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SECTION B

Palos Verdens File Petition for Election to Incorporate as City



INCOMPARABLE TEMPLETON . . . London's musical genius, the blind, brilliant Alec Templeton, has taken Treasure Island fair-goers by storm. Appearing currently at the Music Hall on Treasure Island, the 28-year-old pianist composer, has been acclaimed by critics the world over. Templeton came to the United States several years ago with Jack Hilton's orchestra, later appeared on many radio programs with Bing Crosby, and recently has been "feuding" with one Charles McCarthy. "Bach Goes To Town" is one of the better known, and more captivating, swing classics contributed by Templeton to the field of popular music.

British Women Join Land Army

LONDON (U.P.)—A women's land army, the members of which will be ready to take up farm work as a full-time occupation in time of war, is to be recruited in England.

The ministry of agriculture, making the announcement, pointed out that, in the event of war, work on the land would be a form of national service of great importance to the country.

Additional workers will be required not only to replace agricultural workers who may have to join the defense forces but to provide additional labor that will be needed if England is to increase the production of food from its soil.

Should there be a war, the women's land army would be organized in a similar way to the women's land army in the last war under the control of a women's branch of the ministry of agriculture.

Women's committees would be set up in every county to assist in the recruiting and placing of members on farms. The chairmen of these committees have been selected and arrangements have been made for the selection of other members.

The women's land army is intended to be primarily a mobile force, consisting of women who are ready to undertake all kinds of farm work in any part of the country in the event of war.

It is probable that most of the members, whether mobile or local, would be employed and paid by individual farmers, though some of the mobile force might be organized into traveling crews for hay and corn harvests, potato picking and similar operations.

The members would wear uniforms, and the organization would supervise their lodging arrangements and general welfare.

Slough Drainage Conference Held

President R. R. Smith and Secretary L. J. Gilmeister attended the conference held on the proposed report concerning drainage plans for Laguna Dominguez (Nigger Slough), Tuesday at the office of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. The parley was called by H. E. Heger, chief engineer, and others attending were representatives of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce and other allied organizations of this area.

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MUNICIPALITY WOULD HAVE VALUATION OF \$2,423,990

First steps have been taken by residents of Palos Verdes Estates to incorporate their community as a sixth-class city. Petitions were filed late last week with the county board of supervisors requesting incorporations and naming the new municipality, City of Palos Verdes Estates.

If the petitions are declared legal by the supervisors, an election will be called in the district and some 1,100 voters will express their desires.

Examination of the petitions discloses that most of the property proposed to be incorporated is owned by Palos Verdes Homes Association, and that much of it is being purchased on contract. Some is owned by the Palos Verdes Water company.

876 Sign Petition
Total assessed value of the land it is proposed to incorporate, according to the county assessor's rolls, is given on the petition as \$1,462,800. Of this total, signatures on the petitions represent a total of \$406,246, or 27.7 percent.

A total of 1,782 property owners reside in the area, and 876 or 43½ percent of these have signed the petition, it was set forth.

Assessed value of the improvements on the land it is proposed to incorporate is given as \$961,190, according to the county assessor's records, and the signers represent \$556,755 or 57½ percent, it also was stated.

No Funds for Drivers' License Service Here

A vigorous protest by the Chamber of Commerce over the discontinuance of issuing drivers' licenses here brought a reiteration this week of the Department of Motor Vehicles' published reason for dropping the local service: insufficient funds.

Replying to the chamber's request that the Torrance branch be resumed in the interest of public convenience, Paul Mason, chief of the division of drivers' licenses, stated that the legislature's reduction of department funds made the abandonment of such branch stations necessary.

Old Riley Home Visited By 11,000

GREENFIELD, Ind. (U.P.)—Promise of the postoffice department to issue a Riley commemorative stamp has aroused interest in the old James Whitcomb Riley home here as it entered its third year as a shrine for lovers of the Hoosier poet.

Since the restoration of his birthplace by the Riley Old Home society in May, 1937, a total of 11,029 persons have visited the place. Far surpassing hopes of even the most optimistic members of the society, visitors have come in such numbers as to force Leah Early, hostess, to seek assistance upon occasion.

The manner in which the Riley organization has furnished the home has met with widespread approval. Purposely avoiding a museum aspect in their efforts at restoration, they have sought to make it appear as it did during the lifetime of the poet.

Mrs. William A. Hough, in charge of the project, made a study of homes during the period when Riley lived here. So exacting were she and her assistants that the Riley heirs were disposed to lend many of his personal effects to add still further to the realism of the restoration.

Even today, however, the work is not finished. Among the items remaining to be rebuilt is an old flat board fence at the rear of the home. It was about this fence or one like it that the poet wrote one of his best known poems.

Members of the society, hundreds of Greenfield and Hancock county persons, have indicated that the appreciation of children for the shrine is especially gratifying to them. Hancock county school pupils recently wrote Postmaster General James A. Farley asking him to issue a Riley stamp.

