

Artist with Razor Blades Recovers from Long Illness

Recovered from a siege of three months' illness, C. H. Daniels, well-known "cartoonist in wood," expects to return to his old job at the Columbia Steel drafting office. Daniels' latest creation with a razor blade, a large plaque for Bing Crosby was made while he was recuperating in the Mojave desert. The carving will hang at the Del Mar race track.

Larger Phone Book is Out

With five more pages of listings in the alphabetical section, the new telephone directory is now being distributed, according to F. W. Smith, district manager of the Southern California Telephone Company. He said that there are 51 pages of listings in the new book, as compared with 48 pages in the book now being taken out of circulation. The increase reflects a gain in the number of listings to 13,000 from 12,359. The number of pages in the classified directory also shows an increase, the district manager said, giving the total as 88, compared with 72 in the old book. For the first time, the directory makes its appearance in the new gray cover which will be used in the future alternately with a new and lighter shade of green.

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Air Corps to Fly Enlisted Men, Noncoms

The sticks of Army Air Corps planes, until now exclusively in the hands of officers were given in part this week to enlisted men according to Sergeant William J. Mairs, 215 Federal Building, San Bernardino. High school graduates ambitious to become Army pilots now have their chance, even if their educational qualifications do not admit of their becoming officers, they may still fly Army airplanes and may look forward to careers as pilots.

The flying noncom has been part of the British and German air forces for years, but he is something new in the U. S. A. The field is now open to applicants. Training will start as soon as administrative details can be arranged. Men who qualify will be taught to fly, they will be paid while learning, and after graduation their future will be assured.

All this is made possible by a bill which has passed Congress and which the President has just signed. It authorizes the Secretary of War to detail enlisted men in the Army for training and instruction as aviation students, in their respective grades.

Some Physical Standards. When they have won their wings, they will fly as non-commissioned officers. And these enlisted aviation students will be issued \$10,000 in government life insurance, the premium to be paid by the government while they are being trained, and by themselves afterwards. Eventually, one out of five Army Air Corps pilots may be a man who has risen from the ranks to become a non-commissioned officer. While all of the manifold details of selection, training and using these enlisted pilots have not been worked out, these are some of the possibilities.

Applicants between the ages of 19 and 22 years, inclusive, will be given preference. The physical standard required for all student pilots will not be lowered; it will be the same as that for aviation cadets.

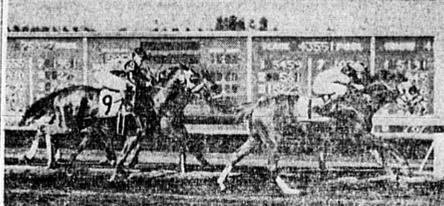
STABBING MOTHER EARTH
To keep crude oil reserves ahead of consumption the petroleum industry must drill about 30,000 wells each year, and their total depth is nearly 19,000 miles.

Eleven Patients Enter Hospital

Eleven patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: James H. Armstrong of Gardena, July 5, for medical care; Laurence Burns, Torrance apartments, July 7, for treatment of a foot injury as result of an accident; Willard Barnett, 2007 Andreo ave. Torrance motor officer, for treatment of injuries sustained Sunday when he collided his motorcycle with an automobile, and Cecil Dethridge, Lomita, who suffered an injury to his right foot when a steel plate fell on it at the International Derrick and Equipment plant Tuesday.

Ronald Gies, Lomita, July 7, for surgery; Ben Lennert, Inglewood electrician, for treatment of burned hands July 7; Gordon Mann, 16, of 4800 171st st. July 7 for surgery; Bob Olsen, Lomita, for surgery July 8; Fred J. Sahill, 19, Lawdale, July 6 for surgery; Grover G. Shavey, 1328 West 220th st. July 6 for medical care, and Matthew Weaver, 1906 222nd st. July 8 for surgery.

Triangle Threat in Hollypark Derby



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County Retains Seven Appraisers for Land Study

With new assessed valuation figures to be announced next week, the board of supervisors this week was having information gathered on land values throughout the county, for their guidance during the next 10 days while they sit as a county board of equalization.

Employment of seven expert appraisers, one of them M. E. Durham, who caused several million dollars in tax refund suits to be brought against the county, has been approved by the board, at the personal request of Wayne Allen, the board's chief officer.

The other six experts, who will be paid \$25 a day for their services, are Frank DeWitt, Arthur L. Layden, Craig Nason, E. L. Silkman, Clement B. Stern and F. C. Wood, Jr. None is to be employed for more than three weeks.

The bureau of administrative research is engaging, upon instructions, in a study of land values in the city and county of Los Angeles," it was explained by H. S. Scoville, director of the bureau. "This calls for expert appraisers, which the bureau does not have on its staff. We have made a careful investigation and find seven competent men whom it may be desirable to employ."

One of Every Four Drivers is a Woman

Approximately one of every four car drivers in twenty-one states of the union is a woman. This estimate is based on figures compiled by the National Highway Users Conference.

