THE MILLIONTH STOCKHOLDER of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company—the only business in the United States to achieve such a broad democracy of ownership—is represented by Mr. and Mrs. Brady Denton, of Saginaw, Michigan, who jointly own seven shares of stock. Denton, an automobile salesman, and his wife Dorothy and two of their three boys are shown above during a visit to their local telephone exchange. Johnny, 3, in his father's arms, watches as Brady, Jr., 6, learns about switchboard operating from Miss Doris Beiser of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. The Denton's third boy is four months old (born January 9, 1951) and so had to stay home with grandma.

American Telephone Honors One Millionth Stockholder

Importance of the Pacific Coast as a source for investment money and as a place for investment was underscored today (May 15) in connection with an announcement that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company has just welcomed its one-millionth stockholder.

A. B. Smith, local manager of Pacific Telephone, said that over 96,000 A. T. & T. stockholders, owning more than 2,670,000 shares, live in California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. In addition to A. T. & T's million owners, there are 9,300 owners of some 600,000 shares of stock in Pacific Telephone which operates in these states.

A. T. & T's millionth stockholder is Mr. Brady Denton of Saginaw, Michigan. Mr. Denton and his family were being entertained this week by the company and toured places of telephone interest in and around New York.

The million mark was reached by A. T. & T. within a few weeks of the telephone's 75th anniversary. Owners of A. T. & T. live in 19,000 cities, towns, and rural areas throughout the country and own an average of 29 shares of stock. There are over 80,000 A. T. & T. shareholders in California owning more than 2,300,000 shares, according to Manager Smith.

"Practically all telephone exchanges were established after 1880, when the initial 540 owners of American Bell Telephone Company put their money into what was then a highly speculative enterprise," the manager said. "In this state, four exchanges were placed in service before 1880, and the rest after money became available from investors in increasing amounts. The Torrance exchange was estabished in 1913 and now serves 5807 telephones. Pacific Telephone has an in-service investment in the exchange of 1,246,942.76.

"Here, as elsewhere, improvements in telephone exchange equipment and service to match local progress are made possible by funds put into the telephone business by investors," he said.

"During 1950, Pacific Telephone spent more than $53,000,000 in Southern California alone for improvement and expansion of its facilities for service and the company plans to spend a like amount this year in the Southland.

Ferguson Elected Chairman for College Fraternity

Jo Ferguson, son of Mrs. Ruth Davis, 1619 W. 204th St., Torrance, was recently elected publicity chairman of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity for the coming academic year at the Santa Barbara College of the University of California.

A junior elementary education major, Ferguson is also a member of the campus Tennis Club, Elementary Education Club and the staff of El Gaucho, student newspaper.

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Plans for Adult Recreation Center Depends on Costs

Construction of an adult recreation center is to begin here this year if costs can be hammered down to within government limits, it was indicated this week by Citi Recreation Director Frank Carpenter.

His announcement followed action of the city council in approving the earmarking for the project of funds which might remain unallocated in the department's budget on June 20. Carpenter speculated that this will exceed $5000.

Meanwhile, a steering committee is attempting to bring the probable cost of the facility, exclusive of equipment, from more than $7500 to within the $5000 limit set by federal order.

Planned is a recreation area for older residents on a plot north of the central library.

Two Local Girls Hurt in Accident

Betty Tindle, 19, of 25508 Cypress street, Lomita and Janice Miller, 20, of 1628 W. 254th street, Harbor City were injured last weekend when the auto in which they were riding and an oil tank truck collided at Figueroa and Anaheim streets in San Pedro.

Both girls were treated for cuts and bruises at Wilmington Emergency hospital. Driver of the auto was Betty Tindle. The truck driver was Fred Thuet, 31, of Long Beach.

Presidents Luncheon-Party

Carolina Pines was the setting last Monday for the Council Presidents of the District luncheon and party.

Mrs. A. C. Akerson, president elect of the Lomita-San Pedro P-TA Chorus was installed in the Council Presidents Club. All past presidents were honored. Those attending from the Lomita-San Pedro Council were: Mesdames E. R. Walker, J. Marriott, J. J. Millard, S. C. Maurray and Don Wolf.

Halldale Board Meeting Today

Halldale P.T.A. board members will meet for their last meeting Thursday, May 31, 11:45 a.m. at the home of Mrs. E. M. Bernardin, president, 22117 S. Vermont Avenue.

Mrs. Bernardin, will serve luncheon to the group, and plans for the regular meeting wil lbe completed.

Funerals

George Washington Rhyme, age 68, of 1021 Cravens avenue, Torrance, died in Hondo, California, May 28th. Funeral services will be held at Spartanburg, South Carolina, at a time to be announced later. The body is being shipped to the address given above by the Stone and Myers Mortuary. Mr. Rhyme was a native of North Carolina, but had made his home in Torrance for the past three years and was employed as a watchman at the Torrance Brass Foundry. Survivors are: brothers, Berry M. of Berkeley, John S. of Charlotte, North Carolina, Jacob and F. of Gastonia North Carolina, and M. E. of Hickory, North Carolina; sisters, Mrs. W. A. Seachrist, Mrs. H. Cathy and Mrs. Carrie Wilson of Charlotte, North Caolina and Ms. Jake Boli, of Marshalltown, Iowa; a daughter, Mrs. C. B. Liske of 1021 Cravens avenue, Torrance.

