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2100 Answer Ring of School Bells

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Thousands of children went back to school this week and seen on the grounds were faces lined with happiness at seeing old friends, filled with bewilderment at the wonder of it all, and even some with tears at the prospect of not returning home with their mother.

rine Mundors of Valentine, Neb. and also her brother and family Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Mundors of that city. Much friendly chatter ensued from their Glenburn Ave. home as information was exchanged.

Speaking of PTAs, the Perry School PTA was shaken up a bit at the resignation of Mrs. G. Blake, president, this week at a board meeting at the home of Mrs. A. MacKenzie, 4322 W. 179th St. Mrs. Blake has moved into the Evelyn Carr School district and will no longer be associated with Perry; hence the change. Mrs. A. MacKenzie is the new president; Mrs. A. Kupka, vice-president; Mrs. R. Dohner, treasurer; and Mrs. J. Arensmeyer, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eaton, 23211 Falena Ave., feted Mr. Basil Ball at a birthday dinner this Sunday, Sept. 13. In on the plans was wife, Peggy.

Boy Scout and Explorers Mothers Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Paul Hoffman, 17035 Faymth Ave. next Monday Sept. 21 at 8 o'clock, according to Mrs. Reese Holbrook, chairman of publicity.

The idea of a garden club to meet the needs of each individual seems to be catching on, at least it looked so at the September meeting at McMaster Hall when 77 gathered to hear the very informative Joe Littlefield. David Giffillan will speak at the Oct. 13 meeting and all are invited. Mr. and Mrs. Night is being feted so husbands are issued a very special invitation.

A new service for the benefit of those interested in the purchase of Brownie uniforms was provided recently. Mrs. Lester Mitchell, 3174 W. 182nd St., Menlo 9-8422, has been designated as the exchange chairman to aid in the distribution of outgrown uniforms or locating uniforms for those who cannot afford to buy their own. If you have a uniform at home that is not being used and you would like to see some Brownie have it, write you call, Mrs. Mitchell? Although it has been worn, a nominal fee will be paid.

Mrs. O. C. Sutherland was the recipient of a stork shower this Saturday at the home of the Grahams, 17109 Glenburn Ave. Mr. Stork was the most predominant personage as he engaged the party of co-workers at General Petroleum who have been together for many years including Mr. and Mrs. C. Richardson, C. D. Powers, K. R. Basham, C. Franco, E. C. Forsstrom, W. E. Hunter, Pillsbury, J. J. Piller, B. Billington and D. H. Meredith. The husbands heartily agreed to the party idea, thoroughly enjoying the festivities.

Two new Brownie troops are being planned under the leadership of Evelyn Stephens with the aid of Mrs. C. Hall. Menlo 4-9665, for those girls between the ages of 7-9 residing on the west side of Crenshaw Blvd. Mrs. R. Richter, Menlo 4-0990, and Mrs. L. Cunningham, Menlo 4-6803, are forming a second group for girls on the east side of Crenshaw Blvd. Parents with daughters desiring admittance please contact these leaders.

Anniversary congratulations to the Kathie Meyers of 18102 Hawthorne Blvd.

Best wishes go to Mrs. Milton Damerow, 4307 W. 177th St., as the new den mother for Den Pack 76-C of the Cub Scouts.

The Ed Collins paid a visit to the Guy Martins at Vista and spent an afternoon at the San Diego Zoo over the weekend. Now that school has started mothers automatically sort of take a back seat and to a first grader the teacher becomes the one and only; at least we found it so at our house last year when our Johnny fell head over heels for Mrs. Eloise Loomis as hundreds before him had. Upon being questioned about his first day as a student of Mrs. Marchante he put on his most serious expression and came up with this: 'She's really pretty, and when you come to pick me up will you wear your new Ray Hutton dress (a black strapless special occasion number) so she will think you are pretty too?' Well, there's one to kick around!

Little Deryl Bronson learned the hard way one day this week that you cannot separate two tom cats once they engage in battle! As a result of his efforts to separate the two, he has many stitches in his head and face. Seems the two fought just when they were angry with and poor Deryl bore the brunt of their indecision!

