

A FIRE-EATING MONSTER

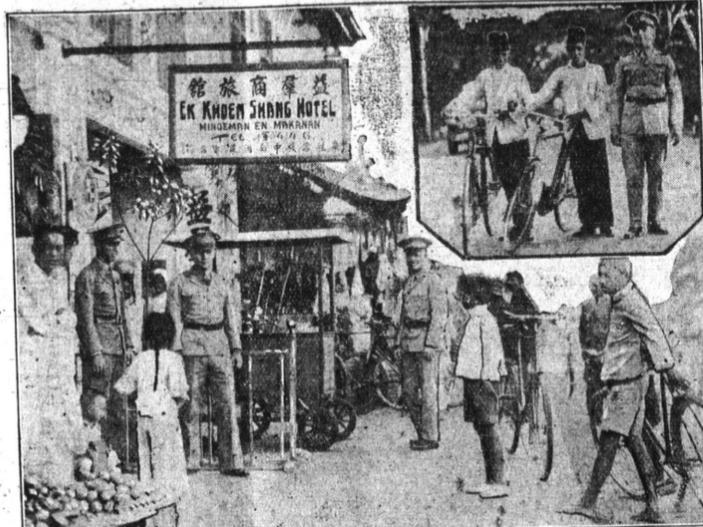


LOS ANGELES—There is no beating about the bush with this machine recently introduced into the mountain patrol of the Los Angeles Fire Department. It travels straight to the scene of a forest fire, cutting its own way through brush and timber at an average speed of three miles an hour, and spouting streams of water at a pressure of 200 pounds to the square inch. The complete machine weighs 25 tons and is moved by a 125 horsepower motor, carries 1000 gallons of water and is operated by a crew of nine men. It has negotiated grades in excess of 62 per cent vertical. This tractor fire-fighting and firebreak-clearing machine is the latest development in forest fire suppression, according to Chief Ralph Scott, and will provide additional safety for foothill areas. It is on duty in the Hollywood hills.

Appreciation

Torrance, Calif., March 9, 1932. Dear Mr. Whyte, Editor Torrance Herald. This is merely to express my gratitude to you as editor of the Torrance Herald for arranging in such a complete and pleasing manner, "the cooking school." Three delightful days, full of entertainment and instruction under the personal direction of a most able and charming tutor, Miss Edna Galvin, held the interest of the ladies of Torrance and vicinity. Probably no one person attended for the sole purpose of learning to cook but it is a certainty no one left without realizing there was plenty more she could learn in the art of cookery, and hospitality, and the generosity of the Safeway Stores. Torrance gained considerable publicity, even national recognition, during those three enjoyable and memorable days and I look forward to the time when I can "grab" my pencil and notebook and be off to another such demonstration. Respectfully, HARRIET LEECH. (Mrs. Jas. W. Leech) 4630 Anapola Avenue.

SEA SOLDIERS VISIT DUTCH EAST INDIES



Somewhere East of Suez the globe-trotting U. S. Marines come ashore to visit the town of Medan in Sumatra. The photo shows a group of Sumatran youngsters who find much to interest them in the travelers from abroad. Inset: U. S. Marine and two native cyclists on the outskirts of Medan, where the bicycle fad that is sweeping the Orient has captured many disciples.

Australia Wonder Horse In U. S.



Phar Lap, famous turf performer of the Antipodes, who has just arrived in San Francisco to begin training for the \$50,000 Agua Caliente handicap, to be run at the Lower California track in March. He is shown here with his trainer, Tommy Woodcock, who brought him safely across the Pacific. Phar Lap already has won \$268,675 for his owner, who paid \$800 for him as a yearling.

Business Women Attend Services At Lutheran Ch.