Paul Held Named ECC Athlete of Year for 2nd Time

For the second consecutive year Paul Held was honored as El Camino College's athlete of the year by a board, consisting of Coaches Amby Schindler and Doug Essick, Director of Student Personnel H. J. Sheffield, and Assistant Director of Student Personnel Marl Sloan.

This is the first time in the college's history that the same competitor was named for a second year.

The outstanding lineman of the year went to end Don Jurk for his stellar play throughout the grid campaign.

Don Young was given the award for the outstanding single performance by an El Camino athlete for his pitching the baseball squad to five of their eight conference victories.

Jurk succeeds Larry Oien while Young follows George Allen who was an outstanding swimmer.

Held, who is Mr. everything in local sports, quarterbacked the footballers to their first Metro championship, moved into a starting berth on the casaba crew after the pigskin season closed, and then made the golf team as number six man, shooting in the low 80's. His best card was a 75. Held is at his best when the chips are down, always rising to the occasion.

Last year Paul won the honor for football, basketball and baseball. In the latter sport he was all-metro but this year he was ineligible because of two previous seasons on the diamond.

Mill Zilgit of the Inglewood Radio and TV store will present Jurk with a blanket while Held and Young received trophies.

Held will have his name inscribed once more on the Athlete of the Year perpetual trophy.

Counseling Service Offers Courses in 'Remedial Reading'

The Compton Counseling Service is sponsoring two five weeks courses in "Remedial Reading" for children. The first session begins June 18 and the second, July 23rd.

This course is planned to meet the needs of the "slow reader" as well as the "mechanical-minded" child. The purpose of the course is to teach the child that reading can be fun. Children who have not been able to keep pace with the requirements of their class would benefit by this type of tutoring.

The most outstanding causes of failure in reading ability are: lack of reading readiness, immaturity, lack of self-discipline, social and emotional disturbances, absence from school and lack of drill in sight, word skill and sounding skill.

Mrs. Jessie Watson and Mrs. Lu Vena Sparks will direct and teach the Remedial Reading course. Mrs. Jessie Watson, a teacher in the Long Beach Elementary Schools, holds an A.B. degree and has had years of teaching experience. Mrs. Lu Vena Sparks has a Life Certificate for teaching in the elementary schools and is also a member of the Compton Counseling Service.

Dolch methods and materials, as well as other recognized methods that are educational and entertaining will be used. For further information, please call NEwmark 2-8812.

C. of C. Executives Will Advise El Camino FBLA Club

Chambers of Commerce secretary-managers of the El Camino College area including Torrance and Lomita representatives have consented to act as the advisory committee to the college Future Business Leaders of America club according to Jacob H. Martin, club sponsor.

This relationship will afford the business students opportunities of meeting and dealing with successful business men and women. Their help and assistance in developing future business leaders should be of inestimable value says Martin.

Members of the board are Mrs. Dorothy Dye, Inglewood; Rodney Elliott, Hawthorne; Frank Hogan, Lawndale; Mrs. Myrtle Egender, Manhattan Beach; Bill Bird, Redondo Beach; Paul Cobalucca, Gardena; Mrs. oJseph Bader, Lomita; Robert McCarthy, El Segundo; Thomas McGowan, Hermosa Beach, and Blaine Walker, Torrance.

Verburgs Drive To New York

Mr. and Mrs. William Verburg, of Verburg's Dairy, Torrance, left their home here three weeks ago to drive Mrs. Verburg's mother, Mrs. Van Gorkurn, to New York.

Mrs. Van Gorkurn, who has been in the United States for a two year visit, will take a ship from New York to return to her native land.

Mr. and Mrs. Verburg are expected to return here within the next two weeks.

WANT ADS GET RESULTS

Narbonne High School Student Wins Beauty Title

Honey blonde Betty Hutchinson, 19, a late entry, was chosen to represent Harbor City in the Miss California contest in Costa Mesa June 3.

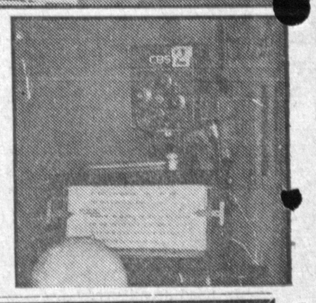
The Narbonne High School coed won over a field of 11 candidates for the title of Miss Harbor City in judging Saturday evening, May 26, during a community program, sponsored by the local chamber of commerce.

Dorothy Sandoval, 16, won second place, while third place in the bathing beauty competition went to Eva Clemens, 16. Miss Hutchinson was awarded a large trophy by Gale Talley, master of ceremonies of the program.

Stars from radio, stage and television, plus a host of local performers, were featured during the program, which took place at 254th St. and Belleporte Ave.

Winners of the bathing beauties of yesterday and tomorrow contests were Mrs. Anton Evanston, 76, and tiny Patti Gregory, 4. H. C. Foster was chairman of the program, assisted by William Plummer and Mrs. Dorothy Place.

Prompt Prompter on TV



Jimmy Lydon and Olive Stacey, of CBS's video comedy drama, "The First Hundred Years" go over the script with Director Bud Gammon, confident in the knowledge that what they may forget — the teleprompter, right, never will! . . . Invented by a young actor, the much-needed device unrolls a script whose inch-long letters can be read 25 feet away. First used on "The First Hundred Years," the teleprompter has now eliminated television's biggest bugaboo for actors — the fear of "fluffing" lines and not being able to count on cueing.

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