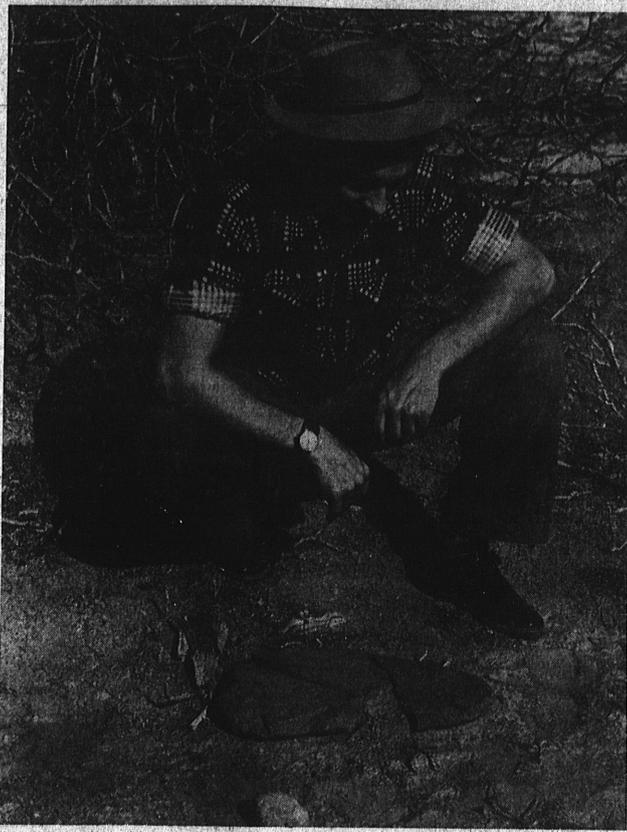
It is a very quiet household at the Bates residence these days with son Leroy Downing returning to Southeastern College at Durant, Okla., and Mrs. G. A. Crossett, mother of Mrs. Bates, who has spent a summer with her daughter and family making many friends up and down Glenburn Ave., returned to her home in Caddo. Accompanying his grandmother was Jerry Downing, who will spend two weeks visiting his paternal grandparents before resuming his classes at University of California at Santa Barbara. Both boys are beginning a third year at the colleges.

The Alpha Society of Hope Church announced the ham dinner and bazaar to be held at McMaster Hall on Sept. 26. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:30. All you can eat for \$1.50, 75 and 35 cents. Delicious ham and the trimmings topped off with homemade pie. Proceeds will go to the building fund.

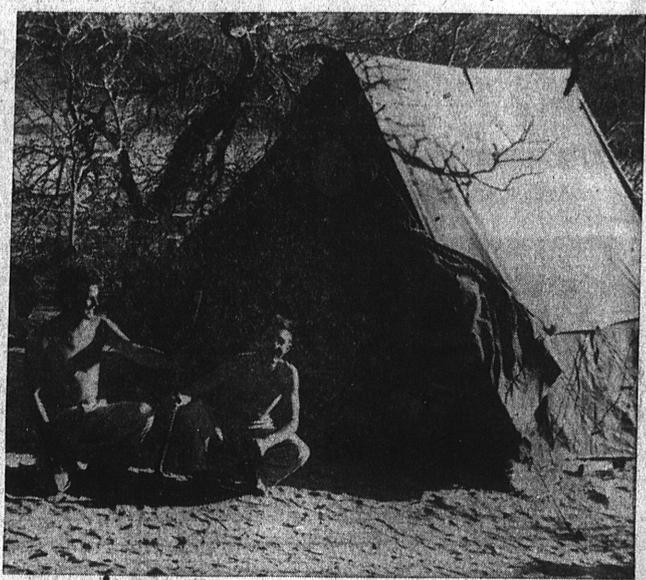
Miss Peggy Lynn Bruce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bruce, 2728 W. 174th St., was baptized at Hope Church Sept. 6 with Rev. Homer Miller officiating.

Little Sandy Conditte has seen minus her appendix for these weeks now, and seems your reporter has slipped up and failed to mention it. Sandy resides at 2919 W. 174th St. and is doing fine.

No one could have been more surprised or happy than Mrs. Russell Holschek to be paid a visit by her mother Mrs. Kath-



ANCIENT ROCK . . . Robert Hammond, of 1011 Beech Ave., examines the remains of an ancient metate, or grinding stone, discovered in Mesquite flats, Death Valley, in April, 1953. The stone was used by peoples of an Indian culture who resided in the Valley in the years 1500-1870 A.D. The discovery of the remains of some of these Indian homes by Hammond and a group of researchers from USC recently, proved the existence of the race in the Valley.



