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SECTION C



WE'RE READY! . . . Expressing an attitude of defiance, these steel-helmeted and gasmasked British soldiers await Nazi bombers. Carefully arranged sandbags assist in protecting the anti-aircraft unit, located in the suburbs of London, from bursting bombs. The British War Office passed the picture for publication.

"Trailer Vagabond" Tours Carthage, Illinois

By WARREN BAYLEY

Tourists who are interested in seeing Nauvoo, should also drop by here and see the old jail, scene of the actual murder of Joseph Smith and his brother, Marks of the conflict, such as the bullet holes in the door, stains on the floor, etc., have been carefully preserved.

In 1903 the jail property was purchased by the Utah Mormon church and in the last few years it has been restored for the benefit of thousands of visitors who come each year to see it. Custodians in charge are direct from the church in Salt Lake City.

One of the most interesting parts of this trip was my conversations with Elder Joseph McRae here at Carthage and with Rev. J. E. Vanderwood at Nauvoo. Elder McRae is a member of the Utah Mormon Church, headquarters at Salt Lake City. Rev. Vanderwood is a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, headquarters at Independence, Missouri. While both churches are strictly Mormon, their differences are probably deeper seated and more stoutly defended than the differences found between most religious denominations.

"Plural Wives" Revelation

The main difference has to do with whether or not Joseph Smith had a revelation advocating the doctrine of polygamy. The Utah Mormons say yes, the Reorganized Church says no.

After the death of Joseph Smith the Mormons split into several factions. The largest group followed Brigham Young on his journey to Utah. A sizable number, however, believed the Prophet's mantle should descend to Joseph Smith's eldest son, then 12 years old. Upon this premise, among others, the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was later organized and the presidency in that church has since remained in the family.

On Aug. 29, 1852, eight years after the death of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young announced to a Mormon conference at Salt Lake City, Utah, existence of what he claimed was a secret revelation received by Smith at Nauvoo, July 12, 1843. This was the so-called "plural wives" revelation, advocating the doctrine of polygamy. Its authenticity has consistently been denied by the Reorganized Church. That the revelation was not in Joseph Smith's handwriting has never been dis-

puted; furthermore it was pointed out that the Nauvoo newspaper of February, 1844, carried a notice, signed by Joseph Smith, of the excommunication of a Mormon elder for preaching "polygamy and other false and corrupt doctrines." Brigham Young's version of the controversy was as follows: "Though that doctrine (polygamy) had not been preached by the Elders, this people had believed in it for many years. The original copy of the revelation had been burned up but that a copy had been made with Joseph Smith's permission."

Both sides have convincing arguments. However, today the real controversy has vanished as polygamy has long since been abandoned.

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BUS SERVICE DESIRED IN PALOS VERDES

Stating that it doesn't want to go into the bus business for itself but will if necessary, the Palos Verdes Homes association, in a letter from Oscar L. Willet, chairman of the transportation committee, applied to the city council Tuesday night for a consultation on the subject of adequate transportation to Redondo and downtown Los Angeles.

Mayor William H. Tolson referred the request to the city's bus committee, headed by Councilman Tom McGuire. The Palos Verdes group, Willett stated, has taken options on the stock of the Palos Verdes Transportation company, preparatory to establishing some kind of a bus system.

Willet indicated the Palos Verdesians would like to "tie-in" with any plan the city of Torrance may develop to provide a bus service linking this city with the Los Angeles yellow bus terminal at Vermont and 114th street. Meanwhile, Gardena officials have also indicated a desire to cooperate with local officials on a proposed Gardena-Torrance line.

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Poolhall License Suspended; May Be Revoked Oct. 3

Because his establishment has been used for playing card games not allowed by law, Police Chief John Stroh this week suspended Fred Crawford's license to operate a poolhall at 1214 El Prado. Stroh notified the city council Tuesday night of his action and intention to revoke the license.

The council set next Tuesday night, Oct. 3, at 7:45 o'clock for a public hearing when Crawford may appear and show cause why his license should not be revoked.

Efficient ESCROW SERVICE Bank of America

Wind and Rain Abruptly Halt Record Heat Wave

TREES DOWNED AND DERRICKS COLLAPSE

Storm Maroons Local Folk on Island

Official Torrance Rain Report

Previous rainfall this year	0.68 inches
24-hour storm Sunday and Monday	5.02 inches
Monday night's rainfall	0.20 inches
TOTAL RAINFALL TO THIS MORNING	5.90 inches
First 1938 rain (Dec. 19)	5.10 inches

NOTE: All gauge figures from weather bureau maintained by city firemen atop central fire station garage.

Twenty-four hours of pouring rain and gusty gales abruptly ended Southern California's record seven-day heat wave Sunday. The storm which drenched Torrance in 5.02 inches of rain caused considerable damage and inconvenience to local residents whose roofs, baked out by heat which averaged better than 100 degrees for the preceding week, leaked badly.

