

Court Official Will Retire Soon

Mrs. James Crumrine, 304 West 223rd street, will entertain Los Angeles friends at a dinner party in the Crumrine home Saturday evening.

The affair will honor Mr. Crumrine, who will retire September 1 after 30 years of service as official reporter for the state district court of appeal. Mr. Crumrine was appointed by the court April 5, 1905, when the second division of the district court of appeal of California was organized in Los Angeles. The court was at that time located in the old Bullard Block building where the new city hall now stands. For the past three years the court has been housed in its own beautiful state building at First and Broadway.

Many changes in the personnel of the court have been made since it was established in 1905. The resignation of Mr. Crumrine on September 1 will leave but one of the original staff in the court.

Forgotten Key Costly

CINCINNATI, O. (U.P.)—Edward Wyanand, 40, Cincinnati, forgot his key one night recently and it proved costly. Returning home, Wyanand attempted to climb into a second story window, lost his balance and fell 15 feet to the sidewalk. He suffered an injured hip.

County Tax Rate May Go to \$1.35

The problem of adopting a final county budget and setting the tax rate for the present fiscal year was complicated further for the board of supervisors by demands of representatives of the California Property Owners Association that government costs, especially the salaries of county employes, be drastically reduced.

A group of 150 members of the organization backed 11 of their spokesmen in demanding that last year's tax rate of \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation be reduced instead of increased to \$1.35 as has been anticipated by County Auditor H. A. Payne.

The final budget and tax rate must be decided and acted upon by next Saturday.

Blue Lobster Exhibited

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me. (U.P.)—A blue lobster, one of the rarest and finest specimens ever taken from Maine waters, was on display at the United States fish hatchery here.

Soviet Builds Electric Ships

LENINGRAD, (U.P.)—Construction of the first three electric ships to ply between Sochi and Batum has been commenced. The new vessels will be able to develop a speed up to 16 knots an hour.

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HIGH SCHOOL playgrounds close SEPTEMBER 5

Activities at the high school playground, where an average of 60 people have daily enjoyed the games offered, will continue until September 5, with the exception of Labor Day, according to Director Harry Phillips. Mr. Phillips expresses his appreciation of the way Torrance people have responded to the opportunities for recreation, and says that the prospects for continuing the project next summer vacation look very promising on the strength of the showing made this year.

Of the games, which included volleyball, basketball, indoor baseball, football, handball, ping-pong, horseshoes, caroms, checkers and tennis, the tennis tournament and twilight indoor ball have proved the most popular for the older group with pingpong and caroms attractive to the younger boys.

The ground have been kept open from 3 to 9 p. m. every afternoon each week except Saturday and Sunday, and have afforded plenty of healthful recreation to a large number.

"Nice Fall" Predicted

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (U.P.)—Now Frank N. Schue, 74, whose consistently accurate weather forecasting over a period of 40 years has been based on markings on caterpillars' backs, predicts a "nice" fall.

Houston Boosts Baby Bonds

HOUSTON, Tex. (U.P.)—Postmaster J. S. Griffith has announced that Houston heads Texas in the sale of "baby" bonds, with a total of \$475,950. He has set a goal of \$1,000,000 for 1935.

Rattler Mistaken For Rope

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (U.P.)—A pedestrian stepped over a rope on the sidewalk. It coiled up and whirled at him. Two boys stilled its actions. The rope was a 41-inch rattlesnake.

States was lower in 1835 than any time in history, President Jackson reported to Congress January 1st a national debt of \$37,515.05.

Fredrick A. Mühlenberg, a Lutheran minister, was the first speaker of the House of Representatives, serving in that capacity during the first and second Congress.

James Monroe, president, and Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, ex-presidents, attended the founding of the University of Virginia in 1817.

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on the same day, July 4, 1826. Jefferson being dead one hour when Adams died.

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Facts Worth Remembering About U. S. History

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In 1784 eight bales of cotton sent to England from Charleston, S. C. were seized by the custom house authorities in Liverpool on the grounds that so large a quantity could not have been raised in the United States. The value of the entire cotton crop of the United States was \$30,000 in 1792.

In 1772 George Washington wrote in his diary: "With 100 milk cows on my farm, I have to buy butter for my family."

The first patent for a cast-iron plow in the United States was issued in 1797.

The first railway built in the United States was three miles in length and connected the granite quarries at Quincy, Massachusetts, with the Neponset river. It was completed in 1827, horsepower being used.

The first use of a locomotive in this country was 1829, when one was put upon a railway that connected the coal mines of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company with Honesdale.

The first bank in the United States was established in 1781, as a financial aid to the government. It was called the Bank of North America.

The first fire insurance company was established in 1792 in Philadelphia, and was known as the "Fire Insurance Company of North America."

The first life insurance company was chartered in Massachusetts in 1825, and the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company was established in 1829.

The first daily newspaper issued in this country was the "American Daily Advertiser," established in Philadelphia in 1781.

In 1775 there were 37 newspapers and periodicals in the United States with an aggregate circulation of 1,200,000.

In 1794 the immigration to the United States was only 4,000.

The tonnage of ships flying the flag of the United States in 1789 when the Constitution went into effect was 201,652 tons.

For a period of six years, 1784 to 1790, the exports from the United States to Great Britain amounted to \$32,000,000, while imports amounted to \$37,000,000.

The first farm association was formed in South Carolina and was known as the South Carolina Agricultural Society, organized in 1784.

In 1776 the area of the United States was half a million square miles. Now it is more than three million three hundred thousand square miles.

The first canals constructed in the United States were two short ones, for water passage around the South Hadley and Montague Falls in Massachusetts, built in 1762.

The first telegraph line in this country was 40 miles long, and extended from Washington to Baltimore. Built in 1844.

When the Revolutionary War began there were nine colleges in the United States: Harvard in Massachusetts, William and Mary in Virginia, Yale in Connecticut,

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