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Housing Project Awaits Grading

Work on the Harbor Hills Housing project is now depending on the weather. The preliminary survey has been completed and the next step will be the grading of the site which is bounded by Western avenue and Palos Verdes Drive and covers 92 acres.

The project will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 and calls for 52 buildings of brick and reinforced concrete to house 300 families. Playgrounds for children and parking facilities will be provided.

Part of the site will be reserved for future expansion and the work on the present project will take about a year before the low-rent homes are ready for occupancy, it is reported.

STATE PICNICS

MISSOURI . . . All former residents of the "Show-Me" state are urged to attend the mid-winter picnic reunion Saturday, Jan. 13, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

Crown to Have 700 Gems

SINGAPORE (U.P.)—A crown of more than 400 diamonds and nearly 300 rubies will be placed on the head of the young Sultan of Selangor.

GARDEN THEATRE

EARPHONES

Now Showing

"Too Busy To Work" "CHAN—CITY OF DARKNESS"

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STARTS SUNDAY

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FRIDAY NITE

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STARTS MONDAY

DEANNA DURBIN

"FIRST LOVE"

ALSO

WAYNE MORRIS—ROSEMARY LANE

"RETURN OF DR. X"

MONDAY NITE

Free Portable Radio

WEDNESDAY ONLY

Beautyware Two Big Features



DEANNA'S GROWING UP . . . This trio provides a lot of fun in "First Love" which opens Monday at the Grand theatre. With Deanna Durbin, fabled singing star, are Robert Stack and Lewis Howard.

Parent Teacher Activities

GATEWAY COUNCIL MEET

Mrs. J. O. Bishop of Torrance, first vice-president of the Gateway Council of Tenth District, Parent Teachers Association, has been named to the 1940 nominating committee to represent the Council at this year's election of new district officers.

Other local women on the board include Mrs. I. C. Rous, membership chairman; Mrs. William Jolley, press book chairman, and Mrs. Charles Woodcock.

Gateway Council will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in the auditorium of San Pedro high school.

Special business is to include reading of a letter addressed to the association by the Queen of England in appreciation of a story on the Queen's and King's recent visit to America.

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Charles E. Woodcock, president of Torrance High School P. T. A., in company with Mrs. J. O. Bishop and Mrs. A. C. Golden, attended the initial meeting for 1940 of the Tenth District, today in Los Angeles.

Dr. Paul Popenoe, director of the Los Angeles Institute of Family Relations, spoke on "Human Relations Within the Family."

Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Woodcock, Mrs. H. R. Lee and Mrs. I. C. Rous went to Lomita Wednesday to attend Mrs. Charles Ernest's drill class on Parliamentary procedure. The classes, open to all P. T. A. members, are held in the auditorium of Lomita Elementary school.

The unit's first session of the new year will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon in the high school auditorium, when speakers will discuss "Relationship Between Citizenship and School Attendance."

Guest speakers for the occasion will be Mrs. Elsie Sargent of Los Angeles, assisting supervisor of attendance of the Los Angeles school system, and Mrs. Mabel Boynton, head of the local high school's attendance department. The entertainment program arranged by Miss Elizabeth Parks, is to include dramatic readings by pupils from Miss Sara Vaubel's B-8 English class and a group of musical numbers. The board will also award another life membership at the meeting.

FERN AVENUE . . . Mrs. J. J. Millard, president of Fern Avenue P. T. A. and Mrs. George Fisher attended the parliamentary law class in Lomita this week. Mrs. Millard and Mrs. Irene Davis represented the unit Wednesday afternoon at the

Future Farmers Enjoy Outing

Five Future Farmers of Torrance high school enjoyed the week-end of Dec. 15-17 at the Board of Education Forestry camp at Clear Creek, near Mt. Wilson. Here the boys received instruction in the value and plants of our watersheds, and gained experience in conservation practices. They also attended the lecture at Mt. Wilson observatory and looked through the 60-inch telescope at Jupiter and her moons.

Those who enjoyed the outing were Instructor Stone and Students Franklin, Golden, Peckham, Rowell and Schwartz.

Rebekahs Will Install Officers Next Wednesday

At an open installation Wednesday evening, Jan. 10, Mrs. Margaret Dobrick will surrender the gavel as noble grand of Trio Rebekah lodge to Mrs. Thelma Whitacre. Mrs. Lena Omohundro, publicity chairman, states that Mrs. Ethel Heinzman, district deputy president, and her staff will be present at 8 o'clock to install the staff of officers and friends of the Rebekahs are extended a cordial invitation to witness the impressive ceremony.

