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Marshall W. Malone, district Western Union office manager, talks with Mrs. Violet F. Miller, secretary in the office since 1915 who is retiring today.

RETIRES AT WESTERN UNION

Secretary Recalls Dot-And-Dash Era

Mrs. Violet F. Miller, whose career extends from the dot-and-dash chatter of telegraph receivers to swifter and more silent automatic machines, retires today after 44 years in San Diego's Western Union office.

"It seems like the years have flown away," she told a reporter yesterday. "It seems like I've been here only half that long."

Mrs. Miller, in an era when women's dresses almost reached the floor and when attitudes on career women were different, walked into the old Western Union office at 936 Fifth Ave. for the first time July 1, 1915.

SEVERED 7 BOSSES
Since that time she has served as secretary to the person in charge of the office. Altogether she has had seven bosses, including Marshall W. Malone, district manager since 1951.

In 1915 the only women employed at Western Union were bookkeepers and telephone operators, Mrs. Miller said.

"It caused quite a stir—they even had an article in the paper about it when they put women at the counter to handle the telegrams," she said. "Previously, that was a man's job."

Some sights in San Diego haven't changed greatly, in Mrs. Miller said, recalling the

Handshake Recalled At Death Trial

A murder trial witness yesterday testified the defendant apologized to him and the victim after a disagreement, shook hands with both men and then fired the fatal bullets after they turned to return to a downtown bar.

The testimony was given at the opening of the trial of Bayani Fernando Tobias, 25, charged with murder in the May 11 slaying outside the bar.

A jury of six men and six women heard testimony in the Superior Court of Judge Edgar E. Hervey.

ARGUED IN BAR

Tobias, a sailor of the submarine tender Nereus, is accused of murdering Clarence Ralph Mankser, 36, a bakery truck driver, and assault with a deadly weapon on Mankser's friend, Charles Darrell Swiney, 25, a driver's helper.

Swiney, who lives at 1905 Moore St., was the principal witness called yesterday by Deputy Dist. Atty. Robert J. Stahl.

Swiney said he and Mankser never before had seen Tobias until they heard him arguing that night in the bar with a woman, who was identified as Aileen N. Kahumoku, 28.

Police said Tobias and the woman had been living at 1556 Union St.

SUSPECT LEFT

Swiney testified that Tobias was told to leave the place, the Log Cabin beer bar at 1246 First Ave. He said Tobias complied, then returned in about 20 minutes, called him and Mankser to the doorway and apologized.

Tobias had both men shake hands with him, then opened fire as they turned to re-enter the bar, Swiney said. Mankser was dropped with three shots in the body. Swiney said he felt a bullet hit his shoulder, but turned and disarmed Tobias.

As he wrestled away the German-made automatic pistol in the scuffle on the sidewalk, another wild shot was fired, Swiney said.

Mankser lived at the Reiss Hotel, 1332 First Ave.

The trial will continue today.

Gas Station Attendant Beaten Here

A service station attendant was beaten and hit with oil cans early yesterday in his Five Points station. He later signed battery complaints against two suspects.

The attendant, Roy Franklin Feathers, 30, of 1350 Wagner Dr., El Cajon, working in the station at 3730 California St., said he told two men who wanted to borrow wrenches he had none and was attacked by them.

The suspects named in the complaints, arrested minutes after the attack at 1:10 a. m., are Tom Lyle Waller, 20, of 960 Avocado St., Spring Valley, also a service station attendant, and Harold Everett Neuman, 21, of 2612 A St., a machinist. Both men were booked in jail on suspicion of battery, and Waller also was booked on suspicion of driving with a suspended driver's license.

Feathers told police the suspects beat him with their fists and threw quart cans of oil at him. Patrolman James W. Yeatts arrested the two men as they drove away from the station. His attention had been attracted because they were driving without lights.

U. S. Highway 395 - Widening to six or eight lanes between Ash street and Miramar; completion of freeway route adoptions from Miramar to Riverside County line.

Beltline freeway from Del Mar to Mexican border, via easterly part of the city.

Adoption of highway route, start of construction plans and acquiring of rights-of-way.

Negroes Seek Asylum
State Freeway system routes in county. Adopt June 29 (UPI) - Four Negro musicians from South Africa deserted a touring dance and planned improvements would make early buying advisable as economy measure.

Medical Research Unit Reelects Dr. Messenger

Dr. H. M. Messenger yesterday was reelected president of the County Hospital Medical Research Foundation for the next fiscal year.

