



BIBLE READING MARATHON... Youngstown, Ohio, Mayor Henderson reads from St. Luke during non-stop oral reading of New Testament, sponsored by Salvation Army at Trinity Methodist church. Some 250 clergymen and laymen read 198,000 words in 15 1/2 hours.

World Phones Near 75,000,000 Mark in 1951

World telephones neared the appropriate total of 75 million at the beginning of 1951, the seventy-fifth anniversary of Bell's invention. This is revealed in the new issue of "Telephone Statistics of the World" released by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, according to A. B. Smith, local manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The January 1, 1951 world total of 74,800,000 instruments represents an increase of four and a half million over the previous year. In the past half century, the number of telephones in the world has increased more than 30 times, while world population during the same period has increased by only 50 per cent.

TOP SPOT

The United States continued to hold top spot in the telephone census with a total of 43,003,832 instruments — 11 million more than all other nations combined. The United Kingdom held its second place position with 5,433,614 telephones. Canada was third in total telephones with 2,911,900 instruments.

The U. S. had an average of 28.1 telephones for every hundred persons, more than nine times the world average. Sweden was runner-up with 23.9 instruments for every hundred persons, while Canada took third place with an average of 20.8 per hundred persons.

New York, with 3,137,405 telephones at the start of 1951, topped all other cities in this respect and actually had more telephones than any foreign country in the world with the exception of the United Kingdom. Greater London followed New York with 1,632,900 instruments. Chicago was third with 1,328,156, slightly more than the total for the entire U.S.S.R.

FIRST PLACE

Washington, D. C., retained first place as the most intensively developed city telephonewise, with 60.6 telephones per hundred persons. San Francisco followed with 55.5 telephones per hundred persons and Stockholm, Sweden was third with 47.9 per hundred.

American completed 56 billion conversations over their vast telephone network during 1950, an average of more than 370 per person.

Telephone ownership continued predominantly in private hands. On January 1, 1951, more than 50 million telephones—two thirds of the world's total—were operated by privately-owned companies, to maintain the ratio of the previous year.

Browne Stalled

Truman Browne's variance to erect a market on lot 43 near his 150 home development, again was held up by the City Council, Tuesday evening, until Browne submits a letter promising that he will pave a lot for parking. "I think this action is sharp-shooting," declared Councilman Nick Draie. "We've gone along with the Planning Commission on other developments. It looks to me like typical delaying tactics."

Mayor Bob Haggard claimed it wasn't true. "We just want Browne to comply," he said.

A few minutes later Richard Miller and H. B. Bolas wanted approval of a multiple unit dwelling on the southeast corner of Dominguez and Madrid. Bolas said that they had off-street parking.

"I refuse to put my stamp of approval on it," said Draie, "until we get a letter from Bolas. What's good for Browne ought to be good for Bolas."

Haggard contended the matter wasn't the same. "I fail to see the difference," said Draie.

Bolas composed the letter right in the Council Chamber and handed it to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Homage Paid to Keystone Pets

KEYSTONE—Gone but not forgotten during the holiday season were the pets in last repose at Pet Haven Cemetery, 19th and Figueroa Sts., with their owners selecting the season to pay tribute to animals buried there.

Decorations were placed on the graves of each animal, including a horse, numerous monkeys and chimpanzees, turtle, rabbits, cats and more than 1000 dogs. Some of the decorations were quite elaborate, with many of them including Christmas and New Year themes.

Pet Haven, one of the few pet cemeteries in the United States, is operated by M. V. Griffith and C. E. Ranzenberger. In the three years of operation, several thousand pets have been cared for by the cemetery.

Several movie stars have selected Pet Haven as a final resting place for their pets, Griffith said, along with other prominent persons. Graves are fitted with small headstones bearing the name and age of the pet and the name of the owner.

Read the classified ads for real bargains.

Author Talks on Argentina

Kenneth L. Miller, Chadwick School instructor and South American author will discuss the history, growth and development of Argentina at the next meeting of the Harbor Junior College Social Affairs, class on Tuesday evening, January 8, according to Chas. Boss, director of the lecture series.

Mr. Miller, who was born in Buenos Aires and who is the author of a new textbook on South American civilization, will illustrate his lecture with colored slides taken during his more than thirty-five years residence in Argentina.

Chapter Offers Donor Thanks

Chapter 71, of the American War Mothers, wishes to express its thanks to the many service mothers who assisted the chapter in securing gifts for hospitalized veterans at Christmas time, Jeanette E. King, in charge of publicity for the organization, reported today.

She said that the group desires to thank the numerous merchants who contributed in each or gifts to the project.

"No gifts were visible in the ward when members from the chapter distributed the gifts on the morning preceding Christmas Eve," said Mrs. King, "except one gaily wrapped package on one bedside table."

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BROWNIE PUDDING

- 1 C. sifted flour 1 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 C. granulated sugar 1/2 C. milk 1/2 C. chopped walnuts 2 Tbsp. melted shortening 1 tsp. vanilla 1/2 C. brown sugar 1/2 C. cocoa 1/2 C. hot water

Sift together first five ingredients. Add milk, vanilla and melted shortening. Mix until smooth. Add nut meats. Pour into oiled 8 in. square cake pan. Sprinkle brown sugar and cocoa over batter. Pour hot water over entire batter. Bake at 350° for 40 to 45 min. NOTE: Pudding separates into chocolate sauce with cake-like top.

