

**BREAKFAST . . .** The WALTERIA Parent Teachers' association held an enjoyable "kidnap" breakfast recently at the home of Mrs. Gladys Butterfield.

Mrs. G. J. Derouin and Mrs. Verne Riley of Redondo Beach returned Monday from a month's motor trip. They visited friends and relatives in Pennsylvania, Detroit, Chicago and before returning spent some time in North Dakota and Montana.

The Misses Rosa and Katherine Orfan returned last Friday from a vacation in the east. Enroute they took delivery of a new car at Detroit and visited friends and relatives in New York, Washington, Pittsburgh and Kokomo, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bower and daughters, Shirley and Violet, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Williamson and son, Bob, enjoyed a picnic Sunday at Brookside Park, Los Angeles.

**Burglar Alarm at Store Prevents Robbery Here**

Some hard-working burglars who attempted to enter the Safeway Store thru the roof Saturday night got nothing but exercise for their efforts when the burglar-alarm halted the entry. They had cut thru the roof, worked their way across the ceiling to a spot over the meat department ice box and were proceeding to bore thru the ceiling with an auger when the alarm sounded at 10:55 o'clock.

After getting out, the burglars made their way to Carl Marsteller's apartment in the Levy building where a pillowcase was stripped from the bed and used for a tool sack. Marsteller, on returning home shortly before midnight, discovered the tools in the pillowcase stuffed behind his davenport, according to police.

From the manner in which the burglars attempted their entry, police and Safeway officials believe the marauders were the same outfit that has been burglarizing the company's stores in several other cities.

**People**

what they're doing

Mrs. H. F. Ulbright and daughter Dolores, accompanied by her brother, William Loftus and Mrs. Jean Isaacs, left Monday for Benton Harbor, Michigan. Loftus will take delivery of a new car and the group will return about Aug. 1.

Recent house guests of the J. W. McQualls were her sister, Mrs. D. S. Peck of Ventura and a niece, Mrs. D. D. Dillon and children of Brava, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl K. Miller of 2014 Torrance blvd. entertained as their weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hall of Highland Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Kneiser returned Thursday from a month's motor trip. En route they visited her sisters in Dallas and Kansas City, continued to the Badlands, South Dakota and returned via Reno and Lake Tahoe.

John Fess, Jr., of the U. S. S. Arizona is spending a furlough at his parents' home here.

**Harbor Expansion Along Slough to Gardena Revived**

To study plans for Los Angeles Harbor expansion, a committee was appointed yesterday at a meeting of the Greater Harbor Association board. Members are F. M. Andreani, attorney and former harbor commissioner, who is well known here; Thomas E. Ashbrook and Capt. Jay Garland Starr.

Because "it is practically impossible for a company to find water space for small craft in either Los Angeles or Long Beach harbors," according to Starr, the proposed expansion would be to dredge Nigger Slough as far inland as Gardena. This would provide approximately 200 commercial and industrial locations, he said.

Old-timers here will recall the efforts made by Andreani to interest governmental authorities in dredging a "ship-canal" from the harbor as far inland as Torrance using the slough as a route.

The chirlgolo, a South American sparrow, has 22 subspecies.

**Council Covers Wide Field of Civic Business in Tuesday Session**

Many items of business were transacted by the city council Tuesday evening. Among the more important to local residents were:

Action authorizing the mayor, city clerk and city attorney to write the county supervisors notifying them of the city's intention to assist some 16 North Torrance families in working out a solution to their water problem before Sept. 1. At the present time, these families are securing water from the Perry school mains.

Assessing the WALTERIA Civic Organization had never received any information concerning the outcome of three separate suggestions for improvement in that area. J. W. Crowther asked the council to notify the group of any future action regarding WALTERIA projects. This organization asked the city to "install a boulevard stop at Newton and Hawthorne ave. This was referred to the police committee for recommendation.

**Ludlow Resigns Posts**  
The present two-hour parking limit on El Prado in front of their establishments is injuring the business of the Erwin and Rol Tan hotels and Rol Tan cafe, the owners wrote the council. They wanted the restriction lifted from the alley to Border ave. The request was referred to the police for investigation.

