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GETTING SCOOP . . . These Torrance youngsters work to beat deadline as reporters on daily newspaper at Camp Seely, Junior Red Cross leadership training center, at Crestline. Left to right, Mardell Clayton, Torrance High; Martha Gatewood, North High, and Jon Sochotanus, Torrance High, are shown at work on paper. They are among 500 student delegates taking part in the annual camping program, which is financed by Junior Red Cross funds.



NEW BUILDING . . . Plans for a new building to house the South Bay branch of Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles have been approved. The new office, pictured above, will be located at Ave. 1 and Elena Ave. Construction will begin soon, Roy A. Britt, president of the firm, has revealed.

Illinois Veteran Soothes Conscience with a Dollar

Some Illinois veteran is probably sleeping better now, and it cost him only \$1 to accomplish it.

A letter received by the city this week, postmarked in Marion, Ill., contained a dollar bill and read:

"Inclosed please find One Dollar (\$1.00) and if it is possible, here is what I'd like to be done with it.

"Along about 1944, there was a restaurant that went by the name of the 'Busy Bee' next to a small theater. One night, two other boys and myself were in there and one suggested we take a souvenir, so one got the ash tray, one the pepper and I the salt seller. I'd appreciate it very much if you could find the owner and repay him for my part in this. By the way, we were Army boys out at Torrance Hospital at the time.

"Thank you very much and I hope this will take care of things.

"A one time G.I."

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reported to the Council that the "Busy Bee" was located at 1401 Sartori Ave. and owned and operated by Virgil Rogers at that time. Rogers is now working for a Long Beach cab company, Bartlett reported.

The dollar was forwarded to Rogers as requested by the sender.



CHECKS IDENTITY . . . Virgil Rogers checks for identification as he claims \$1 sent to city by "One Time G.I." He appeared at Council meeting Tuesday night to claim the money.

Behind the Scenes

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Americans, traditionally preoccupied with their own affairs except when the maneuvers of the rest of the world involve their country in a war, tend to think of the current boom as peculiarly their own. This attitude has been fanned by global do-gooders who want us to assume that the rest of the world lives in poverty only made tolerable by American gifts.

The figures tell a different story. While American foreign aid has a large part in the budgets of our allies, trade totals show that they are prospering, and even buying luxuries from us, with their own earnings.

In the first five months of 1956 U.S. exports were \$7.4 billion, and of this less than a billion was military. The Scandinavian countries, for one example, have resumed buying American-canned peaches and pineapples, for the first time since World War II began.

Largely these exports are, in effect, being paid for in goods. The import total of 1955 was \$11.3 billion. And the March-April-May quarter of this year showed a total just short of \$3 billion. This, weighing seasonal factors, is an annual rate of more than \$12.5 billion.

Atoms For Export — An order for the largest test reactor ever sold commercially has been received by Nuclear Energy Products, a division of ACF Industries, Inc.

The reactor, to be built for The Netherlands Reactor Center, will have a power rating of 20,000 kilowatts. This is twice the output of any previously announced nuclear energy device sold commercially.

According to The Netherlands interests, this pressurized-water reactor for materials testing is a new type. A prototype model is now being built at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The Netherlands reactor will be fabricated by several different product divisions of ACF, under supervision of the Nuclear Energy Products division, and erected in Holland. Completion of the reactor will require some 18 months.

This is the third such reactor Nuclear Energy Products has been commissioned to build, according to Rudolph Furrer, division president.

Things To Come — An imported self-timer for cameras has a 15-second time delay, and costs only \$2.95. . . A scalloped border for your flower

time . . . You can measure distances on an auto map with a new gadget featuring an edged wheel and indicator . . . Hydraulic feet on the bottom of a new ladder adjust to differences in level, for safety . . . Little buttons to press in the dark shoot the power out of a new case.

Beer Can Boom — The can-making industry's largest single production item, the beer can, is heading for a new record this year, according to William C. Stolk, president of the American Can Co. He said production schedules indicated that 8.25 billion beer cans would be produced this year, three-quarters of a billion more than the 7.5-billion record total of 1955.

Canned beer now accounts for 35 per cent of all packaged beer distributed in the United States. It was a major factor in the brewing industry's record production of 66 million barrels for the packaged market in 1955, he said.

This year's estimated record output of beer cans will push total industry production since their introduction by Canco in 1935 close to 60 billion units. The 50-billion mark was passed late last year.

By last year's fantastic success in getting more cotton from fewer acres, cotton growers are aiming this year at an equally large and profitable crop, despite further cuts in acreage. (Much of the acreage cut has come in areas where the crop often fails to mature.)

