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JAPAN ALSO HAS ITS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

TOKYO, Japan—After seven years of building, Tokyo has finally been reconstructed from the earthquake ashes of 1923 in accordance with the plan laid out by Dr. Charles Beard, noted American authority on city planning. Here one of the main thoroughfares is shown crowded with automobiles, 95% of which are American made.

Cities Bear Witness of Public Ownership

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ing to City Auditor Reifsnnyder, who stated that there had been at least two reductions in the water rate since the system was taken over by the city.

South Gate's Report

In South Gate L. M. Rothman, superintendent of the water department of that city had just finished his report as of August 31, 1930. His department showed a net profit of \$6271.29 for the combined months of July and August of this year—this figure arrived at after such items as estimated allowance for depreciation, consumer deposits, accounts payable, bond interest and redemption had been deducted from the gross profit.

And South Gate's monthly minimum charge for 1000 cubic feet of water is only 90 cents. Before the city acquired its own system the rate by a private company was \$1.50 for 750 cubic feet. "We paid \$125,000 for the private system when we started our municipal ownership plant," Rothman said. "This was a terrific price—but now we know it was worth it because we now own our own plant. We have nothing but copper-service pipes and all mains are cast iron. We have 3378 consumers and their average water bill per month is \$1.52." A study by Rothman's report shows that the number of consumers is growing every month and that South Gate values its system now at \$488,778. During the months of July and August they sold 10,973 worth of water to regular consumers. The total receipts amounted to \$11,691.90 as against a total expense of \$5420.61.

Hawthorne's Statement By passing a \$200,000 bond issue in 1923, the city of Hawthorne acquired its own water system, according to S. V. Fraser, city clerk. Hawthorne had to buy out three privately owned water companies in order to establish its own system.

Before that year, water consumers in Hawthorne were paying the private companies \$1.25 for only 450 cubic feet of water. Today residents in that city are getting 1000 cubic feet of water at the minimum rate of \$1.25. The city had started retailing water at this price for 600 cubic feet of water. There are over 2000 consumers in that city and the average household bill is about \$1.30 per month for water.

And today, the city of Hawthorne is not paying one cent additional in taxes or any assessments to maintain its water system. Furthermore, City Clerk Fraser reported that the city has \$26,161.66 on reserve in a local bank has \$10,185.48 in an operating fund and \$1,082.90 in the bond interest and redemption fund—all of these funds maintained from the municipally-owned water utility service.

"A publicly-owned water system is a city's best paying revenue department and I am glad to hear that Torrance is making such a fine progressive step," Hawthorne's city clerk declared.

Inglewood saw the advantages of a municipally-owned and operated system early in 1919 and voted \$217,000 in bonds to start its water department—a department now valued at \$1,745,500, according to City Clerk Otto H. Duell's report for the year ending June 30, 1930. Inglewood voted a total of \$131,500 in bonds to acquire this system. City Clerk Duell's report shows that the profits from the water department over all expense for the fiscal year of 1929-30 was \$38,528.29.

And Inglewood's 5675 consumers are getting their own water at a monthly minimum rate of \$1.25 for the first 750 cubic feet. The average monthly bill to these consumers is \$1.40, according to the city clerk. Sales of water only for the year totalled \$146,571.18, he said.

Seventeen Years in Burbank In the San Fernando Valley, the city of Burbank has been operating its own water system (and power also) for the past 17 years. There have been at least two rate reductions in that period, according to J. H. McCambridge, superintendent of public service, who was interviewed by the Herald.

There are 4688 water consumers in Burbank and they are paying a monthly minimum rate of 75 cents for the first 750 cubic feet. This rate (10 cents per 100 cubic feet) applies up to 10,000 cubic feet of water, McCambridge said. Burbank has \$272,000 outstanding in bonds for its municipal water system.

As part of the Metropolitan Water District, the city of Burbank knows the advantages of municipal ownership, because only the cities which have their own systems will be accorded the privilege of using water produced by that great district when the Colorado River aqueduct is completed. McCambridge and Mayor H. E. Bruce both declared they were confident that the city of Torrance was making no mistake in acquiring its own water system.

