

"Hello, Bill" is the proper salutation in Los Angeles and Southern California this week...

The Antlered Herd, one of the best known of the national fraternal groups, are everywhere known as the "Best People on Earth" and Southern California is living up to its reputation for genuine hospitality in entertaining the brilliant gathering.

When there are undertowns in Lake Michigan, they are the worst in the world. At least, it would appear so, if one, which struck in that vicinity the past week in any criticism...

Virtually the only natural enemy which California has, the fire demon, feasted greedily on the choice scenery and pretty homes of Mill Valley, near San Francisco, during the past week.

Incomparable Helen Wills, the world's most brilliant tennis player and California's sweetheart, again captured the Wimbledon title at Wimbledon, the past week, and retained her position as the world's foremost racket wielder by defeating another California Helen, Miss Helen Jacobs, in the finals.

Liquor and gasoline don't mix any better in the air than on the ground. This was demonstrated the past week when Wilmer Stultz, trans-Atlantic pilot and noted flier, crashed to his death following a crazy stunt flight at Mineola, New York.

Even while two plucky Cleveland pilots were establishing a record for continuous flight of slightly over 174 hours, which ended last week, two Los Angeles aviators were up in the air in an effort to better that mark.

"I have nothing but kindness and good cheer for everybody," said John D. Rockefeller on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday, which he passed quietly last Saturday at Pocantico, Estate in New York State.

Air-rail service from coast to coast was inaugurated this week, both by the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central lines, in conjunction with other Western carriers.

Only four states, New York, North Carolina, Illinois and Pennsylvania contributed more money to the federal coffers during 1928.

"Story of Steel" Told Next Week

In next week's issue the story of steel, with the Torrance plant of the Columbia Steel Corporation furnishing the locale, is told by a staff correspondent.

This paper will, from time to time, run stories of a similar nature concerning the other industries located in this trade territory to better acquaint the residents of this vicinity with their own industries.

AUTOISTS RUSH TO EXAMS.

Chief Calder Co-operating with State Department in Issuing Licenses

EXAMINATIONS ARE EASY

Questions Are Answered by "Yes" or "No." Like Voting Ballots

Department of Motor Vehicles' recent ruling that all operators' licenses issued prior to January 1, 1927 would become null and void a reasonable time after August 14 next, has caused a rush of applicants to appear at the Torrance police headquarters to procure the coveted new license card.

On Monday, the regular license day at the local police headquarters, there were more than 150 applicants for new cards. All were required to answer the questions given new applicants, and to pass the examination in the regular way.

No Need to Cram For Examination

The most important requisite to passing the Motor Vehicle examination is common sense. It isn't necessary to know a lot of rules and regulations that don't apply to operating an automobile carefully and safely.

Applicants for examination are given a printed sheet containing 25 statements concerning the traffic rules and regulations. Opposite each statement is a ruled space where the prospective operator is required to designate, by marking a cross or a plus, whether the statement is right or wrong.

Out of the 150 applicants who appeared for examination on Monday there were but three who were applying for their original operator's license. The remainder were procuring new cards to supplant their old licenses, and thus complying with the new regulation.

The regular time for examinations locally is each Monday afternoon from one until five o'clock, but Chief Calder and his obliging force have been accommodating small groups through the week who were unable to report for examination at the regular time.

On Tuesday night last city council authorized Chief Jerry Calder to employ a stenographer to aid in the issuance of licenses. It was provided that between now and August 14, examinations would be given daily to residents of this community at the police station.

Legion Sets August 28 to 31 for Fiesta and Auto Show

Put these dates down in your date book in red ink—August 28, 29, 30 and 31, and get all set for a big time. These are the days chosen by the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 for the 12th annual Fiesta and Automobile Show, and W. C. Collins, chairman generalissimo of the big show is already working day and night to make it the best ever.

It is expected that a larger display of new model cars will be shown than ever before, and an outstanding thriller is to be offered among the free entertainment attractions. Jim Scott is also figuring on a good line of novel shows for the midway.

Hundreds Dance and Eat at the C. C. M. O. Picnic

Over 1200 enjoyed the annual picnic given by the Chamblot-Cainfield Midway Oil company for employees and their friends at the C. C. M. O. ball park last Saturday.

Employees from the entire organization, including Ventura, Kettleman Hills, Bellows, Bakerfield and Olinda, as well as officials of the company from Los Angeles and their invited guests enjoyed the affair.

Hundreds of pounds of meat was barbecued under the supervision of Jose Romero, a well known character in this part of the country since it was all a part of the Dominguez ranch. Besides the barbecued meat were salads, chili, beans and other foodstuffs.

Dancing was the feature of the evening's entertainment. A special floor was laid on the tennis courts at the C. C. M. O. Camp for the dancing, which was to music furnished by an orchestra.

