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FIVE YEARS AGO IN TORRANCE

As Told by the Files of This Paper

Dr. J. S. Lancaster has just received the gold key of a resident staff physician from the Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

Torrance police seized 48 cases of bonded whiskey from high-powered cars. The arrest was made on El Prado near the P. E. bridge by Officers Edwards, Stroh and Hamilton.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce saved the taxpayers of Torrance between \$38,000 and \$50,000 last Saturday, when a chamber of commerce committee proved to the officials of the county assessor's office that reductions in valuations of from 15 to 30 percent were justified.

EIGHT YEARS AGO IN TORRANCE

As Told by the Files of This Paper

Torrance Well No. 1 on Madrona avenue is now down to 1500 feet with indications growing better every day.

Art Meizer will shortly open a restaurant in the Burkhardt block.

The general offices of the Dominguez Land Corporation now located in the Washington building, Los Angeles, will be moved to Torrance. M. R. Osborn, vice president and general manager will have his office in Torrance hereafter.

The Pacific Electric Building Corporation has contracted for the erection of 25 new residences near the P. E. shops.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ovanessoff are the proud parents of twin boys, born last week.

Students to Visit Radio Station

Torrance high school students will visit KNN at 7 a. m. Saturday, March 8. Some of them will broadcast songs over this station at that hour.

From the radio station a trip to the Paramount studios is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKinney and son Jack Junior, who have been living in Venice for the past three months have returned to their own home at 1577 Eshelman avenue.

Teachers Well Paid in State

Average Pay in Los Angeles County High Schools Is \$2561 a Year

By ELWOOD SQUIRES (United Press Staff Correspondent) SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 27.—(AP)—Teaching in California is a well paid profession, rapidly becoming so attractive as a life work that some educational authorities are advocating raising standards for entrants into the field.

Take Los Angeles county as an example. In the high schools of this county the average salary is \$2,561 a year. The state average is \$2,422, with San Francisco county heading the list at \$2,866. At present one must attend a university for five years to be eligible for a position as high school teacher. Those in favor of more stringent requirements would demand a master of arts degree for high school instructors.

Just what support this plan will receive from state education officials is problematical. The state department of education disclaims knowledge of any attempts to raise standards.

"Although I have heard the plan discussed, it has never been from official sources," declared Sam H. Cohn, chief deputy in the department. Reports are that the next legislature may have such a proposal placed before them. Advocates of the measure say the field is becoming overcrowded, and raising standards would both eliminate such congestion and provide better teachers.

They point out that by requiring the M. A. degree, students would be forced to have a more thorough knowledge of their subject than they now need for a certificate to teach. The degree could be obtained with the same length of time spent in the university as they argue, but with more work spent on the subject a student intends teaching.

Those proposing the change are understood to have another scheme in their sleeves to prevent teachers with inadequate training in any one subject teaching in that branch.

Many teachers are now instructed in a language, for example, who have had only rudimentary training in the subject during their university years. Rigid rules would be laid down, demanding a certain number of units in university work before a subject could be taught. With the teaching profession becoming more of a live each year, it is considered possible by those proposing a raise in standards to put across their program. Despite plans have not yet been formulated, it is said, but an announcement will be forthcoming before the next legislative meets, in 1931.

Torrance School Notes

EVENING HIGH
The Evening High School orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Raymond D. Crawford, has been discontinued at the attendance has not been large enough to continue this class. It is hoped that if the orchestra is reorganized next fall a larger number of Torrance musicians will turn out to insure its success.

Free instruction is being given in commercial work in the Torrance evening high school. An excellent opportunity for self-improvement is afforded in the commercial classes.

The subjects offered are book-keeping, shorthand, typewriting, computer and Monroe calculating machine work. These classes meet from 7 to 9 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The individual plan of instruction is followed. By this method the student is not retarded by a slow member of the group but he advances according to his zeal and time employed. Students may enroll at any time.

