



1000-YEAR-OLD SKULL... Hubert Bowen, Torrance genealogist, holds an ancient skull he acquired in connection with his research. He claims to have records of 60,000 members of his family which took 35 years to compile.

Man Has Traced 60,000 People

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Hubert Bowen of Torrance knows more about where he came from than any man in the city.

He knows where his relatives are down to the 13th and 14th cousins.

Bowen, a genealogist, has spent 35 years unearthing 60,000 genealogies which cover approximately 10,000 families on the Bowen tree. He has a genius for compiling family records.

All 60,000 of the genealogies are for members of the Bowen family and for their near relatives, the Harringtons, the Earls, the McGarys, and the Thorpes.

600 Lectures

Bowen, 63, started his investigation in 1920 as a research project for the Mormon Church and since that time has delivered 600 lectures, has filled 22 arm-length drawers with name cards, and has reams of records, including hundreds of microfiches provided by the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

He works for what he calls "consolation," and not for reward. His enthusiasm for genealogy, he says, "is a science."

In the course of his family tracing he has become something of an archeologist and historian. When conversation about pedigrees slackens he is liable to reach into a box and pull out a thousand year old American skull or open a drawer and produce a letter written in 1811.

On his desk he has a 2,000 year old Peruvian chisel made of copper. The process developed by the Peruvians for harriening the copper in the chisel has never been duplicated, he says.

Clippings

One of his prize treasures is a scrapbook of newspaper clippings given to him by one of his many relatives. It contains some rare items.

One story, for example, written in 1865, reads as follows: "This great nation is sorrowing today. Last week the air was filled with joyous shots, the bells were ringing, flags were

Karl E. Raife New Head of Bay Shriners

Karl E. Raife, production engineer of Hermosa Beach, was installed as president of the South Bay Shrine Club for the forthcoming year at a party held recently at Westport Beach Club.

About 240 members and guests were present. Installing officer was C. Stanley Chapman, illustrious potentate of Al Malakiah Temple in Los Angeles, accompanied by his Divan, the officers of the Temple, Al Malakiah Chanters and flying, the whole people were delirious with gladness.

"There was no event which could so thoroughly have changed all this as the horrible deed committed on the evening of Good Friday... President Lincoln has fallen by the hand of a cowardly assassin, just as he began to see the end of the war, and as peace with all its blessings is about to dawn upon the land."

Bowen's first love, however, is genealogy. Although he doesn't say it in so many words, I think the real reason for his prodigious labor is to give a little more proof to the theory that all men are related.

The famed Saxophone Sextette provided entertainment during the evening, with Eddy Thorne's music for dancing.

The decor was carried out in white and blue, corsages for the ladies being in these colors.

Presiding as out-going president, Robert J. Roseaver, of Palos Verdes, turned the gavel over to Raife. Raife's parents were present for the occasion.

Formerly of New York, Raife himself is a member of Elysian Lodge No. 418, the Scottish Rite Consistory of Los Angeles, and Al Malakiah Temple, Tigris Temple in Syracuse, N. Y. He is a graduate of University of Southern California, cum laude in electrical engineering, class of 1927, and for many years worked for such companies as General Electric Corp., Lockheed Aircraft Co., Douglas Aircraft Co., and others. He is a member of two

honorary scholastic fraternities, Phi Kappa Phi, and Eta Kappa Nu.

Other officers installed were N. R. "Bob" Kuhn, vice president of Manhattan Beach; Clifford J. Sams, Hermosa Beach, vice president; L. Glenn Suen-der, vice president of El Segundo; Herman R. Brandt, secretary, of Manhattan Beach; Richard Conroy, treasurer, of Palos Verdes; Colonel James C. Bell, chaplain, of Redondo Beach.

Misleading Name

Contrary to their name, dry cells require moisture to produce electricity.

Fourteen Brownies Participate In Troop 240 Investiture Rite

By JANET ROBINSON
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A new Circle for Christ Episcopal Church was formed here in Ellinwood. The first meeting was held at the Charles Hackbusch home, 4520 Pacific Coast Hwy., on Friday morning at 9:30. Mrs. Hackbusch will be the leader of the new group. All those interested in Christian fellowship are asked to call Mrs. Hackbusch at 5-7348.