Others elected were Dr. H. A. Peck Jr., president-elect; Dr. H. N. Crabtree, secretary; and Dr. J. L. Boyer, spokesman for the foundation. Dr. J. S. Tuttle, Dr. R. A. Jones, Dr. A. L. Edgar and Dr. J. A. Rust Jr., executive committee members.

The foundation is an organization of physicians and dentists who serve on the volunteer staff of the hospital.

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By Frank Adams



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Prison Sentence Given Mother For Forgery

A woman ex-convict yesterday was sentenced to prison for 1 to 4 years on her plea of guilty in the forging of 27 checks for a total of \$2,190.65.

The woman, Mrs. Margaret A. Clarkson, 38, of 533 Spruce St., Imperial Beach, said she sent most of the money to help her dying father in Texas. He was suffering with cancer, she told probation officers.

Superior Court Judge John A. Hewicker denied probation because Mrs. Clarkson, a secretary and wife of a sailor, was convicted in 1957 of embezzling from an officers' club in Honolulu. A Probation Department report said she served 16 months for that offense.

Mrs. Clarkson's two children have been held in Hillcrest Receiving Home. The report said she tried to kill herself with sleeping pills April 3. Her hearing had been postponed from Friday because she fell and injured herself in a jail shower.

Prune Loss Feared
NAPA, June 29 (AP) - Napa Valley prune growers are faced with a possible \$300,000 crop loss from drought and heat, Sunsweet Growers Inc. estimated today.

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Three Held As Suspects In Robbery

Three suspects yesterday were held in jail on suspicion of taking part in the attempted robbery of a North Park furniture store Saturday.

One sailor was arrested early Sunday after two co-suspects, 13 and 11, had given the license number of the getaway car to police.

ON USS ORISKANY

Detective Sgt. Carl O. Davis said James P. Little and Hershel R. Lawhorn, both 20, sailors of the carrier Oriskany, were arrested later Sunday when they walked into the police station to inquire about their auto. Police had impounded it early Sunday.

Davis said Little, Lawhorn and Leo Archie de Gross, 24, all sailors of the Oriskany, were suspects in the attempt to rob John Stewart Moorhouse, 62, manager of the Sun Shop, a furniture store at 2601 El Cajon Blvd., Saturday afternoon.

The boys, Gary Sanborn, 13, of 2617 1/2 El Cajon Blvd., and his cousin, Eddie Carmett, 11, of 144 Brightwood Ave., Chula Vista, were playing catch with a softball in the Sanborn yard when a man ran past them. They then heard Moorhouse shout "stop that robber."

NUMBER NOTED

They pursued and obtained the license number of the alleged getaway car, driven by another man.

Police hunted for a car with the license number obtained by the boys.

Junior Horse Show 'Largest In World'

By a Staff Correspondent

DEL MAR — The Junior Horse Show at the County Fair this year was the largest in the world, it was announced at the close of the show.

The show, which ended late Sunday night, attracted an estimated 2,500 entries, compared with 1,589 last year. The Maryland Pony Show, second largest, drew 1,053 entries last year.

The announcement was made by Charles Tyson, 17, of Chula Vista, who has participated in the shows for the last nine years.

He said the American Horse Show Association had made the classification.

PRaises ALLEN ROSS

Tyson, a graduate of San Miguel School for Boys who will attend Stanford Law School this fall, said he had been chosen to speak for his fellow exhibitors in praising Allen Ross, horse show manager, for the success of the show.

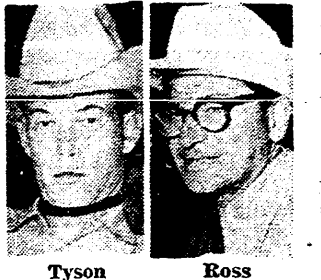
He said the show served to bring about "renewed friendships" and that the participants looked forward to further competitions next year under Ross' leadership.

Tyson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Tyson of 255 Rogan Rd., Chula Vista. His father is a building contractor.

BRINGS APPLAUSE

His remarks brought applause from the crowd of 800 persons, since Ross has been a target of criticism of the present board of directors of the fair.

A motion by a lame duck appointee to the board, Richard B. Todd of Rancho Santa Fe, earlier in the year would have stripped Ross of some of his authority. Although the motion passed, it never was put into effect. Later, Harry Farb, another new appointee



Tyson Ross

to the board, questioned the purchase of winners' ribbons from a firm headed by Ross. Payment of the bills was withheld, although Ross' ribbons are being awarded at the fair.

