

For Mamas

Fur Breeders Exhibit Mink at Field Day

Some of the finest fur-bearing mink in the country were among the 240 judged at the Mink Field Day held by the California Fur Breeders Association at Perry School last Sunday, according to Clarence S. Cooper, secretary-treasurer.

Armand Croft of Fur Farms, Inc. on 182nd street won the platinum, breath of spring and pastel classes, while Rodney Steele of the Pacific Ranch won in the Silver Sables classification. The 240 live animals in all the varying color mutations were judged by Willard H. George, Los Angeles furrier, and S. Ward Savvel, wholesale furrier.

Winners in other classifications were Frank Colwell of the Keystone Ranch, in the Standards classification; E. Heierle of Whittier in the platinum female class and Dr. F. LeGrand Noyes of Hollywood in the Standard female, Aleutian and Stewart classes.

Many of the visitors saw live mink for the first time, Cooper said. The association extended a vote of appreciation to Principal Robert Morton for the use of the school, and at conclusion of the judging enjoyed a picnic lunch served by the ladies of the association.

'On the Air'

Radio KFERN Operated by Sixth Graders

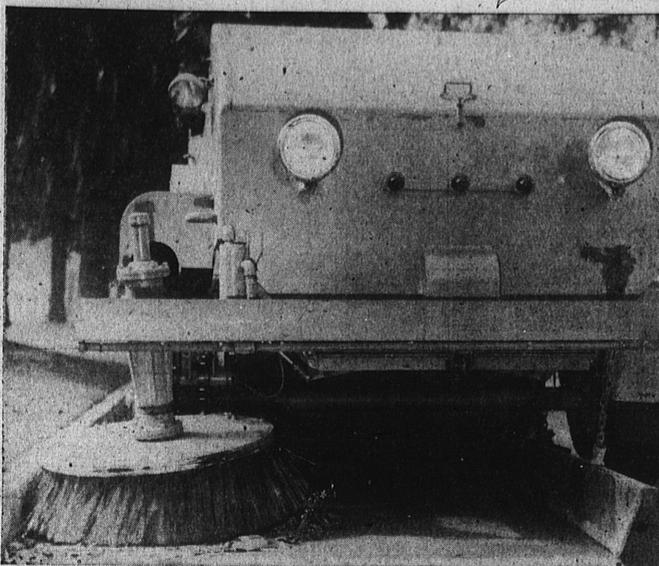
Torrance has a new "radio station," KFERN, at the Fern avenue elementary school. The station functions on Fridays, when the sixth grade classes broadcast plays written and directed by class members, complete even to sound effects and a red "on the air" signal.

Two sixth grade classes, under the guidance of their teachers, inter-communication system complete with telephone, bells, and lights. The latest type recorder is used to record programs for presentation to other classes in school and to broadcast between the two sixth grade rooms.

The broadcasts are a result of a study of communication—how people of the world have learned to communicate with one another.

The classes are organized into committees, each of which is assigned to study a particular phase of communication. Each member of a committee investigates to see what information can be found about his area.

Demonstrations and practice periods during class meetings each day help to tie together the material gathered. Because of the high interest factor, language becomes meaningful, and the student understands need for learning to read and write.



MODERN BRUSH-OFF—This is the business end of the city's new street sweeper—in action. Steel-bristle rotary brush at left throws leaves and trash out of the gutter and into the path of the horizontal rotating drum brush under the machine, which then picks up the rubbish and deposits it in the hopper.

'TB'

Annual Sale of Christmas Seals Begins

Postmen throughout Los Angeles County have started delivery of the 1948 Christmas Seals, which are being sent some 650,000 families in this area.

At the same time, Miss Corlita A. Reeve, 2108 Gramerey, Torrance, who will act as chairman of the supplementary sale in this area, pointed to the great need for increased purchase of Christmas Seals this year.

"Tuberculosis," she said, "is still the number one killer among the communicable diseases, although the death rate from tuberculosis has been forced down more than 80 percent since the first Christmas Seal was sold 42 years ago."

Working with Miss Reeve is Mrs. W. H. Stanger, 1605 Cota, community service chairman of American Legion Auxiliary, Bert S. Crossland Unit No. 170, which sponsors the drive.

The volunteers will place "self-sellers" and staff a sales booth.

—MAINTENANCE COST UP

Maintenance and repair charges of the steel industry have gone higher than ever before during war or peace, according to American Iron and Steel Institute. The estimated total of \$692,200,000 in 1947 was 41.3 percent higher than in 1946.

Art Students Enjoy Evening in Beach City

Local art students at Torrance Evening High School have started figure drawing and there still is opportunity to enter the class, which meets at 7 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday nights.

Forty-four art students from the Torrance and Redondo fine arts classes met recently at Greenwich Village patio, 2636 Palm drive, Hermosa Beach, where they enjoyed crepe suzettes made by Andre Carpelier, renowned chef.

Armen Arndt, instructor, introduced the presidents of both classes, who in turn introduced other officers. Group singing was led by Leland Franz of Torrance, and his little daughter Judith Franz sang a song for the students.

Slides of famous paintings were shown to conclude the evening.

Quartet Will Sing Sunday

The Weatherford Stamps Quartet of Long Beach will have charge of the program at the local Nazarene church Sunday evening Dec. 5 at 7:30 o'clock. The entire service will be a singing service.

