

Chivalry is NOT Dead in Lomita But It's Vanishing

It wouldn't look quite so bad if the bench-sitters who occupy the benches placed downtown for passengers waiting for buses would at least vacate them for a few minutes when women passenger stand waiting at the corners.

We're not hollering for women's rights. We're just reminding people that the only purpose for which several business firms put those benches on the sidewalks was for the accommodation of bus passengers.

Beware Eating Mussels Now

Reports have come to the attention of County Health Officer, Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, that unscrupulous fishermen are gathering mussels from the Long Beach and Venice piers in violation of the state mussel quarantine now in effect.

While the various health officers of the county are cooperating in their endeavors to apprehend these persons, the public is warned to refrain from buying any mussels whatsoever during the period of the quarantine, in effect until September 30. Los Angeles city inspectors are watching meat markets and are condemning any mussels they find for sale to the public.

EIRE CALLS VOLUNTEERS

Ireland has issued a call for "at least 400,000 volunteers" for armed forces urging "everyone who can walk to join the defense army."

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State Civil Service Workers' Pay Shows Increase Over 1935

SACRAMENTO (U.P.)—Further evidence that the state of California is in big business was shown this week in a personnel board report that 24,316 civil service workers received a total annual salary of \$54,807,921, an average monthly paycheck of \$157 as compared to the \$148 average from 1935 to 1939.

Several important agencies are not under civil service, including the University of California and state relief administration.

Personnel statistician Roy W. Stephens reported to Louis Kroeger, executive officer of the personnel board, that more than one-half of the men working for the state earn more than \$163 a month and women, \$116. The median salary of all civil service workers increased from \$131 to \$142 since 1935.

Sacramento is the center of state activity with 6,558 employees, more than double the number of 1935. Employees in San Francisco and Los Angeles counties increased by 50 per cent, with 3571 in Los Angeles and 3205 in San Francisco at the close of 1939.

Candy Money Buys War Bonds WINNIPEG, Man. (U.P.)—Winnipeg children are showing the way to turn candy and picture shows into War Savings bonds. There are about 36,000 students in 54 schools and they already have bought \$2,800 worth of War Saving stamps.

Volunteers March as England Awaits Nazi Push



This is typical scene these days on "island fortress" of England, where virtually every man and woman has been drafted or has volunteered for service of some kind as dread Nazi invasion is awaited. Through picturesque countryside of Chipping Campden in Gloucestershire, this local volunteer defense unit marches without uniforms. Every man is a crack shot. They hch for crack at Nazi parachuters.

Great Grunion Gallop

Fish Flood on Beach Six to 8 Inches Deep

Transposing the beach near the power house at Seal Beach lagoon into a shimmering silver carpet, six to eight inches deep in frantic, wriggling fish, the greatest grunion run in the memory of veteran grunioners was witnessed Tuesday night by Matt A. Graehn and Harry M. Roberts of Lomita.

They described the influx of grunion as a veritable avalanche of fish and in the space of 20 minutes they filled every receptacle, sack, shirt and sweater, they possessed.

"We had been looking for grunion for three nights previous," Graehn, who lives with his wife at 2451 256th street, reported. "Tuesday night was apparently just right for them because about 11 o'clock they started coming in—and boy, did they come!"

"Why, they were so thick that the small waves just washed up tons of them" on top of each other until they were at least six inches deep for the length of a city block," broke in Roberts, a longshoreman, who recently moved to 25311 Cypress street with his wife and four-year-old son, Monroe.

"The biggest difficulty we had was keeping the sand out of our eyes," continued Graehn. "The grunion seemed to just kick it up two or three feet high as they poured in on the beach."

"We came down with a few flour sacks—but we soon had those filled, and then we filled the bread box in which our wives had packed our cats. Then we filled a couple of buckets and still the grunion spun in. Next we took off our shirts, flannel those, and even used our sweaters!" Roberts declared.

"And the strange thing about it was that our families and another couple were the only ones on the beach at the time. On other nights, when the grunion were scheduled to run, the beach was crowded," Graehn said.

"I know it sounds like a grunion story to end all grunion stories—but we've got pictures to prove our account," Roberts emphasized. "We didn't get any night shots but the next morning I took a whole roll of our catch—and that was after we had given away plenty of them."

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DEER SEASON LOOKS GOOD FOR HUNTERS

SACRAMENTO (U.P.)—With the opening of deer season just around the corner (Aug. 1), quality and quantity are not lacking in California's deer herds this year, and the take may be even larger than last year, J. S. Hunter, chief of the bureau of game conservation announced this week.

Following a statewide survey, Hunter said:

"The winter was mild, with feed conditions good all winter, rain rather than snow prevailed up to the 6000 foot level and the abundance of water may make the hunters do more walking, as there will not be the concentration around water-holes that occur during dry seasons. Hard polished horns were noted in Lake county early in July.

"Despite the fact we have had a long season for more than 40 years and a liberal bag limit, the deer is excellent. Last year hunters harvested the biggest crop yet reported, 43,250 bucks, which has doubled in the last four years."

The season which opens Aug. 1 will close Sept. 15, except in Los Angeles, Ventura and Lake counties where new orders set a season from Aug. 10 to Sept. 9.

Following is a summary of deer conditions in various nearby counties either entirely or partially in the early season area:

Kern—deer are in good shape in the Frazier-Mt. Lebec area, probably still be in velvet when the season opens.

Los Angeles—(season Aug. 10 to Sept. 9) plenty deer, hunting conditions poor.

San Luis Obispo—(season from Aug. 10 to Sept. 9), season should be good, best districts, are Humana, Pozo, Parkfield areas, and in north-western county bounded by Atascadero, San Miguel, Bryson and Klau Mine.

Santa Barbara—(season Aug. 10 to Sept. 9), normally good, roads and trails in good shape.

Ventura—(season Aug. 10 to Sept. 9), plenty deer in good shape and hunting should be good.

191,312 In State Get Social Security Payments In June

SACRAMENTO (U.P.)—Social security payments totalling \$6,580,713 were made to 191,312 persons during June, Miss Martha A. Chickering, director of the department of social welfare reported this week.

For Los Angeles county, 57,867 aged persons received aid totalling \$2,183,528 an average of \$37.73 per person; 3,438 needy blind, \$165,253 an average of \$48.07, and 13,382 needy children, \$259,986 an average of \$19.43.

The federal government, state and counties cooperate in making the assistance payments.

Citizenship Becomes Valuable; Birth Records In Big Demand Now

Requests for certified copies of birth certificates during the first six months of 1940 have increased more than 66 per cent over the same period last year at the county health department, it was learned today from R. C. Webster, director of vital statistics.

Necessity for proof of citizenship on the part of workers, due to defense activities in this country, is responsible for the increased number of requests.

Birth certificates are used principally to establish the place of birth, thereby proving citizenship. With the present defense activities, aircraft plants and munition plants are required to employ only United States citizens who can prove their citizenship.

Some radio stations also are requiring their employees to give proof of their citizenship in order to continue employment. United States citizens in Canada also are required now to submit proof of citizenship before being permitted to return to this country.

Lion Hunters Set New Record for June Kills

SACRAMENTO (U.P.)—Lion hunters finally got their eye and bagged a total of 29 lions during June, a record that will probably stand for many years, J. S. Hunter, chief of the bureau of game conservation reported today.

Lions were taken by state hunters in the following counties: Tulare 6; El Dorado, 3; Glenn and Lake, Orange, counties, 4 each; 2 in Trinity and six by private citizens.

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AMECHES' FOURTH SON
Don Ameche, film and radio actor, became the father of his fourth son in Los Angeles last Saturday.

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