it.

Paul Mellon, his son, is the founder of Washington's National Gallery of Art.

THE Jefferson "campaign" portrait was painted by Rembrandt Peale, son of Charles Wilson Peale—who as a boy was apprenticed to a saddle-maker, but his leaning was toward art, rather than saddle-making. Eventually he went to London, where he studied with Benjamin West, one of America's most noted early artists.

His son Rembrandt Peale government from wasting the labor of the people UNDER THE PRETENSE OF CARRYING FOR THEM, they will be happy."

AND . . . By a further coincidence, it was Andrew Mellon, father of the Paul Mellon who has just presented the Rembrandt Peale portrait of Jefferson to the White House, whose policy when he was secretary of the treasury was to spend as little government money as possible and to **REDUCE THE PUBLIC DEBT** substantially while at the same time reducing taxes. He was also a firm believer in reducing the debts owed by foreign countries to the United States after World War I.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THERE WAS ONCE a racehorse, avers George Jessel, who in three years on the track had never finished better than sixth. Finally the owner told him, "I've stabled and fed you long enough, you no-good palooka. Today I give you your last chance. I've signed a famous jockey to ride you. The other horses in the race are worthless. If you lose this time, I promise you that by five o'clock tomorrow morning you'll be pulling an ice wagon."



The race began. At the clubhouse turn, our poor horse was dead last. The jockey resorted to his whip. The aggrieved horse turned his head and snapped, "Cut that out, will you? I gotta be up tomorrow morning at five o'clock!"

Speaking of memorable laugh lines from old Broadway hits, there was the moment in Frank Craven's "The First Year" where the lady of the house, preparing dinner for an important guest, asked the new maid, "Did you seed the grapefruit?" The maid's answer was, "Oh yes, ma'am, I seed 'em."

Two cafe society phonies were discussing ways and means of promoting a loan for a Caribbean fortnight. "I'd call my broker," confessed one, "but his phone has been disconnected."
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Planning Commission to Meet With Josephine County Group

The Jackson county planning commission last night agreed to meet with the Josephine county planning commission to discuss renaming a common road, accepted the resignation of a staff member, referred two matters concerning roads to the subdivision committee, and approved a schedule of commission members' terms submitted by the county court.

The subdivision committee of the commission decided to meet with the Josephine county committee to discuss the name of a county road on the north side of Rogue river.

In a letter from the county court, it was pointed out that mail deliveries are delayed at times since the road in Jackson county is North River rd, while in Josephine county it is Foothills blvd.

Submits Resignation
Mrs. Donna Treadwell, assistant planning technician, submitted her resignation effective Dec. 14.

Referred to the subdivision committee for study were requests to vacate a dedicated road which never was opened in the Fair Oaks Orchards tract, and naming a road which has been called Hall, Edington, Fitzgerald or Holcomb Springs rd.

The rescheduling of commission members' terms was necessary because of confusion developing through the appointment of some members for four years, some for three years, and others to fill unexpired terms of former members.

According to the schedule, the terms of V. F. Birdseye and Gerald Latham will expire Dec. 31, making Latham's term one year shorter. Expiring in 1963 will be the terms of David Lowry, only original commissioner remaining, Andrew Hawver, and R. W. Courtright.

Scheduled to expire in 1964 will be the terms for Edd Rountree, whose term will be six months longer, and G. I. Peoples, 11 months longer. The terms of two remaining members, C. W. Duggan and C. O. Lovejoy, will expire in 1965, each continuing for an 11 months longer period.

Schedule Informal Session
The commission agreed to schedule a joint informal session with the Medford city planning commission to review mall planning and a plan for public building construction in Medford.

A letter from the district attorney was read regarding the commission's request

about numbering subdivisions instead of naming them for convenience in giving legal description. The district attorney said no reason could be seen why an amendment could not be made to the subdivision ordinance.

Duggan was appointed chairman of the nominating committee by Lovejoy, who is president. Officers will be elected at the Jan. 9 meeting.

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