A sound moving picture of China will be presented at the church next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. This service is sponsored by the local Missionary Society, and the church is located at 1501 W. Carson street. W. A. Penner is the pastor.

Lifeline

Aqueduct Still Operating on 24-Hour Day

Huge pumps on the Colorado Aqueduct serving Torrance this week began their second year of 24-hour-per-day pumping, in order to keep pace with the tremendously increased demand on the facilities of the Metropolitan Water District, according to Julian Hinds, general manager.

"This is the first time in the seven-year history of District operation that continuous pumping along the 242-mile main Metropolitan aqueduct has been necessary to meet water needs," Hinds said. "Demands for Colorado river water have gone up 100 per cent during the past year."

District pumps have pushed 58 billion gallons of Colorado river water to cities along the coast extending from Santa Monica as far south as San Diego. San Diego has been completely dependent upon Colorado River water for its expanding needs since it made its aqueduct connection in December of last year.

Major factors behind the increased water usage in most Southern California cities have been the influx of a half million people each year and the growth of the Southland industrial empire, coupled with the fact that the area is a year and a half behind its normal quota of rainfall, according to Hinds.

"Even a normal rainfall this year would have little effect on underground storage, with water levels in many Southland sections alarmingly low. Southern California is suffering from its severest drought in 25 years and the past year has demonstrated our complete dependence upon our share of Colorado river water. It is, therefore, absolutely necessary to have Congress adopt legislation authorizing a U. S. Supreme Court settlement of the long standing Arizona-California dispute regarding their respective rights on the Colorado River," Hinds warned.

Stone, Meyers Acquire Beach Funeral Home

Acquisition of the Redondo Beach Funeral Home was disclosed this week by J. Hugh Sherfey Jr., and the local mortuary of Stone & Meyers, the change in ownership being effective Dec. 1.

The Redondo Funeral Home is one of the oldest in the city, having been established shortly before the turn of the century by George Cate. The Stone & Meyers Mortuary firm was formed in 1922 and was first located on Cabrillo avenue.

Sherfey said the Redondo Home would be operated as a branch of the local mortuary, and that a formal opening was planned sometime during December.

Record

Production of U.S. Steel Is Highest Ever

More steel was produced in October in the United States than in any previous month during war or peace, the American Iron and Steel Institute announced.

The production of ingots and steel for castings during October totaled 7,973,416 net tons, exceeding the previous peak in March 1944 by more than 147,000 tons.

Output of steel in ten months of 1948 was 72,960,936 tons, nearly 2,700,000 tons higher than in the similar part of 1947, record peace time production year and only three per cent lower than the output in ten months of 1944, year of greatest steel production.

Steelmaking furnaces were operated at an average of 99.9 per cent of ingot capacity in October, highest operating rate since October 1943.

Santa Travels by Helicopter, Just Any Way!

Santa Claus comes to Southern California this Christmas by: helicopter, 100-year-old stagecoach, ocean boat and \$25,000 wheeled sleigh.

This, according to the All-Year Club, points up the fact that Southland Communities this year are setting a record in variety and beauty of their Yule celebrations, and lists among them the following:

A helicopter brings Santa to Seal Beach and transfers him to a waiting sleigh at noon, Dec. 24.

A huge Christmas tree decorates Lomita, and a children's Christmas Capers party is held Dec. 17 in Lomita Park.

El Centro greets him in an ancient stagecoach, packed with toys, in a parade blending Mexico and this country, Dec. 3.

Local School Enrollment Exceeds 3100

Enrollment in Torrance public schools passed the 3100-mark this week, according to school officials. They are coming, school officials said, from new dwellings being occupied in virtually every section of the city.

Breakdown on the enrollment is as follows:

Fern Elementary	463
Perry Elementary	276
Torrance Elementary	851
Walleria Elementary	339
Junior High	464
High School	708
Total	3101

This is an increase of 24 since the last report, and with opening of Greenhaw Crest subdivision enrollment at Perry School is expected to increase sharply in the next few months.

Penalties may be delayed, but they are sure to come.—H. W. Beecher.

Route of Bus for Baptist Church Given

Route of the special bus line serving the First Baptist Church of Torrance was outlined yesterday by church officials.

Beginning its run at Carson and Martina at 9 a.m. the bus goes west on Carson to Greenwood, then to Torrance boulevard, to Western avenue, north to 203rd street, east on 203rd to Harvard, south to 204th street, west to Western, south to 213th street, east to Denker avenue, south to 214th street, east to Halldale avenue, south to 220th street, west to Cabrillo avenue, south to Middlebrook, west to Arlington, north to Carson, and Carson west to Martina.

CHANGE OF HEART

Approximately 400,000 people signed the petition to put Henry Wallace on the California ballot. But Henry got less than 200,000 votes. Is it any wonder that the poll-takers are tearing their toupees?



FROM THE BEGINNING

— men of courage and vision built Torrance . . . men with faith and understanding too . . . yes, men who by the sweat of their brow and the flex of their muscles decided that this shall be a city!

It is easy to see now what those men saw . . . certainly their vision is a challenge to us today to march on and up the path they have so plainly marked.

The history of this bank and that of the Torrance Herald has been parallel . . . certainly during these thirty-five years we have had the opportunity of observing the many fruits of our mutual friendship and activity . . . Congratulations!

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The staff of Stone and Myers extends to Grover Whyte and Ed Brown . . . and the entire family of The Herald their sincere congratulations upon the completion of their beautiful new home.

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