Palos Verdes Home Is Scene of Holdup

Two men held up and robbed Howard F. Dean of \$32 and his automobile in his own house at 529 Via Vienta Acosta, Palos Verdes, Monday afternoon, according to police reports here. One of the men, who was called "George" by the other, was armed with a revolver, police said.

They took their victim's car but deputy sheriffs found it abandoned about a mile from Dean's house. An excellent description of the men was given police officers by Dean.

Water bonds are not like other improvements bonds, because they pay their own way, without tax assessments. Vote "YES."

Place-Winning Poems in Recent Herald Contest Are Published

Having secured eight points, or just one less than the winner of the Herald's annual poetry contest, Mrs. Roxie Sleeth, of 1616 Post avenue, was awarded second place in the recent verse tournament. Mrs. Beulah Lewis, of 1915 Grammeey avenue, was awarded the title of Post Laureate of Torrance in the contest held by this newspaper. Col. J. E. Forbes, of 2121 Carson street, accumulated six points, according to the judges, and was awarded third place.

Mrs. Lewis' prize-winning poems, "Unity" and "Judge Not" were published last week. Today the Herald takes pleasure in presenting Mrs. Sleeth's and Col. Forbes' contributions to the contest. All four poems reflect sincere creative effort on the part of the writers and merit high distinction, according to the judges who reviewed the poems.

EUCALYPTUS By Roxie E. Sleeth, 1616 Post avenue, winner of second place in Poetry Contest

Stately and beautiful they stood Outlined against the sky. They were the admiration Of every passer by.

Their hearts are full of sorrow, Their heads bowed low in shame, Oh, wondrous eucalyptus, Proclaim your right again.

Brave hearts cannot be broken By every crushing blow, But gain new inspiration More beautiful to grow.

Lift then, your heads to Heaven— Send branches forth anew, And be again our seatrains, Torrance is proud of you.

DON'T By Roxie E. Sleeth, 1616 Post avenue, winner of second place in Poetry Contest

Don't yammer, keep your mouth! Don't climb up on the fence, Don't make those funny noises— You keep me in suspense.

You keep things in an uproar, At times I most go wild, At such a line of questions To come from you, my child!

TRAGEDY By Col. J. E. Forbes, Winner third place in Poetry Contest

When memories keep me company and moves to smiles and tears, I see a windwept dusty strip that has stood there many years Along the P. E. right-of-way it runs a mile or more, And rushing cars go dashing by as they did in days of yore.

This dusty road is just a type of simple classic art, But in the tragedy of life it plays a leading part, And yet the weary motorist drives slow and heaves a sigh, And wonders how in all these years the P. E. has got by!

THE LURE OF THE DESERT By Col. J. E. Forbes, Winner third place in Poetry Contest

Standing alone on the desert's rim Watching the western sky, Watching the sun paint the hills in gold, Bidding the world goodbye— Silently then the shadows creep, Changing to purple and grey, Off in the distance a coyote howls, Ending the desert's day.

Oh, let me go back to that desert land Under a cloudless sky, Let me wander again through the purple sage, And watch the day's shadows die, Let me see once again fair nature change To purple and gold and grey, That rock-bound rim of that desert land— Let me go back again some day.

Silently then the moon appears Bidding the day goodbye, Slowly it creeps o'er the eastern rim, From out of a cloudless sky, Topping the highest pinnacles, Driving the day's shadows away, Bathing the desert in silver— So endeth the desert's day.

Shrine Caravan To Santa Maria

Initiation Will Be Held in Park; Many Events

A three-mile motor caravan of the Shrine will proceed to Santa Maria on next Saturday morning where a ceremonial and barbecue will be featured in the open. At that time a large class of initiates is waiting to be escorted across the "hot sands" of the Shrine desert. Special novel scenic effects have been worked out for the affair, which is to be held in a park adjacent to Santa Maria. The barbecue is to be served by members of Al Malabak, Temple, who lives in Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo and Lompoc, and is to be typically Californian. The motor caravan will form at Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards at 8 o'clock, leaving promptly and escorted by a special Shrine escort to arrive in Santa Maria in time for the barbecue which will be served at 2 o'clock. The ceremonial session will follow the barbecue and the outing ended about 6:30 o'clock. Members desiring to leave later or by other routes than the one selected should secure identifying banners from Recorder Ramsey so they may secure parking space and other favors at Santa Maria.