Four people, three sisters and a young boy, miraculously escaped injury Sunday afternoon, when a Shell oil derrick crumpled under the lashing of a 65-mile gale and fell on a house at 20918, Valerie street in Redondo Beach just outside Torrance city limits.

The huge wooden structure demolished one side of the house leased by Frank Wirz, dairyman, and occupied at the time by his sisters, Frida, Henrietta and Frances.

A large black acacia, one of the finest trees in the park, was uprooted in El Prado Park Sunday and just missed striking John Young's new home when it toppled. A number of other trees throughout the city, their roots loosened by the torrential rains, blew down.

Power Line Downed

A derrick over one of the C. M. O.'s abandoned Del Amo wells north of the C.C.M.O. community tennis court crashed early Monday morning.

Residents in the southern part of the city were without electric line and power from about 7 o'clock Sunday night until 3 o'clock Monday morning.

Trees were downed at Madonna and Carson, Arlington and Lincoln streets and a number of other localities. Many were shorn of heavy limbs by the lashing winds which played havoc with shipping along the coast and caused a number of drownings.

Former Resident Drowned

One of the victims of the storm at sea, Mrs. Dorothy Sterling, 35, of Burbank, was a former resident of Torrance. She was drowned in the wreck of the Jolly Tom which was just about to make the safe Newport harbor when a huge wave, which witnesses said was 50 feet high, engulfed and capsized the tiny vessel.

All were thrown in the water and some found life preservers. Most of the victims were young people, including Jack and Nita Singlaub of Van Nuys, nephew and niece of Mrs. Willis M. Brooks of this city.

Mrs. Sterling was seen in the water and was told to hang on to the boat. Seconds later she was missed and it is believed that she must have been struck by something and lost consciousness. Her husband, Richard, and 16-year-old son, Gerald, were rescued with five others.

Young Gerald was brought to Torrance Memorial hospital late Tuesday from a hospital in Orange to be treated for a fractured pelvis and other injuries. Both he and his father, the lat-

Local friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stahl of the Cravens apartments were greatly disturbed early this week by their continued absence from home and fears were expressed that they may have been victims of the storm at sea Sunday night.

They left Saturday afternoon for a trip to Catalina Island aboard the Lucky Lady, a 56-foot ketch. Early Tuesday afternoon, however, it was learned that the Stahls had been storm-bound on the island. Stahl is a building contractor who is erecting houses here for Mrs. Boss Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Deining. With his wife he has been living at the Cravens apartments for the last two or three months.

Injured by Huge Wave

Another local resident, Mrs. J. B. Scotton of 1438 El Prado was badly hurt Saturday night when she was knocked down by breakers while surf bathing at Hermosa Beach. She was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. Mrs. Scotton suffered torn ligaments in her shoulder and chest.

The rainstorm brought the season's total here up to 5.70 inches. The first 1938 storm occurred Dec. 19, the total rainfall then being 5.10 inches.

When the derrick fell on the Wirz home on Valerie street, the Misses Wirz had each just left the kitchen a few minutes before the crown block smashed in the wall and wrecked that portion of the residence. The clock on the stove stopped at 3:55 p. m., to show the exact time of the damage.

Saw Derrick Falling

Other parts of the house, notably the roof, were also damaged by the crashing derrick. Miss Frances Wirz had just gone around to the front garden after picking flowers beside the kitchen door when the crash came. Miss Frida Wirz had just sat down in the living room after working in the kitchen and Miss Henrietta Wirz was in her room adjoining the kitchen when the oil structure collapsed.

"I heard the rending and tearing noise and then I saw a billow of what I thought was smoke burst thru the kitchen door into the dining room," Miss Frida said. "My sister Henrietta, who was in her room, said she saw the derrick falling towards our house but she was too frightened to scream. Frances had been picking flowers just where the most damage occurred and had just crossed the front yard. She, too, saw what she thought was smoke shooting out of our house. Later we found out it was dust from the plaster."

Reed Stone, young helper of (Continued on Page 6-C)

not installed and the high seas was unable to explain how the ring got into the light. Yesterday afternoon, the Ma-cathina, 40-foot cabin cruiser owned by P. E. Hennis, president of the Farmers and Merchants' bank of Gardena and well-known pioneer resident of Gardena valley, was reported safe at Catalina. Many friends of Hennis and his family were alarmed at the continued uncertainty of their fate after the Sunday storm.

Mystery of Ring in Light

The wind reversed its pathless course there and blew it back toward the oil and gasoline dock where it crashed, broke up and sank. Mrs. Haines, wife of the ill-fated yawl's owner, had left a valuable ring aboard and she appeared more concerned over the loss of this than the craft.

Monday morning, while she was walking along the beach in the vicinity of the submerged Roma, Mrs. Haines found a port-side light belonging to the craft. She picked it up and found it was undamaged. Opening the glass door she was amazed to discover her valuable ring inside. Thompson says that the woman

Trench warfare is thought by some to have originated in a battle at Corinth, Mass., during the Civil war.

Wooldridge Writes

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