DIG THOSE CRAZY BONES . . . Roger Desautelles, left, of Los Angeles and Robert Hammond, Torrance, shown in front of their tent in Mesquite Flats, Death Valley, prior to a search for ancient relics of life in the desert region. Their campsite is located 50 feet below sea level and the temperatures in the valley sometimes reach 135 degrees. The research group is out of USC and under the direction of Dr. William J. Wallace, assistant professor of anthropology at the school.

Life in Death Valley Found By USC Group

Life in Death Valley? There sure was, and a Torrance man, Robert Hammond, 1011 Beech Ave., a graduate anthropology student at the University of Southern California, is helping to prove it.

USC has been appointed by the National Park Service to explore Death Valley National Monument and advise the government on preservation of archaeological findings and make recommendations about excavations.

Thus far the USC group, under the leadership of Dr. William J. Wallace, assistant professor of anthropology at the university, have traced life in Death Valley back to the Pleistocene, or Ice Age. Hammond teaches at John Adams Junior High School in Los Angeles and plans to work for a doctor's degree in anthropology some day. His wife, Alice, is a social studies teacher at Torrance High School and has lived here all her life.

Hammond and the group of researchers from USC spend holidays and week-ends in Death Valley, completing their search. Thus far, Hammond estimates, they have covered sixty square miles of the valley on foot and have many hundreds of miles to go. In fact, he says, a person could spend his whole life exploring the National Monument.

The USC group has been working in the Mesquite Flat section of the valley where once great prehistoric lakes stood, remnants of the melting ice caps that once covered large portions of the world.

Men of the Ice Age are believed by anthropologists to have come to the North American Continent across either a land or an ice bridge from Siberia to Alaska. In pursuit of game—ten or twelve thousand years ago. Gradually, in a slow trickle, more of these Mongoloid peoples came across to Alaska, seeking game, and gradually they worked down until they reached Death Valley, then a fertile lake land—or so the theory goes.

Three separate cultures have been found by Hammond's group in the valley. The first, people lived there several thousand years before Christ, during the Archaic period. Remnants of this culture have been discovered on the lower terraces of Lake Manly, a prehistoric lake which began drying up during the late Ice Age and disappeared long ago. Hammond said that his group found quide tools shaped from basalt—arrow points, choppers, scrapers, etc. 'The wind does your digging for you in Death Valley' as Hammond says, and the wind uncovered these prehistoric tools on one of the lower levels of the long-extinct lake.

Local Students Enroll in Palos Verdes College

Local students who are enrolling at Palos Verdes College this week and next include both day and resident students, some of whom are entering college for the first time, while others return after previous studies at FVCC, it was announced this week.

From San Pedro comes Judy Husted, a graduate of San Pedro High School; from Lomita, Betty Wilson who was an honor student at Narbonne; Julie Webster transfers to Palos Verdes from Long Beach City College, where she spent one semester. Priscilla Chase and Carole Orton represent Rolling Hills; Dick Medley, Portuguese Bend; and Nancy Ince, and Lisee Kramen, Palos Verdes Estates. Shirley Schulz, now a resident of Torrance, recently moved here from Wisconsin, where she graduated last June from Edgerton High School. In addition to the regularly-enrolled students there is a high percentage of adults who will be taking one or more courses at the College.

Opening events at Palos Verdes College include a welcome tea for new students and their parents at the campus home of President and Mrs. John Howard, Sunday afternoon, and a dormitory party Sunday evening. Following registration Monday, the students and faculty held a bureau party and picnic supper at Abalone Cleft, a final fling before settling down to classes Tuesday morning.

STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS Strangely enough throughout the Southern part of the country on Los Angeles County Fair, Sept. 18 through Oct. 4, following the announcement that for the first time anywhere in the nation a fair will present, as a major attraction, a cage bird show composed chiefly of parakeets and tropical birds.

been warned time and time again to beware of the vicious sidewinders, he has never seen one's trail, much less the snake in person, Hammond says.

Wild burros also roam about in the desert, probably left over from the days of the 20-mile team.

One of the strongest mysteries of the region, however, is the fact that although many tools, pieces of pottery, etc., have been found in the Valley, thus proving man's existence there, no relics of ancient bodies, or skeletons, have ever been found, Hammond says.

The obvious explanation for this, of course, is that the desert sun destroyed the bones. Or, the ancient races may have cremated their dead. Or perhaps these strange prehistoric men wandered off to some secret hunting ground to die and be buried—who knows? Someday the anthropologists will.