STATE PICNICS

MICHIGAN
The Michigan people of all Southern California are advised that their official picnic reunion will be held in Sycamore Grove Park, Saturday, March 15th, 1930, under the auspices of the Michigan Association of Southern California which has been functioning here for more than twenty-five years. Announcements of town, county or local picnics will not change this regular annual event for all the Southland. Dr. M. R. Parmates, president and Dr. E. E. Haring, secretary of the association are in charge of all the plans and arrangements for the day. The Waverinos of the whole west will be welcomed. All the happy picnic features will be carried out and a long jolly day is assured all Michiganders.

Feen-a-mint
The Laxative
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Shooting Rapids With An Automobile



The man in the circle is George W. Rilea, postmaster from Agness, Oregon. The Chevrolet car shown in the boat had to be transported in that manner to reach this Oregon town. The car was put on the boat and taken up the fast-moving Rogue River to Agness. Below, Postmaster Rilea is shown looking under the hood of a motor car for the first time. Frank Lowery, "master mariner of the rushing Rogue," studying the rifle (above) to make sure his boat can make it through the rough water.

For the first time in twenty-seven years George W. Rilea, United States postmaster at Agness, Oregon, has left the mountain fastnesses and visited what he is pleased to call "the Great Outside."

For the first time in his life this likable old man—he recently celebrated his 64th birthday—has seen a motion picture show.

He had at that time lived up for almost three decades to a resolution never to do two things—ride in an automobile or see a motion picture show. To him these factors of common enjoyment had always appeared as follies of humanity, never to be recognized by persons of dignity and philosophic inclination. But when he saw the beautiful little Chevrolet and listened to the soft purring of its motor, the old man relented in his ironclad determination. He rode and, as he afterward admitted, "got

quite a kick" out of the experience.

The ride in the Chevrolet produced a great change in the life of the postmaster, and the passing days since then have seen the gradual disintegration of his adamant determination to remain impervious to certain things which appeal so strongly to his fellows. When that element in his unusual makeup which had lain dormant for years, his love of amusement, had awakened sufficiently to conquer his prejudices and end the subconscious controversy, Mr. Rilea acted with the celerity and the vigor which are his distinguishing traits—to use a bit of expressive even if irrelevant slang, he plunged in instead of merely getting his feet wet.

It was in August, last year, that Edward M. Miller, then automobile editor of a Portland newspaper, heard of Agness and its postmaster. The town is practically inaccessible except by way of the Rogue River and up to that time no passenger car had ever rolled along Hattlemuck Avenue, its main thoroughfare, three-fourths of a mile long, which was named by the postmaster. His store and residence building, in which he also conducts Uncle Sam's mail affairs, is situated at the intersection of Cougar street, which also bears its graphic name to Mr. Rilea.

When Miller learned these facts and also discovered that Postmaster Rilea had never ridden in an automobile nor seen a motion picture show, and had vowed that he would go to his grave untainted by indulgence in features so worldly, he procured a Chevrolet roadster from a Portland dealer and had it conveyed up the Rogue River in the small power boat. Several thrilling incidents marked the perilous passage, particularly the shooting of Crooked ridge, a whirlpool into which a raft of lumber had been sucked and had emerged as individual pieces only a few weeks previously.

Since then a year has passed, but the ride in the Chevrolet proved the entering wedge causing Postmaster Rilea's resolution to topple. Now he has visited "the Great Outside" and seen a motion picture show. Moreover, he enjoyed the experience, as he frankly admits, fully as much as he did the ride in the Chevrolet.

What next? Well, it is rumored

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and certain circumstances tend to lend color to the report, that Postmaster Rilea has almost reached the decision again to visit "the Great Outside" and take a ride up and down the Pacific Coast in an airplane!

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"Tune in on KFI every Tuesday evening at 9:30. If you want to enjoy the program of peppy music, broadcast over the National Broadcasting network by the Flourish Shoe Company," says Sam Levy, Torrance dealer of these well advertised shoes for men. Anson Weeks and his orchestra, pictured above, are without doubt, one of the outstanding organizations of the West Coast, and is now playing at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco. All the numbers by Anson Weeks and his band are especially arranged, and include most of the better songs of the latest musical shows, Mr. Levy states.