Because he is moving from the city, Scott R. Ludlow tendered his resignation as a member of the city library board and city planning commission. No action was taken on the matter.

Three requests for fireworks sale permits were granted and three denied.

**May Remove Trailer Ban**  
In preparation for the improvement of the hazardous curve at Narbonne ave. and Sepulveda blvd., a resolution accepting an easement deed from a property owner in New York City was adopted. Glenn Jain, acting city engineer, said that it is planned to widen the street to eliminate the curve by making it a 1,000-foot radius and banked. The improvement is so designed as to fit in with Sepulveda when and if that highway is improved, he said.

Reporting that he has been receiving requests to allow trailer plants to be set up on vacant lots while the property is being improved, Engineer Jain said that he had also observed that the present ordinance forbidding this was being violated in several locations throughout the city. The council indicated it would seek information on the "trailer problem" from other cities, meanwhile continuing to stand by the present law. No action was taken regarding those who are violating it now.

Request Clean-Up  
Neil Whitney, having passed his second six-months' probationary period as a fireman was given a pay boost from \$145 to \$165 per month. Adrian Thornberry was advanced from a probationary police officer to permanent rating. Carl Friburg, who has been serving as a vacation-relief officer, was given probationary employment and Police Chief John Stroh's request that he be given permission to employ a vacation-relief officer in Friburg's place was granted.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was instructed to write the Santa Fe railroad requesting a clean-up of the right-of-way on Madrid ave. between Carson st. and Torrance blvd.  
The sum of \$12,885 was transferred from the Torrance Municipal Water District as a loan to the city's general fund where the money will be used to pay for the new Ford buses recently purchased by the city.

**Cream Pastry Termed Unfit Unless Fresh**

ALBANY, N. Y. (U.P.)—The delicate cream puff can be a dangerous dessert. So the state health department warned:

"The frequent occurrence of outbreaks of food poisoning attributable to the consumption of cream-filled pastries is proof that bakers or consumers, or both, do not fully appreciate the precautions which should be observed in the preparation, handling and storage of cream-filled pastries."  
The department said the custard in cream-filled pastries is an excellent breeding ground for germs. Cream puffs, eclairs, cream-filled pie and Boston cream pie should be eaten soon after they are baked, since their display on counters promotes the growth of bacteria.

A manganese ore concentration plant located in Oriente Province, Cuba, producing 380 tons of 50 per cent manganese daily, is reported to be the largest enterprise of its kind in the world.

**POLICE CAR WRECKED IN TRAIN CRASH**

Speeding south on Arlington avenue to investigate a three-car auto crash, Captain Ernest Ashton became involved in an automobile-train collision early Friday morning that resulted in a narrow escape from death for himself and virtual demolition of the Pontiac squad car purchased by the police department last March.

He was driving thru a fog when a slow-moving string of freight cars loomed up on the railroad crossing near the city park. Ashton swerved his machine to ride with the train but it crashed against the side of a freight car and was carried several yards before it was dropped. The officer escaped injury as he was opposite the side of the car that crashed the train.

In the accident Ashton was driving to, a machine operated by Raymond Campbell, 38, of Los Angeles, and going west on Highway 101 crossed the center-line, hit an east-bound machine driven by Glen Layton of Santa Ana and careened off onto a machine following Layton's. The third car was operated by James Adams of Santa Ana. Campbell was jailed later on a drunk driving charge.

Tuesday night the city council ordered the purchase of a new Pontiac sedan to replace the wrecked machine whose trade-in value was said to be \$228.86 on the 1935 new machine. At the same time council purchased a Chevrolet deluxe sedan for the police department at a cost of \$582 with an allowance of \$534.92 on the trade-in of the department's present Chevrolet. Both purchases will come out of the 1941-42 budget.

**STORKATORIALS**

**LINDA GAIL THOMAS . . .** was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Thomas in their home city of Oklahoma City, Okla., June 1. Their first child, she weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces. Father Thomas is office manager for the D & M Machine Shop Company of Torrance at Oklahoma City and Mrs. Thomas is the former Betty Dalton. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dalton of this city and Mrs. Zella Thomas of Bakerfield.