It begins to appear, however, that one ally in last year's record of 417 pounds to the acre is deserting the farmer this year. That's the weather. Over much of the Eastern Cotton Belt, good weather means not only the heat, rain and humidity necessary to make the tropical plants do their best, but also those factors in such combination as discourage the boll weevil. It gets mighty discouraging to dust the plantation one day, have the rain wash it off the next, and the third day, rain the fourth, and so on all through August.

Already some Southern areas are complaining that there are twice as many weevils on the job as there were this time last year, and that the rains seem to be spaced just right to keep the varmints healthy!

Bits of Business—Steel pro-

duction last week was 360,000 tons, 14.6 per cent of rated capacity . . . Motor vehicle building rose by nearly 44,000 in the week after Independence Day, to early May levels . . . Department store sales in New York were up 3 per cent in the July 14 week from the corresponding week's totals in 1955.

Bradbury Says Short Story Is Top Writer Test

The short story is the best testing ground for writers, says Ray Bradbury, famed short story, screen-play and television writer, who was the featured speaker at the July 20 meeting of the Southwest Manuscripters.

In this form, he feels, you must get to the point immediately, plunging right into the problem and following a straight line to its solution. For this reason, Bradbury says, a short story makes the best screen play.

He went on to outline the great amount of extraneous material which must be eliminated, to transfer a novel, such as "Moby Dick," on which he did the screen play, into a motion picture script.

In the Southwest Manuscripters' amateur short story contest, the judges awarded first prize to G. Chester Fein for "Never Turn a Page." Second and third prizes went to a husband and wife team, second to Lawrence M. Johnson for "High Line," while Florence E. Johnson placed third with "As We Forgive."

Recent sales by Manuscripters included an article by Dorothy White to McGraw-Hill's Secretarial Magazine; Frank Rhylic placed a TV script to the new TV series, "Do You Know Why?"; his "The Cyber and Justice Holmes" has been selected for a Science-Fiction Anthology, and his story "Project Hi-Pai" is appearing in the August issue of "IF," now on the stands. Mark Clifton's previously published story, "Sense From Thought Divide," is appearing in "S.F. The Year's Science-Fiction and Fantasy" Anthology compiled by Judith Merrill.

Reduction In Holiday Deaths Led By West

California and the other western states led the nation in reducing highway fatalities for the second consecutive summertime holiday of 1956 as compared with the same periods in 1955, final figures revealed today.

In announcing a nationwide reduction of 8.8 per cent for the July 4 holiday, W. A. Huggins, president of the National Conference of State Safety Coordinators and executive secretary of Governor Goodwin J. Knight's Traffic Safety Committee, pointed out that the 11 western states achieved a 32 per cent reduction in fatalities for the Fourth. "This was the greatest reduction in any area, and the dramatic, life-saving drop in California from 13 to 4 deaths contributed greatly to

the improvement in the holiday's grim toll," Huggins said. California was one of 16 states which showed appreciable reductions, while 11 others reported no fatalities.

"We feel certain," Huggins continued, "that the nationally observed Slow Down and Live program with its emphasis on stepped-up enforcement, plus

widespread publicity and promotion, will definitely contribute to the improvement of our summertime highway accident record. The Memorial Day reduction was 21.3 per cent and I hope we can show a similar result for the entire period of the program from Memorial Day eve through Labor Day at midnight."

Plans for Class Fete Continuing

Committee members are forging ahead with plans and preparations for the forthcoming Torrance High Class of '50 reunion which has been set for Aug. 18 at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

The affair will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is slated to continue until 1 a.m. Allen Warren's band will provide music for dancing.

Officials working on the reunion said door prizes will be given some ex-Tartars at the fete.

Tickets are priced at \$7.50 per couple and may be obtained by calling Vivian Mackey, DA 4-6845; Rudy Flores, FR 4-8586, or by contacting Tom Giatras at 1732 Cabrillo Ave.



PLAN REUNION . . . Torrance High "OP Grads" study list of classmates who they'll expect to see Aug. 18 when the Class of 1950 holds first reunion at Palos Verdes Country Club. Left to right: Mrs. Joan Davis, Mrs. Maas (Henry) Norris, and Mrs. Jackie (King) Hollomon scan class roster. They are on a committee planning event which will bring former students together for night of dining and dancing, from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

North High President Receives Scholarship

Dr. Bernard L. Hyink, dean of students at the University of Southern California, recently announced that Arlene Lesar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lesar, 4027 W. 174th St., has been awarded a Mabel Wilson Richards Scholarship to the university.

Arlene was graduated in June from North Torrance High School where she was student body president and an honorary active member of the Torrance Rotary Club. She was also president of the Interclub Council and of the Delta YWCA Club.