Members of the National Business and Professional Women of Torrance in a group of fifteen attended services at the First Lutheran Church Sunday morning, March 6, as preliminary to the observance of National Business Women's Week, March 6-13. Rev. Frank D. Meehling, pastor, took for his text, Hebrews 10:3 "Lo, I am come to do Thy will, O God," and developed the theme along the lines of spiritual growth and leadership. Women select positions in the business world, some of which are of world-wide proportions and contacts, but not even the most important of these can be compared with the greatness of the "business" of the Christian's church; the "King's Business," said Rev. Meehling. To enlarge in spiritual growth and leadership by serving the greatest possible number, even as Christ gave himself for us, was his admonition.

Plan To Organize Pythian Sisters

LOMITA.—Plans for the organization of a Pythian Sisters lodge here are expected to reach a successful conclusion within a short time, as only two more names of prospective members are required to obtain a charter. Rachel Robertson of Wilmington and Betty Becker of Long Beach, in charge of organization, working with Mrs. Letha Warmuth of Lomita, have obtained 18 names of the required 20. A meeting held Monday evening at Knights of Pythias hall, adjourned to a later date when it is expected the full list of members will be ready to begin work.

WHITE ROBIN MAKES VISIT

LEBANON, Ore.—(U.P.)—One of nature's freaks—a white robin—has made two appearances at the home of Mrs. J. C. Booth, here. On both occasions, the white robin was accompanied by a flock of red-breasted robins.

Board Orders Street Names to Be Changed

Recent Order of Supervisors Affects District East of Lomita. LOS ANGELES. — (C.N.S.)—Changes in the naming of a group of streets in the Willowbrook district as recommended by J. E. Rockhold, county surveyor, have been approved by the board of supervisors upon motion of Supervisor John R. Quinn.

Valley Feed Store In New Location

LOMITA.—Fred Stock of the Valley Cash Feed and Poultry Market, is moving his stock and equipment from the present location at 1138 Narbonne avenue to the new brick building at the corner of Narbonne and Arizona avenues. The market will be open for business at the new stand on March 14.

CHILD DIES

Wilma Portlock, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Portlock, 1621 220th street, passed away at a Los Angeles hospital on Wednesday, March 2. Funeral

Heavy Exports of Petroleum Going to Japan

Japan will receive more than a million barrels of California petroleum this month as result of almost complete concentration on that field in ten tanker charters reported to date for March loading. Lowest charter prices in history of the modern petroleum industry are also noted in the month's fixtures. Practically all of these trip charters were made at the surprising low rate of 27 cents per barrel for the 4800-mile haul from California to Japan, as compared to rates ranging between 56 to 60 cents per barrel previously. Petroleum charter rates in California-Japan trade have declined to their present figures from top prices of \$1.33 in 1927-28. Most of the March loadings for Japan are reported to be for account of the Japanese navy, two shiploads in addition going to Japanese naval tankers the Erimo and Hayatomo.

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IRVIN NAMED U. S. STEEL PRESIDENT

William A. Irvin has been named president of the United States Steel Corporation, owners of the Columbia Steel Company of this city. Irvin takes office April 19, succeeding James A. Farrell, 70, who is retiring, as he said himself early this year, "in favor of a younger man." The new president is 58 years old and has been in the iron and steel industry for 36 years, many of which were spent as operating vice-president of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, a subsidiary of U. S. Steel. Last September he was brought to New York from Pittsburgh to fill a vice-presidency of the parent corporation.

Sunday School Head 66 Years

FALLSTON, N. C.—(U.P.)—J. Wright is probably the dean of Sunday school superintendents in the United States. He has been head of the Friendship Methodist Protestant Sunday school here 56 years.

Bottles Pay for Decorations

PENDLETON, Ore.—(U.P.)—Here's a depression trick other police departments might try. Chief of Police Charles Lemons has redecorated the interior of the police station by selling liquor bottles collected in raids.

PLAN MEMORIAL OPENING

PHILADELPHIA.—(U.P.)—The first section of the new Benjamin Franklin Memorial, on the Parkway, will be opened to the public within a year, according to Dr. Howard McClenahan, secretary of the Franklin Institute.

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