The Rev. C. Lee Mills was on hand to welcome new people, and Mrs. Ruth Coleman, chairman over all the circles, and Mrs. Fred Mill, newly installed president of the Woman's Auxiliary, was also present.

A luncheon was held at the Evans home, 4439 Green Meadows, Feb. 11, honoring Barbara Weaver and her new son, John Christopher, who was just



eight days old for the occasion. Several close neighbors attended, including Janet Smith, Janice Lee, Janet Robinson and the hostess, JoAnn Doudna. JoAnn received some adorable little boy clothes.

A delicious luncheon of stuffed tomato salad, hot rolls, coffee and cheese cake was served.

The next Newton PTA meeting will be held this Thursday evening at 8 p.m. A very interesting Founder's Day program has been planned. Mayor Albert Isen and his wife will be guests of honor. The school band will play some selections and a comedy skit will be put on by PTA mothers. Second grade room mothers are hostesses for the evening. For a lively and entertaining evening plan to attend.

Brownie Troop 240 held its Investiture Service on Friday evening, Feb. 3, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Kelly, 344 Paseo de Gracia.

Presiding the Brownies' Investiture, Mrs. G. Henry Miller invested the troop leader and co-leader, Mrs. George Peck and Mrs. Roland Rogers.

The fourteen girls invested are all second graders at Newton School. They are, in order of their appearance in the picture: Front row (left to right) Mrs. George Peck, Linda Jean Kelly, Cynthia Romero, Nicki Sinclair, Patricia McClung, Linda Bushelle, Helen Neuf, and Mrs. Roland Rogers. Back row: Joyce Christianson, Linda Rogers, Barbara O'Kain, Dianne Mel, Deana Perry, Dyanne Speech, Carolyn Peck, and Donna VanCamp.

The ceremony centered around "Fairy Pool" decorated with ivy geraniums. Further decorations, illustrating "The Brownie Story" were eleven crepe paper figures of a Brownie perched under a toadstool and the Old Brown Owl.

The program was almost entirely presented by the girls. They led in the Flag Salute and sang "God Bless America." Other songs sung by the troop and led by members of the troop were: "Brownie Smile Song" and "Make New Friends."

Honored guests were Mrs. G. Henry Miller, who spoke briefly to the girls regarding the



SPODE WARE... Do you know that Spode ware is? It's fine pottery—and shown above is a fine model, Angela Blake, showing an old English Spode ware coffee urn. It will be displayed at the Antique Show, Shrine Exposition Hall, Feb. 17. The show will be for the benefit of the L.A. Heart Assn.

Mittan Gets Gold Bars at ROTC Review

The gold bars of a second lieutenant have been awarded to Duane Mittan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Mittan, 719 Coia Ave., during a review in

inspection by Colonel R. O. Stone, assistant inspector-general from the Sixth Army Headquarters.

Announcement of seven commissions in the United States Army Reserve was made by Lt. Colonel Harold H. Haines, commanding officer of the University of California, Santa Barbara College ROTC unit, of which Mittan is a member.

Mittan received his rank on completion of four years of ROTC instruction and participation in the summer camp program as part of his college career to a BA degree at Santa Barbara.

Mittan will graduate this month with a degree in physical education.

Heart Sunday Scheduled in City Feb. 26

The Los Angeles County Heart Association has designated Sunday, Feb. 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. as Heart Sunday. During this three-hour period, a block worker will call upon every home in Torrance to contribute to the necessary work of the Heart Association.

To make this a completely community project, only water will be required for each square block. This means that over 600 workers will be needed.

Any persons who wish to help this cause may volunteer by calling Malcolm Richland at RAirfax 8-0540, Ext. 17, during the day or at Frontier 5-6239, in the evenings.

The minimum goal for Heart Sunday for Los Angeles County is \$250,000. Of the monies collected 66 1/2 per cent is used locally. Heart and blood vessel diseases account for over 50 per cent of all deaths. These diseases know no age limits. "Help your heart fund... Help YOUR heart!"

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