

PRIZE EXHIBIT . . . Walter King is shown in the above photo putting the 90-second finishing touches in setting up his Camp King Trailer which he made here in Torrance. Six feet wide, the camp trailer has plenty of head-room in addition to allowing a full-width bed. In the lower photo, King, seated at right, invites Col Roger Q. Williams into his spacious trailer for a cup of coffee which Mrs. Eleanor King is preparing to pour. Every conceivable necessity is incorporated in the inventor's camping trailer. King has received more than 2,700 orders for his home-made idea and will start full production within the very near future. (Torrance Herald photo)

Birds In E. Torrance Not Lost For Want Of Homes; Collection Famous

By MILDRED HUNT

About the only living creatures not affected by the housing shortage are the birds.

Mrs. Charles Dunham, 1403 W. Carson st., has personally seen to it that birds not only have homes but a village as well. This little "bird town" is nestled among the branches of a wisteria vine, over the rafters of her patio. The quaint little village is complete with fire station, music hall, hotel, general store, hospital and even an American Legion headquarters.

When the idea of a bird village was first conceived, Mrs. Dunham conducted a contest and offered prizes to the neighborhood boys for the building of the best bird houses. Fourteen bird houses were presented and all boys received prizes. That was five years ago and since that time the bird village has increased in size and now numbers thirty. A few of the bird houses have been gifts while others have been especially made for the village.

One bird house, the Red Cross hospital, has fourteen compartments with room numbers painted above the windows. Several small houses have the names of the birds painted on the front. Apparently these birds have settled down and are steady members of the little community. The others are transit guests.

According to Mrs. Dunham, birds of all sizes and descriptions have been guests at the little village. The most frequent visitors are the humming birds, mocking birds and wild canaries. When the small radio in the patio is tuned up it starts the birds off on a singing spree.

Another bird house should be added to the village for a press agent as it has had its share of publicity. Miss Bernadine Flynn, news commentator, featured the bird community in a broadcast over station KNX several years ago. Many visitors have called to view the bird houses, including school teachers and classes. Mrs. Dunham keeps a guest book which is almost filled with names of the many people who have called.

The surrounding patio is designed in keeping with the bird village. A wishing well complete with wooden bucket graces a corner of the patio. In another corner is a large kidney shaped fish pond. This pond is constructed on top of the ground and contains large gold fish, a light house and fancy bridges. When making wishes at the well, visitors drop pennies in the bucket which are later placed in a bank presented by the Braille Institute of Los Angeles and are given to the school each year.

The walks in the patio are distinguished with sign posts which feature wrought-iron signs decorated with animals and such names as "Memory Lane," "Rose Lane" and "Wildwood" are in gold lettering on a black background.

Another section of the patio is called the Christmas corner. Double Poinsettia trees are surrounded by small bushes of Eastern Holly and Bittersweet. A huge India Cedar tree shades the patio and during the yule season is lit up with one hundred and twenty different colored lights.

Mexican pottery and drawings add an artistic touch to this unique patio. An old brass dinner bell hangs beside the kitchen door. A statue of the colored boy holding a fishing pole sits tirelessly beside a small pool of water. Nearby stands a small stucco fort building with Fort MacArthur painted in red letters on the top. Strung out over the patio ground are statues of ducks, squirrels and birds. A three-foot sculptured deer with real antlers adds a realistic touch to the section called "Wildwood."

Three Enlisted For Tour Of Army Duty

Three local youths, enlisted last week in the Regular Army, according to S/Sgt. E. M. Bryant, local recruiting sergeant, Robert L. Kirce Jr., 23, 1665 W. 204th st., enlisted unassigned for a period of 18 months. Kirce, a veteran of three and a half years with the Navy, was discharged from that service last January.

Douglas L. Scribner, 17, 1669 W. 204th st., enlisted Sept. 16 here for an unassigned tour of duty, the sergeant said. Young Scribner's enlistment will terminate in February of 1948.