TOOK OVER IN 1950

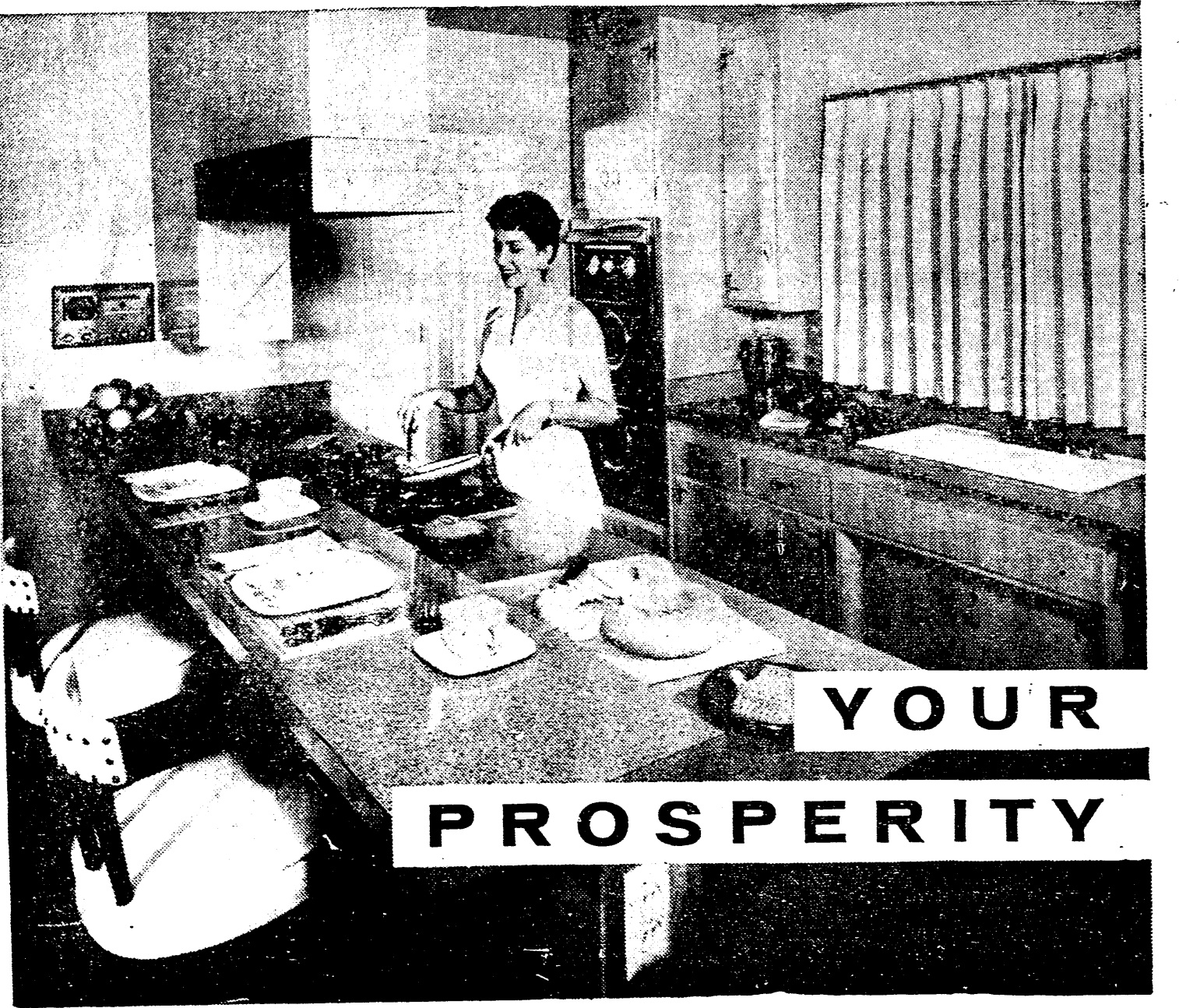
Ross, 40, also is manager of the Grand National Horse Show at San Francisco's Cow Palace, the Santa Barbara National Horse Show, the California Mid-Winter Fair Horse Show at Imperial and others.

He took over the local horse show in 1950 and had a first-year entry list of 900. This year the combined junior and senior shows had 4,032 entries, making it the world's largest horse show for the second consecutive year. The Devon, Pa., show is listed second with 2,532 entries in 1958.

Ross credits growth of the show to additions as they could be obtained. Last year the Western Shetland Pony Congress was added. This year All-Arabian Day will be observed here for the first time Friday.

Enrollment Increases

ESCONDIDO—The summer session at Escondido Union High School opened yesterday with an enrollment of 257, an increase of 50 over last year. The session will end Aug. 7.



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