**MARGARET ANN CONNER . . .** was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Conner at Redondo Beach, June 19 at 12:44 p. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. She weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and has a sister, Patricia Lee, 3 1/2 years old. Her father is a lineman for the Southern California Edison Co. and her mother is the former Leola Bodenhofer. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bodenhofer of Los Angeles and Mrs. M. E. Conner of Lindsey, Okla.

**MARGARET LOUISE HICKEY . . .** arrived to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leroy Hickey of 1351 West 252nd st., Harbor City, June 24 at 1:04 a. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, she weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce. Her father is a leadman at the Douglas Aircraft plant and her mother is the former Jeanette Evans. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Evans of 107 Polaris ave., Torrance, and Mrs. Mabel Duncan of San Bernardino.

**LONNY YOSHIO ITOW . . .** was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Itow of Gardena, June 23 at 1:21 p. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. She weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and has a brother, Lucky Masahige, 13 months old. The baby's father is a mechanic in a taxi and his mother is the former Kinako Ikeda. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. Itow of Compton, Mrs. J. Murakami of Gardena and S. Ikeda, also of Gardena.

**WILSON GARDNER MARRS, Jr. . . .** was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson G. Marrs of 2213 Cabrillo ave., June 24 at 2:24 a. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. His first child, he weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces. His father is a drill operator at the Torrance Electric Co. and his mother is the former Mildred Bernice Gordon. The grandparents are Mrs. Alice W. Marrs of San Diego and Mrs. M. Marrs of Los Angeles, Mrs. Bob Hodges of Elk City, Ore., and George Gordon of El Segundo.

**GRENNIE MASAARI UCHIDA . . .** was welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Uchida of Gardena, June 22 at 7:56 p. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, he weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces. His father is a cafe owner and his mother is the former Amy Shimizu. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Juhachi Uchida of Gardena and Mr. and Mrs. Eiji Shimizu of Hollywood.

**BABY GRAY . . .** a son, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Gray of Compton, June 23 at 3:30 a. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital.

**BABY LAWSON . . .** a daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. Lawson of Redondo Beach June 25 at 6:30 a. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital.

**ROBERT LEROY PULLIAM . . .** and Mrs. Letoy Pulliam of 2012 1/2 Gramercy ave., June 11 at Bixby Knolls hospital in Lone Beach. Their first child, he weighed 5 pounds 6 ounces. His father is employed at Pacific Motors and his mother is the former Eileen Babcock. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Babcock of 2008 Gramercy ave. and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Pulliam of San Pedro. Robert Letoy is also a great-grandson of Mrs. Mary Babcock of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bretton of Cheyenne, Wyo.

**RAILWAY LABOR UNION DEMANDS WOULD COST 900 Million Dollars A YEAR**

**T**HE labor unions have made their demands upon the railways of the United States—and through the railways upon the PUBLIC. These demands are vastly larger in proportion than any they have ever made. The economical and efficient operation of the railways is vital to the nation's defense effort. Therefore, the Western Railways present to the public the following facts:

The labor unions representing engineers, firemen, conductors, brakemen and switchmen are demanding a 30 per cent increase in wages, amounting to 190 million dollars a year—although their present rates of pay are the highest in history.

Other unions representing a greater number of railway employees are demanding wage increases ranging as high as 95 per cent—averaging 47 per cent—and amounting to 580 million dollars a year—although their present rates of pay also are the highest in history.

Thus the wage increases being demanded by the labor unions amount to 770 million dollars a year, an average increase in excess of 41 per cent.

In addition, certain of these labor unions have demanded advances in their pay not included in the above figures, and more rules for the creation of unnecessary jobs.

The situation, then, is this: The total cost of complying with all the demands made would be approximately 900 million dollars a year!

The average weekly earnings of railway employees are now 15 per cent higher than in the peak year 1929, while the cost of living is 12 per cent less.

The demands of the railway labor unions are being made when the entire nation has just been asked to make a supreme effort for National Defense.

The railways cannot meet these demands without a great increase in the cost of transportation. They exceed by more than 700 million dollars the income that the railways had left after paying their annual expenses, taxes and charges in 1940.

The railways have a vitally important job before them. They need all their resources to continue adequately to serve you and contribute effectively toward the National Defense Program.

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