Drought Victims Pour Into State

Nearly 5,000 families from the "drouth states" entered California during June in search of employment, according to a report received by the board of supervisors this week. This was an increase of 340 families over the previous month.

Most of the immigrant workers during June were from Arizona, with Oklahoma second, Texas third and Arkansas fourth.

The linotype typesetting machine was developed in 1886.



BREAKS WITH 'KID' . . . Betty Grable, film actress, announced in San Francisco that she will file suit for divorce in Los Angeles from Jackie Coogan, one-time juvenile star of the films. Currently featured in the motion picture, "Million Dollar Legs," Miss Grable said grounds for divorce would be "mental cruelty."

Townsend Party Shows Decrease In Voter Total

Busy enrolling voters in preparation for the special election November 7 on the \$30-every-Thursday pension plan, Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr this week discovered that the number of voters registered as members of the Townsend party has decreased since last December.

At that time there were 11,114 members of the Townsend party on the great register of the county while today there are but 10,505 registered members of that city.

New registrations are being added to the great register at the rate of about 125 a day, Kerr reported. Registration has been picking up rapidly since Governor Culbert Olson set the date for the special pension plan election.

Major Parties Gain
Democratic party strength was shown as 744,044 voters in this county, which is a gain of 52,000 since the rolls were cleared of non-voters last Dec. 16.

Republican strength now totals 423,880 voters, a gain of 16,000 since last December. While the gain was less than one-third that of the Democrats, the G.O.P. ranks are more stable than the Bourbons, losing fewer of their number by reason of not voting, Kerr's records show.

There were a total of 1,171,047 voters on the county rolls last Dec. 16 and there were 1,243,907 as July closed.

Citizens' Group Studies Budget

Members of the Los Angeles County Citizens' Council on Local Government Budgets began an exhaustive survey of the 1940 county budget today in Los Angeles. Mayor William H. Tolson, President R. R. Smith and Secretary L. J. Gilmeister were invited to participate in the study.

"Trailer Vagabond" Tours New York City (Continued)

By WARREN BAYLEY
Probably the "Fair's" greatest competition is New York City itself. Many of the visitors are seeing it for the first time and are insistent upon taking in all the sights in their short two or three day visit. Of course that is impossible but they do see sufficient to be able to take home some glowing story of the "big city."

Chief of the points of interest are Coney Island, Empire State building, Rockefeller Center and the various night spots. Such places as Dempsey's, Cotton Club and Billie Rose's "Diamond Horseshoe" cafes are having capacity crowds. I believe that 90 percent of the first time visitors to New York City stop in at Dempsey's in the hope of shaking hands with the former king of the heavyweights. In most instances they are not disappointed as the old Manassa Mauler keeps pretty close to his shop in order to capitalize on his popularity.

To the typical New Yorker, anyone who comes from out of state is to be pitied. Such cities as Los Angeles, Cleveland and Denver are "villages" and nothing of any consequence ever happens outside of New York's city limits. With this knowledge in mind, I was rather elated to see a large theatre sign on 42nd street just west of Broadway, advertising a return engagement of "Mutiny on the Boundary." I had to call on my reserve will power to keep from informing the theatre manager that the word was Bounty, not Boundary.

Route to Gotham
One of the outstanding accomplishments of our largest city is its handling of automobile traffic. Super highway outlets have been constructed for thru traffic to the outlying sections. In the downtown area, all the cross streets are "one way." Consequently it is merely a question of getting started in the right direction.

If you should make a trip to the "Fair" by way of Niagara Falls, by all means take highway 20 to Albany. This route takes you thru the portion of New York State known as the "finger lakes" region, which is especially beautiful. You will also get a glimpse of the Adirondack mountains which lie to the north of the highway.

From Albany down to New York City (150 miles) you fol-

Public Hearing On Master Plan Set for Aug. 9

A public hearing on the adoption of the proposed Master Plan for Los Angeles County regional planning district will be held next Wednesday, August 9, at 10 o'clock in the assembly room in the State building, Broadway at First streets, Los Angeles.

Local Chamber of Commerce, city officials and members of the Torrance Planning Commission have been invited to attend. The session will devote most of its time to the matter of street and highway improvement in incorporated cities and to a study of land use.

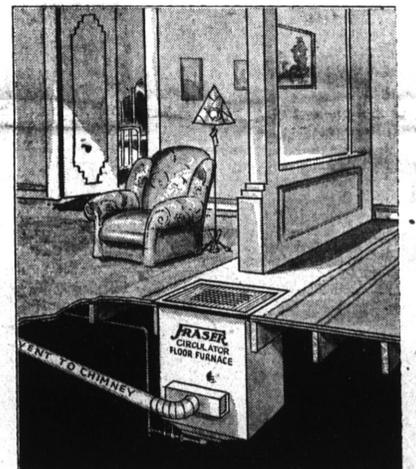
Gardens Ordered For Idle
KENTVILLE, N. S. (U.P.)—Jobless men here have been ordered to take up farming to help the town's finances.

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