Coming Events

To have your event listed here phone FAirfax 8-4000

- SEPTEMBER
17 PTA School of Informa-First Methodist Church, San Pedro, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon
18 Lomita Legion Auxiliary Card Party Lomita Legion Hall, 8 p.m.
19 Cal Rubber Dance Torrance Legion Hall, 9 p.m.
19 El Camino vs. Alhambra El Camino, 8 p.m.
20 Torrance Day at the Fair Pomona
21 Catholic Daughters Fashion Show 1010 Beech Ave., 12:30 p.m.
21 Fabric Style Show, Liberty Home Appliance, 1623 Washier Party Cravens, 1:30 p.m.
22 Torrance High vs. San Bernardino San Bernardino, 8 p.m.
22-26 WSCS Runnagae Sale Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
23 Columbia Steel Dance Torrance Legion Hall, 9 p.m.
23 DeMolay Installation Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.
23 Gardens-Flaza Homeowners Assn. Dance Riviera Club, 9 p.m.
24 Kids Day Kiwanis Club
24 El Camino vs. Ventura Ventura, 8 p.m.
24 Legion, Auxiliary Gardena Rec. Center, 8:30
24 Potluck
24 B'nai Brith Fashion Show Torrance Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.
OCTOBER
2 Torrance vs. Lynwood Torrance, 8 p.m.
2 El Camino vs. Muir Tech. Rose Bowl, 8 p.m.
2 Expectant Mothers Class. Health Center, 1:30 p.m.
3 Torrance vs. Santa Monica, 8 p.m.
9, 11, 16, 17 "Bloomer Girl" Redondo High Auditorium
Rep. King Homecoming. Civic Auditorium
El Camino vs. Bakersfield Junior College Bakersfield, 8 p.m.
Bloodmobile Visit Civic Aud.
Torrance vs. Redondo Torrance, 8 p.m.
12 El Camino vs. Long Beach Junior College Warrior Stadium, 8 p.m.
13 El Camino vs. Valley J.C. Valley Junior College, 8 p.m.
14 Torrance vs. Baldwin Torrance, 8 p.m.
14 Park JayCettes Masquerade La Venta Inn, 8:30 p.m.
15 Torrance vs. Beverly Torrance, 8 p.m.
15 Hills El Camino vs. Santa Monica J.C. Warrior Stadium, 8 p.m.
NOVEMBER
Torrance vs. Inglewood Inglewood, 8 p.m.
Good Neighbor Breakfast Civic Auditorium
Torrance vs. Leusinger Torrance, 8 p.m.
El Camino vs. East Los Angeles J.C. ELAJO, 8 p.m.
Torrance vs. St. An Long Beach, 8 p.m.
El Camino vs. San Diego Junior College Warrior Stadium, 8 p.m.
El Camino vs. Harbor Junior College Warrior Stadium, 12 noon.

TEAC Nominators To Be Appointed At Next Meeting

Appointment of the TEAC nominating committee, slated on the September agenda by mistake, will be held at the October meeting instead. Dr. Howard Wood, moderator, announced at the Teachers Educational Advisory Committee meeting held Monday at the YWCA.

Following the luncheon meeting, approximately 60 members of the TEAC adjourned to the Torrance High School auditorium to see a series of colored slides depicting "The Torrance High School Story" and "Selecting Your High School Program," a series of pictures, accompanied by dialogue, used to help orient freshmen.

The two presentations were produced entirely by members of the Torrance High School faculty, under the supervision of Desmond Wedberg, instructor in dramatics. Next TEAC meeting will be held on Oct. 12.

Locals Enter County Fair

A number of Torrance residents have entered the various divisions of the Los Angeles County Fair, which opens tomorrow in Pomona, it was announced this week.

Entrants include - Domestic Arts Division: Mrs. Bernice Trenary and John Trenary, 5521 Clearside St.; Mrs. A. Segura, 1846 Reynosa Dr.; and Mrs. H. M. Greene, 3560 W. 220th St. Floral Division: S. Omatsu, 3501 Torrance Blvd. Culinary Division: Mrs. Opa Simon, 2315 Danaha St.; Mrs. Division, Pigeons: Gene W. East, 1939 W. 236th St.; Sr. Division, Poultry: Mike Fornelli, 22911 Arlington. Sr. Division, Rabbits: Klages & Myers, 3713 Monterey St.; and L. D'Argent Rabbity, 22412 S. Normandie; N. E. Hamilton, 21214 S. Figueroa St.; D. C. White, 229 E. Carson St.; J. Jay Elston, 221 E. Carson St.; and Durward D. Palmer, 1612 W. 221st St.

The most recent culture was Even though his group has a