

### Local Writers Guild Reports Meeting Here

The February meeting of Lomita Writers' Guild was held at the Cecil Newhard home, 2319 W. 246th place. Mrs. Newhard supplied a short story, "Minute Story," and a quatrain, "Principle of 2 4 D." Mrs. Lee Rivard drew from her trailer experience in writing: "You Can Take It With You."

Mrs. Inez Brumbelow had a revision of her song lyric "Just to Keep My Thoughts From Strayin'," and an article written by Wycliffe Hill on how to protect a writer's ideas.

Mrs. Velda Murphy read four of her poems, "The Puppy and the Bear," "Odd Little Bunny," "Don't Be a Grasshopper" and "Friendship."

Harold Monroe led the discussion and criticism.

The guild will again meet with Mrs. Newhard on the evening of March 27. Interested writers are invited to attend.

### Guest To Arrive For Local Wedding

Mrs. Philip G. Heffenstein of Buffalo, N. Y., will arrive at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson, 2301 W. 248th st., later this week to attend the wedding Sunday of her nephew, Robert Wilson, and Miss Evelyn O'Brien of San Pedro, which will be solemnized at the Presbyterian church.

She will arrive in Los Angeles aboard the Santa Fe streamliner, the Chief.

Mrs. Heffenstein will be remembered by many Lomita folk as the former Ethel Brown, who resided in Lomita for some time and attended Narbonne high school.

### Salvation Army In Spring Drive For Cast-offs

"Ever on the alert to meet the needs of handicapped persons by providing work, meals, and clean living quarters in its fully-equipped social service center serving this area, the Salvation Army will open its drive in Lomita on March 16 for a 'spring cleaning' collection of all waste materials which the householder ordinarily throws away," said Harold Hall, general chairman, of the "Salvage Week" effort.

"The spring cleaning season is at hand," he said. "The Army's Red Shield truck drivers stand ready to help housewives clear their storage rooms, garages or workshops of accumulated materials which are no longer of use."

"Men who can find jobs nowhere else receive spiritual and material assistance at the center. The Salvation Army removes the charity element from the program, as each worker-client is enabled to maintain his self-respect by working for what he receives."

"A year-round program of the center not only provides nutritious meals, warm beds and excellent recreation facilities, but it also provides a thoroughgoing spiritual atmosphere where men can work out their spiritual as well as economic problems."

The spring cleaning "Salvage Week" drive will reach its peak during the week of March 16 to March 22.

The Jim Lesh Real Estate office will receive your phone call and will hand it to the Red Shield truck driver who will call at your door.

**MATHEMATICS STUDENTS**

Enrollment in mathematics courses on the Berkeley campus of the University of California totaled 7,200 last semester.

### Tenney Seeks Additional State Senator

In a determined effort to give Los Angeles County proper representation in the Senate of the California Legislature, Senator Jack B. Tenney, Los Angeles, has introduced a Constitutional amendment to provide that the upper house be composed of 41 members—two Senators, instead of the one at present, to be elected from Los Angeles County.

Senator Tenney pointed out that legislative matters for Los Angeles County, largest in the State with an estimated population of more than 2,700,000 have attained such magnitude that it is impossible for one Senator to adequately serve the people.

"For example," Tenney said, "at the present time Los Angeles County finds itself without a committee representation on many of the most important committees. This is not the fault of the Senate or the Rules Committee. It is simply a matter of man-power. Right now there is a special session of the Legislature devoted to highway matters that include proposed expenditures of \$2,800,000,000. The question is before the Senate Transportation Committee. Our County is not represented on that committee and will have but one vote when the matter comes up for final decision in the Senate. With two Senators from Los Angeles, Committee assignments can be made so that the County will have a voice in ten Committees instead of five."

"I have no criticism aimed at anyone responsible for these committee assignments. However, in all fairness to the County having approximately one-third of the State's population, I believe we are entitled to at least two forty-firsts representation in the Senate instead of the one-fortieth as at present."

The Amendment makes no other changes in the Senate set-up. Once passed by the Legislature, it would go before the voters of the State and upon approval by the people, Los Angeles would elect one Senator every two years for a four year term.

### ROBBY SOX

By Marty Links



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"Oh, I'm not worried 'bout losing Alvin—it's losing face that bothers me!"

### Venereal Disease Warning Voiced By Health Dept.

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., Los Angeles County Health Officer

Syphilis is a communicable disease caused by a minute corkscrew-shaped organism called Treponema pallidum, or spirochete pallidum. The organisms that cause syphilis may gain entrance to the body through intact mucous membrane or through minute abrasions in the skin and mucous membranes. The usual way to contract the disease is by intimate contact with someone who has the disease.

The first symptom is a sore or chancre appearing in ten days to three weeks after infection at the place where the germ entered the body. Material from this sore is highly infectious. Many times early in the disease a skin rash is present. If not treated, outward symptoms of the disease disappear in a variable length of time although the disease is still present and if medical care is not received may later cause such disabilities as insanity blindness, heart disease, paralysis and locomotor ataxia.

"Blood tests should be a part of every annual physical examination, as many times a chancre may go unnoticed when it appears. Under California law a premarital blood test for syphilis is required. One of the unusual facts about the disease is that a woman who has syphilis may infect her unborn child during pregnancy and for that reason the California law requires prenatal blood tests. Treatment begun early in pregnancy will, in a major proportion of instances, prevent the birth of a crippled child due to syphilis.