PINEAPPLE BREAD CRISP

- 4 Tbsp. butter 1/2 C. brown sugar 6 slices white bread 1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple Cream butter and blend in 1/2 C. of the brown sugar. Spread on bread. Cut 6 pie-shaped wedges from the bread and cut remaining

bread into cubes. Cover bottom of an oiled 9 in. pie pan with cubes. Spread pineapple over cubes and sprinkle with rest of sugar. Arrange wedges of bread on top. Bake at 375° for 30 min. Serve warm with or without whipped cream.

HASTY DATE PUDDING

- 1 1/2 C. brown sugar 1/2 C. hot water 1 C. sifted flour 1 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 C. chopped dates 1/2 C. chopped walnuts 1 C. granulated sugar 1 C. milk 1 tsp. vanilla

Dissolve brown sugar in hot water in an 8 x 8 x 2 in. pan. Sift flour, baking powder and salt into mixing bowl. Stir in dates, nuts and granulated sugar. Mix in milk and vanilla. Pour batter over hot syrup. Bake at 350° for 45 to 50 min. Serve hot or cold as preferred.

CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING

- 2 sq. baking chocolate 3 C. milk 1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 C. brown sugar 2 egg yolks, slightly beaten 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla 6 slices bread, cut in cubes 2 egg whites 4 Tbsp. granulated sugar

Shave off about half of one square of chocolate and save to sprinkle on top of pudding. Heat remaining chocolate with milk over medium flame, stirring constantly until chocolate is melted. Add salt and brown sugar to egg yolks and stir in the chocolate mixture. Add bread cubes and vanilla. Let stand 10 to 15 min., stirring occasionally. Pour into oiled baking dish and place in a pan of hot water. Bake at 350° for 30 to 35 min. or until pudding is almost set. Make a meringue of egg whites and the granulated sugar. Pile meringue in a border around edge of pudding. Sprinkle with shaved chocolate and continue cooking until meringue is delicately browned.

Dental Program Receives \$200

Mrs. Ralph McBee presided at a recent executive Board meeting of the North Torrance Elementary P-TA. At this meeting, a letter from the National Congress was read, which requested "Quarters for the Quarters" of the National Headquarters Building Fund.

The letter was read by corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robert Jackson. This issue along with the incorporation of the association was tabled for a lack of information.

President McBee was requested to make a further study of these matters.

It was also brought out that the Torrance Council has recommended that each P-TA unit pledge a certain amount of money for a well-rounded dental program.

Money for the dental plan must be pledged by Feb. 1 and be sent in not later than May 1.

Executive Board members voted to make North Torrance's contribution a minimum of \$200. This money is to be acquired through proceeds from a carnival to be held the night of the April meeting from 5 to 9 p. m.

Another activity being sponsored to help the dental fund is a rummage sale. North Torrance and the Perry P-TA will work together on this project.

Joint Social

The chairmen of the 12 Guilds of Nativity Catholic Church sponsored a joint social and card party last week in the Parish Hall, 1420 Cota Ave.

Canasta was played including the usual games of bridge, 500, and pinochle. Refreshments were served. The chairman beginning with the January Guild are Mesdames Lawrence Gitschler, Neil J. McConlogue, Anna McIntier, Garwin Dean, Clarence Cole, Robert Moffitt, Frank Gately, Clayton Bowen, Robert Boyle, Melvin Duhring, Regina Cunningham, and John Melville.

Assisting with the serving were new members of the Parish from Torrance Gardens and Torrance Plaza.

Songwriters to Put on Concert

A meeting of the National Federation of Songwriters will be held this evening at 7:30 at 1926 Arlington Ave., according to Leo Leonard, president of the organization. The program consists of a musical. There is no admission charge.

Entertainment scheduled includes a piano duet and several songs by tenor Robert Hall of Torrance.

Women of Moose Meet Wednesdays

The Women of the Moose held an executive board meeting yesterday evening at the home of the Senior Regent to make plans for the coming year.

Regular meetings will be held each Wednesday beginning this month, it was reported at the meeting.

Installs Office

LOMITA—Tom Kincannon succeeded Ray Hutson as president of the Lomita Kiwanis Club at an installation party held on Tuesday at Harbor Junior College. Earl Barnett served as master of ceremonies.

SPENDS FURLOUGH

S-1c Fred Critzer is spending a 15-day furlough with his mother Mrs. Betty Critzer and other relatives on Beech ave., Torrance. Critzer is aboard the USS Valley Forge.

HARBOR DRIVE-IN THEATRE ENDS SATURDAY LASSIE THE PAINTED HILLS JOAN FONTAINE - JOSEPH COTTEN with JESSICA TANDY - JIMMY LYDON September Affaire SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY RICH YOUNG JANE POWELL and PRETTY VIC DAMONE STRICTLY DISHONORABLE EZIO PINZA - JANET LEIGH

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Nutritionist to Conduct Classes

A Torrance Council P-TA nutrition course, with Adele Davis, nationally known lecturer, as instructor will begin this morning at 9:30. The session, to be held in the Fern Avenue School auditorium, will last until 11:30 a. m. The course will consist of four lectures, one each Thursday. Any one wishing to attend these interesting and helpful lectures is urged to do so.

A Display Ad in our Classified Section is the surest way of obtaining quick and positive action. was served at noon.