Play Director Makes Plan for Active Season

Games and Amusement to Be Offered Torrance Youth

Good news for every boy and girl in Torrance is contained in the announcement made this week by the Torrance Board of Education that it had retained the services of O. M. Finch as playground director for this summer.

Mr. Finch is a director of physical education in the Edison Junior High school in Los Angeles, and has an ambitious program for this summer's activities in Torrance.

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Would Put Jail Birds to Work

A board bill for city prisoners of \$81, submitted to city council last Tuesday night, caused a flurry whether or not some plan couldn't be worked out whereby prisoners in the city jail might be put to work to earn their own board.

Councilman Nelson suggested that most of the occupants of the city jail are Los Angeles drunks who are taken in custody here and it seemed like an improvement to board them at the expense of the taxpayers. Chief Jerry Calder explained that in almost every month the jail is self-sustaining, there being more money collected in fines and fees than is paid out for board for prisoners. The matter was referred for suggestion to the city attorney.

Six Acres to Be Annexed to Torrance

Cement Plant Request Is Granted by City Council

Plans to include the six-acre Sibleyham tract in the corporate limits of the city were instituted Tuesday night, when City Council received and accepted petitions signed by 274 electors of the city.

The petitions set out that the six-acre tract, which is uninhabited and not now included in the corporate limits of any city, is to be utilized by a Torrance industry, a portion of whose premises are already situated within the corporate limits of the city, and it is desirable that all the property be located therein.

Dr. Maude Chambers Hurt in Long Beach Elevator Accident

Dr. Maude Chambers sustained bad bruises and a portion of her left ear severed Tuesday morning when the doors of an elevator in a Long Beach firm closed on her.

Head Crushed in Accident to Ben Dix

Friends here have learned of the fact that Ben S. Dix met with an instantaneous and terrible death on the morning of June 30, while driving on a foggy stretch of the Rincon highway, west of Ventura.

Cabrillo Purchase Is Rejected by P. E.—Streets to Be Cleared Rappaport Suggests Referendum

City of Torrance offer of \$20,084 for a perpetual easement over the Pacific Electric right-of-way on a portion of Cabrillo avenue, the railway company to improve the right-of-way at their expense, is, in the words of the president of that company, "not acceptable."

Mr. Pontius' letter gives an insight into what the P. E. believes the right-of-way in question is actually worth. For the strip in question, which is on Cabrillo avenue, north of Carson, the company holds the value to be \$51,975, and to this amount should be added an additional \$11,780 for reconstructing the street and paving over the tracks, the letter states. Thus, the strip for which the city offered \$20,000, is worth in the opinion of the railroad company, \$63,755.

Members of City Council, who received the letter while in special session on Tuesday night, took no further action on the proposition, but listened to a suggestion from Sam Rappaport concerning a method of handling the question. Mr. Rappaport would let the residents and property owners along the three separate streets which are bisected by the P. E. right-of-way, decide for themselves whether or not it is desirable for the city to acquire a perpetual easement over the respective rights-of-way.

Glass Blower Killed in L.A. Auto Crash

An auto crash in Los Angeles Saturday morning cost of the life of Arthur G. Shekell, 2920 Redondo boulevard, Lomita. The accident occurred at 10:00 and Hoover streets about 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Shekell was taken to the Georgia street receiving hospital, and passed away before Mrs. Shekell could reach the hospital. His chest was crushed and he suffered internal injuries.

Business Block to Be Erected

Work is to be started immediately on the new \$13,000 store building which is to house the J. C. Penney Company, shortly to locate in Torrance.

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EMBLOR IS FELT HERE

Earthquake Shock Causes No Damage at All in This Vicinity

TREMOR FELT FOR MILES

Wake of the Quake Reveals Many Amusing Instances in Community

An earthquake tremor of about 20 seconds duration was felt distinctly in Torrance and vicinity, last Monday morning at 12:45 o'clock.

So pronounced was the shock that pedestrians on the streets reported they felt the tremor as they walked. Buildings swayed perceptibly, and chandeliers in various buildings throughout the city described arcs of from eight to twelve inches, according to reports.

Helps Unwind John Bull's Red Tape

Manager A. E. Petromont of the Torrance Manufacturing Company was in a quandry. He had to comply with customs regulations governing the shipment of goods to Canada on a certain form, but neither the customs department, the British vice-consul, several shipping bureaus, or others, could furnish the necessary form.

Torrance Manufacturing Co. Finds Solution of Custom's Problem

Incidentally, the Torrance Manufacturing Company made tractor and farming implement seats, and in addition to enjoying a national business, they have recently done considerable exporting to Canada. However, the shipment in question was being consigned to the Torrance Manufacturing Company's warehouse in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and since it was unaided on the date of shipment it had to be sent on the special form.

Triple City Lodge Officers to Be Installed

District Deputy Grand Master Study of San Pedro and his staff will install the officers of Triple City Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 333, next Tuesday evening, July 16, with closed ceremonies.