When infection is suspected, an examination by a private physician or the local public health department is necessary in order that treatment may be instituted if the suspicion is confirmed.

### Wistaria Festival To Attract Crowd

Lomita garden lovers will be interested in the annual Wistaria Vine Garden Festival celebrating its 54th year, which will be open to the public one day only, Friday March 7, in Sierra Madre, one week ahead of last year's showing.

Due to continued warm weather and recent rains, millions of Wistaria blossoms are ready to burst forth in all their lavender beauty to herald the coming of spring.

The giant vine stretching forth her many arms loaded with the fragrant blossoms, covers over an acre of beautiful gardens landscaped with rare flowers and plants.

As in years past, thousands of Southern Californians will return for the Wistaria Festival to pay tribute to a beauty that never grows old, an old friend 54 years young.

### Mrs. Hinckley Confined With Pneumonia

Mrs. K. V. Hinckley, who recently purchased the Dorothy's Sport Shop at 2177 Lomita Blvd., is confined to her home with pneumonia.

Mrs. Hinckley became ill last week, and on Thursday was taken to the hospital for treatment and returned to her home. During her absence from the store, which is now known as Hinckley's Style Shoppe, Mrs. Evelyn Sarff is in complete charge.

Mrs. Hinckley is not a new business woman in Lomita for she owned and operated Hinckley's Mathers at 241st and Narbonne ave. for many years prior to selling the business to Rager, and moving to Silverton, Oregon where she and her husband resided for two years.

### Astoria, Ore., Guests At Harbor City Home

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodfield of Astoria, Oregon, were guests at a few days last week of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beck, on Western ave., Harbor City.

Mr. Woodfield, who is a salmon fisherman on the Columbia river, and Mrs. Woodfield, enjoyed visiting interesting places in Southern California and Tijuana, Mexico, while here.

**PROVERBS EDUCATIVE**

Proverbs are actually a "second language" to the Chinese and form a basic part of education in that country, a University of California lecturer says.

### Wayside Chapel Open On Wednesdays

The Wayside chapel will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every Wednesday until Easter for those wishing spiritual assistance and communion. Rev. Morris Singer, pastor, announces. At next Sunday church services Rev. Singer will speak on the subject "Nothing Succeeds Like Failure." Mr. Singer states that it is the story of the disciples going fishing and after spending the whole night had caught nothing. Then Jesus appeared and told them to cast their net on the right side of the ship.

### Spring Flower Show Scheduled For Pasadena

Two major perpetual challenge trophies will make their debut at the Southern California Spring Flower show to be held in Brookside Park, Pasadena, March 13 to 16, it was announced today by Robert Casamajor, chairman of the special awards committee. They are the Patricia Reynolds Perpetual Challenge Trophies for daffodils and cymbidiums, elaborate silver trophies which the winners will retain for one year. Winners will also receive a silver medal which they will keep permanently.

The two new trophies are a memorial to the late Mrs. Reynolds, who was a noted daffodil hybridist.

In this connection, the show will offer a special daffodil schedule of 22 classes of competition for the first time in its long history, as well as cymbidium competition which will carry the highest of the hundreds of cash awards offered show winners.

Southland interest in the Reynolds' trophies is evidenced by the largest entry list in the event's history in both these and other classes, the Pasadena Flower Show Association, sponsor, announced this week.

**Altar Society Completes Plans For Rummage Sale**

Members of the Altar Society are making plans to hold a rummage sale March 15 at the VFW hall with Mrs. Laura Ramsaur in charge. During the day, breakfast and luncheon will be served with the ladies of Santa Margarita Guild in charge.

A food sale sponsored by the same guild is scheduled for Saturday, March 8 at Hugo Schmidt's meat market, with Maud Rahl in charge.

**SACRAMENTO STEELHEAD**

Steelhead fishing is fair in the Sacramento river, Glenn county.

### Boys Club Kite Contest Entry Blanks Ready

The Torrance Boys Club members this week are in "high gear" with their kite practice preparatory to the big Kite Flying Contest to be conducted March 22 at 1 p.m. Site for the big event will be at Normandie ave. and East road.

Entry blanks may be obtained from many of the Torrance merchants and members of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Instructions for entering the various types of kites and the many contests to be held are printed on these entry forms.

Youths are warned not to fly their kites near power poles, also not to use tinsel nor wet string in launching.

### Flower Show To Attract Fuchsia Club Members

The Southern California Spring Flower Show at Brookside park will be an attractive event for members of the Lomita Fuchsia club when three or four cars will be filled with Lomita folk bound for the show Friday, March 14.

Mrs. J. Bader, president of the Lomita club, may be contacted at Lomita 1071-W by anyone wishing to make the trip and who does not have transportation.

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GOVERNOR EARL WARREN\* October 8, 1946

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The advocates of an immediate increase in the State gasoline tax base their arguments on a 14-YEAR STATE HIGHWAY PROGRAM.

No one can intelligently predict a State's needs that far in advance (see press statement above).

So, before the State increases the gas tax—thereby stockpiling additional millions of YOUR MONEY—we believe that the State should show you that a specific need for your money exists NOW.

**YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW.**

Right now the California Legislature is considering this increase.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Write NOW to your Assemblyman and Senator telling them you want to know more about the need for your money before your gas tax is increased! A penny postcard will do it. Do it now, while you're thinking about it!

\* Statement accredited to Governor Warren in the press of October 9, 1946, supporting annual sessions of the Legislature.

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