

Reflections

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Where're You Going?

Two men, two philosophies, two diametrically opposite destinations is open to the choice of all mankind.



One of these men sees nothing humorous, nothing good, nothing noble, nothing great in anything contemporaries do or say. His forté is criticism and his bed is hard with loneliness. His destination is a cell in the lonely mountains of ostracism.

The other man finds humor everywhere, laughs at himself and with others; he finds good in the worst of us and a little bad in the best of us; he appreciates the nobility in humbleness of the rich and powerful and lauds the greatness in the most obscure. His bed is soft with love of fellowman. His destination is smiles; esteem among all the peoples of the earth.

We are one of these men, traveling to one of those destinations — ostracism or love, a cell or esteem. Which one have you chosen? Where are you going?

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SUPER MARKET . . . Start of a huge downtown super market on Post avenue to be operated by Roth's Markets, Inc., was marked by ground breaking ceremonies last Friday afternoon. On hand for the event were (left to right) Harry P. Bail and William H. Tolson, realtors; Stewart St. John, contractor; Ben Roth, president of the market company; Sol Koch, owner of the building; M. Katz of Roth's Markets, and Ernie Hahn, contractor.—Herald photo.



MODERN . . . Pictured is the new Roth's Market, to be located on Post avenue in downtown Torrance. The huge super shopping center is slated to be open for business within two and a half months.

CONCESSIONAIRES BID FOR SPACE AT WT FAIR

The World Transportation Fair to be held at 190th street and Western avenue in 1951, began to take form this week as concessionaires and prospective exhibitors in virtually every category — from participation by foreign countries to displays of model hobbyists — flooded Fair headquarters at 1516 Cross Roads of the World, Hollywood.

Participation by foreign governments will be on a two-fold basis, it was announced by Ira W. Curry, managing director and producer of the fair, which it is estimated will show to more than three million persons during its three months' run. Foreign manufactured automobiles, motorcycles and other means of transportation will vie with American products as part of the millions of square feet of exhibits. Governments of several foreign countries have also expressed their desire to exhibit the way of life of their respective lands as part of the International Settlement which will be a feature of the Fair. The hobbyists, whose number is daily increasing throughout the country, have requested inclusion of a miniature motor-drome, air-drome, and railroad depot where small scale models of automobiles, trains, planes, and virtually all other forms of transportation will be displayed. In view of the interest shown, which has far exceeded expectations, decision has been made to extend the run of the Fair by more than a week. New dates are May 30 to September 9, 1951, for a total of 102 days and nights. Definite allotments of exhibition space will be announced as soon as architectural plans for the huge exposition city are completed, Curry said.

Judge Shidler 'Declaration' Filed for J. P.

Judge John A. Shidler this week filed his declaration of candidacy to succeed himself as Justice of the Peace for Gardena Township.

Accompanying this document, Judge Shidler filed the required sponsor's certificate, which included the following sponsors: Torrance and Gardena; Mrs. Nelle W. Hole, Mrs. Nelle L. Geyer, Mrs. Helen S. Mitchell, Dr. Roy E. Fleisher, James Wallace Post, Sam Levy, Carl D. Steele, Nicholas H. Cucci, Boris S. Woolley, the Reverend Patrick J. McGuinness and Jesse H. Dean. Lomita, Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills; Mrs. Aileen S. Hammond, Mrs. Alice W. Thompson, Mrs. Grace E. Armstrong, Kelvin C. Vanderlip, Dr. McClellan Woods, Thomas J. King, Oliver C. Field, Dr. John A. Chapman and Clifton A. Hix. Redondo, Hermosa and Manhattan; Mrs. Harriet E. Sitherwood, Dr. Charles T. LaFrance, Dr. Robert W. Boulger, Dr. Lowlynn T. Holden, Nathaniel E. Kuhn, George H. Lowerre III, Paul H. Drake, Hubert M. McCollum, Lee E. Younggren, Leand C. Henderson, Richard G. Thompson and Thomas V. McGowan. Mrs. Aileen S. Hammond, superintendent-principal of Redondo High School when Judge Shidler graduated in 1925, said, "I am proud to sponsor John. He is just one of many R.U.H.S. alumni who has more than done his share to serve this community." Carl D. Steele and O. C. Field recalled the time they served on the draft board which "selected" John in July of 1942. "We reclassified and selected John the same day," said Steele. "The bus he rode on to Fort MacArthur had seven passengers whom he previously had sentenced to jail. I'd like to help every man we sent to serve his country but I'm particularly proud to sponsor John." Dr. Holden, mayor of Hermosa Beach, pointed out that whenever his city had requested help from either the Judge or Mrs. Shidler, immediate and favorable action occurred. "We think of the Shidler family as part of our community," he said. "I wish to thank my sponsors and all the other friends who are offering to help," Judge Shidler stated.

EL CAMINO PRESIDENT ATTENDS CONVENTION

Forrest G. Murdock, president of El Camino, will attend a national convention of the American Association of Junior College Presidents to be held at Roanoke, Virginia, March 26, 27 and 28.

Matters to be taken up at the meeting will include: audiovisual education, student personnel, teacher preparation and various national issues pertaining to junior college business and administration. President Murdock will visit several junior colleges which are located along the route to Roanoke. He will make the trip by air and will be accompanied by Mrs. Murdock.

