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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. Almost 1300 were registered at North Torrance Elementary. That is quite a number to be saving paper for a big drive come Sept. 30! New faces were seen at Perry School, too, as PTA ladies helped to register 800.

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, 4332 W. 17th St. Mrs. Blake has moved into the Evelyn Car School district and will no longer be associated with Perry hence the change. Mrs. A. MacKenzie is the new president. Mrs. A. Kuyka, vice-president; Mrs. E. Dohner, treasurer; and Mrs. J. Arensmeyer, secretary. The first meeting of the year will be held in the school auditorium Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 to 9 o'clock. The future meetings will be brief, with child care for those desiring such, states the new president. Plans for the yearly carnival are under way.

Boy Scout and Explorers Mothers Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Paul Hoffman, 17032 Fayboth Ave. next Monday, Sept. 21 at 8 o'clock, according to Mrs. Reese Holbrook, chairman of publicity.

A new service for the benefit of those interested in the purchase of Brown uniforms was provided recently. Mrs. Lester Mitchell, 3174 W. 182nd St., Menlo 9-3482, was 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, would you call Mrs. Mitchell? Although it has been worn, a nominal fee will be paid.

Two new Brownie troops are being planned under the leadership of Evelyn Stephens with the aid of Mrs. G. C. Hall, Menlo 4-9865, 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 4-5303, are forming a second group for girls on the east side of Crenshaw Blvd. Parents with daughters desiring admittance please contact these leaders.

Best wishes go to Mrs. Milton Damerow, 4307 W. 177th St., the new den mother for Den A Pack 761-C of the Cub Scouts.

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!

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 Considine has minus her appendix to 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 Holeczek to be paid a visit by her mother Mrs. Kath-

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.

Relatives planned in to visit the Cunerys, 17038 Elgar Ave. from Newark, N. J. the past week. Mr. and Mrs. George Fenner and son Randy, brother of Mr. Cunery and Mrs. Vancat, and children Linda and Barry, sister of Cunery have been having a most wonderful time in our area.

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.

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 Gillilan 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.

Dr. and Mrs. Lyle Tussing with children Janie and Lee have returned home after a month of travel over 8300 miles, visiting hometowns and points of interest. Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Canada proved very colorful and now back to classes. Dr. Tussing is a professor of psychology at El Camino College, while Mrs. Tussing is a kindergarten teacher in the Lawndale system. An anniversary is being celebrated for the couple this week. The home is 17104 Yukon Ave.

Mrs. O. C. Sutherland was the recipient of a stock showing this Saturday at the home of the Grahams, 17109 Glenburn Ave. Mr. Stork was the most predominant personage as he reigned over the games in style. Musical games proved to be entertaining, but the group found dispersing the baby while blindfolded was indeed a neat trick! A yellow cake supporting a lace parasol with yellow roses was the centerpiece. Those attending this party of co-workers at General Petroleum who have been together for many years included Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Richardson, C. D. Powers, K. R. Basham, C. Franco, E. C. Forsstrom, W. E. Hunter, L. Pillsbury, L. J. Pilsler, B. Billington and D. H. Meredith. The husbands heartily agreed to the party idea, thoroughly enjoying the festivities.

Anniversary congratulations to the Kathle Meyers of 18102 Hawthorne Blvd.

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 Ina Ray Hutton dress (a black strapless special occasion number) so she will think you are pretty too?" Well, there's one to kick around!

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 a 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.



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 Desautels, 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.

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 P.V.C. It was announced this week.

From San Pedro comes Judy Hunsick, a graduate of San Pedro High School from Lomita, Betty Wilson who was an honor student at Narbonne, Julie Weber transfers to Palos Verdes from Long Beach City College, where she spent one semester.

Opening events at Palos Verdes College include a welcome tea for new students and a luncheon for parents at the campus home of President and Mrs. John Howard, Sunday afternoon, and a dormitory party Sunday evening.

STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS

Attention of bird lovers throughout the Southland will be centered 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.

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

Coming Events

Table listing various community events for September and October, including church services, dances, and school activities.

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.

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.