Dale K. Morse, 17, 3745 W. 171st st., enlisted for a three-year period with the regulars. He chose the Pacific area with the Army Air Forces, Bryant announced.

DRUNK DRIVING

Abelino J. Valencia, 203rd st., pleaded guilty Friday before City Judge John Shidler to a charge of drunk driving and was promptly fined \$75. Abelino's driver's license was revoked until Oct. 20.

HOSPITAL CARE

Hospitals form a strong link in the chain of community service. In the Los Angeles area the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital is an effective part of that link. Diagnostic, surgical, medical and dental care is provided free and on a part-day basis in the outpatient department. Also, a number of free and part-day beds are provided in the hospital itself. This is a Community Chest project.

Courtesy on the highway will make the trip safer. Streets and highways are cooperative—not competitive—paths of activity.

TORRANCE CITY ATTORNEY NAMED LEAGUE PRESIDENT

John McCall, Torrance city attorney, last week was named president of the city attorney's department of the League of California Cities at the conclusion of the group's three-day convention in San Diego. McCall has held the Torrance city attorney office since 1938.

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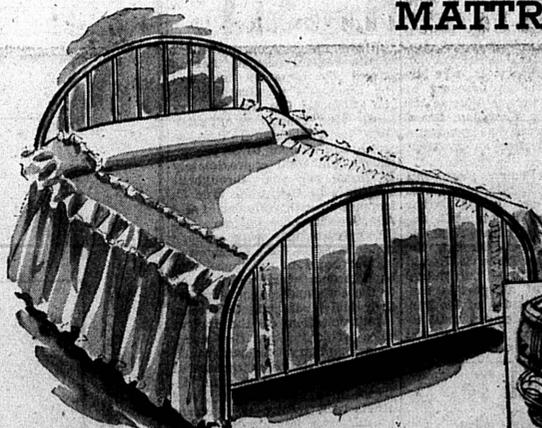
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Motorists Get Wet Weather Driving Warning

Approach of the rainy season in California brought a warning from the Department of Motor Vehicles to motorists of Torrance that extra hazardous conditions will require careful driving to prevent accidents.

Among the hazards listed by Director Edgar E. Lampton as peculiar to the season are:

Slippery pavements, particularly during first rains, causing a tendency to slip and skid at speeds above normal.

Smoothness of tires and generally faulty condition of automotive equipment due to current shortages.

Shorter hours of daylight driving increasing hazards of early morning and late evening operation.

Increased pedestrian congestion due to holiday shopping.

Director Lampton pointed out that department records show traffic accidents always go up in the fall months because of these conditions. He recommended the following as safety measures:

Have your brakes, lights, tires and windshield wipers checked. Reduce your speed at least 10 miles an hour at night and during rainy weather.

Keep a sharp eye out for pedestrians, particularly school children, at all times.

Never drink intoxicants under any circumstances before driving.

Pedestrians should wear some article of white clothing at night to increase visibility.

New Auto Parts Bldg. On Carson To Cost \$10,000

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunham, owners and operators of the Dunham Auto Pgrts and Garage, have been issued a permit to erect a \$10,000 garage and auto parts building to replace the old one at Denker ave. and Carson st. Work on this structure will start in the very near future.

Their daughter, Marjory Dunham, won fourth place in the recently conducted "Miss Torrance" contest sponsored by the Junior Womans club of Torrance.

Mr and Mrs. Dunham have lived at the present location for the past seventeen years.

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Torrance Navy Facility Name Is Changed

The U. S. Naval Storehouse, Torrance, Calif., has been redesignated as "Torrance Annex, U. S. Naval Supply Depot San Pedro, Torrance, California."

The current address of the Annex, namely, 2201 Washington ave., Torrance, Calif., and the telephone number, Torrance 1352, will remain the same, according to E. G. Hansen, lieutenant (SC) USNR.



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