Relief Corps Thanks Donors for Gifts to Needy Families

Donations of cash, foodstuffs, clothing and toys by a number of local organizations and individuals greatly assisted the Woman's Relief Corps in helping many needy Torrance families during the recent holidays. The Corps yesterday expressed its grateful appreciation to the following for their contributions:

Rotary club for 40 boxes of foodstuffs, Kiwanis, National Business and Professional Women's clubs, the W. B. A., Mrs. Lillian Billups and the Columbia Steel Company for cash donations; Mr. Rupp for groceries, Woman's club for canned goods, Mayfair Creamery for 50 quarts of milk and J. Emerson for 30 handmade toys.

CARS IN COLLISION

No injuries were reported in the auto collision last Friday night on Sepulveda boulevard a half-mile east of Hawthorne avenue when cars driven by Frederick Francis John Lippert of this city and Verne C. Manning of Redondo Beach were involved.

Parents Council meeting in San Pedro.

Resumption of the Consumer Education Class will be at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning in the school auditorium.

Two Top-Notch Films at Lomita

"Rio" which is showing tonight at the Lomita theatre, is declared to be glamorous right from the start. The story begins in Paris with Basil Rathbone appearing as a prince of finance whose false empire is threatening to crash about his ears. He still retains a fine taste in pearls, wine and women. Sigrid Gurie is the woman; Her costumes were designed by Madame Pola, famous Paris couturier.

From Paris the action of the story moves to Rio de Janeiro, the gayest city in South America, replete with serenitas, chachiras, gauchos and rumba orchestras. And while Rathbone is eating his heart out in a jungle prison camp, Miss Gurie meets and falls in love with Robert Cummings.

"Dancing Co-Ed," which opens Friday at the Lomita is a parade of youth, romance, comedy and glamour, with Artie Shaw leading the band.

Featuring Lana Turner and Richard Carlson with the Swing King, this comedy with music is a picture keyed to the modern tempo that not only should draw the jitterbugs to the box-office—Shaw will take care of that!—but will prove grand entertainment for those who know nothing about jitterbugs and care less.



A ROYAL ROMANCE . . . Olivia de Havilland vies with Bette Davis for Errol Flynn's love in "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex," a gorgeous, dramatic Technicolor production which is currently showing at the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne.

"Trailer Vagabond" Tours Palm Springs

By WARREN BAYLEY This place is fast becoming one of the most popular winter resorts in the world. Twenty years ago it was practically unknown. Today it boasts a winter population of over 8,000 and judging from the real-estate offices and their activity, its growth has just begun.

Located at the base of two-mile high Mount San Jacinto which protects it from the fogs of the coast, it has the highest sunshine percentage of any section of the United States. As its average annual rainfall is only slightly over four inches, the atmosphere is consistently dry and clear—a blessing for people bothered with sinus trouble.

In the summer it becomes a ghost town. Its 8000 winter population drops to about 500 and most of these wish they were somewhere else. Mid-summer temperatures run around 110 to 120 and have touched 132 on rare occasions. However, in spite of high temperatures, there are few heat prostrations, due to the lack of humidity; sunstroke is almost unknown.

Only 50 Indians Left One of the reasons for this resort's existence is its hot mineral springs from which it takes a part of its name. Our government's policy regarding these springs, as well as its future policy regarding the local Indians, is causing our Washington lawmakers no end of headaches. Here is the story as told to me by one of the Indian big-wigs from the Indian Reservation just south of town. For many centuries before the coming of the Spaniards and up until the building of the Southern Pacific Railroad, the present site of Palm Springs was occupied by their tribe, the Agua Caliente Indians. With the building of the railroad, our government decided they should be placed on a reservation and as a result 33,000 acres were set aside for that purpose. There they live today in rather primitive dwellings. Fifty strong—28 adults and 22 children.

In setting aside the land for reservation, a solid block was used. First the desert was surveyed and then alternate sections (checkerboard fashion) were proclaimed Indian land. As their village site (Palm Springs) was on an odd section, they were obliged to move.

Newcomers are clothed On first thought, keeping out this one particular section seems hardly fair but as it worked out, the Indians hit the jack-pot.

The mineral springs are on section 14 of their reservation and at this time there is a standing offer of \$2,000,000 for its purchase.

The Indians want to sell, use some of the money to build inexpensive modern homes and an auditorium. So far the Government has turned thumbs, down on the idea. Anyway — Palm Springs is still a wonderful place for a winter sojourn. Sun suits and shorts are the prevailing wearing apparel. That makes it easy to spot a lady newcomer even at 200 yards — she's the one in the dress.

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