Adroit Election Gives Hawthorne 320 More Acres

"Surprise" Annexation Vote Beats Cardena To Same Idea

Credited with putting over the most adroit political maneuver in regards to an annexation election in recent years, the city of Hawthorne added 320 acres of Western City at what was termed a "secret" election Friday. The surprise vote stood 22 in favor of annexation to eight in opposition.

The tract annexed extends in a half-mile wide strip between Prairie and Western avenues and is a portion of the section involved in an annexation election several weeks ago which failed to carry. By astute fixing of the boundary lines of the tract and selective electioneering, only property owners who had previously campaigned for the annexation were approached with the plans of the project.

Publication, as required by law, was made in the Monterey Park Progress, at Monterey Park. The resultant vote is considered strong enough to overcome any contest move which might be made, it is reported. Territory lying south of the newly annexed strip, extending along Ballona avenue, is the subject of a similar move set for September 30, it is said. Both tracts adjoin the newly incorporated municipality of Cardena, and were included in annexation plans being formulated there last week.

Mail Information Given By Chamber

For the convenience of business houses and local residents who would like information as to when the mails arrive and depart in Torrance, the Chamber of Commerce reports the following schedule:

The mails arrive here at 6:05 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 1:17 p.m.; and 5 p.m. The departing mails leave at 7:30 a.m.; 11:17 a.m.; 1:17 p.m.; 4:17 p.m.; 5:09 p.m.; and 7:30 p.m.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Election of officers was held this week by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian church, with the following elected: Leonard Babcock, president; Dallas Danford, vice-president; Frances Granter, secretary; and Virginia Burton, treasurer.

Home Nursing Hints

By Grace L. Smith, R. N.

My last article described the skin as a means of elimination. This one will deal with the kidneys.

The kidneys are similar to a pipe line which functions from the kidneys to the bladder, which acts as a reservoir for the urine and holds it until it is voided. The normal amount of urine voided in twenty-four hours is from one to one and one-half quarts, of straw color, and having a distinct odor of its own. Various diseases, however, change the color and odor and it is important that when such a change is noticed that a specimen be taken and turned over to the doctor in charge.

In having this specimen, be sure the bottle is thoroughly cleaned and sterilized by boiling in water for a few minutes. Many times specimens are saved and placed in bottles which have not been sterilized. Thus any foreign element in the bottle will defeat the chemical reaction, thus defeating the purpose of the test.

How Tests Are Taken Sometimes the physician will order a twenty-four hour test of the urine. This means all the urine voided in twenty-four hours is saved and measured. In this way the physician, when he gets the report from the total amount is able to determine the findings in a much more efficient way than by one ordinary specimen.

However, unless the physician feels there is some factor which would demand a twenty-four hour test, the ordinary test is taken very early in the morning after the body has been at rest for six or eight hours. In sending a specimen to the laboratory be sure the bottle is correctly labeled, insofar as the name, address, date and time of obtaining same.

How Stomach Aids Remember, that the slightest change in the color or the odor of the urine, should be reported to the physician, for this means that the kidneys are not functioning properly, thereby causing faulty elimination, as well as being indicative of some other ailment.

The next article will deal with the stomach's aid in elimination. If there is some particular question you wish answered, Miss Grace L. Smith in care of this newspaper, use a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Spanish Classes In Night School Open

The beginning and advanced classes in Spanish are being offered at the Evening High school this year. The beginners' class takes up the study of the fundamentals of the Spanish language such as pronunciation, reading, translation, acquiring a working vocabulary, etc., and is held from 7 to 8 every Monday and Wednesday evening.

The advanced class will treat of conversation, reading some Spanish stories and telling them in Spanish, writing simple compositions with class comment and correction and any other phases of Spanish which the class desires to study. This class will be held from 8 to 9 Monday and Wednesday evening immediately following the beginning class. High school credit is offered in both classes.



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