School Building Race Under Way

With fast pouring of pilings and foundations completed, it looked possible to school officials this week that the new Walteria Elementary School might be completed at the same time as the new North Torrance School. It is hoped that both will be ready for occupancy at the September opening. Six building permits totaling \$276,800 for six buildings were taken out by the Gallenger Construction Company of Gardena for the recently authorized construction of the school at 21556 Madison avenue in Walteria. Wings A, B and C, comprising classrooms, were estimated to cost \$92,000 each. The cafeteria, comprising a cafeteria and auditorium, is estimated to cost \$49,500. The administration building will cost \$21,600 and a kindergarten building will probably cost \$19,000, the contractors estimated.

Man Gets 120 Days For Defrauding

Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett sentenced Lee Hearen of Redondo Beach to 120 days in jail this week on two counts of making false statements to collect two unemployment insurance checks last August. Ninety days of the sentence was suspended on condition that Hearen repay the \$43 he collected from the unemployment insurance fund while working on a job he failed to report to the California Department of Employment while registered as an unemployed person.

Hearen was prosecuted by Milton Dowse, fraud investigator for the department, who said the fraud was detected in a regular check of file cards of newly employed persons.

COLLEGE MUSIC GROUPS TO PRESENT CONCERT

Vocal and instrumental groups from El Camino College's music department will present its first annual joint concert on Thursday, March 30, at 8 p.m. in the college gymnasium.

The affair is open to all interested persons free of charge. The participating groups will be the El Camino choir, chorus, band and symphonette. The program will consist of groups of selections by each of the college music organizations, plus a combined chorus-choir with orchestral accompaniment. Selections will include early California folk songs and a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 1.

IMPRACTICAL ENGINE
First locomotive to run upon railroad tracks was in operation at Cardiff, Wales, in 1804 but it broke the rails and was discarded as impractical.

CHIEFS CEDE ISLANDS
The Fiji Islands in the South Pacific were ceded by native chiefs to Great Britain in 1874. Only about 80 of the 200 islands in this group are inhabited.

North Torrance 'Y' Group Plans Charter Party

A Hopalong Cassidy movie and several comedies will be shown at the North Torrance Gray-Y Charter Night party to be held in Higgins' Brick Patio on March 24, according to Frank Lush, YMCA leader in the area. "It is hoped that the kids will bring their parents and that the parents will bring their kids, so that both may see what kind of work we are doing," said Mill Isbell, executive secretary of the YMCA. Boys from 8 years and up are eligible for membership in the Gray-Y and Gray-Y Juniors, said Lush. The show will start at 7 p.m.

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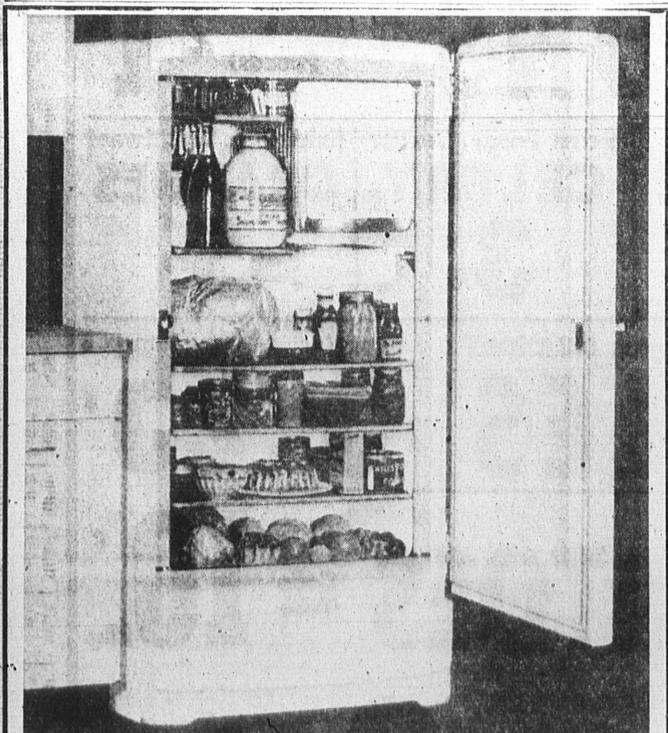
Within 60-70 days the new Roth's Super Market now under construction at 1321 Post avenue, will open for business, according to company officials.

Ground-breaking ceremonies held last Friday marked the start of the 18,000-square foot shopping center. Included in the plans for the giant super market is a paved parking area adjacent to the store covering an area of approximately 90-140 feet, according to Harry P. Ball of Realty Inc., of Los Angeles and William H. Tolson, realtors handling the transaction. The land for the market valued at \$45,000 is owned by Sol Koch, of Bellflower. Fixtures for the new store will cost approximately \$35,000, Ball said. The lease, based on a percentage, calls for a minimum of \$180,000 to be paid during the next 15 years. Hahn-St. John construction firm in Gardena is the general contractor of the job.

Both Drivers Lose Race On Torrance Boulevard

Both drivers lost in a race held Sunday night on Torrance boulevard, police reported as they hauled both into the police station on speeding charges. Arrested were John Demonecourt, 20, 247 East 116th Place, who, police said, already has a previous speeding count against him here, and Carl Nichols, 24, 1137 W. 160th street. They will be arraigned today before City Judge Otto B. Willett.

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