From the same source comes the interesting statement that Arizona, with 32.1 per cent, has the largest ratio of woman drivers of any of the 48 states.

GASOLINE CONSUMPTION

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Army Engineers Studying Slough Drainage Project

Several Los Angeles County Departments today were cooperating with United States Army engineers in a re-survey of the Laguna Dominguez area with the view that its drainage is necessary as a national defense move.

An appeal that this area be drained as a flood control project with W.P.A. labor failed due to the fact that benefits to result were not deemed commensurate with the cost. However, supervisors have been given assurance that Army engineers would look at the matter from a different viewpoint if the work was requested as a defense measure.

In the area which comprises some 2,016 acres, are located a number of airplane factories and eight major highways. The County officials state that floods prevent access over these roads and to these highways.

Cost Seven Million. It is estimated that partial relief from the flooded condition would cost approximately \$1,920,000 and that permanent relief would entail an expenditure of nearly seven million dollars.

Under the new plan the entire cost would be borne by the United States government and adequate drainage facilities would be installed from Mines Field to the ocean.

A county ordinance now prohibits construction of habitable structures below the 15.5 foot contour line, because of danger of floods. Los Angeles city officials were urged to endorse the supervisors' action, and co-operation of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce was expected to be pledged at the meeting tonight in Hawthorne.

Club Leader at L. A. Convention

Mrs. Edna Smith, president of the National Business and Professional Women's club of Torrance, has been attending sessions of the national convention held at Hotel Ambassador.

As a member of the state board, Mrs. Smith was one of the hostesses at the dinner held at the Women's Athletic Club Saturday night when presidents from 45 state associations and the national board were guests.

Egypt had beauty salons as early as 3,200 B. C.

Angeleno Predicts Bright Future for City

Making one of his periodic visits to a city council session, Charles Elman, former local businessman and now a resident of Los Angeles, commended the municipal board Tuesday night for the recent purchase of two lots on El Prado adjoining the city hall.

"I believe that Torrance is opening an era that will make this city one of the most thriving communities in the state," he said in part.

MORE SAFETY LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

Safety devices to prevent "blow-outs" on oil wells being drilled, which would prevent a recurrence of the roaring well that blew in last week near George Washington High school at Imperial and Normandie, are called for in amendments proposed to the county ordinance establishing a fire prevention code.

Several score amendments are proposed on the list, submitted by Spence Turner, county fire warden, and they would apply to all unincorporated areas of the county. The amendments proposed are necessary to provide adequate protection, he said.

Several of the proposals apply to tank trucks and trailers. Carburators would be required to have a safety device to prevent overflow or drip, and protection to fuel tanks mounted on the side of the chassis.

Institution Safeguards. Relating to institutions, exit doors would be required to swing outward if bed patients are kept in the building, and beds would be required to have casters three inches in diameter to facilitate removal in time of emergency. A system of bells or other devices also would be required for use with fire exit drills in public and private schools.

Another amendment would prohibit dumps for combustible rubbish on land containing any peat deposit. Height of hedges that might constitute a fire hazard are regulated by another amendment proposed.

The proposals are to be studied by the supervisors and adoption considered at a later date. Turner said that representative groups from the oil industry had discussed the amendments and approved them.

No Penalties on Tax Payments to September 30

Owners of 100,000 parcels of tax delinquent properties in this county will have opportunity until September 30th to redeem their holdings without payment of penalties and excessive interest.

This opportunity, according to County Tax Collector H. L. Byram, is afforded by authority of Assembly Bill No. 1435 passed in the recent session of the legislature, which extends this privilege for 90 days beginning July 1.

Under this bill, property can be redeemed in cases where it was sold to the state on or before July 6, 1940, without the usual penalties but with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum from the date of sale to the state until the date of redemption. In no case, however, may the interest be computed for more than three years; therefore, the maximum interest charge cannot exceed 15 per cent.

This act does not apply where the delinquency covers only the 1940-41 taxes which were sold to the state June 30, 1941.

This reduced rate is intended only for a complete redemption and cannot be used for the adoption of the five payment plan. However, those property owners who have already made payments under any partial payment plan may now redeem on this reduced basis and receive full credit for the total amount paid under the installment plan.

This act has no effect on the auction sale of property for taxes delinquent more than five years, which sale is now being conducted by the tax collector on the Third Floor of the Hall of Justice.

Resident Protests Changing Purchase Agents at Council

Protesting the removal of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett as city purchasing agent, Mrs. Rayonette C. Brown of 1008 Cedar ave. wrote the city council Tuesday night that "the city's business firms will feel a great loss and many delays in getting orders through" if the city engineer's office.

She paid high tribute to Bartlett for his being "ever on the job, many years of experience and understanding of the subject." Mrs. Brown implored the council to retain the city clerk as purchasing agent but on motion by Councilman Vern Babcock her letter was "placed on file."

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